

All Saints Catholic School Collections

All Saints Catholic School is still collecting Supermercado and Family Fare Receipts, Our Family UPCs, Coke product lids and pop tabs. Please drop these off at the school or the Cabrini Parish Center reception desk.



Poinsettias 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. Please place your donation in an envelope labeled “Poinsettias” with the form below (filled out). Place the envelope in the offertory collection or turn it in at the Cabrini Parish Center. Peace be with you.

Recycle Your Holidays

Bring all your Styrofoam boxes and packaging to the parking lot the weekend after New Year’s – January 7th and 8th, preferably before or after Mass. Look for the yellow bags and the sign. We’ll deliver it to Plastilite which converts it to screwdriver handles, picture frames, etc. No peanuts please. (Take peanuts to FedEx or UPS.) *Note: Styrofoam is non-recyclable and non-biodegradable. Collection companies separate it from the rest of your recycle bin’s contents and dump it in the landfill where it will lie for 500+ years! Be a good steward of God’s awesome world. Give Mother Nature a gift this Christmas and recycle your holiday.*

Attention parents of young children...

It’s cold outside! And because we love having you and your children at Mass, we have placed a speaker (connected to the speaker system in the church) in the teacher’s lounge of All Saints School (accessed through the north/side door of the church). If you have a little one who needs to be taken out of church (for whatever reason), this gives you a space that is warm where you can care for your child and still listen/participate in the Mass. Hospitality Ministers are able to access this space. Simply seek one out and he/she will help you.

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass) January 29, February 26, March 26

Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8 pm, January 5, February 2

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after the 11:30 am Mass (First Friday of the month), January 6, February 3

First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, January 7, February 4

Take down Creche Sunday, January 8, following 11 am Mass

Fireside Chat with Fr. Damian via Zoom on *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza 7-8:30 pm Wednesdays in January

Holy Hour for our Priests at 7 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, January 12, Fr. Ralph O’Donnell

Cabrini Family Dinner (Monthly), 6-8 pm, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21

The Marriage Course (aka Date Night) via Zoom, Thursdays, 6-8 pm, January 12—February 23 (Contact Deacon Doug Lenz to register)

Eucharistic Adoration (Third Thursday of the month), 7-8 pm, January 19, February 16

Come and See, Sundays at 4 pm, January 8 through Easter

Meal Service at Siena Francis House on a Thursday each month. If interested, contact Natalie May at nmcgovern1@yahoo.com

