







SAINT FRANCES CABRINI  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"I can do all things through  
Christ who strengthens me"

Mass Schedule:

Tuesday - Friday at 11:30 am

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30pm

Reconciliation Schedule:

Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm





Dear Friends,

The image of being a people *on the way* has been with the Church from the very beginning. Jesus' initial call to each disciple is to follow. While the metaphor of being *on the way* describes physical movement, for most of us the journey is a spiritual one that takes us into a deeper friendship with God.

It is that image of being followers *on the way* that shapes our Annual Report this year. It is filled with stories that celebrate the journey we are on as a parish and the journey each of us are on as we seek to be disciples of Jesus. While we walk with Jesus in our ordinary lives, Jesus continues to show up, intertwining our individual journeys with the journey of the church community.

We often sing the song *All Are Welcome* at our Sunday Liturgies. Those are not just words in a song. We really mean it, all are welcome here. Whether you are a person of deep prayer and have a long relationship with Jesus or you've just met Jesus for the very first time, you belong at Cabrini. If you give many hours of service each week or barely have time to pray, you belong at Cabrini. Perhaps for many families, life itself is a burden. Your days may be filled with what seem like ordinary tasks, striving to be good while doing what's necessary to survive in a hard world: working a tiring job, feeding kids, getting enough sleep, paying bills, avoiding excessive debt, occasionally seeing friends, fixing household or familial problems, maybe taking a vacation. Into this life, we add the challenge of growing as a disciple. So, you go to church, share in the sacraments, say your prayers, raise your kids in the faith, and generally try to fulfill the duties and roles to which you understand God has called you. Jesus walks with you in those ordinary tasks and you belong at Cabrini. We all belong here because we need God and we need each other.

Following Jesus, while inviting us to live and love like Jesus does, is meant to be a joy and not a burden. All that Jesus did for us and does for us is pure gift. And, as we reflect on the Eucharist this year, we remember that this too is pure gift, grace upon grace. That's what the Church says a sacrament is, the material sign and instrument of God's grace, not one we earn but simply receive. God willing, the Spirit so moves in the regular, daily and weekly, reception of Holy Communion that believers are drawn into a lifelong journey of sanctification, being transformed into that which pleases the Lord. What that looks like is up to God, and it begins, it does not end, with initiation into and partaking of the liturgical and sacramental life of God's people.

You will be hearing more about a "clear path" of discipleship in the upcoming year. The goal being to offer you, wherever you are on your walk with Jesus, a helping hand and guide. Cabrini is here to walk with you. We walk together – with Jesus. Enjoy this year's report as we celebrate the God who walks with us.

Peace,

Fr. Damian



# ONE CHURCH

God guided us to St. Frances Cabrini Church almost two years ago; we are now with people who share the same values and faith beliefs as we do. We felt welcomed into the parish; members encouraged us to learn and grow on our faith journey.

We have developed beautiful friendships within our Cabrini Community. We share, laugh, cry, and pray for each other. Parish members motivate us to move out of our comfort zone, expand our skills and knowledge to help others, and show our love for Jesus. There are several prayer opportunities we have participated in: Taizé Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer Ministry Team, and various retreats. We have also participated in activities to increase our faith knowledge: Alpha, Bible Study, Fireside Chats, and the Called & Gifted workshop. All of these offerings help us learn more about God and grow in our faith.

We've also attended the Cabrini Family Dinners and the Annual Parish Party. Through these events, we have developed new friendships, learned about other parishioners, and enjoyed delicious food.

When we volunteer for the various projects available to serve the parish, school or others, we often receive more benefits than we give. We are always made to feel valuable, and our opinion is essential. The people at St. Frances Cabrini Church are kind and supportive of us and our family.

We are blessed to belong to such a dynamic parish and to be included in the opportunities to learn, pray, serve, love, and stay close to Jesus.



“We share,  
laugh, cry,  
and pray  
for each  
other.”

