

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

We are accepting enrollments for the Spring session starting in January via Zoom. Registration forms are available at the back of church. Contact Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org with any questions.

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

Christmas with *The Chosen: The Messengers*

Shot entirely in secret, *Christmas With The Chosen: The Messengers* shows the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph and features actors from 'The Chosen' series. Showing in theaters December 1-31. Visit fathomevents.com/events/The-Chosen-Christmas for more more information or check theater schedules for exact times showing.

December Cabrini Family Dinner

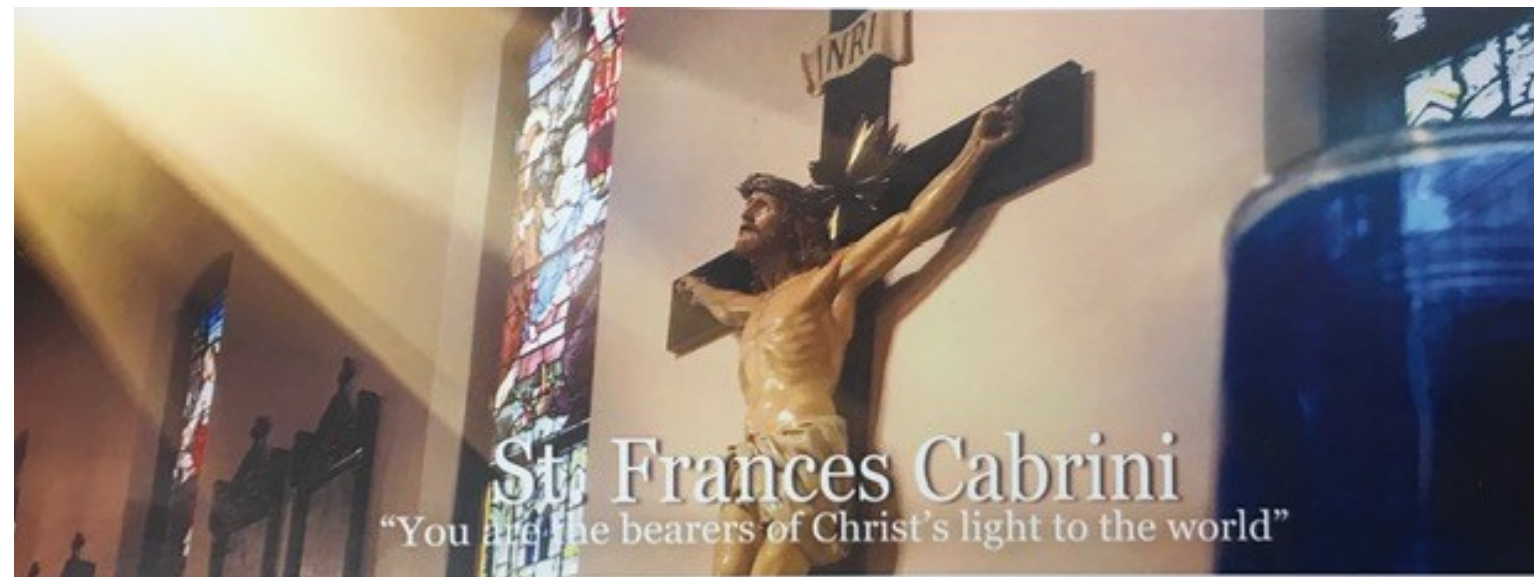
Since it is such a busy time of the year, for our December 19th Cabrini Family Dinner, we will be serving pizza and salad and accept free-will offerings instead of pot-luck contributions. If you've done some holiday baking, please bring a few for desserts. Charlie Venditte will give a testimony at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Christmas Craft Show

Christmas Craft Show: a special two-week opportunity to do Christmas shopping at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler, Nebraska. November 28 - December 12, M-F 2 pm to 6:30 pm., Saturday-Sunday 10 am to 7 pm. A very large variety of crafts and gifts made by area artists will be on sale. Book and Gift Store will be open M-F 10 am to 4 pm. Wearing a mask is required for those attending the craft show. For more information, call (402) 352-8819.

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

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| Advent Bible Study with Fr. Damian on The Infancy Narratives, December 8th, 15th and 22nd | <i>The Chosen</i> , Season 2 Fireside Chat resumes January 5th |
| Advent Penitential Service Tuesday, December 14th, 7 pm | Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8-9 pm, January 6th |
| Eucharistic Adoration (Third Thursday of the month), 7-8 pm, December 16th | Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after the 11:30 am Mass (First Friday of the month) January 7th |
| Cabrini Family Dinner (Monthly), 6-8 pm, December 19th, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 24th, May 15th | Meal Service at Siena Francis House one Thursday each month. Contact Natalie May at nmcgovern1@yahoo.com , January TBD |
| Set up creche and trees in church, Sunday, December 19th, at 12 noon, after 11 am Mass | Alpha 6-8 pm Tuesdays, January 11th—March 22nd via Zoom. Retreat Day February 26th |
| Christmas, Saturday, 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 | Sodality Meeting (3rd Monday of month) February 21st |
| First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, January 1 | Fr. Damian will be doing a Lenten Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles, Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm, Dates TBD |
| Alpha Connect (First Monday of the Month), 6:30-7:30 pm, January 3rd | Spring Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 10th |



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021**

Second Collection Next Weekend

There will be a second collection taken next weekend, December 11-12, for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Giving "Tree"

This is the last weekend to place your gift cards for the Giving Tree in the basket up in front of the ambo/lectern. Thank you so much for your generosity and helping assure the All Saints School children have a happy Christmas.

