*All Saints Catholic School News*
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All Saints Catholic School is collecting pop/can tabs (any brand). Please drop these off at the school or the Cabrini Parish Office.

We hope you have been able to attend a Listening Session or a Coffee and Conversation with Fr. Damian and gotten your questions answered.

We hope you have read the brochure sent out in October and watched a video on our Capital Campaign Project.

We hope you have prayed about your role in this endeavor.

Now, we ask you to turn in your pledge cards. Without receiving your pledge card, we have no way of knowing if you didn't receive it or have lost it (there are extras in the back of church and at the Parish Center reception desk) or just forgot about it... And we can't know where we are at and what plans we can be making... Thank you!

## Praying Together with the Hallow App:

Please join us as we pray together these challenges. These challenges begin Monday, November 30th.

**Advent Pray25: It's a Wonderful Life**

Scripture tells us: "Behold, the virgin shall bear a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel, which means God is with us." But how often are we too busy or distracted to notice God's presence? This Advent, join Hallow as we journey through one of the greatest Christmas films of all time: It's a Wonderful Life. Over the 25 days leading up to Christmas, we'll walk with the film's main character, George Bailey, as he begins to open his eyes to the great beauty of his life and teaches us to do the same. Sister Miriam will lead us in prayer throughout the challenge, joined each week by Chris Pratt, Jonathan Roumie, Gary Sinise, and Fr. John Burns as we walk through the film's most beloved scenes.

**Kids Advent: The Waiting Game**

Make this Advent more than just a countdown to Christmas for your kids and family this year. Join us on Hallow Kids for The Waiting Game, an immersive family adventure packed with stories, prayer, games, and Scripture. This year, acclaimed actor David Henrie joins the challenge as Mr. Reyes, leading Josie and Sean's class through a fun, interactive Advent game.

## *Upcoming Events at Cabrini*

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, quarterly, click on the link stcabriniomaha.org to sign up, or contact Richard Carrillo at racarrillo83@gmail.com Date TBD

Movie Night for Young Adults, quarterly. Movie starts at 6:15 pm, Wednesdays, Next date TBD

Winter Alpha for Young Adults (21 - 35 years old), Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, January 12 through March 16. Day away is February 27

Adoration for Young Families, Quarterly, 10 -10:30 am, Saturday, January 16, at St. Frances Cabrini, followed by donuts and fellowship in the lower level of the Parish Center.

Meal Service at Siena Francis House, Select Thursdays (no more scheduled in 2026). If interested, contact Natalie May at nmcgovern1@yahoo.com

Cabrini Family Dinner, Sunday, 6 pm. Spring and Fall. Spring date March 14

GriefShare Series, Tuesdays, 12 - 1:30 pm, January 12 to April 6. cabrinigriefshare@gmail.com or (402)850-0071

Cabrini Parish Silent Retreat at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE, April 9 - 11, 2027

Women's Faith Sharing Group with St. Mary Magdalene Parish, monthly on second Friday after 12:05 pm Mass: 12:30-1:30 pm, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12

Cabrini's Advent Recital, Sunday, December 13, 3 pm

Eucharistic Adoration, 3:30—4:30 pm, third Saturday each month. December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20

Rite of the Blessing of the Child in the Womb, last Sunday of the month at 9 am Mass. December 27, January 31, February 28, March 28

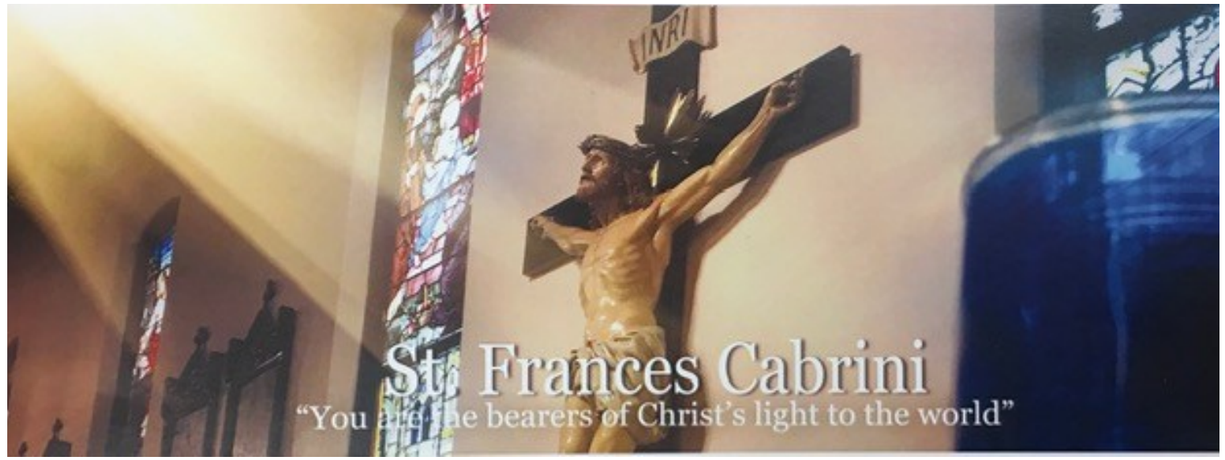
Anointing of the Sick, last Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass. December 27, January 31