Kirk & Kathy Kuszak

St. Frances Cabrini Parish has had an unexpected impact on our lives. We made the move to Omaha in the Fall of 2019 after retiring to be near our daughter and her family. We left small-town Iowa life and our home, friends, and parish of 27 years and moved to the city.

We were fortunate to attend Mass at St. Frances Cabrini Church and never visited another parish. This parish is a family. You come as you are and are embraced and loved. From the beginning, we felt welcomed in and invited to participate in all the parish has to offer. Father's homilies alone inspired us to learn more about our faith. There are so many parishioners sharing their individual gifts to enhance the spirituality of the Mass from the deacons, musicians, hospitality ministers, the decorators of the church and grounds. All these examples and more show how deeply individuals are connected to this community.

We have never been part of a parish where so many phenomenal opportunities are offered to improve the knowledge of your Catholic faith as well as your spiritual growth. We were invited to an Alpha course and jumped right in and have participated in several more Alphas as well as The Marriage Course, Father's Bible Studies, Come and See classes, etc. Once you say "yes", you look forward to more. It has been a special journey for us and a joy to find so many wonderful friends to share our faith journey with. We have also joined a Cabrini Community and look forward to this fellowship each month. We also love attending the Taizé prayer services and Cabrini Family Dinners when we can.

St. Frances Cabrini Parish has brought us feelings of love, acceptance, joy, excitement, and the presence of the Holy Spirit at work. We have also experienced moments of challenge and vulnerability which have brought growth in our spiritual life and a stronger faith.

We are excited to be here.

"You come as you are and are embraced and loved."

Dave & Diana Neubauer





# ENCOUNTERING JESUS



I am not a cradle Catholic. I didn't go to church growing up. I was baptized, but that was about it. My family wasn't really following a faith journey, and the knowledge I did have came from friends and European History class.

I had the desire to learn more about Christianity at a pretty young age. I wanted to know what my friends were talking about. I wanted to know what it was like to live a life through faith and what/who is the Holy Spirit?

Going to church was a challenge. My family wasn't very religious and when opportunities were given, my parents fought it. So, I did what I could do, and I prayed. I've faced many more challenges as I've gotten older. I've been through a very unhealthy marriage, a bad divorce, and boundaries backfiring with family. It's been hard, to say the least. Through it all, I've prayed and been on a mission to find something good, to start a new life.

"I'd been praying for a place where I could be me..."

Lyndsy Willett

I wanted to find a parish that allowed me to be me, one that welcomed me as I am, one where I felt like everything would be okay. I needed a place where I could learn and understand what it means to be surrounded by the Holy Spirit.

I'm never going to forget my first weeks at St. Frances Cabrini, what I saw and how badly I wanted to have a small part. My first week, I saw community and how happy everyone was to see one another. The second week, I saw love, kindness and giving - no motive other than they care. On the third week, I saw respect and it was funny, Fr. Damian's homily talked about "Come as you are." That hit me. I'd been praying for a place where I could be me, my authentic self, and not be reprimanded for it.

That's when I knew I found where I need to be. So, I kept going and soon met Charlie who encouraged me to start the process of becoming Catholic and a member of the parish. He took me under his wing, and I am so grateful.

While at Cabrini, I've gone to almost all of the classes and offerings. The ones I couldn't attend, I was deeply upset about. It's not because I feel I have to go, I'm pressured or forced, but because I want to be there. I get excited about going to Mass, Bible Studies or Family Dinners, even if I get anxiety about meeting or speaking with others. I always leave feeling like everything is going to be okay.





Raydelle Meehan

As a member of St. Frances Cabrini Parish since 1981, there have been some wonderful pastors assigned here. When Fr. Damian came in July 2015, we looked forward to his guidance as his reputation preceded him.

One of the first items on the agenda was the purchase of The Christ Child Building. Some of us thought, "this priest is out of his mind if he thinks our little parish can handle this debt." Boy were we wrong! Under Fr. Damian's guidance, our little parish has expanded, bringing people from all over Omaha.

