

**All Saints Catholic School Collections**

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**School News**

All Saints Catholic School office hours are 7:30 am to 4 pm. School hours are 8 am - 3:15 pm. No School October 30th, November 3rd and 13th

**Cabrini Family Photo Directory**

Cabrini Family Photo Directory photo sessions are continuing this week! If you have not already done so, please schedule your photo session now. **Photos are being taken in the Cabrini Parish Center Gym—enter through the 10th Street gym doors.** You will receive an 8 x 10 photo and a printed copy of the Directory if you have your photo taken. Sign-up by going to <https://stcabriniomaha.org/register/> You will receive 2 emails after registering. One will contain the link to sign up for a photo session. Please call the Cabrini Parish Office at (402) 934-7706 with any questions or for assistance.

**Rosary Rally**

So far we have submitted 75 rosaries prayed from Cabrini. The Vocations Office is just over halfway to their goal of 50,000 rosaries. You may report rosaries prayed through October to the Parish Office at (402) 934-7706. You may log rosaries at [omahavocations.org/rosary-rally](http://omahavocations.org/rosary-rally) until November 2nd.

**Medical Decision Making and Advanced Directives**

Too often today, end of life desires are not shared—often leaving family members to guess about your final wishes. While not easy to face, these end-of-life discussions are critical in preparation for how you wish to be cared for. Considering your personal circumstances and wishes in advance is very helpful to you, and maybe most helpful to those who love you. On November 12th at 1 pm, Jane Matsui will provide a presentation that will assist you in completing your living will and medical durable power of attorney. This presentation will include personal care decisions, but will not address financial or asset-related decisions. The presentation will take place at the Cabrini Parish Center library. Please reach out to Jane at [matsui\\_jw@cox.net](mailto:matsui_jw@cox.net) if you would like to attend, so she can plan for food/materials. If you are unable to attend, but would like assistance with a living will or medical power of attorney, feel free to contact Jane.

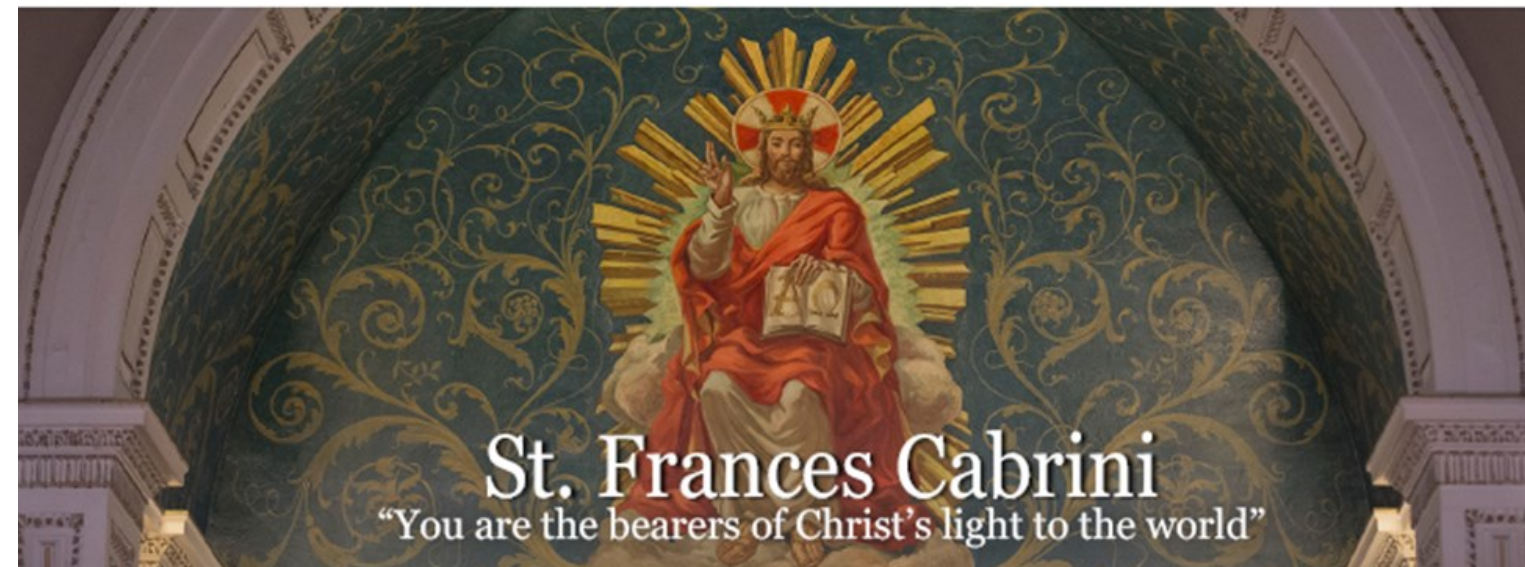
**Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations**

