

Important Dates to Remember

School is 100% remote until the week of January 19. Then students return Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Friday
The Scholastic Book Fair will be online the week of January 25th. Stay tuned...



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 for more information.

Alpha Is Starting Soon! (Offered via Zoom)

Explore the meaning of life with us on Tuesdays, from 6 pm to 7:15 pm for eleven weeks beginning January 19th through March 30th (eleven weeks) including a day of retreat day Saturday, March 6th from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Get your registrations in ASAP! 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 or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

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 or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

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

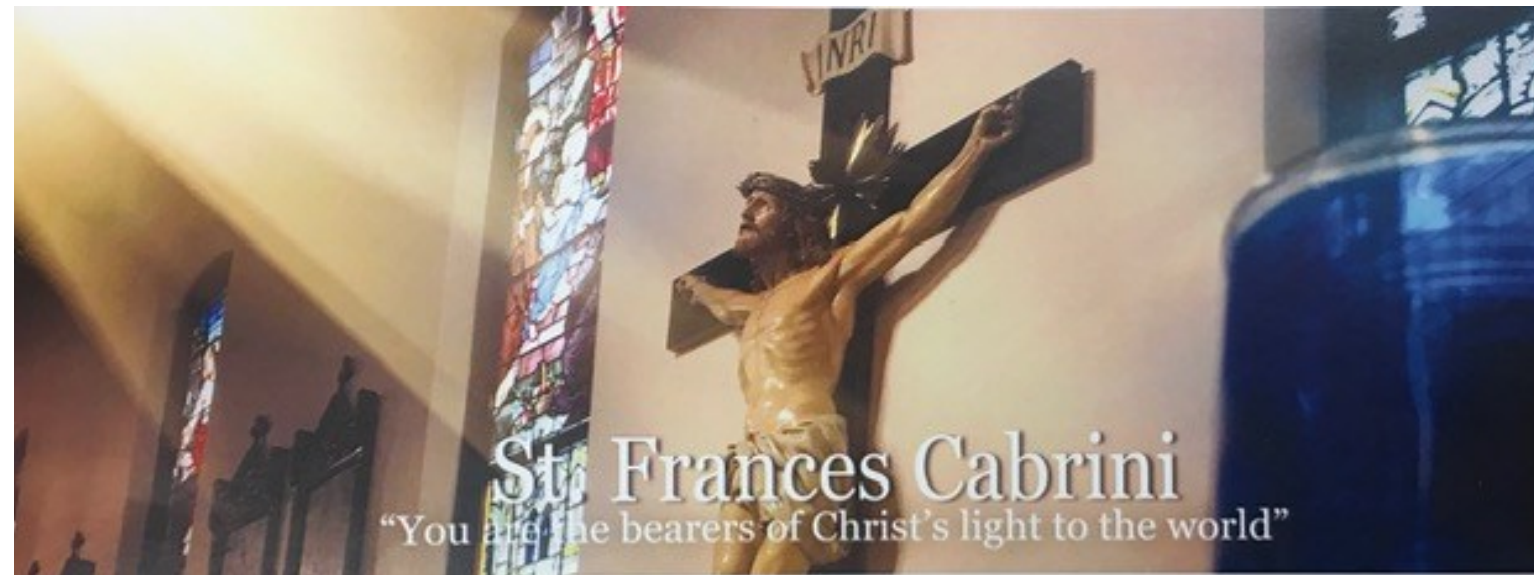
Save your Wednesday evenings from 7 pm to 8:30 pm to study the book of Exodus in both group discussion and a presentation by Fr. Damian. Dates to be announced.

Living Legacy Reflection

Do you have an IRA? If your family's needs are being met, you may wish to include the parish as a beneficiary. Contact your IRA trustee and ask for change of beneficiary forms to include St. Frances Cabrini Parish as a recipient of your good stewardship. Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need! Consider instructing your life insurance agent to include our parish as a beneficiary on your policy. By naming our parish as beneficiary, you'll provide lasting financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well. Establishing a will is not expensive. But not having one may cost your family a great deal. Be good stewards of your resources by using the Lord's gifts wisely. Please contact an attorney to set up your will. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to our parish. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. Please prayerfully consider doing the same. If you have any questions contact, phone or email Tony LaMar, Legacy Planning Officer, Archdiocese of Omaha at (402)-557-5650 or ajlamar@archomaha.org.

Cabrini Watercolor-Print Notecards Available

4 x 5 notecards in packages of 10 and prints remain for sale at the Cabrini Parish Center. These make great gifts and thank-you cards! You may stop by to see/purchase them between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm, M--F. Flat notecards are \$15, Folded notecards are \$20, 12 x 18 prints are \$50 and 14 x 20 prints are \$75.



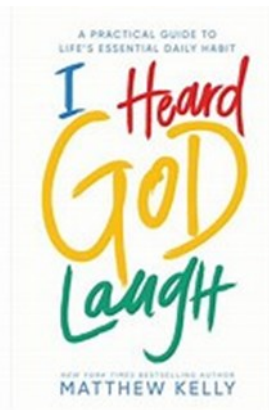
**The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021**

Seminary Fund Collection This Weekend

This weekend there is an additional collection being taken for the Seminary Fund. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-two men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support. Room, board, and tuition continues to climb for our seminarians. The seminary bill for our twenty-two seminarians during this academic year will be \$1,242,814.00. A successful Seminary Collection is critical to our effort to form future priests for our Archdiocese. Donations can be left in the basket in church or mailed to or dropped off at the Cabrini Parish Center.