With their enthusiasm, their ideas and their hard work, parishioners, with the help of the "guidance committee", have enhanced some of St. Frances Cabrini's best projects like the spaghetti dinners.

"...a joyful spirit lives here..."

And, under Fr. Damian's guidance, an abundance of wonderful projects have come to fruition: Alpha, Bible Studies, a monthly parish dinner where there is not only delicious food but also heartfelt sharing of people's lives, and now, Cabrini Communities! meeting in small groups, sharing a monthly theme and learning from each other. There have also been two very special prayer times created with a monthly Holy Hour and Taizé. What I notice most is people welcoming others, introducing themselves to others, getting to know each other... a joyful spirit lives here at St. Frances Cabrini. Come, join us!

I never fully realized the abundance of what Church had to offer before joining St. Frances Cabrini. In this parish, I feel called by God to come together for worship and community. It is here that I have experienced positive impacts to my spiritual, mental and physical health which I attribute to being surrounded by other believers wanting to grow in their faith. Attending Mass and hearing the message is so important. Even more important is learning how to discern God's voice and truly understanding His message for me. Fr. Damian is gifted in this respect; his homilies open my mind and my heart.

"...now I know that I belong to Him."

Many times in life, I have felt an overwhelming sense of not being enough, of being broken and ashamed. As a late in life convert, I tried to keep a low profile at church, often feeling that I just wasn't Catholic enough to get more involved.

What I found out through our Cabrini family is that we are all broken, and being part of this parish meant I would always be surrounded by Christians who would be there to encourage, motivate and remind me that I CAN do all things through Christ. This level of love and acceptance is a very powerful and healing gift.

God has continued to call me deeper and deeper into His love. Attending Alpha was such a blessing to me and my husband. It confirmed our purpose, strengthened our family and created new friendships. Called & Gifted has also had an unbelievable impact on me. It opened my eyes to the fact that I had an extraordinary power given by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church. It is at Cabrini and through its programming that my journey in faith has continued to evolve. While first I believed in God, now I know that I belong to Him.

Brooke Riera



# ENCOUNTERING JESUS



# EQUIPPING DISCIPLES



Upon moving over ten hours away from home and my family to continue my education, I was extremely apprehensive about finding a parish and a community of people that would accept and support me in my walk of faith. After attending a number of weekend Masses at Cabrini, I knew almost immediately that this parish was where the Lord was calling me to be. I was quickly invited to be a part of the parish's Alpha course and was welcomed with open and loving arms into a Cabrini community.

*To me, St. Frances Cabrini is like a family. When I attend Mass or parish events, I feel seen, heard, and loved. The Lord's love is so prominent and abundant in this parish, which then in turn motivates me to leave the four walls of the church and proclaim the Good News.*

St. Frances Cabrini as a whole exemplifies selfless and unconditional love, and I am forever grateful for the way the parish family has guided and supported me in my faith journey.

Jenna Ehliis



I came to Mass at Cabrini because my friend Jenna invited me to come with her. I stayed because I found myself at home. Between the friendships, gatherings, and events, *I have never felt more loved and supported in my life before.* Every "yes" at Cabrini brings you closer to the Lord, and every smile you receive here is living proof you're in the right place. The thing that sets Cabrini apart from other parishes is the leadership; their kindness and hard work speaks for itself. Cabrini is filled with people who truly just want to share God's love, and I am grateful I have had the blessing to experience that first-hand. If you're reading this and you're still not a parishioner yet, you should ask to speak with Ann.

Jesus Santiago





# EQUIPPING DISCIPLES



James West

Joining Cabrini's parish has enriched my journey of discipleship and brought about a significant shift in how I experienced my faith. For a long time, I found myself attending church alone, engaging in my spiritual practice in solitude. I was at best maintaining my faith, not growing it. Then Cabrini found me, surrounded me with like-minded individuals, and allowed me to participate in group activities that breathed new life into my faith. The community's warmth, support, and genuine fellowship have challenged and inspired me to grow in ways I couldn't have achieved alone. Connecting and growing with peers who share similar experiences and aspirations has been an immensely valuable aspect of my faith journey. Additionally, through intergenerational interactions, I have gained wisdom from those who have journeyed longer in their faith. The opportunity to share life experiences and learn from one another has fostered a deep sense of belonging and understanding within our faith community. Together, we all encourage one another, share our struggles and celebrate our victories. Joining St. Frances Cabrini Parish has not only deepened my discipleship but also transformed my faith from a solitary pursuit into a rich, interconnected journey shared with fellow believers.

