

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 in-person 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.



Covid shut down Spring Alpha 2020 with one session remaining. We are going to gather that group in-person for this last session at the Cabrini Parish Center gym on Tuesday, May 25th at 6 pm.

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

Wednesdays through June 9th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 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, then watch/join a discussion between our pastor, Fr. Damian, and guests.

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.

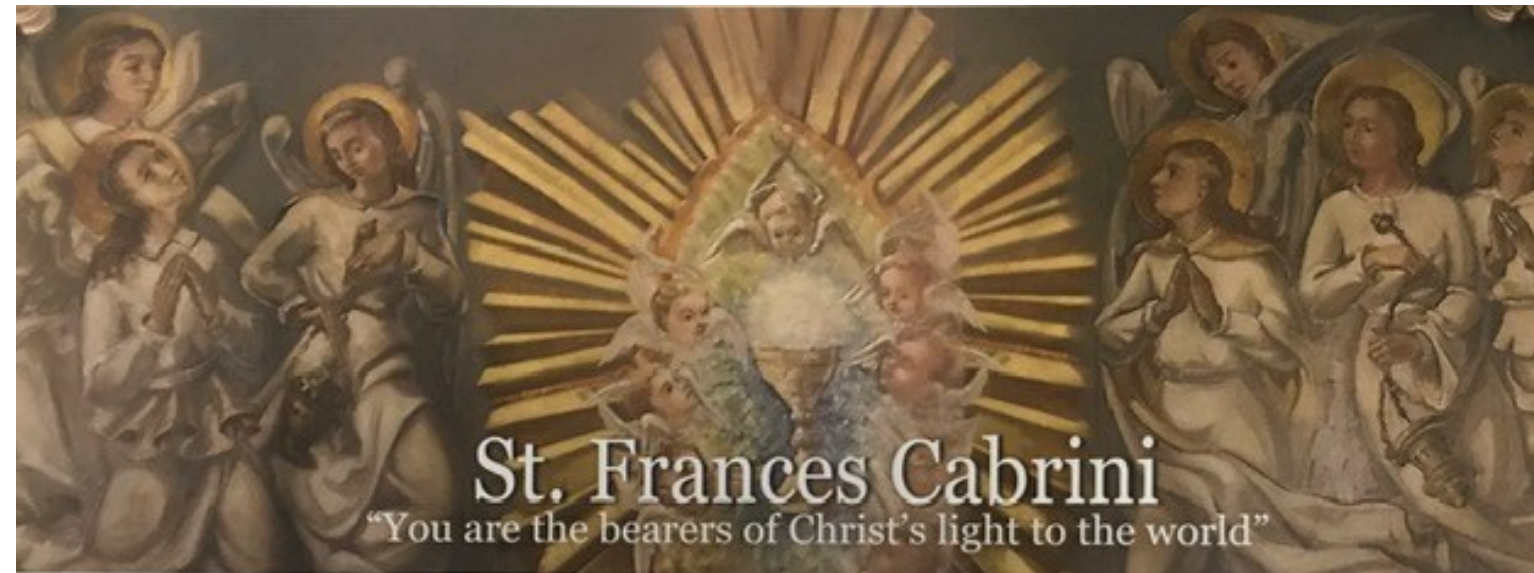
Contact Your Senator About LB364 and Give Families Educational Freedom

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!

Pray the Stations of the Cross at the Cloisters on the Platte

This summer, find comfort and strength by meditating on the Passion of Jesus Christ with a visit to the beautiful and touching statues at the Cloisters on the Platte located near Gretna, NE. To help maintain the statues and support the mission of the Cloisters on the Platte, you are asked to consider a goodwill donation. Days and hours of operation (visitors may remain for up to an hour after closing time): Monday – Wednesday: 9 am to 4 pm, Thursday: 9 am to noon, Sunday: 2:30 to 4 pm.

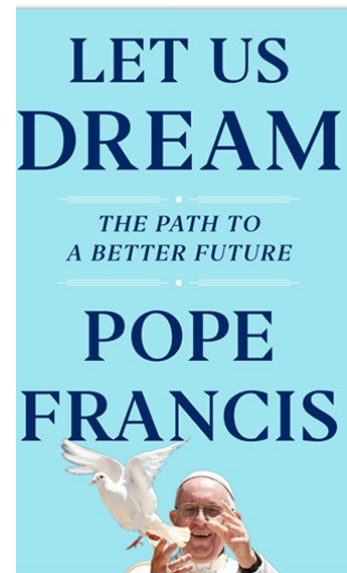
For the first time, The Cloisters on the Platte is offering visitors the opportunity to become Patron Supporters. As a Patron Supporter, you will be able to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross with unlimited visits now through the end of the year, along with these other great benefits: • Early bird notice to events • Complimentary Stations of the Cross booklet with photos • 10% in-store discount on COTP logo retail items. The Patron Supporter Program makes a great gift for Mother's or Father's Day! For more information, please visit cloistersontheplatte.com. Please note, precautions will be taken to implement social distancing along The Stations of the Cross walking path and to sanitize audio equipment and indoor areas. Please plan to wear a mask for your shuttle ride and gift shop visit.



**Fifth Sunday of Easter
 May 2, 2021**

Spaghetti Sauce is for Sale after Masses this weekend while it lasts—\$5 per quart!