Lenten Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza: February 24-25

Called and Gifted 6-8 pm, Wednesdays in March

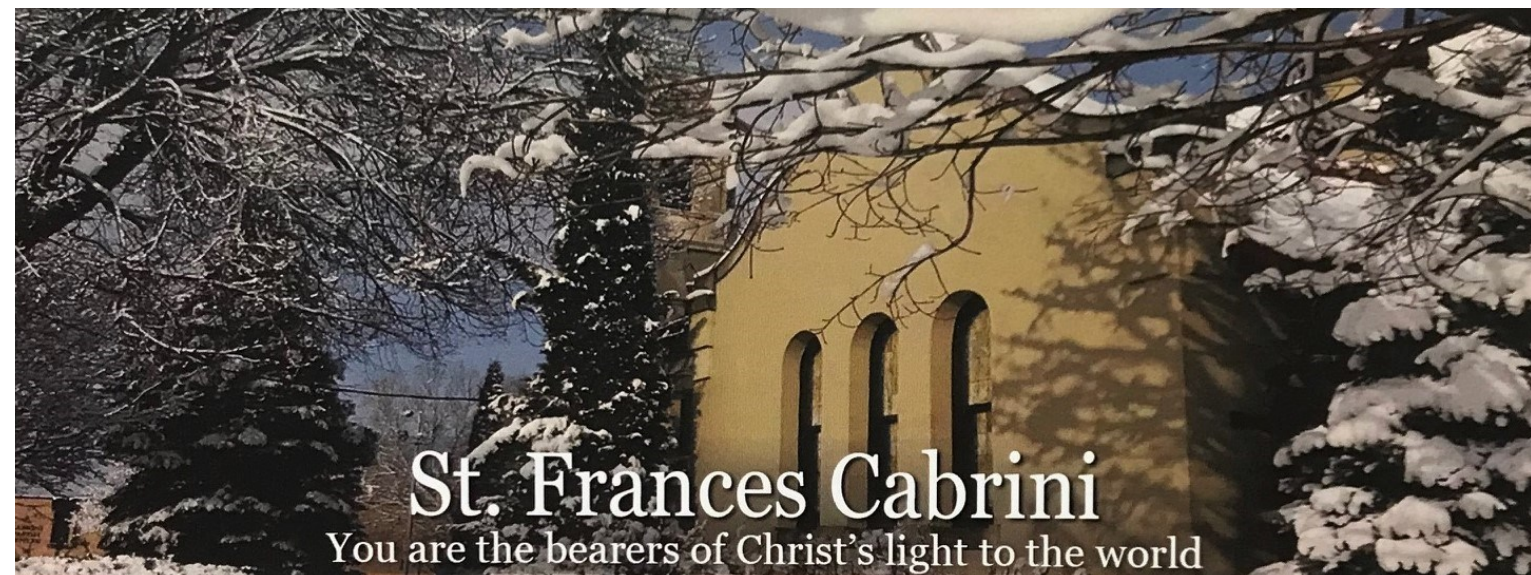
Spring Spaghetti Dinner, April 23, Noon – 6 pm

Poinsettias and Evergreens for Christmas

Your name (please print) _____

In memory/honor of _____

Donation amount _____



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022**

Setting up Creche, Decorating

Please join us today after the 11 am Mass to set up the creche and trees in Church. The remaining decorations will be added Friday, December 23rd, following the 11:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

Cabrini Family Dinner

Join us this Sunday evening at 6 pm for our Cabrini Family Dinner. Since December is such a busy month, we will provide pizza and salad and accept free-will offerings. If you have baked any goodies for Christmas, please bring a few for dessert. Bill Kingston will be sharing with us at 7 pm. See you there!

Reconciliation/Confession Times

If you missed the Advent Reconciliation Service, there will be extra confessions this week on December 21st from 10:30 to 11:30 am and 4 to 5 pm, and again on December 22nd from 10:30 to 11:30 am and 4 to 5 pm. There will not be confessions before the Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve.

Parish Center Closings

The Cabrini Parish Center will be closed Mondays, December 26th and January 2nd, for the holidays.

Cabrini Fireside Chat with Fr. Damian

From 7 pm – 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings in January, 2023, join Fr. Damian and guests as they discuss the book *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. This is offered via Zoom. For more information, to obtain a book, or to register and receive a Zoom link, contact Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org.

Our Advent theme this week is LOVE.

Upcoming Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| December 19 | December 20 | December 21 | December 22 | December 23 | December 24 | December 25 |
| | | Confessions 10:30—11:30 am and 4-5 pm | Confessions 10:30—11:30 am and 4-5 pm | Decorate Church for Christmas after 11:30 am Mass | Christmas Eve Masses at 4 pm and Midnight | Christmas Day Masses at 9 and 11 am |
| | | | Siena Francis Meal Service | | | |



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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

Website: www.stcabriniomaha.org

Daily Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday, Dec. 20 | 11:30 AM | +Kathy Findley |
| Wednesday, Dec. 21 | 11:30 AM | +Millie Reinig |
| Thursday, Dec. 22 | 11:30 AM | +Terence Szczepanowski |
| Friday, Dec. 23 | 11:30 AM | +Thomas Kessler |
| Saturday, Dec. 24 | 4:00 PM | +Rosemary Welch |
| Saturday, Dec. 24 | Midnight | Pro Populo |
| Sunday, Dec. 25 | 9:00 AM | +Betty Pistone |
| Sunday, Dec. 25 | 11:00 AM | + Butch Turco & Rudy Iverson |