Please come to the Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations at 7 pm on November 9th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Fr. John Berg will share his vocation story and lead prayers, including adoration and benediction. It also includes communal and silent prayer and music ministry. Priests are called to fight evil, but they cannot fight it alone. Be a Simon to them through your prayers, which help them carry their crosses as they battle for the souls entrusted to them.

**Upcoming Events at Cabrini**

Fall Alpha for All Ages Tuesdays, 6 - 8 pm, until November 7  
 Eucharistic Adoration (Third Saturday of the month), 3:30 - 4:30 pm, November 18, December 16  
 Cabrini Family Dinner (Monthly), 6 - 8 pm, November 19  
 Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass) November 26  
 Advent Bible Study with Fr. Damian, Wednesdays at 7 pm, November 29, December 6 and 13  
 Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team (First Friday of the month following 11:30 am Mass) December 1

First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, December 2  
 Ixim presentation at Cabrini, December 3 at Noon at the Cabrini Parish Center  
 Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8 pm, December 7  
 Meal Service at Siena Francis House on a Thursday every other month. If interested, contact Natalie May at [nmcgovern1@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcgovern1@yahoo.com) December 28  
 Spring Alpha for Young Adults Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, January 16 to March 20, Day-away is March 2  
 Spring Spaghetti Dinner, April 21, 12 noon - 6 pm



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 October 29, 2023**

**Holy Day This Week**

The feast of All Saints Day, a Holy Day, is this Wednesday, November 1st. The vigil Mass will be October 31st at 5:30 pm and Masses on the 1st will be 11:30am and 5:30 pm.

**“This Is My Body” Book Available**

A recent Pew Forum survey revealed the startling statistic that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For the majority of Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. This indicates a spiritual disaster, for the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” In response to this crisis, Bishop Robert Barron, then the Chair of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, began working with his brother bishops on a solution. From these conversations, the National Eucharistic Revival was born. The book *This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival* is designed to accompany that revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus’ Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely. **Here at St. Frances Cabrini, this book is available for you in the back of the church. Please feel free to take a copy.** “If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy.” St. John Vianney

**SVDP Coat Drive Ends This Weekend**

This weekend, October 28th-29th, is the last time to drop gently used winter coats, scarves, hats and gloves off in the blue barrel in the breezeway between the church and school if you plan to participate in this year’s St. Vincent de Paul coat drive. Thank you!

**Upcoming Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5
	NO Alpha All Saints Vigil Mass 5:30 pm	All Saints Day Masses 11:30 am and 5:30 pm	All Souls Day Spaghetti Dinner Follow-Up Meeting 7 pm Taize Prayer 8 pm	Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team after 11:30 am Mass	First Saturday Rosary 4:30 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

Tuesday, Oct. 31	11:30 AM	+Fr. Jim O’Kane
Tuesday, Oct. 31	5:30 PM	+Cletus Becker
Wednesday, Nov. 1	11:30 AM	+Dan Gillespie
Wednesday, Nov. 1	5:30 PM	+Rodney Harder
Thursday, Nov. 2	11:30 AM	+Louis LaBelle
Friday, Nov. 3	11:30 AM	+Richard Sporven
Saturday, Nov. 4	5:00 PM	+Eric Upah
Sunday, Nov. 5	9:00 AM	+Vincent Emmanuel
Sunday, Nov. 5	11:00 AM	+Deceased Members Sons of Italy
Sunday, Nov. 5	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 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](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 October 21-22

Sunday Tithe– Collections	\$	5,835.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	40.00
Organ Fund	\$	20.00
Improvement Fund	\$	40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	131.00
World Mission Sunday	\$	1,374.00

#### Advent Bible Study: Book of Ruth

The Advent Bible Study with Fr. Damian will be the Book of Ruth. It will be held in-person at 7 pm in the Parish Center Library and via Zoom. Contact Deacon Doug at [dalenz@archomaha.org](mailto:dalenz@archomaha.org) or (402) 934-7706 if you plan to participate in either form.

