

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, March 19th—no school.

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.



Save the Dates!

Our **Meatball/Sauce Drive-Thru** will be April 18th from Noon til 6 PM. Meatball Set-up is April 9th. Making meatballs, onions, and bones will be April 10th. Sauce will be made April 11th. Packaging meatballs and sauce will be on April 14th. Make plans to join us! (Covid restrictions still apply. We hope to return to our regular dinner this fall).

Alpha (Offered via Zoom)

This Alpha session continues on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:15 PM through March 30th. The summer Alpha will be “live” at the Cabrini Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 PM (dinner included), for 21-35 year-olds, and run from June 1 to August 10th with the Retreat day on July 17th. To register for this or a future session, please contact Ann Lenz at alenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org



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

The Marriage Course continues Thursdays from 7 - 9 PM, through March 18th. For more information contact Ann Lenz at alenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

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

The Bible Study of Exodus with Father Damian is on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 PM through March 24th.

We will be covering and discussing as follows:

March 17: Chapters 25-33, Plan for the Tabernacle

March 24: Chapters 34-40, Restoration of Israel

Spending Time With Jesus in the Temple

The week prior to his crucifixion, Jesus spent time teaching in the temple. He gave important guidance for the future to his disciples & religious teachers. This two-evening event, sponsored by Christians Encounter Christ (CEC), will be presented by Fr. Scott Hastings and Fr. Padraic Stack. They will examine the final lessons Jesus imparted to his followers before his death so we can gain valuable insight about how God wants us to grow in faith, thought, action, and engaging the world. Tuesday, March 22nd & Thursday, March 24th, at 7 PM at Christ the King Church (654 S 86th St, Omaha).

Go to www.cecomaha.org to sign up for “In Person” attendance OR link to Livestream.

Be the Next Santa Lucia Queen at this Year’s 97th Festival

All prospective female candidates must be baptized Catholic, 14-21 years of age and available all 4 days of the Festival—July 8th-11th, 2021. If interested, please go to our website at www.santaluciafestival.com to complete the Candidate form under the Queens Tab. The Queen is selected based on three criteria – Academics, Community Service and Raffle Ticket Sales. All applications must be received by March 31st. The queen could win up to a \$1000.00 scholarship.

Easter Flower Donations

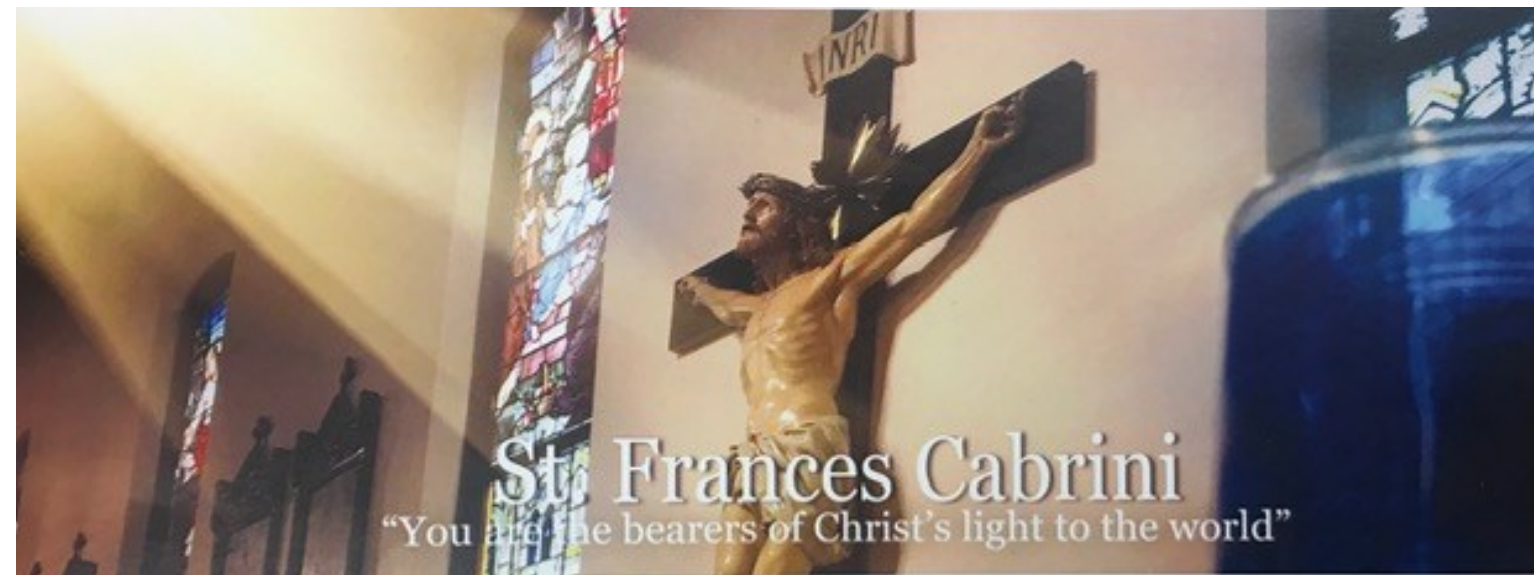
How wonderful it will be to participate in and remember the events of Holy Week as a faith community together this year in our church. And then, to experience the beauty and meaning of the Liturgy of the Easter Vigil, and rejoice in thankfulness for our risen Lord on Easter as a faith community in our church. If you would like to remember loved ones or raise up thankfulness for blessings received, please consider an Easter flower donation this year. Any level of donation is gratefully appreciated and will be used for our Easter environment. Thank you!

