

**Important Dates to Remember**

Christmas break is December 21–January 1  
School will be virtual January 4 -15, 2021



**All Saints Catholic School Collections**

All Saints Catholic School is collecting HyVee, Supermercado/Family Fare Receipts, Box Tops, Our Family UPCs, and Coke lids from bottles and pop tabs. Please drop these off at the School or the Cabrini Parish Center reception desk.

**Come and See Class to Begin in January**

We will be starting a class for those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith and/or join the Church family in January. Those desiring to join the Parish will be brought into the Church at Eastertime. Please contact Deacon Doug Lenz at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org) for more information.

**Alpha (Offered via Zoom)**

Explore the meaning of life with us on Tuesdays, from 6 pm to 7:15 pm from January 19th to March 30th (eleven weeks) with Retreat day on Saturday, March 6th from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, informal environment. It is for everyone, no matter where you are at in your faith. The weekly topics are designed to encourage conversation. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. For more information or to register, please contact Ann Lenz at [amlenz@archomaha.org](mailto:amlenz@archomaha.org) or Deacon Doug Lenz at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org)

**Fireside Chat with Fr. Damian (Previously Coffee and Conversation) (Offered via Zoom)**

Join the online chat as we discuss the Christmas book *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit* on Wednesdays from 7 pm to 8 pm for four weeks, January 6th through January 27th. For more information or to register, please contact Ann Lenz at [amlenz@archomaha.org](mailto:amlenz@archomaha.org) or Deacon Doug Lenz at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org). Be ready to share about Part One: The Unexpected Life and Part 2: My Spiritual Journey on January 6th.

**The Marriage Course (aka Date Night) (Offered via Zoom)**

Whether you've been married six months or 40 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, The Marriage Course offers practical support to strengthen your relationship. Each Thursday night session from 7 pm to 9 pm, February 4th through March 18th (six weeks), includes a large group greeting, a video, and time for discussion between you and your spouse. For more information or to register, contact Ann Lenz at [amlenz@archomaha.org](mailto:amlenz@archomaha.org) or Deacon Doug Lenz at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org)

**Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Damian (Limited in-person and via Zoom)**

Save your Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 8:30 pm to study the book of Exodus in both group discussion and a presentation by Fr. Damian. Dates to be announced.

**Catholic Charities – Licensed Therapist & Other Job Openings**

Catholic Charities has several open positions and is currently looking for a fully licensed therapist to join its Behavioral Health team. This individual will work with outpatient clients on a PRN basis. To learn more or apply, please visit our website, [www.ccomaha.org/about/employment](http://www.ccomaha.org/about/employment). Contact Kelly Bolte, HR Manager, at (402)-829-9220 with questions!

*Happy New Year!*

Brush away old heartaches.  
Learn from our mistakes.  
Another year is finally over.  
A new dawn awakes.