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team, First Friday of the month following 11:30 am Mass. (Not in January). February 5, March 5

First Saturday Rosary, monthly, 4:30 pm. January 2, February 6, March 6

Taize Prayer, First Thursday of the month, 8 pm. January 7, 2027, February 4, March 4

Spring Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, April 18, 12 noon to 6 pm




**First Sunday of Advent**
**November 29, 2026**

## Weekly Advent Reflection:

**"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40**

## Advent at Cabrini

Theme—**Preparing for Great Joy**
Daily Reflection booklets are available at the entrances.
Repeating songs—*Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus* as entrance, *My Soul Rejoices* as responsorial psalm between readings, and *Holy is His Name* as Communion Meditation.
Tuesday, December 8th—Feast day of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day.
Sunday, December 13th—Advent Recital by several Cabrini musicians at 3 pm.
Tuesday, December 15th—Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 pm.
Sunday, December 20th—Set up creche after 11am Mass.
Christmas Masses—4 pm and midnight December 24th, 9 am and 11 am December 25th.
Our Community Outreach will be divided. We will join All Saints Catholic School with their project of helping **Bethlehem House** and **Release Foster Closet** the first two Sundays. Please bring new, unwrapped items (pacifiers, onesies, baby bottles, rattles, baby blankets, bibs, baby socks) to church November 29th and December 6th. The last two Sundays, December 13th and 20th, we will be gathering items for **Omaha Welcomes the Stranger**. Items they can use are toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, body soap and laundry soap.

## Poinsettias and Evergreens for Christmas

Help us decorate our church for Christmas! A beautiful tradition we have during the Advent and Christmas seasons is to remember and rejoice in the memories of family and friends. Your donation goes towards the purchase of poinsettias and greenery for the church. Please place your donation in a plain white envelop, along with the form on page 3, label it "Poinsettias" and place it in the offertory collection or turn it in at the Parish Center.

## Upcoming Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| November 30 | December 1 | December 2 | December 3<br>Pastoral Council 6 pm<br>Taize Prayer 8 pm | December 4<br>Personal Prayer with the Prayer Ministry Team after the 11:30 am Mass | December 5<br>First Saturday Rosary 4:30 pm | December 6 |

# ST. FRANCES CABRINI

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## Daily Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday, Dec. 1 | 11:30 AM | +Collin Ferguson |
| Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 11:30 AM | +Parishioners Deceased Loved Ones |
| Thursday, Dec. 3 | 11:30 AM | +Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Friday, Dec. 4 | 11:30 AM | +Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday, Dec. 5 | 5:00 PM | +Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sweeney Family |
| Sunday, Dec. 6 | 9:00 AM | +Jesse Cuevas |
| Sunday, Dec. 6 | 11:00 AM | +Krystal Fahrenkrog |
| Sunday, Dec. 6 | 5:30 PM | Pro Populo |

**Reconciliation Schedule**
Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
(northwest room)

**Bulletin Additions**
To have information published in the upcoming bulletin, please email bulletineditorcabrini@gmail.com by **Tuesday noon.**

## *Prayer Ministry*

If you would like to request prayer from our Prayer Team, for yourself or someone else, please contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org (402) 934-7706.
If you desire to be prayed with in-person, Prayer Ministers gather after the 11:30 am Mass the first Friday of every month to pray with and for intentions. You are always welcome!