“...deepened  
my  
discipleship...”

I rejoined the Catholic Church when Father Mac was pastor here way back when. I have participated in several Bible Studies over the years. I was a member of Mother Cabrini Sodality for many years, participating in their various activities and fund raising. I worked for many years at the semiannual spaghetti dinners, starting with scrubbing the giant pots that the sauce was made in to co-chairing the dinners for several years.

“I feel  
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Cabrini...”

Most recently I attended Alpha which I was doubtful of attending, but I found it insightful about the Christian faith from all ages and backgrounds. My small group had a mix of old and young and in between, each had their thoughts about the evening's video. I now belong to two Cabrini Communities with, again, a variety of people. I love to cook but slowing down in my old age, yet I was drawn to the Cabrini Family Dinners. Through these, I again have met a variety of different people. Because of all these different activities, I feel more a part of Cabrini which is helping me grow in my faith.

Marilyn McWilliams





“...God has called us to be His disciples for others.”



Bill & Sharon Kingston

We were married in 1979 and purchased a home in the Cabrini neighborhood. We joined Cabrini as Bill grew up in the parish and attended school, and felt this would be a parish we wanted to be a part of. In 1987, we moved to the central part of Omaha and joined another parish where our 3 children attended the school and went on to Catholic high schools. In 2015, we moved and decided to return to Cabrini.

Since then, we feel our lives have changed. Cabrini welcomes you as a family welcomes its members. Returning to Cabrini was like coming home! This parish family has changed but the community involvement has increased by calling all of us to play a role in what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. How does this happen in our little Cabrini parish?

There are many exciting ways that God has called us to be His disciples for others. First and foremost, Alpha! It is such a moving experience to meet others, share food, and fulfilling conversations about our growing faith life. The Marriage Course was an extension of the Alpha program which allowed us to examine our marriage and brought us closer together as a couple and with God! We love, love our Cabrini Community group and the fact that we can share our faith, cry and laugh with others on the same faith journey. Another blessing and a means of discipleship is helping with Marriage Preparation. As we prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, we are moved by the love they share and the importance of God in their relationship. A prayer life is necessary for a marriage relationship. As members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Cabrini, God has blessed us and the members, to be able to assist those in need with either clothing, utility bills, rent, etc., and to meet these people and to be able to pray for and with them.

We have found joy and love being a part of this parish family! We are truly, truly blessed! Come join us and you too will experience the faith journey we are enjoying as a part of the Cabrini family. We may be small, but together in God we are mighty.

Trust in God.





IXIM Mission 2023



SVdP Vincentians



Grandparents' Day gifts  
St. Joseph Tower



Prayer Ministry

# LIVING MERCY



Meals at Siena Francis



Homebound Ministry



Bereavement Ministry



IXIM Mission 2022





# ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

All Saints School is a major ministry at St. Frances Cabrini. The parish provides financial support to the school through the Spaghetti Dinner, offered twice a year, with all proceeds from the dinner benefiting the school. Parishioners also support All Saints School by volunteering in classrooms, helping with reading and in the athletic programs.

While the school was once supported by a group of neighboring parishes, it is now operated through CUES which stands for Christian Urban Education Services. The CUES Board has been providing the major provisions, leadership and governance of All Saints School since 2013. CUES also operate Sacred Heart and Holy Name Grade Schools.

Our parish roots are steeped in the dreams and desires of immigrant families. All Saints continues that tradition. The students come from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Almost 75% of the students are children of immigrant families.

Completely Kids provides before and after school programing for the students in All Saints School. Support for this program comes from the entire metro Omaha area.

