

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.



Second Collection Next Weekend

There will be a second collection next weekend at all the Masses for the Seminary Fund to support our seminarians in their priestly formation.

Poinsettia and Evergreens

Thank you to everyone for your most generous donations in honor and loving remembrance of family and friends during this Christmas season. You've made our Church so beautiful. Peace be with you.

Have a Little Time to Help?

We will be removing and packing away the Christmas decorations we hope have helped you celebrate Jesus's birth this Christmas Season. Your help would be greatly appreciated. This will happen after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, January 9th. Thank you.

Coffee and Conversation - Please join us Wednesdays, January 19th & 26th

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! (If you did not receive a book at Christmas, there are extras in the back of Church.)

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

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

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

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

The Chosen, Season 2 Fireside Chat resumes January 5th

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

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, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st

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

Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8-9 pm, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after the 11:30 am Mass (First Friday of the month) February 4th, March 4th, April 1st

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

Alpha Connect (First Monday of the Month), 6:30-7:30 pm, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th

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

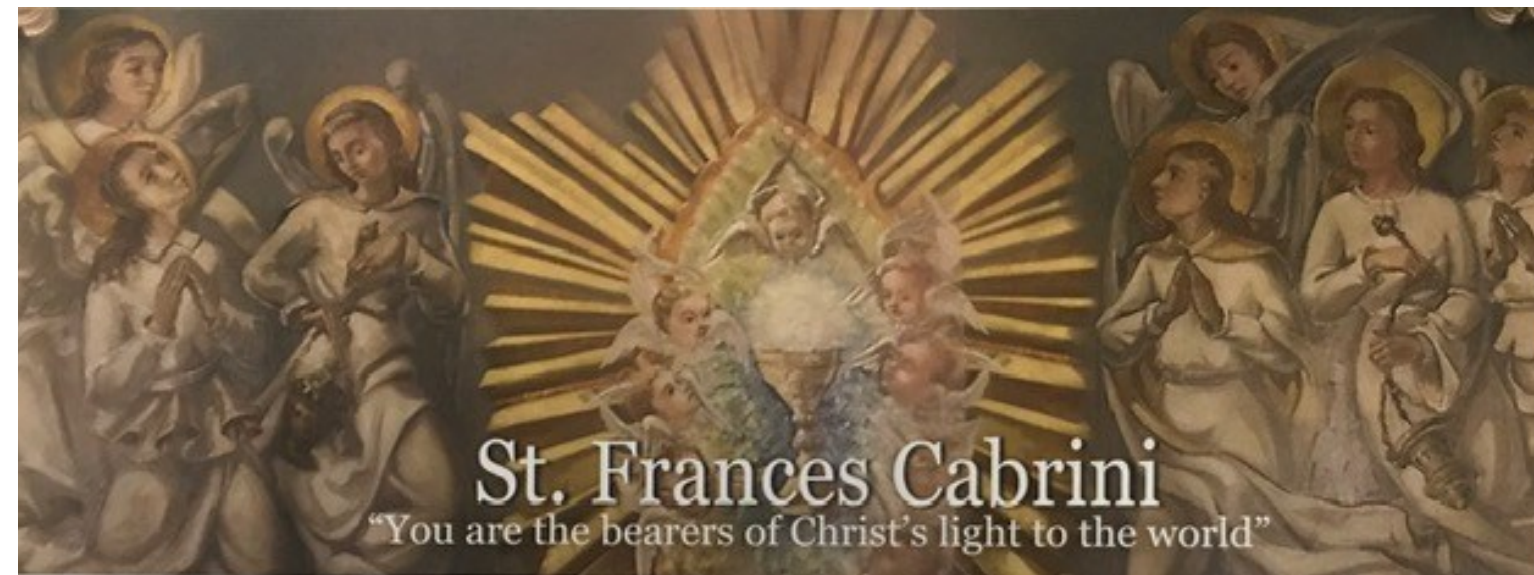
Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 2nd

Lenten Mission with Steve Angrisano, 7 pm March 13-14

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 Feast of the Epiphany
January 2, 2022**

Cabrini Fireside Chat with *The Chosen* – Season 2 Resumes this Wednesday, 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.** (Except the first week which is pre-recorded so no live interaction). 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

Alpha via Zoom Starts Tuesday, January 11th

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.

