

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

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 (from non-believers to daily pray-ers). You can't know what it is like until you've experienced it! Alpha not only strengthens your faith, but builds community and forms friendships. 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 Spring session is offered **via Zoom**. It will run Tuesdays from 6-7:15 pm, January 11th through March 22nd with the Retreat Day February 26th. Think about who you can invite...then ask them! This is the perfect time to reach out to family and friends who do not live locally! Contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org for more information or to register.



The Marriage Course (aka Date Night)

The Marriage Course, created by the Alpha folks, is a 7-session course designed to strengthen marriages and family life. Give yourself this gift! It will be offered via Zoom on Thursdays from 6-8 pm, January 27th through March 10th. To enroll, contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

Cabrini Fireside Chat with *The Chosen* – Season 2 Resumes January 5th

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. **Offered via Zoom**. For more information or to register and receive a Zoom link, contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

Cabrini Parish Center Office Closed

The Cabrini Parish Center office will be closed Friday, December 31st for the holiday.

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

Alpha Connect (First Monday of the Month), 6:30-7:30 pm, January 3rd

The Chosen, Season 2 Fireside Chat resumes January 5th

Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8-9 pm, January 6th

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after the 11:30 am Mass (First Friday of the month) January 7th

Alpha via Zoom, Tuesdays, 6-7:15 pm, January 11th to March 22nd, Retreat day February 26th

Meal Service at Siena Francis House one Thursday each month. Contact Natalie May at nmcgovern1@yahoo.com, January TBD

Alpha 6-8 pm Tuesdays, January 11th to March 22nd via Zoom. Retreat Day February 26th

The Marriage Course will be offered Thursdays, 6-8 pm via Zoom, January 27th to March 10th (7 weeks)

Cabrini Family Dinner (Monthly), 6-8 pm, January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 24th, May 15th

Coffee & Conversation discussing *Life is Messy*, Wednesdays, January 19th & 26th, 12 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (Third Thursday of the month), 7-8 pm, January 20th

Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month), January 30th, during 11 am Mass

First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, February 5th

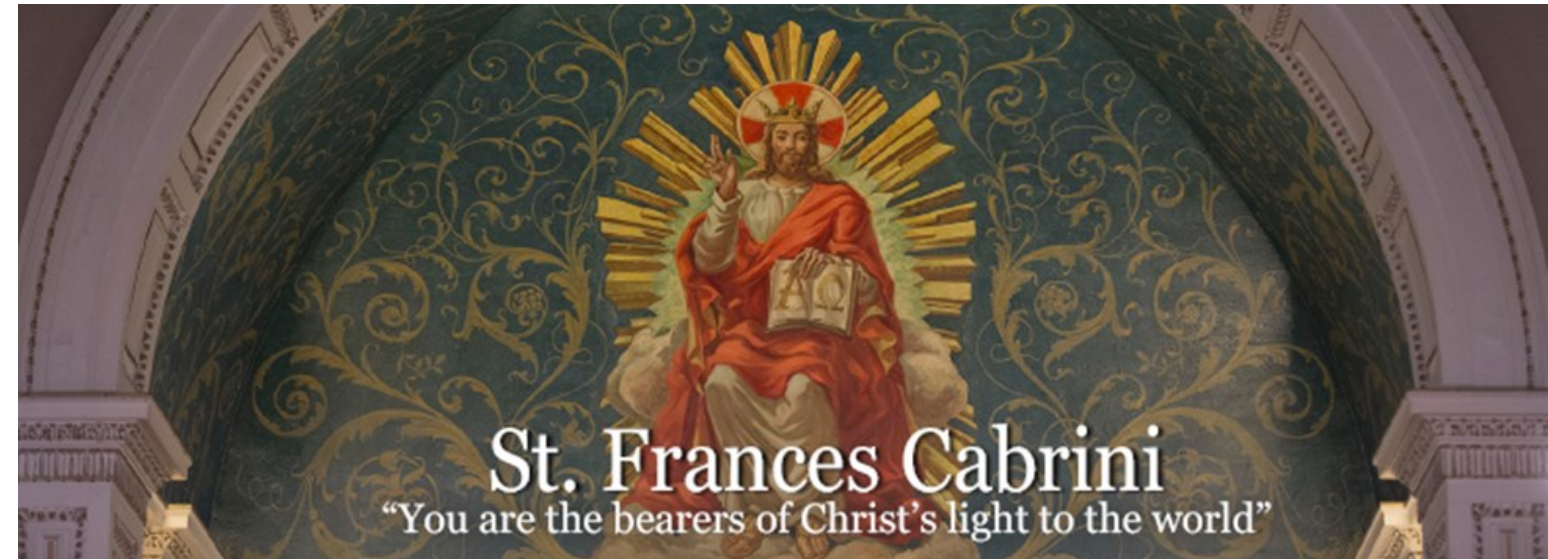
Sodality Meeting (3rd Monday of month) February 21st

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 2nd

Fr. Damian's Lenten Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles, Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. Dates TBD

Spring Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 10th

Easter, Sunday, April 17th



**The Holy Family
December 26, 2021**

January 1st Is Not a Holy Day in 2022

Since January 1st falls on a Saturday, it will not be celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation.

