

All Saints Catholic School Collections

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School News

All Saints School office hours are 7:30 am to 4 pm. School hours are 8 am to 3:15 pm. Christmas Break, December 23rd to January 6th

Come and See

If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the Catholic Church, interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church teaches, is Catholic but has been away from the Church for a while, was baptized Catholic but never confirmed—**Come and See** is for you! We are offering **Come and See** for interested persons on Sundays, following the 5:30 pm Mass. These classes will occur weekly from January 19th 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 to sign-up or for more information.

Omaha Welcomes the Stranger (OWS)

To promote community among immigrant families and to introduce them to caring people in the area, they (OWS) are reaching out for hosts to bring supper to the shelter on Sunday evenings – serving approximately 20 adults and 20 children. The full meal, all serving utensils, plates, napkins, silverware, etc. need to be provided and served. Maybe you or your community group wants to provide a meal and another group serve it? There are lots of ways to get involved without taking on the whole mission. Please contact Cathy Beeler at cmbeeler@archomaha.org and find out how you can help.

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

Anointing of the Sick (Last Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass) December 29, January 26, February 23, March 30

Taize Prayer (First Thursday of the month), 8 pm, January 2, February 6, March 6

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team (First Friday of the month following 11:30 am Mass) January 3, February 7, March 7

First Saturday Rosary (Monthly), 4:30 pm, January 4, February 1, March 1

Winter Alpha for All ages, Tuesdays, 6 - 8 pm, January 14 - March 25. Day Away is March 1. Contact Annie Wise at amwise@archomaha.org for more info or to sign up.

Eucharistic Adoration (Third Saturday of the month), 3:30 - 4:30 pm, January 18, February 15, March 15

Come and See Sundays after 5:30 pm Mass, January 19th through Easter

Cabrini Potluck Family Dinner (on select Sundays), 6 - 8 pm, February 23

Spring Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 6, Noon to 6 pm

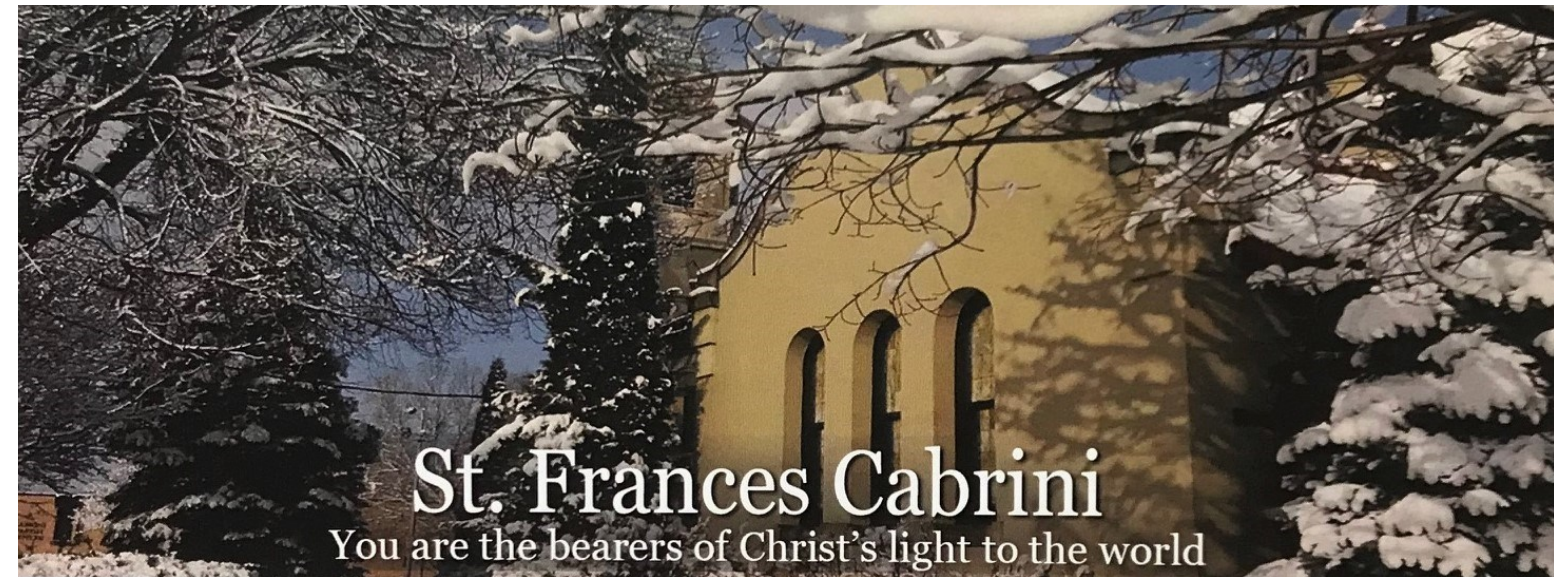
Poinsettias for Christmas

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 and hopeful Advent.

