

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)—SIGN-UP NOW!

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 your age or 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. The Fall session is offered in-person in the Cabrini Center gym. Full dinner provided. It will run Tuesdays from 6-8 pm, September 14th through November 23rd with the Retreat Day October 30th. Think about who you can invite...then ask them! Contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org for more information or to register. Registration forms are also in the back of church.



Cabrini Fireside Chat with *The Chosen*—Season 2 Starts September 15th!

The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. *The Chosen* takes the accounts of the Gospels and vividly brings them to life. Together we will watch one episode each week. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to join a discussion between our pastor, Fr. Damian, and guests—guests change each week!. This is offered via Zoom, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, September 15th through November 3rd. For more information or to register and receive a Zoom link (you MUST register to receive the link), contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

Annual Archbishop’s Vigil for Life

Help build the culture of life through prayer! Join Archbishop George Lucas for the Vigil for Life. Following Mass, there will be Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and a rosary procession to the Bellevue abortion facility. This is one of the most powerful pro-life events in the area. Please join us September 25th for the Vigil for Life! For more information, contact St. Mary’s Church at (402) 291-1350, or email rectory@stmarysbelleveue.com

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

Alpha 6-8 pm Tuesdays, September 14-November 23rd.
Retreat Day October 30th

The Chosen Fireside Chat, 6:30-8:30 pm, Wednesdays,
September 15th through November 3rd via Zoom.

Eucharistic Adoration (Third Thursday of the month),
7-8 pm, September 16th

Cabrini Family Dinner (Monthly), 6-8 pm, Sunday,
September 19th, October 24th, November 21st,
December 19th

Sodality (Third Monday of the Month), 7-8 pm,
September 20th

Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month),
September 26th, during 11 am Mass

Meal Service at Siena Francis House (One Thursday each
month), September 30th, October 28th

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after the
11:30 am Mass (First Friday of the month), October 1st

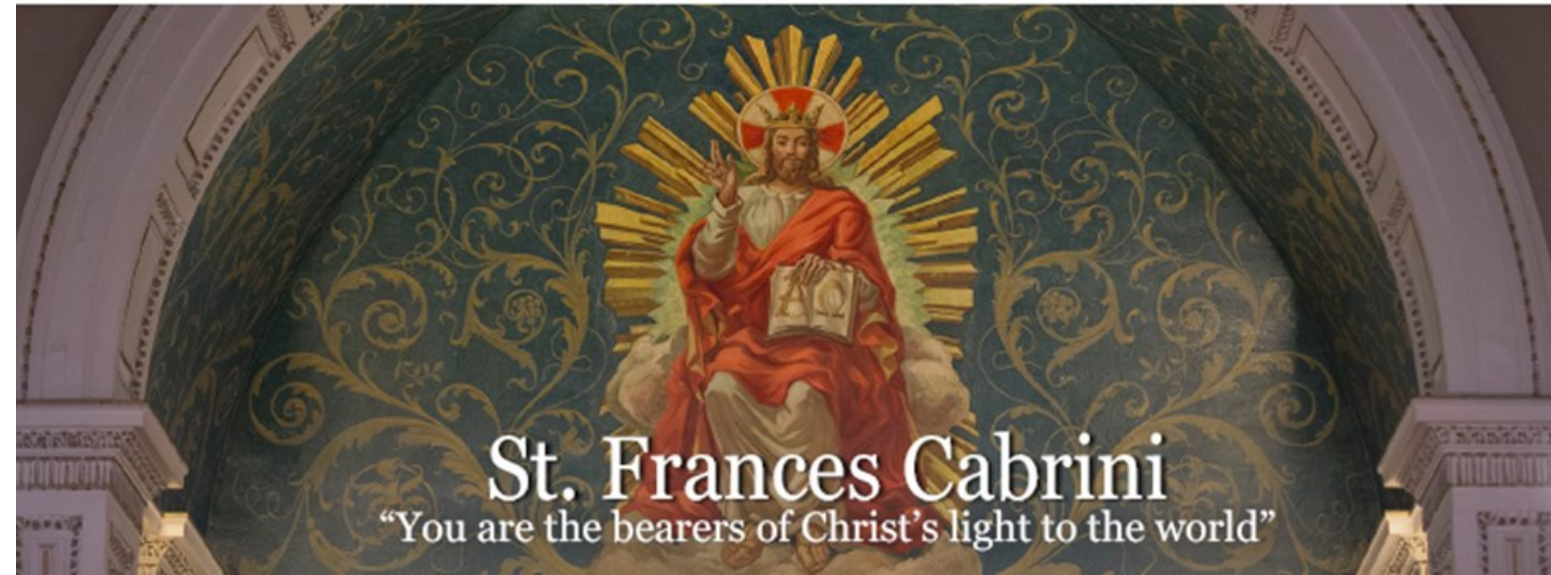
First Saturday Rosary (Monthly) at 4:30 pm,
October 2nd

Alpha Connect (First Monday of the Month),
6:30-7:30 pm, October 4th (September cancelled due to
Labor Day holiday)

Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meeting 7-8 pm,
October 7th

Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8-9 pm,
October 7th

Fall Spaghetti Dinner, October 17th, 12-6 pm



**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 5, 2021**

Dear Friends,

This weekend we are having an open house to celebrate the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. The anniversary was June 6th, but I thought Covid might have waned if we waited until September – boy, was I wrong on that one! Join us if you can, but I understand if you cannot.