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. Thank you for your past years of helping to make our Church so beautiful. This year, your donation will be used for both poinsettias and evergreens for the Christmas environment. Please place your donation in an envelope labeled "Poinsettias and Evergreens" and whom it is in memory of. Place the envelope in the offertory collection or turn it in at the Cabrini Parish Center. Peace be with you.

Advent Study with Fr. Damian

Join us as we study the Infancy Narratives in Scripture on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm, for 3 more weeks: December 8, 15 and 22nd. The Bible Study will involve both small group discussion and a presentation by Fr. Damian. It is offered both in person and via Zoom. You can attend either way each week, you don't have to be only live or only zoom. For more information or to register (either in-person or via Zoom), contact Ann Lenz at alenz@archomaha.org or Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org

Immaculate Conception Feast Day

This Wednesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 11:30 am and 5:30 pm, with a vigil Mass Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10	December 11	December 12
Alpha Connect 6:30 pm		Immaculate Conception Feast Day	Pastoral Council 7 pm			
		Advent Bible Study 7 pm Live or Zoom				



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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

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Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 7	11:30 AM	+Lorraine Mausbach
Tuesday, Dec. 7	5:30 PM	+Rose Hurst
Wednesday, Dec. 8	11:30 AM	+Sophia Danielle Arnold
Wednesday, Dec. 8	5:30 PM	+Attilio & Elizabeth Rindone
Thursday, Dec. 9	11:30 AM	+Tony Anstine
Friday, Dec. 10	11:30 AM	+Joe Venditte
Saturday, Dec. 11	5:00 PM	+Ludvik, Pauline & Larry Vampola
Sunday, Dec. 12	9:00 AM	+Jesse Cuevas, Sr.
Sunday, Dec. 12	11:00 AM	+Feast of Santa Lucia
Sunday, Dec. 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

Second Sunday of Advent

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”

(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10) During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

Weekly Collections November 27-28

Sunday Tithe— Collections	\$	5,502.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	5.00
Organ Fund	\$	145.00
Improvement Fund	\$	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul Fund	\$	1,070.00

Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity – Mission in Guatemala

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. Ixim missionaries build bridges of understanding and solidarity by learning about the lives and realities of those in Huehuetenango. Ixim missionaries have staffed medical clinics, taught lessons at local schools, applied fluoride treatments to children, assisted with gardening projects, painted parish and school buildings, helped implement clean water projects, and accompanied young women during their formation for religious life. Our 17th trip will be June 16th – June 27th, 2022. Learn more about our Archdiocesan mission trip at an informational meeting: **Sunday, December 12, St. Frances Cabrini**, 4:30 pm in the Cabrini Center Library (1248 S 10 St., Omaha). Contact Charlie Petro for Zoom links or to reserve a spot at an in-person informational meeting: cpetro@archomaha.org or (531) 218-6354.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

December 6th is the feast of St. Nicholas. Do you know his story? Saint Nicholas lived between 260 and 343, born in Patara, a Lycian port town, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

There are many legends about Saint Nicholas, the bishop of Myra. One story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father had gone from wealth to poverty and did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Saint Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. Seeing what he did with the money, St. Nicholas did it two more times. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned and sentenced to death.

In later retelling of the tale, minstrels embellished the plot by imagining that the door was locked and Nicholas would have to drop the money down the chimney where it fell into the girl's stockings that had been hung there to dry. In the twelfth century, French nuns would re-enact the story by setting out gifts for poor children on the feast of St. Nicholas. Parents soon followed the nun's lead throughout Europe.

One of the things that Nicholas did as bishop was attend the Council of Nicea in 325 where our present Creed was pounded out and the Arian heresy was halted. There are a number of tales exalting his activity at the Council especially in halting the work of the heretics.

Sources agree that he died on December 6 of natural causes. The celebration of his feast day during those early years of the church may have been even greater than that of the birth of Christ in many regions. He was the patron saint of sailors, restored stolen merchandise, guided people who were lost and helped to free children who had been kidnapped. He remained popular throughout Europe even during the Reformation.

Saint Nicholas went through many transformations in the United States: Sinterklaas as he was known in Dutch and German communities became...you know...and instead of giving gifts on December 6, he became a part of the Christmas stories and shed his traditional bishop's robes. In the 1820 poem, "An Account of a Visit from Saint Nicholas" by Clement Clarke Moore, he is described as a jolly, heavy man who comes down the chimney to leave presents for deserving children and drives a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer. The poem soon became known by its opening line, "Twas the night before Christmas."

Throughout the nineteenth century, St. Nicholas' look and costuming took a number of forms. By the early 1900's he came to be pictured in a red suit, black belt and boots, with a bit of a belly and a large white beard.

He competes with St. Patrick and St. Francis for being the most popular Catholic saint. He probably receives more letters and prayers from children than do the other two. Though it is parents who often experience the joy of Christmas that the original St. Nicholas felt – joy that comes from giving away rather than from the receiving of the gift.

Peace,

Fr. Damian