Flowers for Easter

Your name (please print) _____

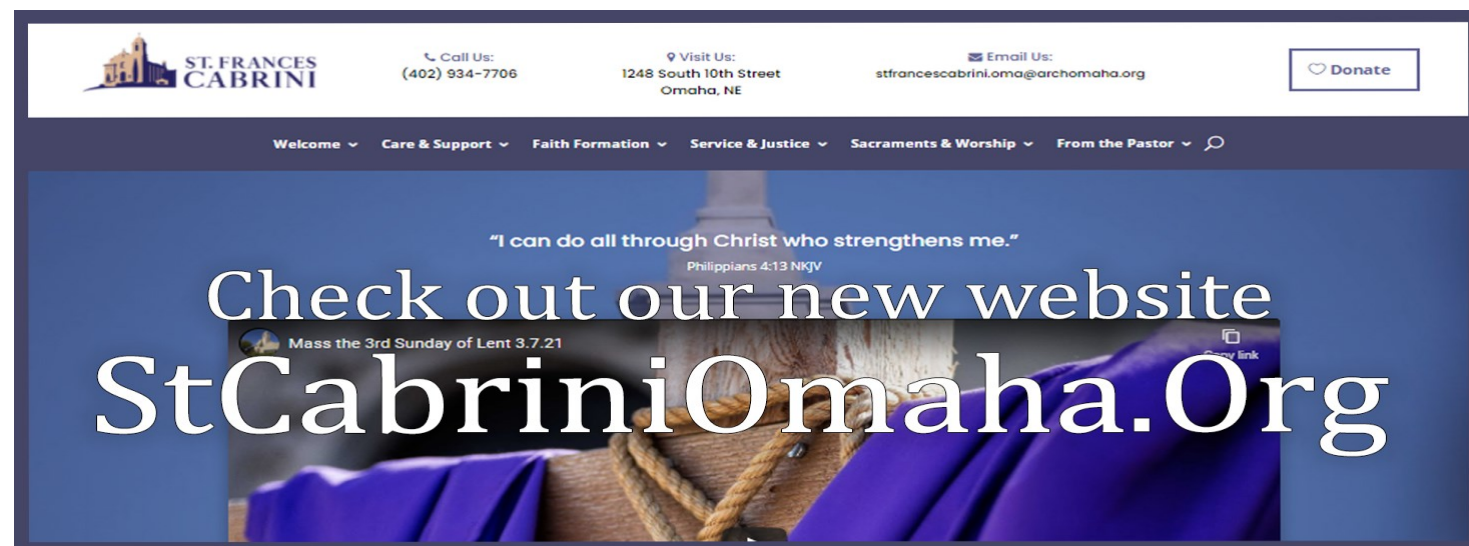
In Remembrance of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____



**The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021**

New Website Launched!



THANK YOU!

In 2018, we completed much needed upgrades to our outdated heating and cooling systems in the church. Because of your generosity, the 20-year Furnace Debt loan (new HVAC system) with the Archdiocese was paid off this month after only 2 years and 4 months. Please disregard the monthly Furnace Debt Reduction envelope in your packet. It will take a few months for the envelope company to have them removed. This is a great accomplishment! Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21
	Alpha 6 PM (Zoom)	Exodus Bible Study 7 PM (Live or Zoom)	The Marriage Course 7 PM (Zoom)	(No Exposition this week) Stations 6 PM		



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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 16	11:30 AM	+Rose Vatalaro
Wednesday, Mar. 17	11:30 AM	+Jean K. Szczepanowski (McAndrews)
Thursday, Mar. 18	11:30 AM	+Mary Ellen Gilmore
Friday, Mar. 19	11:30 AM	+Joseph Anthony Venditte
Saturday, Mar. 20	5:00 PM	+Elsie Peters
Sunday, Mar. 21	9:00 AM	+Alyverne Coopwood
Sunday, Mar. 21	11:00 AM	Members of Santa Lucia
Sunday, Mar. 21	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)

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, 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. Please have the person's permission to print their name publicly.