Christmas Season Ends Today

The Christmas season concludes today with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will be taking down the Christmas decorations and cleaning the church after the 11 am Mass. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Fireside Chat

If you did not receive one of the books *I Heard God Laugh* that were handed out at the Christmas Masses, there are still copies available. They are located at the church entrances and at the Cabrini Parish Center. If you are not able to stop by to get one, please reach out to Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org or (402) 934-7706 and he can make arrangements to get you a copy. This book is being used for the Cabrini Fireside Chat which started last week. These Chats are from 7-8 pm live on Facebook or YouTube (StCabriniOmaha) through January 27th. We will be discussing Part Three: Life's Essential Habit this Wednesday, January 13th.

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17
		Fireside Chat 7 pm (Live on Facebook or on YouTube)				



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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 12	11:30 AM	+Mary Ann Nicolini
Wednesday, Jan. 13	11:30 AM	+Al Reinig
Thursday, Jan. 14	11:30 AM	+Virginia Tranisi
Friday, Jan. 15	11:30 AM	+Clinton Meehan
Saturday, Jan. 16	5:00 PM	+Esther Sousa
Sunday, Jan. 17	9:00 AM	+Casey Schmidt
Sunday, Jan. 17	11:00 AM	+Pauline, Ludvik, Larry Vampola
Sunday, Jan. 17	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 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 or call (402) 934-7706.

Stewardship

Baptism of the Lord

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" - MARK 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort.

Weekly Collections January 2-3

Sunday Tithe- Collections	\$	7,590.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	15.00
Organ Fund	\$	11.00
Improvement Fund	\$	185.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	204.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	501.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	984.00
Seminarian Collection	\$	396.00

Happenings

Calendars Available

There are still some calendars available at the church entrances and at the Cabrini Parish Center. Even if you've gone digital with your calendar system, these calendars are nice to have as they tell the Saint the church is commemorating that day, which days are Holy Days of Obligation, when the church expects fasting and abstinence—all at your fingertips. Stop by and pick up a calendar!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated toward the poinsettias and greenery that decorated our Church this Christmas season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helped to make our church so beautiful during this blessed time.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Much has already been said about the awful events of January 6th. I do not need to repeat those here. I could provide a litany of condemnation and prayers for our country from Catholic Bishops and other leaders, but you can probably find those quotes yourselves. Let me simply join the chorus and say that this was an outrage. It is contrary to everything this country stands for and represents a clear and present danger to the constitutional order of this country. We are a country of laws and they are to be followed. If we do not agree with the law, then we work through the process to have the law changed. That may take time, but that is the way our system of democracy works.

What concerns me as a Pastor was the involvement of Christians in the riot and their support of a human leader, rising to idolatrous levels. Some evangelical churches (and some Catholic bloggers) have been pushing end-time scenarios using their misinterpretation of Scripture. Some have been using fear and untruth to get people to act in ways contrary to the Gospel. A few have even been using the name of Jesus and the teachings of the Gospel to claim divine involvement in the actions of Mr. Trump and those who stormed the Capitol. The harm to the credibility of true Christian witness is deep and could be long-lasting.

Regardless of our party affiliation, we must always remember political heroes are not the savior, and our political enemies are children of God just like us, whom we are commanded to love as ourselves. Politics, political victory, and political power are not the end goal in either this life or the next. We belong to and follow Jesus Christ.

What is the duty of a Christian when it comes to politics? The Catholic Catechism puts it under the Fourth Commandment and teaches: *"It is the duty of citizens to contribute to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity"* (CCC #2239).

In talking with a priest friend today, he was wondering if we, at a parish level, could get people with different political views to have conversations with each other where people would truly try to listen to and understand the other person. Maybe we could even find some common ground? In every parish there are people of every political persuasion. They may even share the same pew at Sunday Mass, but they simply have never shared their political thoughts with each other...too scary. Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C. seemed to hint in that direction in his comment on the events, reminding believers they're called to *"acknowledge the human dignity of those with whom we disagree and seek to work with them to ensure the common good for all."*

The riot at the Capitol took place on January 6th, the traditional date of Epiphany. While people were breaking down barriers and breaking windows at the Capitol, Pope Francis was teaching about wise ones following and worshipping Jesus. He said,

"Worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves. It means giving things their rightful place, and giving the first place to God. Worship means making God's plan more important than our personal time, our entitlements and our spaces. It is to accept the teaching of Scripture: 'You shall worship the Lord your God'.

'Your God': worship means realizing that you and God belong together to one another. It means being able to speak to him freely and intimately. It means bringing our lives to him and letting him enter into them. It means letting his consolation come down to earth. Worship means discovering that, in order to pray, it is enough to say: 'My Lord and my God!', and to let ourselves be pervaded by his tender love."

We may be tempted to feel like there is nothing we can do about this situation, but the truth is, with God's grace, there is much we can do. Let us not begin with our own efforts but with His grace, for he, Jesus, is our Savior. Let us contemplate Jesus and let ourselves be caught up in his tender love, trusting that the best way to change the world is to stop trying to change others but instead let God's love change us!

Peace,

Fr. Damian