

All Saints Catholic School Collections

All Saints Catholic School is **only** collecting pop/can tabs (any brand). Please drop these off at the school or the Cabrini Parish Office.



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 December 18th through January 2nd for Christmas break.

Advent at Cabrini—Come, Watch, Prepare, Belong

December 12—Parish Reconciliation Service 7 pm.
 December 16-17—collecting non-perishable food items at all weekend Masses for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.
 December 17—Setting up trees and creche after 11 am Mass.
 December 24—Decorating Church for Christmas at 12 noon.
 Mass times for Christmas—December 24th: 4 pm (live-streamed) and Midnight, December 25th: 9 am and 11 am.

Holy Hour for Priests and Vocations

St. Joseph Moscati said, "It is necessary to pray for priests because they are so often forgotten..." Please join Fr. Richard Reiser as he leads prayers for priests and vocations at 7 pm on December 14th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Fr. Richard will share how the Lord drew him to the priesthood. The Holy Hour includes adoration, benediction, communal and silent prayer, as well as music ministry. Vocation testimonies are seeds for vocations, so invite a young person to attend with you.

Mercy High School Upcoming Testing

On January 13th from 8 am to 12 noon, Mercy High School is holding a placement exam for 8th grade and practice test for 6th and 7th grade students. Registration is now open. Email: Sammie Becker beckers@mercyhigh.org with any questions.

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

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

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team (First Friday of the month following 11:30 am Mass) January 5, February 2

Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass) December 31, January 28, February 25

Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8 pm, January 4, February 1

First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, January 6, February 3

Winter Alpha for Young Adults Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, January 16 to March 20, Day-away is March 2

Eucharistic Adoration (Third Saturday of the month), 3:30 - 4:30 pm, January 20, February 17

Cabrini Family Dinner (on selected months), 6 - 8 pm, January 21, February 18, March 17, April 28

Spring Spaghetti Dinner, April 21, 12 noon - 6 pm

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, label it "Poinsettias" with the form below (filled out). Place the envelope in the offertory collection or turn it in at the Cabrini Parish Center. Have a beautiful Advent.

Poinsettias and Evergreens for Christmas

Your name (please print) _____

In memory/honor of _____



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023**

Our Advent focus for this week is WATCH: look at or observe attentively over a period of time.

Second Collection This Weekend

There will be a second collection at all the Masses this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Advent Reconciliation Service This Tuesday Evening

Please remember the Advent Reconciliation Service for the parish this Tuesday at 7 pm.

Photo Directory Pictures

Parishioners still wanting a photo for the upcoming parish directory, please contact Cathy Beeler at cmbeeler@archomaha.org, or call (402) 659-6090, by **December 20th** to make arrangements.

Santa Lucia Festival Blanket Drive

The Santa Lucia Festival Committee, led by Queen Elizabeth Troia, are sponsoring a blanket drive. Bring all your blankets that are no longer being loved or used, and give them to the Open Door Mission to be passed on to someone who will benefit from them. Especially in the wintertime, more and more people can use the extra warmth of a blanket. Please bring blankets until December 22nd and place them in the blue barrel in the breezeway between the church and the school. Thank you for your help.



Winter Alpha for Young Adults Ages 21-35

We will be offering an Alpha course this winter (instead of summer) for young adults ages 21-35 on Tuesdays from 6-8 pm, starting January 20th and going through March 20th. The Day Away will be March 2nd. Spread the word and invite! To sign up, contact Deacon Doug at dalenz@archomaha.org or Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 11	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17
	Advent Reconciliation Service 7 pm	Ruth Bible Study Zoom or in-person 7 pm			Eucharistic Adoration 3:30 pm	Set up trees and creche after 11 am Mass
					Collecting non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry	



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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, Dec. 12	11:30 AM	+Michael Matya
Wednesday, Dec. 13	11:30 AM	Santa Lucia Feast Day
Thursday, Dec. 14	11:30 AM	+Connie Schneider
Friday, Dec. 15	11:30 AM	Special Intention
Saturday, Dec. 16	5:00 PM	+Deceased Members Frank & Isabelle Sweeney Family
Sunday, Dec. 17	9:00 AM	+Deceased Members Vacanti Family
Sunday, Dec. 17	11:00 AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Sunday, Dec. 17	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 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 December 2-3

Sunday Tithe- Collections	\$	9,061.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	50.00
Organ Fund	\$	20.00
Improvement Fund	\$	583.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	675.00

Come and See

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church? Interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches? Are Catholic but have been away from the Church for awhile? Were baptized Catholic but never confirmed? Then **Come and See** is for you! We will begin offering **Come and See** for interested persons, starting Sunday, January 14th following the 5:30 pm Mass. These classes will occur weekly through Easter. The content will focus on the core areas of the Catholic faith. Those desiring to become Catholic or to complete their sacraments will be brought into the Church at Easter. Please reach out to Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org or (402) 312-3550 or Ann Lenz at amlenz@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 approximately thirty minutes before each Mass time in the lower level of the church.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Having celebrated the Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception, we quickly move on to the Second Sunday of Advent and come to realize that Christmas is not far away now. Our shortened Advent only gives us two weeks until the celebration of Jesus' birth. So, how is your preparation going? Have you found time for a little extra prayer? Extra charity? Extra examination of your heart and God's desires for you? If you are like me, probably not. It just all moves too fast and life is too full of things to get done between now and Christmas.

I'm writing this in the midst of the Holy Day Masses. The gospel for the Holy Day gives us a glimpse of the mystery of God taking on our human flesh in the womb of Mary. Let me give you a beautiful but challenging poem to reflect on this second week of Advent. It is titled "Annunciation" and is from John Donne:

*Salvation to all that will is nigh;
That All, which always is all everywhere,
Which cannot sin, and yet all sins must bear,
Which cannot die, yet cannot choose but die,
Lo, faithful virgin, yields Himself to lie
In prison, in thy womb; and though He there
Can take no sin, nor thou give, yet He will wear,
Taken from thence, flesh, which death's force may try.
Ere by the spheres time was created, thou
Wast in His mind, who is thy Son and Brother;
Whom thou conceivst, conceived; yea thou art now
Thy Maker's maker, and thy Father's mother;
Thou hast light in dark, and shutst in little room,
Immensity cloistered in thy dear womb.*

The poem powerfully names the irony of the Incarnation. The mysterious speaker in the poem appears to be the Angel Gabriel, his audience the Virgin Mary, and his subject matter the prophetic proclamation of the incarnation. Gabriel introduces his subject: a proclamation of salvation, held out to humankind in the person of the "All" (line two), which is God. Describing God as omnipresent ("which always is all everywhere"), sinless ("which cannot sin"), sacrificial ("all sins must bear") and eternal ("which cannot die"), the angel announces the power of the baby to his mortal mother. He announces to Mary that this very God "yields Himself to lie/ In prison, in thy womb" (lines 5-6). This metaphor introduces a paradox that Donne proceeds to build to its amazing conclusion. Comparing Mary's womb to a prison, Donne reveals the confinement which the Incarnation of God in flesh implies. Pursuing the irony of the God of the Universe confined within the small womb of a single woman, he goes on to show how mysterious is this event where the baby in her womb is the Maker's maker – "immensity cloistered in thy dear womb."

This Incarnational event that we are celebrating is truly amazing. Maybe this week you could reflect on what the God of the Universe did for nine months as he grew in Mary's womb? What was it like for God to become flesh? To give up all power to show that he loves us? Beyond imagining perhaps, but try.

Peace,

Fr. Damian

Ps. I will be in Tekamah on Sunday morning exercising my role as Dean by installing their new pastor there.