Stewardship

4th Sunday in Lent

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increasing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Weekly Collections March 6-7

Sunday Tithes— Collections	\$	11,520.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	35.00
Organ Fund	\$	40.00
Improvement Fund	\$	226.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	317.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	223.00

Lenten Almsgiving

Holy Family Ministries has been selected for our Lenten almsgiving. They are requesting donations of **mens's** items:

- Size 32-34 denim jeans
- Size 2XL and larger sweatshirts (preferably "hoodies")
- Size 2XL and larger long-sleeve t-shirts, belts
- Drawstring backpacks (large capacity preferred)

These items can be dropped off in the baskets placed at the front of Church, in the sacristy at Mass times, or brought to the Parish Center, through March 28th. Or, you can make a financial donation. Please make checks payable to Holy Family Community Center and drop them in the collection baskets (please mark the envelope for Holy Family CC). UPDATE: The first carload of donated items has been delivered to Holy Family! They were very appreciative and we told them there would be more! Thanks for all your donations!

Lenten Morning of Reflection

Join the Institute for Priestly Formation for a Lenten Morning of Reflection, Saturday, March 20th, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 12-noon, or livestreamed from their website and Facebook pages. PriestlyFormation.org

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis' extraordinary visit to war-weary Iraq moved me to tears a number of times. He went to bring comfort and support to the remaining Christians who had suffered so terribly under the ISIS regime. He clearly was acting as a good shepherd who would risk his own life for the sake of every member of his flock. I think the other part of his mission was to show the insanity and evil of violent conflict between religions.

The picture that spoke louder than words was the Pope holding hands with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the Shia cleric who has been critical of the war-mongering of the leadership in Iran. The Pope had to work hard to arrange that meeting. He did not demand that Sistani meet him in some neutral ground, but went to Sistani's home to have the conversation. Hopefully, the Ayatollah's statements about the rights of Iraqi Christians will help bring about some peace for our brothers and sisters who have suffered so much simply because they have chosen to follow Jesus.

The Pope also visited some ancient sites of great importance. One of them is Ur, the land of Abraham. While there, he said, *"Today we, Jews, Christians and Muslims, together with our brothers and sisters of other religions, honor our father Abraham by doing as he did: we look up to heaven and we journey on earth."*

We look up to heaven. Thousands of years later, as we look up to the same sky, those same stars appear. They illumine the darkest nights because they shine together. Heaven thus imparts a message of unity: the Almighty above invites us never to separate ourselves from our neighbors. The otherness of God points us towards others, towards our brothers and sisters. Yet if we want to preserve fraternity, we must not lose sight of heaven. May we – the descendants of Abraham and the representatives of different religions – sense that, above all, we have this role: to help our brothers and sisters to raise their eyes and prayers to heaven. We all need this because we are not self-sufficient. Man is not omnipotent; we cannot make it on our own. If we exclude God, we end up worshiping the things of this earth. Worldly goods, which lead so many people to be unconcerned with God and others, are not the reason why we journey on earth. We raise our eyes to heaven in order to raise ourselves from the depths of our vanity; we serve God in order to be set free from enslavement to our egos, because God urges us to love. This is true religiosity: to worship God and to love our neighbor. In today's world, which often forgets or presents distorted images of the Most High, believers are called to bear witness to his goodness, to show his paternity through our fraternity.

From this place, where faith was born, from the land of our father Abraham, let us affirm that God is merciful and that the greatest blasphemy is to profane his name by hating our brothers and sisters. Hostility, extremism and violence are not born of a religious heart: they are betrayals of religion. We believers cannot be silent when terrorism abuses religion; indeed, we are called unambiguously to dispel all misunderstandings. Let us not allow the light of heaven to be overshadowed by the clouds of hatred!"

At a prayer service on Sunday before Pope Francis left Iraq, he prayed:

"If God is the God of life – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name. If God is the God of peace – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name. If God is the God of love – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters."

Let us now join in praying for all the victims of war. May Almighty God grant them eternal life and unending peace, and welcome them into his fatherly embrace. Let us pray too for ourselves. May all of us – whatever our religious tradition – live in harmony and peace, conscious that in the eyes of God, we are all brothers and sisters."

Peace,

Fr. Damian