## *Stewardship*

### Weekly Collection
### November 21-22

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| Sunday Tithe– Collections | $ | 7,194.00 |
| All Saints Gift Fund | $ | 50.00 |
| Organ Fund | $ | 100.00 |
| Improvement Fund | $ | 0.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | $ | 300.00 |

### Hallow Issues?
We've had a few people reach out, expressing difficulty accessing the prayer challenges on Hallow. They've gotten to a "Free Trial" screen and couldn't go any further. If you've run into this issue, in the top right corner of that screen, there should be an "x" that you can click to dismiss it. Sometimes the "x" can blend in with some of the graphics on the page. That should take care of the problem. If you have any further issues, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org

### Scholarship Opportunity!
Young women who are baptized Catholic and between the ages of 14 and 21 are encouraged to apply as Santa Lucia Queen candidates. Apply online at www.santaluciafestival.com/queens.

## St. Mary Magdalene Church
(Our Sister Parish in the Archdiocesan Families)
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**MASS TIMES**
Sunday
7:30 am / 9 am / 11 am / 12:15 pm / 5:15 pm
Monday-Friday
7 am / 12:05 pm / 5:15 pm
Saturday
12:05 pm / 5:15 pm / 7 pm

**CONFESSION TIMES**
Confessions are heard approximately fifteen minutes before each Mass time in the lower level of the church.

## *Pastor's Letter*

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Advent! I hope your Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends were filled with blessings. Advent arrives this Sunday to challenge us to open a deeper place in our hearts for Jesus to be born again.

Our first reading on this first Sunday of Advent is from Isaiah, and it begins with a question. "Why do you let us wander from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?" It is my experience that a common tendency among believers is to wander or drift gradually. It is relatively rare for someone to suddenly decide to reject God, especially if they were raised in the faith. Rather, what usually happens is that we just drift away, wander off course. It is like the captain of a ship who stopped paying attention. The ship drifts farther off course. At first, no one notices, but the overall effect is that the boat is now headed in the wrong direction. The captain did not suddenly turn the wheel and shift 180 degrees; he just stopped paying attention and began to drift bit by bit.

So, it is with us, who wonder how we got so far off course. When I have spoken with people who left the Church, most of them cannot point to a single incident when they walked out of Church and said, "I'm never coming back." More frequently they just gradually fell away from the Church and their practice of the faith. They missed Mass on Sunday because of laziness, and little by little, missing Mass became the norm. They just got disconnected and drifted away.

The problem with drifting is that the further off course you get, the harder it is to get back on track. For this reason, Isaiah goes on to speak of the heart of a drifter becoming hardened. Our bad habits become "hard" to break. As God seems increasingly distant to us, we lose our holy fear and reverence for Him.

Isaiah wants God to do some big thing in the sky or on the earth so that it would be easier to believe and return to God. The Prophet is acting a bit like us; we demand signs and wonders before we will believe. It is almost as though we say to God, "Force me to believe in you" or "Make everything so certain that I don't really have to walk by faith."

Isaiah goes on to reflect about what the people of God have become, "we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people." We were called to be holy; we were called to be "set apart," different from the sinful world around us. Too often, though, we are just like the world. We do not shine like a light in the darkness. We seem little different than the pagan world around us. We do not seem joyful, serene, or alive. We look just like everyone else. Our main goal seems to be to fit in.

Which should cause us to lift up an Advent cry, "Save us, O Lord, from our mediocrity and fear! Come, Lord Jesus!" Isaiah concludes today's selection by remembering that even though we have wandered away, God is still our father, we are the clay and God is the potter, we are all the work of God's hands. Our Savior still seeks us out no matter how far we have wandered. This Advent, take a little time during the busyness to spend with the God who loves you. And, perhaps, your light will brighten someone's darkness and bring them home.

Peace,

Fr. Damian

### *Come and See* Classes
Are you interested in becoming Catholic but don't know where to start or who to talk to? Just interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are Catholic but have been away from the Church for awhile? Been baptized but never confirmed? Just want to know more about what the Church teaches? Then *Come and See* is for you! We are meeting Sundays at 4 pm, and will focus on the core areas of the Catholic faith. These classes will occur weekly through Easter and those desiring to become Catholic or complete their sacraments will be brought into the Church then. For more information or to register, contact Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

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### Poinsettias and Evergreens for Christmas

**Your name (please print)**_____

**In memory/honor of**_____