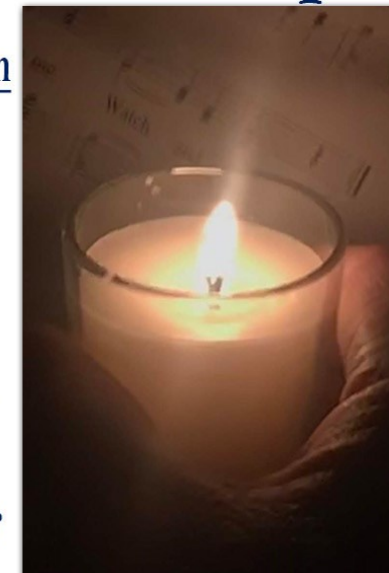
Please join us - offered in person only



Coffee and Conversation

**Fridays in June
 (11th, 18th, 25th)
 12 -1 pm**

**As we discuss
 "Let Us Dream"
 at
 Cabrini Parish Center**



Taizè Prayer

**First Thursday
 Every Month
 beginning May 6th
 8 pm**

**A quiet,
 meditative service**

St Frances Cabrini

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9
Alpha Connect 6:30 pm (Zoom)		<i>The Chosen</i> 6:30 pm (Zoom)	Taize Prayer 8 pm (in-person)	Prayer Ministry after 11:30 am Mass		Happy Mother's Day!



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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, May 4	11:30 AM	+Lea Korinek
Wednesday, May 5	11:30 AM	+Parishioners Deceased Loved Ones
Thursday, May 6	11:30 AM	+Virginia Tranisi
Friday, May 7	11:30 AM	+Shelly Semin
Saturday, May 8	5:00 PM	+Mary Ann & Isabell Sweeney
Sunday, May 9	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday, May 9	11:00 AM	+Vampola & Kowal Mothers & Daughters; +Edward & Bernadette (living)
Sunday, May 9	5:30 PM	+Paul & Toni Blazevich

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
(northwest room)

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Weekly Collections April 24-25

Sunday Tithe- Collections	\$	4,915.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$.00
Organ Fund	\$.00
Improvement Fund	\$	15.00
Furnace Debt Reduction Fund	\$	110.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	309.00

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

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

Thursday, June 3rd: Taize Prayer at 8 pm.

Friday, June 4th: Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after 11:30 am Mass.

Monday, June 7th: Alpha Connect at 6:30 pm.

Fridays in June, (June 11th, 18th, 25th): Coffee & Conversation, 12 noon.

August 14th: Parish Party.

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

Thursdays, 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,

You probably know people who met online, got to know each other, fell in love and got married. It is not uncommon anymore that people meet through online services and get married. I have had a few of those weddings and those couples are very happy together. What I have never encountered is anyone who has gotten married without ever physically encountering each other, no one I know has simply had a love relationship and a marriage online. It may begin online, but it cannot stay online.

Or you may know people whose love relationship has had to survive over long distances. Perhaps job, military assignment or study forces couples apart for months or years at a time. Their love survives with phone calls, Facetime or other ways to remain connected over the miles. It is not ideal but it works if there are no other options.

Physical presence. It matters. We human beings are physical beings, not disembodied intellects. Our imagination can take us a long way but there is a world of difference between a photo or video of something and the reality itself. You may have seen photos of the Eiffel Tower but it is entirely different experience to stand under it. You may have seen videos of the Grand Canyon but to walk down into the canyon gives you a much better appreciation of its size and grandeur.

One of the challenges of the Covid crisis with social distancing is we were forced to be apart. As a parish, we had to quickly adapt. We had to make due with what was available to us. We had to continue our parish community and our love relationship with God through the gift of online video. Thanks to a great crew, we were able to do it quite well. For some of you, the resources we offered kept your spirituality alive during this tough year. For others, the online resources were an introduction to a deeper relationship with God that would not have happened without them.

We plan on continuing to offer Masses online as well as other online resources for spiritual growth. Thanks to everyone who donated and who continue to donate, we are able to provide the resources. Our new website has seen a 60% increase in usage and new people are subscribing to our YouTube Channel each week. This is great.

We do, however, have to find the balance between what we offer in person and what we offer online. A community cannot exist only online; a love relationship cannot exist only in cyberspace. We human beings require physical presence. One of the first things we are shifting back to "only-in-person" is our monthly Taizé Prayer service. As a recent visitor said to me, "that is an incredible prayer experience, do the people of Omaha even know it is here? It should be filled." I know that on my silent retreats I have grown in deep appreciation for the other retreatants who gather in the chapel to pray with me. They change me and I change them simply by our being in the same physical space together. That happens too when we gather for Taizé and pray together. We may not speak to each other but we shape each other by our physical and spiritual presence. The Archbishop has announced that May 23rd, the Feast of Pentecost, in the Archdiocese of Omaha we will return to the obligation along with the wider Church in attending Sunday Eucharist. If you are not physically able or have health issues, you can still simply watch the Mass online. Being physically present though brings with it many rewards, primarily the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, in the Scriptures and in the community. Those graces cannot come to us online, just like we cannot truly live out a marriage online. We are physical creatures. We need the presence of each other.

One last thing. Speaking of gathering in person, mark your calendars – August 14. The parish is going to have a party to celebrate the end of the pandemic. More details to come!

Peace,

Fr. Damian

Bulletin Additions

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