

All Saints Catholic School Collections

All Saints Catholic School is still collecting Coke product lids and pop tabs. Please drop these off at the school or the Cabrini Parish Center reception desk.



Summer Hours

All Saints Catholic School office hours for the summer will be Monday - Friday from 9 am - 1 pm. Please contact them during these hours or leave a phone message or message the school's website at allsaintscs.org

Alpha

Fall Alpha for All Ages is accepting registrations now. Others who have gone through Alpha often express they wish they'd had something like this sooner. Here is your chance! 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! There is no judging, preaching, teaching or giving advice! You can't know what it is like until you've experienced it! Alpha can help you define or strengthen your faith, build community and form friendships. It's life-changing! The weekly topics are designed to encourage conversation. Are you, or do you know of someone who is looking for a place to gather with others to talk about the big questions in life—Is there a God? Who is Jesus? What about the Holy Spirit?, etc. Maybe God is an unknown? Maybe new friendships are what is sought? Maybe just gathering with others with similar beliefs? Maybe you just don't feel like preparing a meal... **Fall Alpha is ready for you!** It begins Tuesdays at the Cabrini Parish Center gym from 6-8 pm September 5th, and runs through November 14th, with a retreat day on October 21st. It's free. It includes a full meal (we do accept free-will donations to help cover food costs). For questions or to register, contact Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org or Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org

Catholic Singles Conference

Calling all single Catholics! August 25th-27th, 2023 - Join hundreds coming from all parts of the U.S. (and beyond!) at the 22nd National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, Plymouth, MI. (All ages welcome!) The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship, food and more. The National Conference for Single Catholics (NCSC), which takes place in a different part of the country each year, is organized by Anastasia Northrop, a longtime promoter of John Paul II's work and message. She has taken to heart the Church's call to a New Evangelization and ministers in particular to single Catholics of all ages. The conference normally draws 400-500+ attendees from over 40 states, as well as internationally. Register with promo code (PARISH23) to get \$50 off discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code. Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call (512) 766-5798.)

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

Eucharistic Adoration (Third Saturday of the month), 3:30 - 4:30 pm, August 19, September 16, October 21

Cabrini Parish Summer Party, August 19, 6 - 10 pm

Meal Service at Siena Francis House on a Thursday every other month. If interested, contact Natalie May at nmcgovern1@yahoo.com August 24, October 12, December 28

Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass) August 27, September 24, October 29

Fall Alpha for All Ages Tuesdays, 6 - 8 pm, September 5 to November 14, Retreat Day October 21. Contact Deacon Doug or Ann Lenz to register

Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8 pm, September 7, October 5

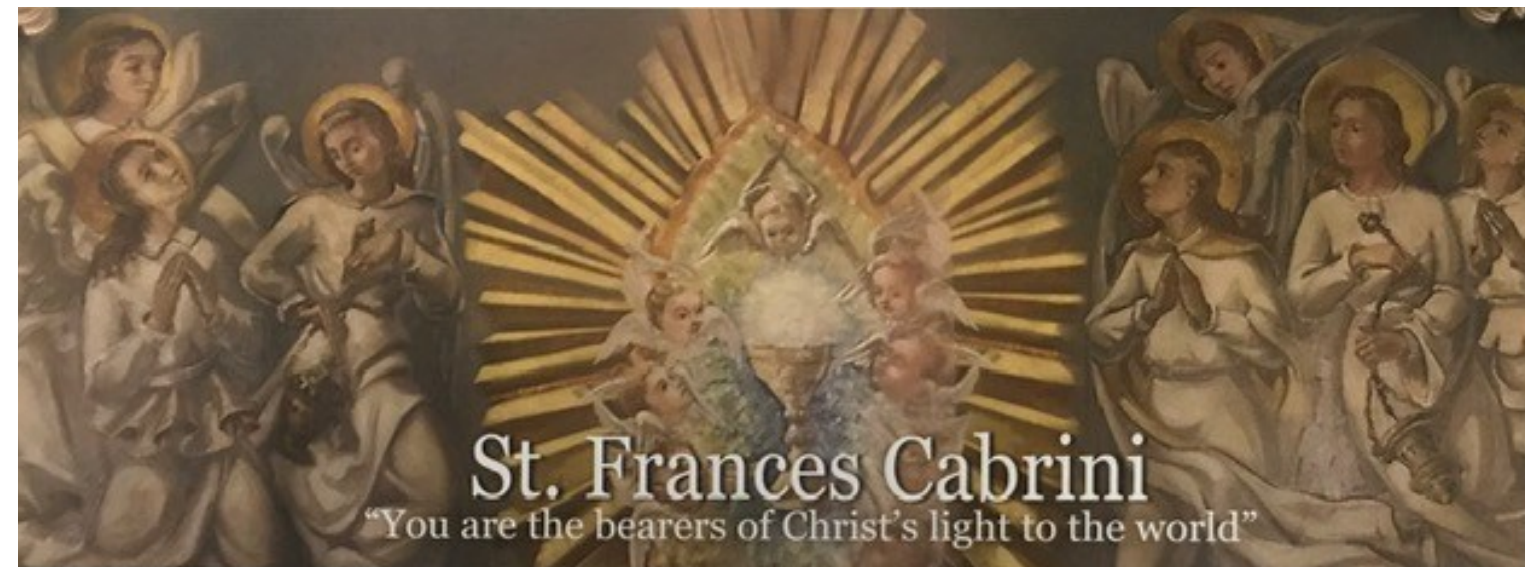
Parish Retreat at Griswold Retreat Center, September 15 - 17 overnight event

Cabrini Family Dinner (Monthly), 6 - 8 pm, September 24, October 22, November 19, December 17

CEC Weekend Retreat, Mens: October 6 - 8, Womens: October 13 - 15

First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, September 2, October 7

Fall Spaghetti Dinner, October 15, Noon - 6 pm



**The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2023**

Santa Lucia Festival This Weekend

The Santa Lucia Festival is being held this weekend through Sunday, August 6th. You can enjoy dinner right outside our doors after Masses. Hours are Saturday Noon until 11 pm and Sunday from 2 to 9 pm. See their website www.santaluciafestival.com for the complete schedule.

