

Important Dates to Remember

No school May 3rd.
 May Crowning May 5th.
 Eighth Grade Graduation May 18th, 6 pm.
 May 25th: Last day of school. 10 am dismissal.



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.

Alpha (In Person)

The summer Alpha session 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 1st to August 10th with the Retreat day on July 17th. To register for this or a future session, please contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org. Registration forms are also available at the back of church.



Cabrini Fireside Chat with *The Chosen* (Via Zoom)

Please join us Wednesdays through June 9th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, as we watch and discuss season 1 of *The Chosen*, a 2020 television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. We will watch one episode each week. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to join a discussion between our pastor, Fr. Damian, and guests. These are sure to be lovely evenings together, filled with the joy of the Gospel and lively discussion. Again, please join us! You must be registered to receive a Zoom link so please contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org if you have not done so already.

Great Time for a Cloisters on the Platte Retreat

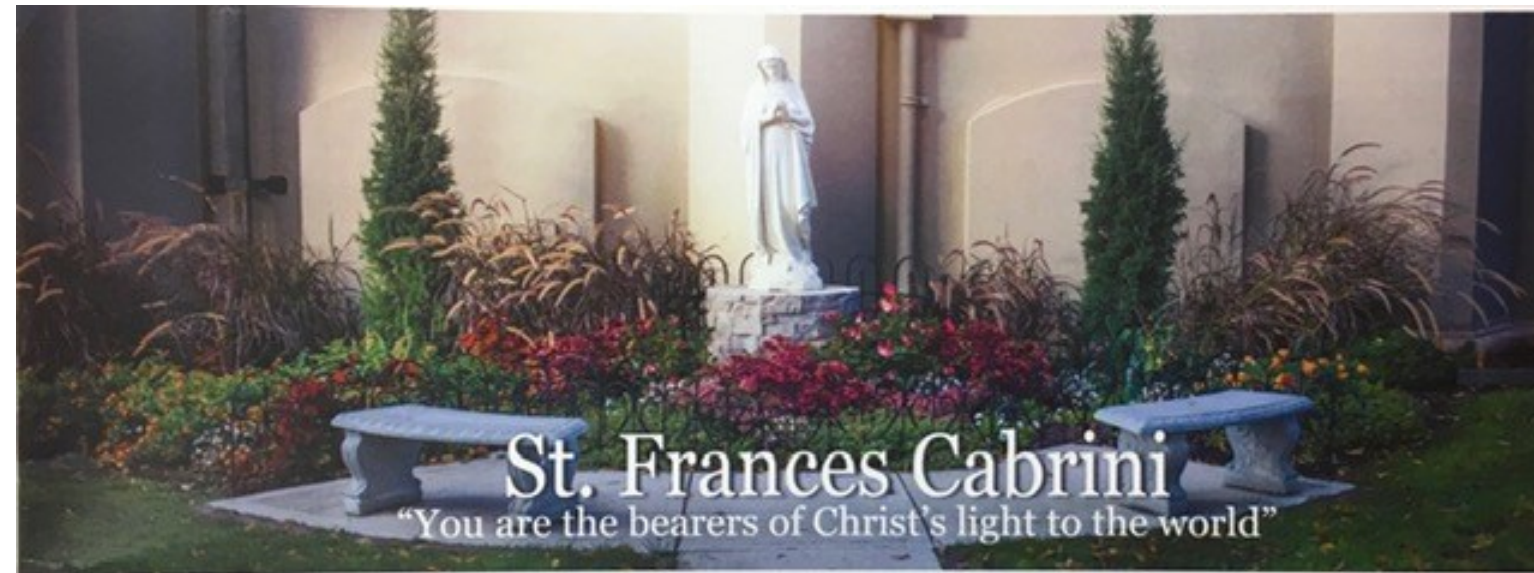
We experience God through truth, beauty, and goodness. All three can be found in abundance on a Cloisters on the Platte retreat. The Cloisters, located near Gretna, NE, offers 3-day silent Ignatian retreats for men and women ages 18 and older. The retreats begin Thursday evening at 6 pm and conclude Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm. There is no cost to attend, however a generous, goodwill donation by retreatants is asked to sustain this important work. There are currently more opportunities for people seeking to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola for the first time. Since the Cloisters was closed for nearly 7 months in 2020 due to the pandemic, spots have opened on retreats that were cancelled last year. Standby lists are rotating fast, so please do not be deterred to sign-up for a retreat you wish to attend. If you are prepared to come, have faith that God will provide you the opportunity. For more information and to register, go to cloistersontheplatte.com. A life-changing experience awaits! For questions, contact the Cloisters Ambassador for St. Frances Cabrini, Mark Sabaliauskas at msabaliauskas@cloistersambassadors.com.

Contact Your Senator About LB364 and Give Families Educational Freedom

LB364, the Opportunity Scholarships Act, will soon be debated by the Nebraska Legislature. This bill will provide more scholarship opportunities for children from low-income families to attend a private school of their choice. Every child deserves to seek an education that is best for them, regardless of zip code or income level. Contact your state senator at necatholic.org and urge them to support LB364!