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**--Introduction to the Book of Ruth, one of the best known and most loved stories of the Hebrew Scriptures.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**--Chapters One and Two: Tragedy strikes a family from Bethlehem with the survivors seeking favor from Boaz.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**--Chapters Three and Four: Naomi’s clever plan, Boaz and Ruth get married, King David’s grandfather is born.

### 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 week Wednesday we have a Holy Day to celebrate, the feast of All Saints. While Thursday is not a Holy Day, the Commemoration of All Souls may be more deeply remembered as a time to pray for our loved ones who have died. Most people may not remember either one but focus instead on what happens on Tuesday, the Eve of All Saints, which still bears the Old English name of All Hallows Eve, that is Halloween.

We’ve all heard the stories that Halloween is a pagan rite dating back to some pre-Christian festival among the Celtic Druids in Ireland. Even today modern pagans and witches continue to celebrate this as some ancient festival. And people are warned not to let your kids go trick-or-treating, they will be worshiping the devil and pagan gods. Most of that is fantasy, however. According to historians the origins of Halloween are, in fact, very Christian and rather American.

The feast in honor of all the saints in heaven used to be celebrated on May 13, but Pope Gregory III moved it to November 1, the dedication day of All Saints Chapel in St. Peter’s at Rome. Later, in the 840s, Pope Gregory IV commanded that All Saints be observed everywhere. In 998, St. Odilo, the abbot of the powerful monastery of Cluny in southern France, added a celebration on November 2. This was a day of prayer for the souls of all the faithful departed. This feast, called All Souls Day, spread from France to the rest of Europe.

So, why do we dress up? It does not come from the time of the druids. Rather, this custom arose in France during the 14th and 15th centuries. Late medieval Europe was hit by repeated outbreaks of the bubonic plague—the Black Death—and it lost about half its population. It is not surprising that Catholics became more concerned about the afterlife. Lots of Masses were said for loved ones who had died and customs arose of dressing up like them or eating their favorite food and drinks, at their place of burial, as stories were told about them. This still happens in Mexico in its celebration of the Day of the Dead.

It seems that the wearing of masks started with persecuted English Catholics and their Protestant friends. If you know English history, then you are aware that the ill-conceived Gunpowder Plot to overthrow the British government was foiled on November 5, 1605, when the man guarding the gunpowder, a reckless convert named Guy Fawkes, was captured and arrested. He was hanged; the plot fizzled. November 5, Guy Fawkes Day, became a great celebration in England. During the penal periods, bands of revelers would put on masks and visit local Catholics in the dead of night, demanding beer and cakes for their celebration: trick or treat!

Guy Fawkes Day arrived in the American colonies with the first English settlers. But by the time of the American Revolution, Guy Fawkes had pretty much been forgotten. Trick or treat, though, was too much fun to give up, so eventually it moved to October 31, the day of the Irish and French remembrance of those who had died. The mixture of various immigrant traditions we know as Halloween had become a fixture in the United States by the early 1800s. It remains unknown in Europe, even in the countries from which some of the customs originated.

Where did witches come from? The greeting card industry added them in the late 1800s. Halloween was already dealing with the dead, so why not give witches a place on greeting cards? The Halloween card failed but the witches stayed. Catholic Schools trying to get a healthy focus, have, in recent years, encouraged children to wear costumes of saints to prepare for the spiritual celebration happening at the same time. The saints are, for us, super heroes who heard Jesus’ call and made it real.

In the midst of trick or treaters and dressing up as something, remember to come and celebrate our super heroes.

Peace,

Fr. Damian