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 30th** 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 |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| January 3 | January 4 | January 5 | January 6 | January 7 | January 8 | January 9 |
| Alpha Connect 6:30 pm | | The Chosen Season 2 Fireside Chat 6:30 pm via Zoom | Taize Prayer 8 pm | Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after 11:30 am Mass | | Putting away Christmas decorations in Church after 11 am Mass |



Rev. Damian Zuerlein, Pastor

E-mail: djzuerlein@archomaha.org
(402) 934-7706

Deacon Doug Lenz, Pastoral Associate

E-mail: dalenz@archomaha.org

Deacon Larry Mruz

Ann Lenz, Facilitator of Disciple Formation

(402) 990-3296 or amlenz@archomaha.org

Cabrini Parish Center Offices open 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, (402) 934-7706, 1248 South 10th Street, 68108

Website: www.stcabriniomaha.org

Liturgy and Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|--|
| Tuesday, Jan. 4 | 11:30 AM | +Michael J. Vazzano |
| Wednesday, Jan. 5 | 11:30 AM | +M. Christine Meehan & Bill Kaline |
| Thursday, Jan. 6 | 11:30 AM | +Jimmy Wilson, Jr |
| Friday, Jan. 7 | 11:30 AM | +Victoria, John, Edward & Gary Kowal |
| Saturday, Jan. 8 | 5:00 PM | +Deceased Members Kucirek & Semin Families |
| Sunday, Jan. 9 | 9:00 AM | +Casey Schmidt |
| Sunday, Jan. 9 | 11:00 AM | +Virginia & Clyde Simpson |
| Sunday, Jan. 9 | 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

The Epiphany Of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11) What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Weekly Collections December 25-26

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----------|
| Sunday Tithes– Collections | \$ | 4,809.00 |
| All Saints Gift Fund | \$ | 85.00 |
| Organ Fund | \$ | 156.00 |
| Improvement Fund | \$ | 190.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Fund | \$ | 485.00 |
| Christmas | \$ | 10,425.00 |

Chalking of the Doors at Epiphany

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2022 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20 + C + M + B + 22**. The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "22" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. The practice of the chalking of the doors is an easy, optional tradition, and a practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there. Commonly performed on the traditional Feast of the Epiphany, this blessing can be performed simply by just writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including songs and prayers. (More information may be found via an internet search for those who wish to know more or find ceremony samples).

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

If all has gone well, then I am on retreat this week. Priests are required to take a retreat every year and 2021 had slipped by me without a retreat – so I am sneaking it in under the wire. I will be back soon. As a letter, I am giving you a little story written by my friend, Fr. Steve Boes. It bears the title, How the Magi Became the Wise Men.

For centuries, the Magi were the political and religious advisers to the Kings of Babylon. They wore pointy blue hats with stars on them because they followed the movement of stars, seeking the wisdom of the heavens. Three of the oldest were named Casper, Melchior and Balthazar. The Kings had always asked the same question of the Magi: "How do I create peace in the Kingdom?"

The Magi before them had answered this question in different ways. The Magi for the Babylonian Kings had suggested that you could "buy" peace with prosperity. The King spent his gold freely, and even gave rewards for peaceful behavior, but soon discovered that the peace only lasted as long as the gold did! The Magi for the Persian Kings had suggested that peace would come if only a magnificent palace could be built to inspire the people. At the dedication of the great palace, frankincense filled the air and the beautiful ceremony filled them with peace. But, as soon as the frankincense wafted away, so did the peace. Then came the Greek kings and the Magi hated these conquerors from the West, so they organized a revolt. So many men were killed that the air was filled with the scent of myrrh, which was used to embalm dead bodies.

Now, for their new Roman King, the Magi decided to consult the heavens once again and...were astonished to find that the stars were leading them to seek out "God's New King" among the people of Judah. So, they set out, traveling far on camels, past all the big cities to a little town of Bethlehem. There they found a child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger. They laid at his feet the symbols of their failure: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Casper shook his head and said, "I can see now why God cannot buy peace. This child is God's King and yet he has no riches." Melchior looked around the dirty stable and said, "I can see now why frankincense filling an inspiring palace can never lead to peace." Balthazar smiled and said, "I can see now why revolution and war can never lead to peace. Even if God's new King had a sword, his little arms could not wield it!" That was the day that the Magi learned that peace is built by giving of self and not riches, by what is inside a person rather than a grand building, and by laying down the sword to choose love.

The Magi took home with them a gift greater than the ones they left behind. Whenever they sat down to advise their King, they simply closed their eyes and remembered the face of God's New King. Soon their fame spread far and wide as they became known as the Three Wise Men.

May we, too, simply close our eyes and remember the face of God's New King. A perfect way to begin this new year. For this truly is the path to wisdom.

Peace,

Fr. Damian