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

Weekly Collections November December 10-11

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| Sunday Tithe— Collections | \$ | 5,591.00 |
| All Saints Gift Fund | \$ | 215.00 |
| Organ Fund | \$ | 83.00 |
| Improvement Fund | \$ | 131.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ | 88.00 |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$ | 728.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ | 779.00 |

Come and See Class Starting in January

Are you interested in becoming Catholic but don't know where to start or who to talk to? 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 are starting a *Come and See* series January 15th at 4 pm, 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

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MASS TIMES

Sunday
7:30 am / 9 am / 11 am / 12:15 pm / 5:15 pm
Monday-Friday
7 am / 12:05 pm / 5:15 pm
Saturday
12:05 pm / 5:15 pm / 7 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions are heard fifteen minutes before each Mass time in the lower level of the church.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

On these cold, dark days, I feel my mammalian pattern taking over. I find it hard to wake up in the deep darkness of morning; I need the bright light of the sun to rouse me from dreams and slumber. I also end up eating all those Christmas goodies you have shared with me even though at the moment I am not hungry. My body has moved into a hibernation phase where it wants to put on lots of calories to keep me alive while I curl up in a cave and endure the cold surrounding it. This body of mine tells me it is perfectly okay to sleep all day long, getting up to eat and complete only the absolutely necessary tasks. Our cousins, the bears, have their response to this time of year perfected. Some may call it seasonal affective disorder but it is just my "bear" side coming out...I growl when someone gets between me and food and sleep.

This time of year seems to naturally call for isolation. Not surprising then that in the midst of seasonal darkness and cold the Church has placed our celebration of the birth of the one who brings light and the warmth of God's love. We do not know Jesus' actual birthdate but nature this time of year certainly symbolizes how humanity was living prior to the coming of the Messiah.

There is nothing in scripture to tell us when Jesus was born other than "shepherds keeping watch over their flocks at night" which would lead us to conclude that it is the time of year when lambs are born requiring a night watch, that would be springtime.

The earliest comment we find in the Church Fathers about the time of Jesus' birth comes from Clement of Alexandria in about 200 AD. According to Clement, "There are those who have determined not only the year of our Lord's birth, but also the day; and they say that it took place in the 28th year of Augustus, and in the 25th day of [the Egyptian month] Pachon" [May 20 in our calendar]. From scripture, it is much easier to determine the time when Jesus died, there are loads of scriptural references for Passover!

By the fourth century, there are references to two dates that were widely recognized as Jesus' birthday: December 25 in the western Roman Empire and January 6 in the East. The modern Armenian church continues to celebrate Christmas on January 6; for most Christians, however, December 25 would prevail, while January 6 eventually came to be known as the Feast of the Epiphany. The period between became the holiday season later known as the 12 days of Christmas.

I know there are those who believe that the Church decided on late December because there were pagan feasts happening at the same time and that a good feast in the midst of winter would be popular. However, contemporary scholars find no evidence to support that theory in early Church documents. In fact, the early Church was so heavily persecuted up to the time of Constantine that they would have run from trying to absorb a pagan feast for their own. It is not until much later in the Church's history that missionaries would try and use pagan symbols for Christian ideas...like the Christmas tree which comes from Germanic worship of trees...

The real reason that the early Church chose December 25th is because there was a long tradition that said Jesus' death and his conception took place around the first day of spring. Here is what St. Augustine wrote in 399 AD: "For he [Jesus] is believed to have been conceived on the 25th of March, upon which day also he suffered; so the womb of the Virgin, in which he was conceived, where no one of mortals was begotten, corresponds to the new grave in which he was buried, wherein was never man laid, neither before him nor since. But he was born, according to tradition, upon December the 25th."

May the upcoming celebrations encourage us to get out of our caves and celebrate with others the good news of the birth of the Light of the World.

Peace,

Fr. Damian