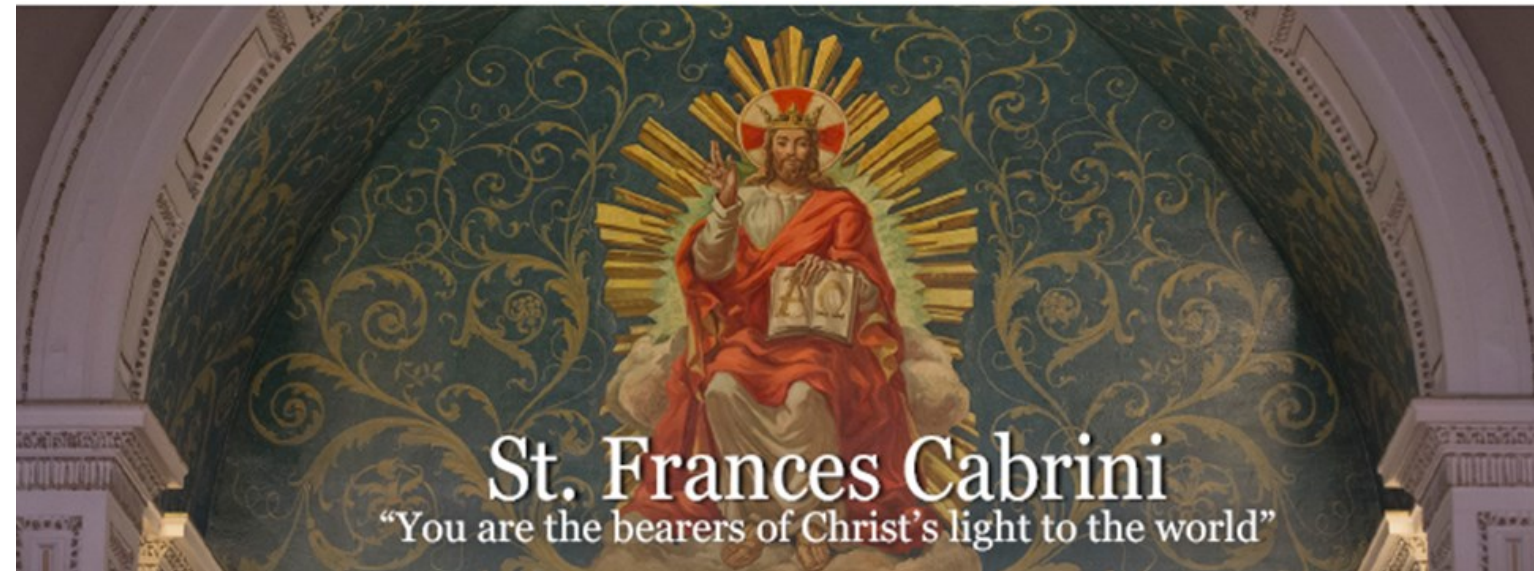
Make your New Year wishes  
As simple as you can.  
Pray for peace and love,  
Not for wealth or fame.

As the midnight hour chimes  
We leave the old and embrace the new.  
I wish the things you wish for yourself,  
And may God's love stay with you.

Let the old year out.  
Welcome the new one in.  
Bury the bad things of the past  
As a new year now begins.

Pray for health and happiness.  
Pray for your fellow man.  
Pray for all the ones you love.  
Pray for those who've lost their way.

(Author unknown)



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
December 27, 2020**

**New Year's/Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule**

We will be following our usual Holy Day Mass schedule with the anticipatory Mass at 5 pm on Thursday, December 31st and Feast Day Masses on January 1st at 9 am and 11 am.

**Parish Center Closings**

The Cabrini Parish Center will be closed December 31st and January 1st.

**The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



In a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [...]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.' (First Homily on the 'Missus Est'). The liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus' physical body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, 'the first tabernacle in history' (John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, n. 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us.

**Upcoming Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2	January 3
			Vigil Mass 5 pm	Masses 9 am & 11 am		
				Happy New Year 2021!		



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## Liturgy and Mass Schedule

### Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 29	11:30 AM	+David Nuno
Wednesday, Dec. 30	11:30 AM	+Frank Catania
Thursday, Dec. 31	11:30 AM	+Richard Kowal
Thursday, Dec. 31	5:00 PM	+Clinton Meehan
Friday, Jan. 1	9:00 AM	+Helen Butera
Friday, Jan. 1	11:00 AM	Maddy Miller & Jodi Klein (Healing)
Saturday, Jan. 2	5:00 PM	+Doug Incontro
Sunday, Jan. 3	9:00 AM	+Kathleen Garza
Sunday, Jan. 3	11:00 AM	+Margaret Louise Kugler
Sunday, Jan. 3	5:30 PM	Pro Populo

### Other Masses Schedule

There are no Masses at St. Joseph's Villa or Tower at this time.

### Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
(northwest room of the Church)

### Bulletin Additions

To have information published in the upcoming bulletin, please email [bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com](mailto:bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening.

