

**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.

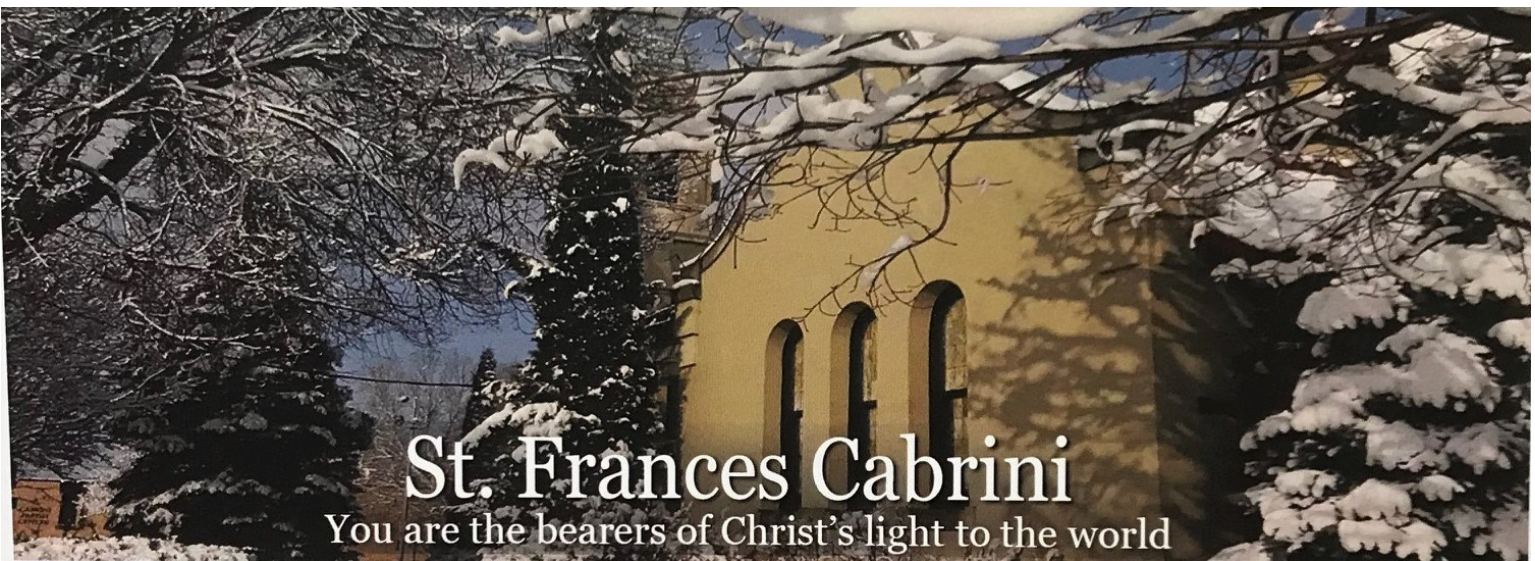


**"What gift would I give Him?"**

"Daddy, look, the manger! " the young boy said.  
 "Is that Santa over there?" he asked, pointing to one of the three wise men.  
 "No, son. They are the Three Kings bringing presents to Jesus." Replied Dad.  
 "Christmas presents?"  
 "No. I guess you can say they are birthday presents. Remember we told you that Christmas is really our celebration of the birth of Jesus."  
 The young boy paused for a moment seemingly satisfied with Dad's answer. Then, as children will do, asked the unanswerable question that warms your heart and often puts you in your place.  
 "Daddy, what are we giving Jesus for His birthday this year?"  
 Silence. Then drawing on the wisdom of the ages and the creative parental genes that make us what we are, Daddy said..."I don't know. Ask your Mom."  
 They left right after that. Peace and quiet returned to this great sanctuary leaving me to think about what that child had to say. If I were there that sacred evening drawn by the light of the star of Bethlehem what gift would I offer Him?  
 I really had no idea. First, I can't begin to imagine kneeling before Him in the presence of Joseph and Mary. But gift from me to Jesus? What thing of value could I possibly give to my Lord?  
 This was a thought that overwhelmed me. I pride myself in having the ability to at least come up with options, choices for people who share their personal problems with me. But the thought of me having anything that Jesus would want brought tears of sadness for I felt I had nothing to offer Him.  
 So I did what the young child had done earlier. I turned to my Father and asked..."Oh, God, what could I possibly offer your Son as a gift? I really have nothing of value."  
 I sat quietly and totally oblivious to the world. A small voice inside my soul said, "The same thing He had given you. His Life! Give Him your life, Not sacrificed on a cross. But lived to honor Him."  
 (Bob Perks-2005)

**Upcoming Events at Cabrini**

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| Advent Bible Study with Fr. Damian on The Infancy Narratives ends December 22nd  | Alpha 6-8 pm Tuesdays, January 11th—March 22nd via Zoom.<br>Retreat Day February 26th                           |
| Christmas: Masses December 24th at 4 pm, Midnight and 11 am December 25th  | The Marriage Course will be offered Thursdays, 6-8 pm via Zoom, January 27th—March 10th (7 weeks)               |
| Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month), December 26th, during 11 am Mass   | Cabrini Family Dinner (Monthly), 6-8 pm, December 19th, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 24th, May 15th |
| First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, January 1  | Eucharistic Adoration (Third Thursday of the month), 7-8 pm, January 20th                                       |
| Alpha Connect (First Monday of the Month), 6:30-7:30 pm, January 3rd   | Sodality Meeting (3rd Monday of month) February 21st  |
| <i>The Chosen</i> , Season 2 Fireside Chat resumes January 5th   | Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 2nd   |
| Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8-9 pm, January 6th  | Fr. Damian's Lenten Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles, Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. Dates TBD               |
| Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after the 11:30 am Mass (First Friday of the month) January 7th  | Spring Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 10th  |
| Meal Service at Siena Francis House one Thursday each month. Contact Natalie May at <a href="mailto:nmcgovern1@yahoo.com">nmcgovern1@yahoo.com</a> , January TBD | Easter, Sunday, April 17th  |