We are very grateful for all who help support All Saints School, CUES and Completely Kids. They make a huge difference in the lives of these young students.







SPAGHETTI  
*Dinner*





COMMUNITY



# COMMUNITY







# TITHING

Sacred Scripture teaches us that we are supposed to tithe:

*"A tenth of all you produce is the Lord's and it is holy."*  
Leviticus 27:30

*"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either."* Matthew 23:23

*"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your life."* Deuteronomy 14:23

*"Honor the Lord by giving God the first part of all your income."* Proverbs 3:9-10

*"Each of you shall bring a gift in proportion to the way that the Lord your God has blessed you."*  
Deuteronomy 16:17

*"Bring your whole tithe to my storehouse. Test me in this," says the Lord, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have enough room for it!"* Malachi 3:10

*"I want you to be leaders also in the spirit of cheerful giving...this is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words."* 2 Corinthians 8:7-8

Our financial gift to the work of God on earth reveals our spiritual maturity:

*"Where your treasure is, there your heart is also."*  
Matthew 6:21

*"Give and it will be given back to you...for the measure with which you measure, will be measured back to you."*  
Luke 6:38

*"There is more happiness in giving than receiving."*  
Acts of the Apostles 20:35

The Catholic Church teaches that the 10% return to the Lord should be divided up in the following manner: 5% supports our local parish, 1% supports the diocese and 4% supports all other charities.

To arrive at the 5% amount in a simple formula is to give, each Sunday, one dollar for every thousand you make a year. For example, if you make \$20,000 a year, then you would give \$20 each Sunday. If you make \$75,000 a year, then you would give \$75 each Sunday.

St. Frances Cabrini has many option available to donate:

- ACH transfers
- PayPal
- Abundant online giving
- Automatic bill pay
- Cash, checks, envelopes

For more information, contact Jan in the Parish Office.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

The following pages offer a summary of the financial position of the parish for the fiscal year which began July 1, 2022, and concluded June 30, 2023. If you wish to see a detailed breakdown of income and expenses, that is available in the Parish Office by contacting Jan Bode, Business Manager. We practice financial transparency as much as possible in the parish. The parish's financial books are open, no financial secrets are kept from parishioners.

Looking at the numbers, you will notice that not much has changed from last year to this year. The parish is holding some substantial financial reserves as we work to put together sufficient funds to proceed with remodeling the old swimming pool area in the Cabrini Parish Center into a social hall. Parish leadership decided in May to start individually approaching parishioners about contributing to a campaign for the work to be done on the social hall. Like so much of our present economic world, projected costs for the work on the new hall continue to increase. Estimates are now at over a million dollars to construct restrooms, a catering kitchen and the social hall itself.

Sunday collections increased this past year over the prior year thanks to the generosity of many parishioners. The average annual gift to the parish is about \$1,500. Cabrini encourages parishioners to follow the biblical tradition of tithing. The 10% tithe can be broken down into 5% for the local parish, 1% to the wider church and 4% to other charities. Those who are quick with their math will realize that a \$1,500 gift is coming from somebody who makes \$30,000 a year (that would be a 5% tithe). When everyone is tithing, the parish has plenty of support to carryout the work of the gospel in our midst.

Parish leadership remains committed to providing Masses and other parish activities online. There are ongoing costs involved in providing access online, but we feel the benefits outweigh the costs. Our Sunday Masses are watched by people all around the country (not huge numbers, but widely viewed). Much of what has been offered in the past (Masses, Bible Studies, Cabrini Fireside Chats, etc.) is still available online at the parish's website and its YouTube Channel. In addition, many of you are sharing in the Cabrini Community's videos which are produced locally. These too continue to bear much fruit.

The parish keeps a close eye on spending but, like your own household, does not have control over escalating energy and insurance costs. The Archdiocesan assessment costs also continue to increase. Your support is appreciated in meeting these climbing costs.