Planned Gift Ideas for Your Consideration

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others as well be the face of Jesus for them. The Archdiocese of Omaha stewards a portion of your gifts in many ways. Numerous charities are the beneficiaries of your goodwill. Please continue to keep “the least of our brothers” in your prayers and pray for the wisdom and strength to recognize those needs when presented to you. You can assist those who are presented to you by giving both your time and talent as well as sharing with others through the act of charitable giving of the gifts that God has given you. That can be done by tithing at your parish and giving to organizations that support the poor in spirit like your local St. Vincent de Paul Society. This is helping with an immediate need, but I think we know that the people that need help--as well as our call to help Others - will most likely not go away during our lifetimes. That is what makes planned gifts: a gift of securities, a gift of a life insurance policy or an estate gift through your Will and/or Trust, so impactful. For more information on how to make a planned gift to the Archdiocese of Omaha, contact your financial advisor, attorney or insurance representative. You may also direct questions to: Tony LaMar, CAP®, Legacy Planning Officer, 2222 N. 111th St., Omaha, NE 68164, (402) 557-5650 ext. 1904 or ajlamar@archomaha.org



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
 April 25, 2021**

Meatballs & Sauce For Sale After Masses this Weekend

Our Meatball/Sauce Drive-Thru was a success, but we made extra so now we have some left to sell! Eight meatballs for \$10.00, a quart of sauce for \$5.00, available after the Saturday 5 pm Mass and after the 9 am and 11 am Masses on Sunday. Cash, checks and debit/credit card accepted in the teachers lounge in the lower level of the school.

58th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations Celebrated Today

The sheep follow the Good Shepherd because they recognize his voice. (cf John 10:4) World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed today, April 25th, which is also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord’s instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38, Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Easter Floral Donations

Thank you for your wonderful Easter flower donations in memory of family and friends. Your kindness and generosity in helping to create a joyous Easter environment for worship brings happiness to many and complements our already beautiful altar and church. Peace be with you.

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2
		<i>The Chosen</i> 6:30 pm (Zoom—must be registered to receive the link)				



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Cabrini Parish Center Offices open 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, (402) 934-7706, 1248 South 10th Street, 68108

Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Apr.27	11:30 AM	+Butch Turco
Wednesday, Apr. 28	11:30 AM	+Jose Armento
Thursday, Apr. 29	11:30 AM	+Frank Catania
Friday, Apr. 30	11:30 AM	+Helen Butera
Saturday, May 1	5:00 PM	+Richard Wise
Sunday, May 2	9:00 AM	+Alfred Emmanuel Blessings
Sunday, May 2	11:00 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday, May 2	5:30 PM	+Sam Rackley

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."
- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Weekly Collections April 17-18

Sunday Tithe- Collections	\$	7,688.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	47.00
Organ Fund	\$	51.00
Improvement Fund	\$	68.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	14.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	121.00

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

Monday, May 3rd: Alpha Connect at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, May 6th: Taize Prayer at 8 pm.

Friday, May 7th: Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministers after 11:30 am Mass.

Sunday, May 30th: Anointing of the Sick during 11 am Mass.

Fridays in June, (June 11th, 18th, 25th): Coffee & Conversation, 12 noon - 1 pm, discussing *Let Us Dream* by Pope Francis

September 14th - November 23rd: Fall Alpha (In-person at Parish Center). 6 pm - 8 pm. (Spring alpha will be via Zoom).

Tuesdays, September 16th - October 28th: The Marriage Course (aka Date Night) via Zoom, 6 - 8 pm.

Sunday, October 17th: Fall Spaghetti Dinner.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

While I am preparing food in my kitchen, I like to listen to The Moth podcast. Are you familiar with The Moth Radio Hour on PBS? They are real stories told by real people. They are simply stories from their lives. Often times, the stories will move me to tears as I am cooking. The podcast allows me to listen to stories whenever I want.

There is a new spinoff from The Moth. It is called The Confessional and is a creation of Nadia Bolz-Weber. She is a best-selling author, a former stand-up comic and a recovering alcoholic. She is also a former Lutheran pastor. The promo for the podcast says, *"Forget the selfies and social media updates of everyone at their best, three-time New York Times best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber's new podcast, The Confessional, invites guests to share stories about times they were at their worst. Guests talk honestly about what led to that moment, what they learned from it, and how they changed as a result. Everyone needs grace and healing, no matter your beliefs. Step into The Confessional - a carwash for people's shame and secrets."*

While Ms. Bolz-Weber curses a bit too much for my taste, she does have some pretty admirable goals for the program: to normalize conversations about being human, to help people feel less alone in their failings, to illuminate the fact that everyone is more than just the worst thing they have done, to practice this truth: that sunlight is the great disinfectant, to be a place where people receive a blessing, to believe in grace so much that people don't feel shame about admitting they need it.

The surprising thing for a priest is that this practice of confessing, which the church has long encouraged but that people have vigorously avoided, now becomes a piece of contemporary culture. Not only do people seek confession to be made healthy again, but the other people "listening in" are also set free to be holy and whole.

Perhaps listening to The Confessional is not much different from watching any movie or television show. The media presentations that are the most intimate are also the most human and universal. Every time we turn on the television we get a story about some part of a person's life to which we can relate from our own experience.

I read somewhere that black holes are the heaviest objects in the universe. Their gravity is so dense that even light gets trapped or bent in their direction. I do not claim to know about cosmic science, but I do know that when people have a dark space in them that is filled with hurt it has a tremendous negative pull. That dark space can bend all light that is near it; it can weigh a person down and make it almost impossible to move. The only way to get rid of this weight is to share it with another person, to share it with the church, and ultimately, to give it to God.

I do not think we need to share our worst moment, our deepest secret with the whole world in a podcast, but the church has long provided us with a sacramental vehicle where someone listens without judgement and offers the deep forgiveness and grace that is divine.

Peace,

Fr. Damian