Coffee and Conversation - Please join us Wednesdays in January

As we begin this new year, please join us as we gather for "Coffee and Conversation" to discuss the book *Life is Messy* by Matthew Kelly. All are welcome!

Why do we gather? We gather to learn and to grow by sharing ourselves with others, and by listening. As Pope Francis says, "Growth in holiness is a journey in community side by side with others."

We will meet for one hour at 12 pm in the Cabrini Parish Center. Again, all are welcome! We hope you can join us for one or for both!

On January 19th, we will discuss pages 1-99

On January 26th, we will discuss pages 100-195

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

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1	January 2
				Cabrini Parish Center Office Closed	Happy New Year!	First Saturday Rosary 4:30 pm



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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 28	11:30 AM	+Kathy Garza
Wednesday, Dec. 29	11:30 AM	+David Nuno
Thursday, Dec. 30	11:30 AM	Al Reinig Family, Living & +Deceased
Friday, Dec. 31	11:30 AM	+Clinton Meehan
Saturday, Jan. 1	5:00 PM	+Mark Johnson
Sunday, Jan. 2	9:00 AM	+Mary Ann Rohleder
Sunday, Jan. 2	11:00 AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Sunday, Jan. 2	5:30 PM	+John & Mary Ann Nicolini

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

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Weekly Collections December 18-19

Sunday Tithe– Collections	\$	7,462.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	141.00
Organ Fund	\$	88.00
Improvement Fund	\$	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	125.00

Mass Intentions for 2022

The 2022 Mass Intention Forms are in the back of the church. You may return them by mail, bring them to the Parish Office or put them in an envelope labeled "Mass Intention" and place them in the weekend collection baskets. This form is for your convenience. Mass Intentions can also be requested throughout the year.

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 17th 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 or (531) 218-6354.

Pastor's Letter

Merry Christmas!!!

The Church thinks this is such a special feast that one day is not sufficient. Christmas is not a day, Christmas has an "octave". An octave has a unique meaning in music and math. Pythagoras, the ancient Greek mathematician, discovered that notes that sound good together (i.e. are in harmony) are mathematically related. He also found that the sound of a note plucked on a string depends on its length and tension. In his experiments, he discovered that by halving the length of a string and plucking it again, you produce a sound that it is almost the same. However, this sound is higher in pitch. The interval between the original note and the note produced by halving the string is referred to as an octave. Mathematically, an octave is the distance between any given note with a set frequency, and another note with double that frequency. In music, both these notes have the same name but are written an octave apart on the staff.

Liturgically, an octave is simply the eight days during which major feasts are celebrated. The "eighth day" was originally associated with the weekly Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ every "eighth day", which became a name for Sunday. The number eight became symbolic of new life. Since circumcisions were performed on the "eighth day" after birth, the number 8 became associated also with baptism, and baptismal fonts have from an early date often been octagonal.

The development of liturgical octaves occurred slowly. Little by little people began to understand that you could never celebrate something like Christmas or Easter in one 24-hour period. A feast requires much more time to just get going and much more time to slow it down once the celebration has begun. At one point in the Church's history, all major saints and locales had their own octaves. However, in 1955, Pope Pius XII reduced the number of octaves to two – Christmas and Easter. He wanted to make sure we were not missing the important festivities by having parties all year round.

Liturgically, during the Christmas Octave, the Church walks us through the Gospel's infancy narrative. The Church is encouraging us to wake up to the presence of the Divine all around us. This is encouragement to take these mysteries to prayer, to greater reflect on this Child and the wonders of Jesus' birth, and to personally and intimately come to a fuller understanding of who Jesus is. Not just for the Church, but to each one of us specifically.

If I could return to what Pythagoras taught 500 years before Christ about octaves; notes in harmony. Perhaps one of the things we could do during this Christmas Octave is to have our life lived in greater harmony with the way of Jesus, to make a beautiful sound together.

On Christmas Day, the Church gave us the beginning of John for our Gospel. "...and this life was the light of the human race; and the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...". May that same light today pour God's radiant aliveness into your life so that you might become a portal of light for our world. Jesus' birth signals the start of a new day, a new way, a new understanding of what it means to live. As you live in harmony with that divine light, may you be able to see the presence of God's grace in your home, your workplace, your neighborhood and all whom you encounter. Let Christmas light dawn on you.

Peace,

Fr. Damian