

**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.



**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.**

**Nebraska Walk for Life**

Celebrate life on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, the night before the walk, by gathering at the Embassy Suites by the Hilton Lincoln (1040 P Street, Lincoln), for the first Nebraska Walk for Life Gala. VIP Reception at 5 pm followed at 6 pm by Dinner and Programs. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2023](http://nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2023) On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, gather at 10 am for the Program at the State Capitol north steps (15<sup>th</sup> and K Streets, Lincoln—parking available east, south and west of the Capitol; pay parking available at garages and meters). At 11:30 am the keynote speech, pro-life information tables, food and drink will be at the UNL Student Union (14<sup>th</sup> and R Streets). Dr. John Bruchalski will describe how a return to his religious faith brought him from performing abortions as part of what he thought was good health-care for women to a leading light in pro-life medicine. His OB/GYN is one of the largest pro-life medical practices in the country and serves as a safe haven for women in crisis pregnancies. His journey is described in his book “*Two Patients: My Conversion From Abortion to Life-Affirming Medicine.*” Attend and show your support for Life and hear this man's testimony. Visit [nebraskarighttolife.org](http://nebraskarighttolife.org) for more information.



**St. Frances Cabrini Lenten “Called and Gifted” Workshop and Discernment**

Explore your gifts. Discover your call. Set the world on fire. Make plans for 6 pm – 8 pm on Wednesdays in March 2023 to explore and discern. It is facilitated by Brooke Riera and Karen Turner. Offered In Person – Limited space available. For more information, or to register, contact Ann Lenz at [amlenz@archomaha.org](mailto:amlenz@archomaha.org)

**Upcoming Events at Cabrini**

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

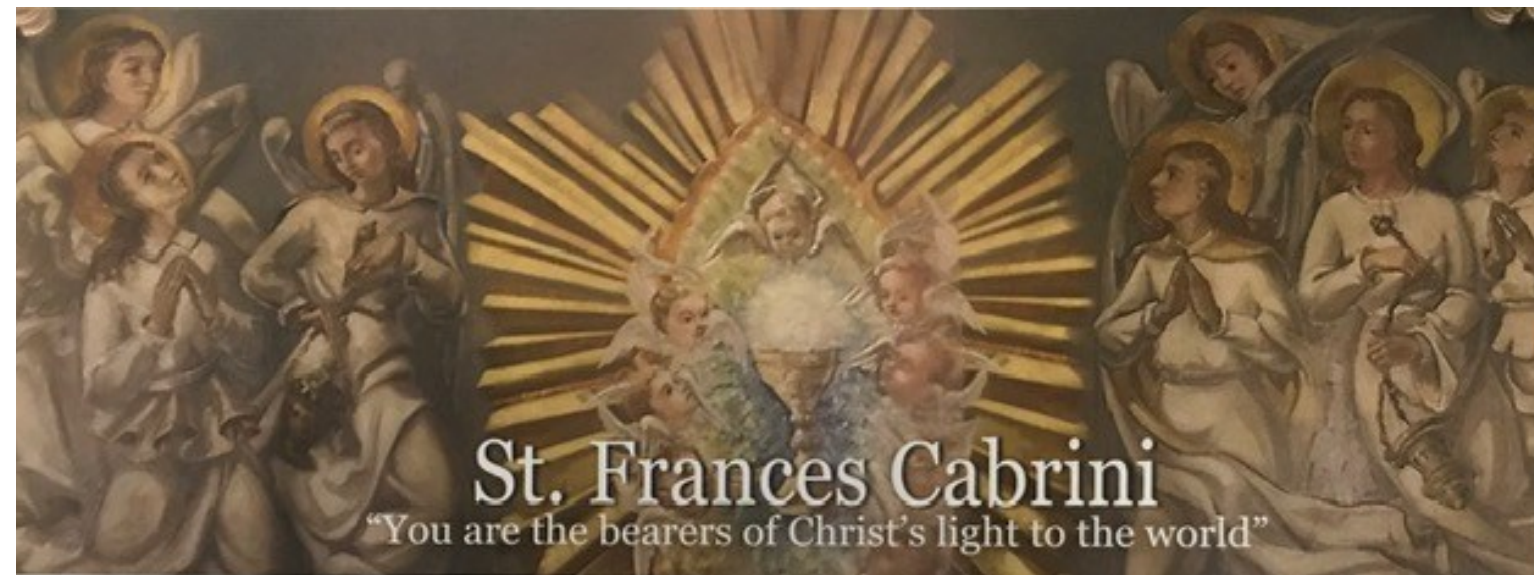
*Come and See*, Sundays at 4 pm, January 8 through Easter

Meal Service at Siena Francis House on a Thursday each month. If interested, contact Natalie May at [nmcgovern1@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcgovern1@yahoo.com)

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

Lenten Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza: February 24-25

*Called and Gifted* 6-8 pm, Wednesdays in March



**The Nativity of the Lord  
December 25, 2022**

**Anointing of the Sick**

There will be an Anointing of the Sick at the 11 am Mass on Christmas Day.