Poinsettias and Evergreens for Christmas

Your name (please print) _____

In memory/honor of _____



St. Frances Cabrini
You are the bearers of Christ's light to the world

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024

Decorating the Church Schedule Change

You are welcome to join us in decorating the church for the Christmas Season this Monday at 9 am. Only the creche and two trees will be put up Sunday.

Parish Offices Closed

The Parish Offices will be closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas and December 31st and January 1st for New Year's holidays.

Winter Alpha

Please take some time during this busy season to think about signing up, or inviting someone to come, for Winter Alpha, Tuesdays from 6 - 8 pm in the Cabrini Parish Center gym, January 14th through March 25th. Contact Annie Wise at amwise@archomaha.org with any questions or to sign up or volunteer.



Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 23	December 24	December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29
	Confession 10 am-noon Masses at 4 pm and midnight Parish offices closed	Christmas Day Masses at 9 and 11 am Parish offices closed				Anointing of the sick at 11 am Mass



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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

Website: www.stcabrinomaha.org

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 24	4:00 PM	+Rosemary Welsh
Tuesday, Dec. 24	Midnight	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Wednesday, Dec. 25	9:00 AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Wednesday, Dec. 25	11:00 AM	+Butch Turco & Rudy Iverson
Thursday, Dec. 26	11:30 AM	+Sue Matsui
Friday, Dec. 27	11:30 AM	+Kathleen Garza
Saturday, Dec. 28	5:00 PM	+Deceased Members Lohr Family
Sunday, Dec. 29	9:00 AM	+Louise Vacanti
Sunday, Dec. 29	11:00 AM	+David Nuno
Sunday, Dec. 29	5:30 PM	+Dickson LeBron

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 14-15

Sunday Tithes- Collections	\$	12,159.00
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	64.00
Organ Fund	\$	145.00
Improvement Fund	\$	29.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	274.00

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (LUKE 1:44)
When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

St. Mary Magdalene Church

(Our Sister Parish in the new Archdiocesan Families)

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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 pm and 5:15 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

12:00 Midnight

7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

12:15 pm

(no 5:15 pm Mass on Christmas Day)

Confessions

Confessions will be heard before Masses on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, except Midnight Mass.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

At a recent Advent gathering of parishioners I presented a brief history of some of our Christmas traditions. I enjoy the podcast *Hark!* It looks into the history of many of our favorite Christmas songs and I would recommend it to those of you who are podcast fans. Using the same format as the podcast, I talked about other Christmas traditions.

I used as my source the recently published *Oxford Handbook of Christmas*. It quickly emerges in the essays contained in the book, that insofar as Christmas traditions are concerned, the origins of most Christmas traditions are a little obscure. In the chapter “Trees and Decorations,” University of Illinois Springfield history professor David Bertaina dismisses claims that the Christmas tree derives from Martin Luther or earlier Germanic pagan customs. While he acknowledges the Germanic worship of trees before Christianity, he does not see the Christmas tree at all connected with that worship. Rather, he argues instead that the Christmas tree likely developed out of Medieval morality plays. Bertaina writes: *In that time, a Paradise Tree was set up for plays to represent the Tree of Knowledge... The actor playing Adam would later parade through the streets of the town with the tree. The tree symbolized humanity's downfall but also represented the tree of the cross. The trees were decorated with apples, representing the Fall of humankind, while round pastry wagers on the tree of life symbolized the Eucharistic host...*

Children would eat the pastries and fruits that hung on the tree of our redemption at the end of the play. Through the 15th and 16th centuries, Paradise Trees were set up in public places like hospitals, churches, and town squares, where they were likewise decorated with fruits and sweets. The first tree coming indoors was in a church in Strasburg, France in 1605. Bertaina notes the red glass balls we hang today on trees stand in for the apples placed on Paradise Trees. The Paradise Trees migrated to the foyers and receiving rooms of wealthy homes in the late 18th and 19th centuries and came to the United States with Eastern European immigration.

While curiosity cannot help seeking out the origins of things, there is some sense in which knowing the origin of the Christmas tree does not matter all that much. What matters is our sharing in the tradition and the deeper meaning that enfolded traditions can convey. The point of a tradition is not remembering the past but entering the past—or, rather, entering transcendent realities that were manifested in the past but are also manifested in the present through the tradition. Simply put, a tradition is the past made mystically, bloodlessly present. That is what happens each time we Catholics gather for Eucharist. The past and the present become one.

With each of our Christmas traditions we spiritually enter into the incarnation, the wonder and beauty of God taking on human flesh. Everything in the Nativity narrative is beautiful, sublime, and terrifying. All that beauty and sublimity can be approached simply by participating in the traditions of Christmas.

As we approach the Christmas celebration this year, let us remember that the tree and the gifts around the tree are opportunities to enter into what Christ has secured for us by divinity taking on our human reality. Let’s take a few minutes to pause and remind ourselves that when God became one of us, he identified himself with us so completely that all we have to do is accept God’s acceptance to be one with God into the ages. God is giving us the greatest gift – open it!

Peace,

Fr. Damian

Reconciliation/Confession Available December 24th

There will be an opportunity for Reconciliation/Confession on December 24th from 10 am until noon. There will not be a Mass at 11:30 am on December 24th.