Over the last few months, I have been reflecting on these forty years of ministry. They have truly been filled with wonder. I find it impossible to summarize the adventure in a few words or in one homily. However, let me say a few, brief things here...first and most importantly, I extend to you my deepest thanks for
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12
Labor Day						
Parish Center Closed						



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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 7	11:30 AM	+Tony & Louise Potera
Wednesday, Sept. 8	11:30 AM	+John & Mary Ann Nicolini
Thursday, Sept. 9	11:30 AM	+Danny Marshall
Friday, Sept. 10	11:30 AM	+Frank Catania
Saturday, Sept. 11	5:00 PM	+Fred Hodgson
Sunday, Sept. 12	9:00 AM	+Deceased Members Vacanti Family
Sunday, Sept. 12	11:00 AM	+Patricia Emmanuel
Sunday, Sept. 12	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 evening**.

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?” JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

Weekly Collections August 28-29

Sunday Tithe– Collections	\$	4,152.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	27.00
Organ Fund	\$	130.00
Improvement Fund	\$	15.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	576.00

Spaghetti Dinner Info

Are you wondering how to get involved with our Spaghetti Dinner? Or are you wondering just what happens at all these prep work events? We’ll be giving brief descriptions in the weeks to come. Here are some:

Saturday October 2nd—Making, Baking and Frosting Biscotti in the All Saints gym. 12-15 people gather for this activity. We take the recipe, mix the ingredients in our commercial mixer, scoop cookie dough onto parchment paper-covered sheets, bake the cookies, cool the cookies, and then frost them. (Sunday after Mass we come back and package them. We need help with clean up too—washing and drying dishes...come join the fun!

Friday, October 8th—Meatball Set-up in the All Saints Kitchen and gym. Helpers are needed to unwrap packaged hamburger, measure and mix spices, break eggs, and get everything ready to start mixing the next day. We’ll also be getting baking sheets ready, setting up tables for rolling the meatballs and for cooling the baked meatballs... More fellowship and teamwork!

Saturday, October 9th—Meatball Making and Baking in All Saints kitchen and gym. We need scoopers and rollers (70 meatballs per baking sheet), folks who can carry the full sheets, and load and unload them, turners to cool them, and washers to clean the equipment. Lots of time to get to know your neighbor as you work!

Pastor’s Letter

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allowing me to be a part of the intimacy of your relationship with God. You have invited me to join you in the beginnings, the growing times, the struggles, the joys, the sorrows and the many doubts that are a part of that most important relationship. I am a different man today than the one that was ordained forty years ago, in part, because you have let me in on that relationship. I treasure all of those moments. I will be forever grateful for your willingness to share the journey with me.

One of the reasons I became a priest was because I really believe Christ’s powerful message of God’s love. I wanted to be a minister of that Good News, one who would present it in such a way that hearts were touched and a response was inspired. I hoped to do that not only with what I said, but in how I lived.

I hoped people would see me as a person who truly felt the joy that came from following Jesus. During my years in the seminary, I struggled making the decision to be ordained. There were so many things I desired: a loving partner for life, children to carry on my genes and watch grow up, freedom to choose where to live and what I wanted to do. But at some point, I had to surrender to the reality of human limitations; that every human choice frees us but also restricts us. A “yes” to one thing is a “no” to so many other things. I wanted people to see that in spite of saying “no” to so many other things, my life with Christ remained filled with wonder and joy. Honestly, I have never been bored and never lacked anything. Every encounter with you – even if that was in the midst of tragedy - was an opportunity to encounter the living presence of Christ.

I trust that you have seen me as “person for others” (I borrow that phrase from the Jesuits). Jesus’ invitation to join him means we are to be for others as he was for others. Part of the uniqueness of “being for others” as a priest means being a person of the Church. The Church has as its primary purpose to fashion the human person in the image of God, in the likeness of Christ. Salvation takes place within a community. No one gets to heaven by themselves. Being a priest in the Church has meant having honor without having sought it and having disgrace without having done anything personally wrong to earn it. We all get lumped together. An Italian priest, Carlo Carretto, wrote a piece about the priest’s relationship with the Church. Here is a brief portion:

"How much I must criticize you,
my Church and yet how much I love you.
You have made me suffer
and yet I owe more to you than anybody else.
You have given me much scandal
and yet you alone have made me understand holiness.
Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised,
more false and yet never have I touched anything more pure,
more generous, more beautiful..."

It goes on about the two-sided nature of the priest’s relationship with the Church and I have found it so true.

The day I was ordained, I made a promise to pray. Since prayer is simply a relationship with God, I always thought it odd that the Church was making us *promise* to pray. I wondered how it was possible to be a priest without being a person of prayer; like being married without ever speaking to your spouse? Prayer has centered my priesthood, it is for me a ceaseless living in the presence of God. God is my constant companion. I so appreciate that the Church truly wants me to spend time in prayer, time that accomplishes no earthly task, time that would seem to the world to be a waste, time where the human and the divine touch. I love time in prayer and I hope you have felt encouraged over the years to join me in that incredible encounter with the divine.

You, my friends, have been a blessing to me over these forty years. May my ministry continue to be a blessing for you.

Peace,

Fr. Damian