Parish Party
on the **Piazza**
AUGUST 19TH *Piazza* 6-10 PM
Live Music, Food & Drinks *Church Parking Lot

All are Welcome!

Upcoming Schedule

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| August 7 | August 8 | August 9 | August 10 | August 11 | August 12 | August 13 |
| | Young Adults Alpha 6 pm | | | | | |



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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

Daily Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday, Aug. 8 | 11:30 AM | +Alfred V. Emmanuel |
| Wednesday, Aug. 9 | 11:30 AM | +Roberto Nicolas |
| Thursday, Aug. 10 | 11:30 AM | +Pour Souls in Purgatory |
| Friday, Aug. 11 | 11:30 AM | Special Intention |
| Saturday, Aug. 12 | 5:00 PM | Joe & Dee Nigro (Blessings) |
| Sunday, Aug. 13 | 9:00 AM | +Joe Browning |
| Sunday, Aug. 13 | 11:00 AM | Michelle Kingston Lebens (Blessings) |
| Sunday, Aug. 13 | 5:30 PM | Pro Populo |
| Monday, Aug. 14 | 5:30 PM | +David J. Nuno (Vigil Mass) |

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 noon**

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 July 29-30

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| Sunday Tithes— Collections | \$ | 4,673.00 |
| All Saints Gift Fund | \$ | 0.00 |
| Organ Fund | \$ | 0.00 |
| Improvement Fund | \$ | 5.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$ | 725.00 |

Upcoming CEC Weekends

If you haven't been on a CEC (Christians Encounter Christ) Weekend, it's time to sign up! CEC Fall Weekends are October 6-8 for the men and October 13-15 for the women. It's a life-changing weekend, held at the Columban Father's Retreat Center in Bellevue, Nebraska, with talks, food, new friends, conversation, reflection, worship, and a faith-filled community. Cost is \$100 for food, lodging and materials. Pre-registration is required. You owe it to yourself! Ask Me About a CEC Weekend: Deacon Doug Lenz at (402) 312-3550 or Ann Lenz (402) 990-3296 More info: www.cecomaha.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 approximately thirty minutes before each Mass time in the lower level of the church.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

This weekend our parish joins with the Santa Lucia Festival Committee in celebrating a 99-year tradition in the Sicilian community in Omaha. The Festival is once again on our doorstep which makes it so much easier to participate in the fun and the music. I hope you get a chance to engage in the festivities.

The Omaha Italian community brought the Santa Lucia tradition with them from Carlentini, Italy, where her tradition has been going on for centuries. One of the struggles in celebrating her life as a Christian is that so little of her history survived the ravages of time. If you go and search for her history, you will find that the older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, she is the patron saint of those with vision problems, geographical places are named after her, and down through the centuries many little girls have been proud to bear the name Lucy.

It is possible to imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just look around at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life. Our world has become much like the ancient world where the people were not aware of Jesus and his way of living.

Lucy's friends must have wondered aloud about this Jesus that she talked about, an obscure preacher in a far-off nation, that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. He had grown up a tekton, a construction worker, and after a short life of preaching was crucified by the Romans after his own people turned him over. Lucy believed with her whole heart that this preacher had risen from the dead. To give witness to her faith, she made a commitment to live her life for God by foregoing family and living a life of virginity. Legend has it that St. Lucy delivered wheat and bread to the poor and homebound, and possibly to Christians staying in the catacombs, often in the darkness of night to avoid detection. She would carry a lamp or wear a crown of candles (to free her hands for carrying food) to light her way.

What would you say to a young woman who would make that decision today? What would we say to any young person who decides to give up the race for money and prestige to live a life in service to the gospel? Even fellow Christians may think them a bit crazy but non-Christians must have thought Lucy needed a mental hospital. Maybe the kinder ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found, but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. What was she hiding?

Lucy knew of the stories, the heroism of early women martyrs. When it came her time to live a life of faith and courage, she remained faithful to their example and to the example of Jesus, whom she knew to be the Son of God. The image of St. Lucy at our parish shows her seated, enthroned, and proudly displaying the punishment she endured for choosing to follow Jesus. We may not know much about her but we do know, in the moment that mattered, she made a radical choice to die rather than give up her belief in Jesus.

A recent article in The Atlantic discusses the issue of why a good number of people have not returned to church after Covid. The author points out that too many churches have simply become feel good social clubs that demand nothing of their members. It is easy not to return to church if all they are is one more group that makes you feel okay. The churches that seem to be doing better are the ones that help their members realize that they have to change their life if they are going to be disciples of Jesus. If you live and act like your atheistic neighbors, then what does Christianity mean to you? As Jake Meader, the author of the article, says, "Churches could model better, truer sorts of communities, ones in which the hungry are fed, the weak are lifted up, and the proud are cast down. Such communities might not have the money, success, and influence that many American churches have so often pursued in recent years. But if such communities look less like those churches, they might also look more like the sorts of communities Jesus expected his followers to create."

Let St. Lucy inspire you to make a choice to truly follow Jesus, to live a heroic life of discipleship, to remain close to the Church Jesus started, and to encounter God by doing so.

Peace,

Fr. Damian

For a longer version of Lucy's story:

<https://educated-traveller.com/2020/03/22/the-legend-of-st-lucy-thats-santa-lucia-in-italy/>