## Sick and Recovering

Please pray for the sick and those recovering including:  
Dan Gillespie, Joseph Setlak, Lisa Reboloso, Barbara Burton, Larry & Glenda Davis, Maddy Miller, and all those in our nursing homes.

(To add or remove a name on our list, please email [bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com](mailto:bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com) or call (402) 934-7706.

## Stewardship

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." -

COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do.

We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

### Weekly Collections December 19-20

Sunday Tithe– Collections	\$	7,466.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	5.00
Organ Fund	\$	153.00
Improvement Fund	\$	115.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	407.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	240.00

## Happenings

### SCRC Free Christmas Concert

Celebrate Christmas this week with praise and celebration. Fill your hearts with songs of the real meaning of Christmas. Join musical artists supporting Southern California Renewal Communities, including John Michael Talbot, Gretchen Harris, Donna Lee and many others in this one-hour uplifting and spiritual celebration of Jesus' birth. To start watching, go to [SCRC.org/Christmas](http://SCRC.org/Christmas)

*A Christmas Prayer for God's Blessing*

Heavenly Father, help us to honor the birth of Jesus. May we join in the praises of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. May the Light of your Son shine forth in this dark world. May His peace take away our anxiety and fear. Help us to forgive and be forgiven. Teach us to love one another as you love us. Amen.

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

The Christmas season lasts until January 9<sup>th</sup> when we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. It's a bit longer than the "12 days" which would take us to Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to continue the season, leave up your decorations and reflect on what it means for God to take on human flesh. Our culture in the US spends too much time in anticipation and not enough time savoring the season.

One of my priest friends said he was rereading W.H. Auden's long poem *For the Time Being* during the Christmas season. It is not an easy read, and I complimented my friend on his courage! I am not sure if I ever read the whole thing. Auden divides the poem into nine parts, each of which explores in detail the events surrounding the Nativity. I think his long-range goal was to have it put to music.

In most presentations of Christmas, there is a sense of anticipation and impending victory. They make it seem inappropriate to have any other feeling than joy. The characters saying, "The Messiah *is* coming, after all. How *could* you feel anything else?" Auden's work, however, presents the Nativity as a disruptive and tumultuous event. *For the Time Being* confronts what it means to be human and explores how the Nativity affects humanity's relationship with God, both personally and societally.

There are moments of brilliance in the difficult poem. One of them is concerning the story we hear today. Simeon, whom we heard in today's gospel, normally has very few lines. However, in the poem he has a long philosophical reflection on human living. He concludes with an insight about why he could depart in peace after seeing Jesus:

*"And because of His visitation, we may no longer desire God as if He were lacking: our redemption is no longer a question of pursuit but of surrender to Him who is always and everywhere present. Therefore at every moment we pray that, following Him, we may depart from our anxiety into His peace."*

Did you catch that? What we suspect is missing is actually here! When we have God, we can leave our chronic anxiety behind. God is not someplace else, sometime else, with someone else. God is not in the past, when everything was just right and we were never lonely or sick or scared. God is not in the future, when we will be successful and have the perfect, happy family and the promise of a relaxing retirement. God is here, now, with us as we are, far more present to us than we are present to ourselves.

We often say our prayers as though we have to work really hard to conjure up God's presence, as though God is playing hide and seek with us, and we, by our efforts, are going to find the place where the Divine is hiding and make God come forth. But that is precisely to turn our spirituality into a "pursuit" rather than a "surrender." God does not need from us any anxious, feverish demands to show his power and to be present to us. God doesn't need anything at all. God is the fullness of being and life and bliss whose generosity is what sustains us "at every moment" of our existence. As Auden has Simeon say, it is about simply giving ourselves over to God. God may seem hidden to us only through the multitude of things and activities that we put between ourselves and God.

Try surrendering this Christmas season and find the peace only God brings.

Peace,

Fr. Damian