**Cabrini Fireside Chat with Fr. Damian**

From 7 pm – 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings, January 11th, 18th, and 25th, join Fr. Damian and guests as they discuss the book *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. This is only offered via Zoom. For more information, to obtain a book, or to register and receive the Zoom link, contact Deacon Doug Lenz at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org).

**The Marriage Course (aka Date Night)**

Join us Thursday's from 6 pm - 8 pm, January 12th - February 23rd (7 weeks), for **The Marriage Course** (produced by the Alpha team). Whether you've been married six months or 40 years, whether you're in a good place or struggling, **The Marriage Course** offers practical support to strengthen your relationship. Each session includes a large group greeting, a video, and time for discussion between you and your spouse. We'd love to have you join us! Offered only via Zoom. For more information or to register, contact Deacon Doug at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org) or Ann Lenz at [amlenz@archomaha.org](mailto:amlenz@archomaha.org).

**A Blessed and Holy Christmas to All!**

**Upcoming Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1
Parish Center closed						Solemnity of Mary
						Happy New Year!



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Website: [www.stcabriniomaha.org](http://www.stcabriniomaha.org)

### Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 27	11:30 AM	+Kathy Garza
Wednesday, Dec. 28	11:30 AM	+ Mark Johnson
Thursday, Dec. 29	11:30 AM	+Sue Matsui
Friday, Dec. 30	11:30 AM	+David Nuno
Saturday, Dec. 31	5:00 PM	+Clinton Meehan
Sunday, January 1	9:00 AM	+Craig McVea
Sunday, January 1	11:00 AM	Joe Nigro (Healing)
Sunday, January 1	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

#### Weekly Collections November December 17-18

Sunday Tithe– Collections	\$	8,509.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	45.00
Organ Fund	\$	158.00
Improvement Fund	\$	140.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	65.00

### 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](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org)

### St. Mary Magdalene Church

(Our Sister Parish in the new Archdiocesan Families)

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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,

Merry Christmas!!!! I hope this celebration of the birth of Christ fills you with hope and joy. This celebration is always a bit shocking because of what we are celebrating – that the God who created the entire universe takes on our human flesh and becomes one of us. I always think that if people are willing to believe the incredible news of the incarnation, then it is easy to believe the other things that Jesus teaches. If God is willing to become a baby, then entering bread and wine is no big leap.

Each year at Christmas, the Church gives us a number of different readings to choose from. If you and I were in a monastery we might go to three different Masses for Christmas – one the evening before, the Midnight Mass and one again on Christmas morning. Each Mass would have had different readings to help us prayerfully meditate on the wonder of God choosing to be one of us.

For pastoral reasons, many Catholic parishes choose to use the readings from Midnight Mass for all the Masses. Those readings are the ones you all know so well, Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem and angels announcing good news to shepherds. We follow that same approach. Sadly, you do not get the other major gospels for the day: the genealogy from Matthew's Gospel and the beautiful, poetic theology of chapter one of John's Gospel.

You might wonder why the Church even chooses those readings which do not seem to be very "Christmassy". Both Matthew's and John's beginnings are filled with important points but they are not the romantic, fun story of shepherds and angels and a stable and animals and a manger and...

Let me share with you a couple quick points from the other options. In John's Gospel, after describing how the Word was God he goes on to say that this Word became "flesh". Flesh is our English translation. In Greek there are two possible choices for this word – soma and sarx. The Greeks used soma to describe the body and they meant the whole of being human – soul and mind, the beautiful, the ideal. Sarx was used to describe the more embarrassing parts of us, the body functions, wrinkles, hair in the wrong places, burps, etc. When John says the Word became flesh he uses sarx. He is saying Jesus takes on the messiness of our humanness. Nothing of our humanness is beyond redemption. God loves it all!

Matthew's Gospel begins with the genealogy which seems like a strange way to begin an exciting story. Seems like Matthew needed an editor to help get the story right. However, Matthew is beginning with names because the names matter. The names are from real people, real histories. These people are Jesus' ancestors, they are Jesus' family. If you go through the list you will find Gentiles, prostitutes, sinners, and some of the darkest spots in the lives of some of Israel's greatest heroes. This, Matthew tells us, is Jesus' family. He wants us to know that Jesus redeems every part of us. No one and no act can keep us from God's love for us. If you can find your story in the story of those people on the list, then you know you, too, are a part of the family of God.

Today, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate that you and I are born of God. You are personally invited by Jesus to be a part of his family. Sisters and brothers of Jesus, Merry Christmas!

Peace,

Fr. Damian

### Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations

Pope St. John Paul II said "The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus. No one can see Christ, but everyone sees the priest, and through him, they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord. Immense is the Lord. Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest." Fr Ralph O'Donnell will share his vocation story and lead prayers at 7 pm on January 12th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The Holy Hour includes adoration, benediction, communal and silent prayer, as well as music ministry. Invite others, and bring a friend, so we can fill the church. God bless you and Merry Christmas!