

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 December 18th through January 2nd for Christmas break.

Advent at Cabrini—Come, Watch, Prepare, Belong

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.

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! Some comments from the most recent Alpha course: “I wanted to learn more about faith and gained community and family”, “refreshing to openly talk about faith with people—I loved it”, “I see that many people are like me—looking for more”, “loved small group discussions and conversations at dinner” and “food is excellent”.

To sign up, contact Deacon Doug at dalenz@archomaha.org or Ann Lenz at amlenz@archomaha.org



World Wide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone especially our spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be for your spouse. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: February 9-11, 2024 in Lincoln, NE. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: www.wwme.org

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

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

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

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 _____



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023**

Our Advent focus for this week is **PREPARE: to make ready for beforehand.**

Preparing Church for Christmas

We invite you to join us in setting up the trees and creche frame after the 11 am Mass this Sunday.

Last Chance to be in the Parish Directory—Deadline is December 31st:



If you are a parishioner and would like to be included in the upcoming directory WITHOUT a photo please go to StCabriniOmaha.Org and click this image.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23	December 24
			Pastoral Council 7 pm			Decorate Church after 11 am Mass
						Vigil Mass 4 pm
						Midnight Mass 12 am



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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. 19	11:30 AM	+Mark Pellettera
Wednesday, Dec. 20	11:30 AM	+Vincent Emmanuel
Thursday, Dec. 21	11:30 AM	+Cletus Becker
Friday, Dec. 22	11:30 AM	+Terry Szczepanowski
Saturday, Dec. 23	5:00 PM	+Deceased Members Lohr Family
Sunday, Dec. 24	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Sunday, Dec. 24	11:00 AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Sunday, Dec. 24	4:00 PM	+Diane Pollack
Sunday, Dec. 24	Midnight	+Rosemary Welsh
Monday, Dec. 25	9:00AM	+Butch Turco & Rudy Iverson
Monday, Dec. 25	11:00AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson

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 9-10

Sunday Tithe– Collections	\$	4,429.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	212.00
Organ Fund	\$	33.00
Improvement Fund	\$	77.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,795.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	1,396.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	990.00

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

St. Mary Magdalene Church

(Our Sister Parish in the new Archdiocesan Families)

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Rev. Rodney Adams, Pastor

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24: 4 pm, 5 pm, Midnight 12 am sharp

Monday, December 25: 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am, 12:15 pm
(no 5:15 pm Mass)

CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions will be heard before the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. No confessions before midnight Mass.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

While it is only week three of Advent, this year it really is our final week of preparation for Christmas. I hope it is all going well and that you are finding time to encounter the presence of God in the midst of all that must be done before Christmas happens. For your reflection this week, I would like to give you some thoughts from Dr. Wendy Wright who taught for years at Creighton in the Spirituality Program. I think it is wise to get a feminine view of preparing for Christmas:

There is a strange timeliness to the experience of the actual coming of a child. Most women who have borne children can attest to this fact. In the days of waiting, time, as medium of change, dominates consciousness. This new life growing inside you profoundly shapes your own life. A new self-concept grows, a new sense of embodiment impinges on consciousness, a new "other" holds sway from within. You are not who you thought you were. Rather, you are a person whose identity – psychic, spiritual, and physical – is intimately linked to another person. You are a person overlapped in time and space, sharing breath and blood and heartbeat. During the waiting most women are keenly aware of time. Time measured out between obstetrical appointments, time weighed in added pounds and unwieldiness, time parceled out by the growing awareness of presence – from the first moth-like flutters of the "quickening" to the astonishing protrusions of stretching feet and arms. Submerged in an ocean of time - transformed by it, submissive to it – your deepest desire is cast like a tiny float out on its shoreless waves.

Suddenly the coming is upon you, and time dissolves. There is only the present in its gleaming, stark clarity. No past, no future, there is only now – this time which is strangely timeless in its intensity. There are as many different experiences of birth as there are women, but for all of them the waiting is over. The promised one bursts forth, new life sings out, the primal rush of blood and water carries the miracle into our arms. It is a moment whose mystery is timeless. (The Vigil, pg. 76)

There is something magical about Christmas especially when it seen through the eyes of wonder. And what is more wonderous and magical than the birth of a baby? I often get the pleasure of watching your faces at Mass when you are sitting behind or near a baby. You are transformed into a being that is making faces and smiling, achieving communication of care and kindness without words because Mass is going on. I am sure the baby is communicating back to you as well. My guess is that your heart is transformed during this encounter with a baby; you experience the magic of new life, you are made young again.

This week, take a few moments of silence and join with those whose lives are transformed through the process of waiting for a child and the birth of a child. God wants to do a similar transformation in you this Advent week. Be transformed into a place where Jesus can dwell and be loved.

Peace,

Fr. Damian

P.S. I am in Kearney, Nebraska on Saturday giving an Advent Day of Reflection at Prince of Peace Parish. I will be back for Sunday Masses.

Las Posadas—a Special Advent Tradition

This **Monday, December 18th**, at **7 pm in the Cabrini Center gym**, join the local Guatemalan community and Ixim missionaries to participate in the beautiful tradition-- Las Posadas. Las Posadas celebrates Joseph and Mary's journey from Bethlehem to Nazareth in search of a place for Baby Jesus to be born. A main component of this celebration is asking for a posada, a place to rest, which is done through singing, praying, and scripture readings. Refreshments will be served after the celebration. More information on this tradition can be found at: www.marquette.edu/faith/an-advent-reflection-las-posadas.php#:~:text=Celebrated%20in%20Mexico%20and%20in,which%20is%20done%20via%20singing
All are welcome to this tri-lingual event.