**St. Frances Cabrini Church**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of June 30, 2023**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Cash in Bank - Checking	
General Fund	\$ 243,990
Capital Improvement Fund	68,860
Mass Fund	2,590
Spaghetti Dinner Fund	4,770
Pickle Card Fund	1,860
Total Cash in Bank - Checking	<u>322,070</u>
Cash in Bank - Savings	
ICS-Capital Improvement	57,930
Total Cash in Bank - Savings	<u>57,930</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 380,000</u>

**Fixed Assets**

Property, Plant & Equipment	
Buildings - St. Frances Cabrini Church	\$ 5,367,110
Buildings - Rectory	960,840
Buildings - School	5,457,170
Buildings - Cabrini Parish Center	3,977,800
Buildings/Land Holy Family	510,000
Church/Rectory Furnishings	154,670
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>16,427,590</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 16,427,590</u>

**Other Assets**

**Investments**

Money Markets; CD's; Stock	
ICS - Money Market Hall Fund	\$ 451,710
CD Organ Fund	60,000
Stock (Current Gifts)	49,670
Total Money Markets; CD's; Stock	<u>561,380</u>
Deposit & Loan (Archdiocese D&L)	
Organ Fund	8,070
Savings*	213,230
Total Deposit & Loan (Archdiocese D&L)	<u>221,300</u>
Endowments**	1,625,410
Total Investments	<u>2,408,090</u>
Accounts Receivable - CUES School System	4,900
Total Other Assets	<u>\$ 2,412,990</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$ 19,220,580

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Liabilities-Short Term	<u>12,050</u>
Total Liabilities	12,050
Total Equity	19,208,530
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 19,220,580</u></u>

\*Includes Designated Donations for Mission and Outreach

\*\*Includes the Mary Palmesano All Saints School Endowment \$120,250



# St. Frances Cabrini Church

## Financial Report

	For the Years Ended	
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Sunday Collections	\$ 437,970	\$ 407,910
Designated Gifts	163,620	146,220
Capital Improvement/Hall Fund	129,910	109,150
Fundraising - Spaghetti Dinner/Pickles	67,090	60,170
Dividend Income - Endowment	40,290	39,280
Other Revenue	23,090	23,750
Christmas/Easter	14,420	17,810
Bequests/Wills	12,470	222,500
School Support/Sunday Envelopes	6,880	10,610
Contributions from Community	6,000	12,930
Organ Fund	3,600	3,460
Tuition - Religious Education (CCD)	2,150	1,350
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ 907,490</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,140</u>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Personnel	\$ 300,770	\$ 276,330
Revenue In Excess of Expenses*	254,250	471,570
Materials & Supplies	61,600	48,360
Other Expenses	59,230	48,660
School Support/Assessments	50,100	48,960
Utilities	42,230	40,670
Archdiocesan Assessment Fund	35,740	32,420
Maintenance	30,980	17,570
Fundraising - Spaghetti Dinner/Pickles	27,510	21,330
Professional Fees	24,820	29,820
Property Insurance	19,370	18,620
Furniture & Equipment	890	830
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<u>\$ 907,490</u>	<u>\$ 1,055,140</u>

\*Church/Rectory/Cabrini Center Renovation expenses of \$41,250 were capitalized, resulting in an increase of Assets on the Statement of Financial Position.



# Santa Lucia



As we reflect on the 99th Annual Festival and all the memories we gathered from it, we can't help but feel that our mission to provide citizens of Omaha with an annual festival celebrating Santa Lucia, to preserve the rich Italian heritage of Omaha's Little Italy, and to support organizations and individuals whose purpose is spiritual and charitable, is so much better when we can celebrate on 10th & William streets.

The view of St. Lucy and the Triumphal Arch, resting outside of St. Frances Cabrini Church, is not only beautiful, but it is a perfect fit. The festival location feels like the appropriate home for the many Cabrini parishioners, committee members, attendees, and longtime neighborhood residents.