**St. Frances Cabrini**  
 You are the bearers of Christ's light to the world

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 December 19, 2021**

**Cabrini Family Dinner Tonight**

Please join us tonight at 6 pm for our December 19th Cabrini Family Dinner. We will be serving pizza and salad and accept free-will offerings instead of pot-luck contributions. If you've done some holiday baking, please bring a few for desserts. Matt Wise will give a testimony at 7 pm. All are welcome!

**Come and See Class Starting in January**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? 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 will be starting a *Come and See* series Sunday, January 23rd at 9 am and will focus on the core areas of the Catholic faith. These classes will occur weekly through Easter and those desiring to become Catholic will be brought into the Church then. For more information or to register, contact Deacon Doug Lenz at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org)

**Cabrini Parish Center Office Closings**

The Cabrini Parish Center office will be closed Fridays, December 24th and 31st for the holidays.

*Merry Christmas!*

**Upcoming Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24	December 25	December 26
		Advent Bible Study 7 pm Live or Zoom		Christmas Eve Masses 4 pm & Midnight	Christmas Day Mass 11 am	



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### Liturgy and Mass Schedule

#### Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 21	11:30 AM	Chuck & Mary Gilmore (Blessings)
Wednesday, Dec. 22	11:30 AM	+Terry Szczepanowski
Thursday, Dec. 23	11:30 AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Friday, Dec. 24	4:00 PM	+Rosemary Welsh
Friday, Dec. 24	Midnight	+Louise Sollowin
Saturday, Dec. 25	11:00 AM	+Butch Turco & Randy Iverson
Sunday, Dec. 26	9:00 AM	+Sue Matsui
Sunday, Dec. 26	11:00 AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Sunday, Dec. 26	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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Advent

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."* (LUKE 1:44)  
When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

#### Weekly Collections December 11-12

Sunday Tithes— Collections	\$	11,029.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	198.00
Organ Fund	\$	37.00
Improvement Fund	\$	255.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	750.00
Religious Pension Fund	\$	1,166.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	679.00

#### Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity

Since 2004, parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Omaha have gone to our sister diocese in Huehuetenango, Guatemala to work alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ. Our 17<sup>th</sup> trip will be June 16th – June 27th, 2022. Learn more about our Archdiocesan mission trip at an informational meeting. There are two more Zoom sessions: Thursday, January 6th at 7 pm and Tuesday, January 18th at 7 pm. Contact Charlie Petro for Zoom links: [cpetro@archomaha.org](mailto:cpetro@archomaha.org) or (531) 218-6354.

#### Poinsettias and Evergreens for Christmas

A beautiful tradition during the Advent and Christmas Seasons is to remember and rejoice in memories of family and friends with a donation for the purchasing of poinsettias. Please place your donation in an envelope labeled "Poinsettias and Evergreens" with the form (filled out) from the next page. Place the envelope in the offertory collection or turn it in at the Cabrini Parish Center. Peace be with you.

### Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

We have arrived at our last week of Advent. Just a bit more time to prepare. If you have been doing any shopping out and about, then you have been hearing the melodies of Christmas carols being played ahead of Christmas. If we focused on the words of the songs, then we may find them helping us prepare and, perhaps, reveal a truth that speaks to our hearts the reason for our joy. In contrast to the lightness of holiday cheer stands the reality of this manger-cradled, new-born who we claim to be our Messiah. While Christmas cards show a peaceful scene, it was anything but peaceful for those involved.

In the words of the songs, we hear descriptions of a Christmas vision, which like Advent itself, dwells in darkness as it awaits light. In the days of December, we acknowledge that we are "captive, in lonely exile, under Satan's tyranny, beneath gloomy clouds of night, within death's dark shadows, next-door the depths of hell"; from here comes the cry, "O come, O come, Emmanuel". And it is into this dark world that "the Light of light descendeth / from the realms of endless day" as "all mortal flesh keeps silence..."

Advent points the Church towards Jesus' Second Coming: there—just ahead! —is the Resurrection, the Judgment, the final Victory; and we rejoice in anticipation. Christmas itself tells the story of God entering into our suffering, taking on our flesh, coming to dwell among us. The long-expected Jesus has "Come to earth to taste our sadness, / He whose glories knew no end."

The theme of deliverance runs through many of the Christmas carols. We are those "beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, / who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow." But "Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings," for He is "Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth . . . / dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart."

One Christmas carol that is greatly misunderstood is *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*. When it was first sung, more than five hundred years ago, they understood what the words meant. We think of the *merry* as meaning happy, but *merry* at the time the song was written meant "great or mighty" - like Robin Hood's merry men, they were not happy but mighty. The word *rest* does not mean sleep, but it means to "keep or make." Therefore, the line should read in today's English "God make you mighty, gentlemen." The remainder of the song makes more sense if we understand what the words were meant to mean. The birth of Jesus changes us and makes us different, makes us mighty. That is the reason for our joy. Not our doing, but God's.

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray,  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

Peace,

Fr. Damian

PS - "Long wait the world, in sin and error - pining. Til he returned and the soul felt it's worth!"

#### Poinsettias and Evergreens for Christmas

Your name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_