On behalf of the Santa Lucia Festival Committee, we would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Damian, the Pastoral Council, All Saints School and CUES, and the Dahlman Neighborhood Association for all of their support and embracing our festival. We appreciate the whole community honoring the virgin martyr, St. Lucy. Lucia's name comes from the Latin word "lux," which means "light," and the committee feels *the light truly shines brighter on 10th & William*, right outside St. Frances Cabrini Church.

VIVA SANTA LUCIA

Todd Procopio

President | Santa Lucia Festival Committee



# Immaculée Ilibagiza



 Mention

I want to give a shout-out to St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. This church community has been incredibly welcoming and kind to our family. I've had so many people praying for me during my cancer treatments. I've been able to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick a couple of times. They gave a book, *Left to Tell*, that's occupying my time during treatment, to each church member and are having the author come speak (highly recommend this book btw). And most recently we had our little sweet Evelyn baptized there.

Also, I love that they still provide a live-streamed Mass (and it's great quality)! Sometimes during my surgeries and treatments, the live-stream is my only option. It's open to everyone! Check out their Facebook page at 5 pm on Saturday nights (or the recorded version any time). A BIG thank you to my Cabrini support system.

Jamie Halverson





# "An extraordinary experience"

We are so grateful for all the love and support you have shown us since joining your community.

We found Cabrini by searching for a church in Omaha that would allow us to get married as we were not parishioners at any other church in Omaha. We were not having any luck with any other church as they would not allow us to get married there without being parishioners for at least a year. We were shocked at how easy and welcoming everyone was at Cabrini. We feel like God blessed us and pointed us to our future home.



It has been an extraordinary experience getting to know more people in the church and becoming more involved with the community through Alpha and our respective Cabrini Communities. We have made many friends through Cabrini which would not have been possible without your guidance and prayers. Cabrini became so important to us so quickly that we even decided on our current place of living based on how close we would be to Cabrini.

We sincerely look forward to celebrating our marriage at St. Frances Cabrini, and we look forward to future memories made at Cabrini.

With gratitude,

Evan & Morgan Marshall



## St. Frances Cabrini Church proves perfect backdrop for marriage proposal

Paige Markley and Jimmy Denton might not get married at St. Frances Cabrini in Omaha, but their beloved parish will always remain a part of their love story.

The 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 25, was the last time Markley and Denton would attend Mass at St. Frances Cabrini for the foreseeable future. Markley, who is in the Air Force stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, was transferred to New Mexico and moved there a few days following the proposal. Denton, an auditor, also is moving to New Mexico.

When Markley moved to Omaha in 2021, she was looking for a parish that would feel like a home to her. She found it at St. Frances Cabrini.

"The people are so kind and so welcoming and so funny and just fun to be around, and you always feel loved," Markley said. "It's so special anytime you are at Cabrini. The church is beautiful, and Father Damian (Zuerlein) is amazing. I just love it."

Denton feels the same way about the community at St. Frances Cabrini, which is why he chose to propose there, even as he laughs that some of their proposal pictures look like wedding photos.

"My whole thing is that if you feel the strongest sense of community somewhere, then that's probably where you should do it," Denton said of his choice of engagement venue.



Following Mass that evening, the church cleared and Denton got on one knee and proposed in front of the altar. It was just the couple, a photographer and the piano player in the church when Denton asked Markley to marry him. However, Denton had spread the word among their friends to come to the Mass that evening and those friends were waiting outside the church to congratulate the happy couple.

Markley had an inkling something was up when she arrived at Mass that evening and saw Denton in a suit. For his part, Denton panicked a bit when Markley was late meeting him at Mass that evening. "I was sweating that out."

The couple, both originally from Maryland, would love to get married at St. Frances Cabrini but aren't sure that's possible with their families living on the East Coast. They won't be strangers, however.

"We will definitely be visiting, that's for sure," Denton said. "We'll be visiting as often as we possibly can."

Markley knows parish communities like St. Frances Cabrini are special and hopes to find one like it in New Mexico.

"I think we'll just have to wait and see where God brings us in the future," she said.

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"This is my body which will be given for you;  
do this in memory of me."



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