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Winter Alpha Course For Young Adults Ages 21-35

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, informal environment. It is for everyone! You can't know what it is like until you've experienced it! Alpha not only strengthens your faith, but builds community and forms friendships. The weekly topics are designed to encourage conversation. Are you, or do you know of someone, aged 21 to 35 who is looking for a place to gather with others of that age to talk about the big questions in life—Is there a God? Who is Jesus? What about the Holy Spirit?, etc. Maybe God is an unknown? Maybe new friendships are what is sought? Maybe just gathering with others in that age group... Winter Alpha is ready for you! It runs Tuesdays at the Cabrini Parish Center gym from 6-8 pm, starting January 13th through March 24th, plus a Day-Away Saturday, February 28th. It's free. It includes a full meal (we do accept free-will donations to help cover food costs). It's life-changing! To register, contact Annie Wise at amwise@archomaha.org or call the Cabrini Parish Office at (402) 934-7706.

Stewardship for Third Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Upcoming Events at Cabrini

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, quarterly, click on the link stcabriniomaha.org to sign up, or contact Richard Carrillo at racarrillo83@gmail.com Next date to be determined

Young Adult Movie Night, quarterly. Movie starts at 6:30 pm. February 5

Adoration for Young Families, Quarterly, 10 - 10:30 am, Saturday, January 17, followed by donuts and fellowship.

Movie Night—Season 5 of The Chosen, Wednesdays, through December 17 at 6:15 pm.

GriefShare, 13 weeks on Tuesdays, through January 27 from 12 - 1:30 pm (no December 23 or 30) in the Cabrini Center library.

Alpha for Young Adults, Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, January 13 through March 24, Day-Away is Saturday, February 28.

Meal Service at Siena Francis House, Select Thursdays: New dates to be determined for 2026 yet. If interested, contact Natalie May at nmcgovern1@yahoo.com

Anointing of the Sick, last Sunday of the month at 11 am Mass. December 28, January 25, February 22

Personal Prayer with Prayer Ministry Team, First Friday of the month following 11:30 am Mass. January 2, February 6

First Saturday Rosary, monthly, 4:30 pm. January 3, February 7

Women's Faith Sharing Group with St. Mary Magdalene Parish, monthly on second Friday after 12:05 pm Mass (12:30-1:30 pm). January 9, February 13

Taize Prayer, First Thursday of the month, 8 pm. (Not in January), February 5

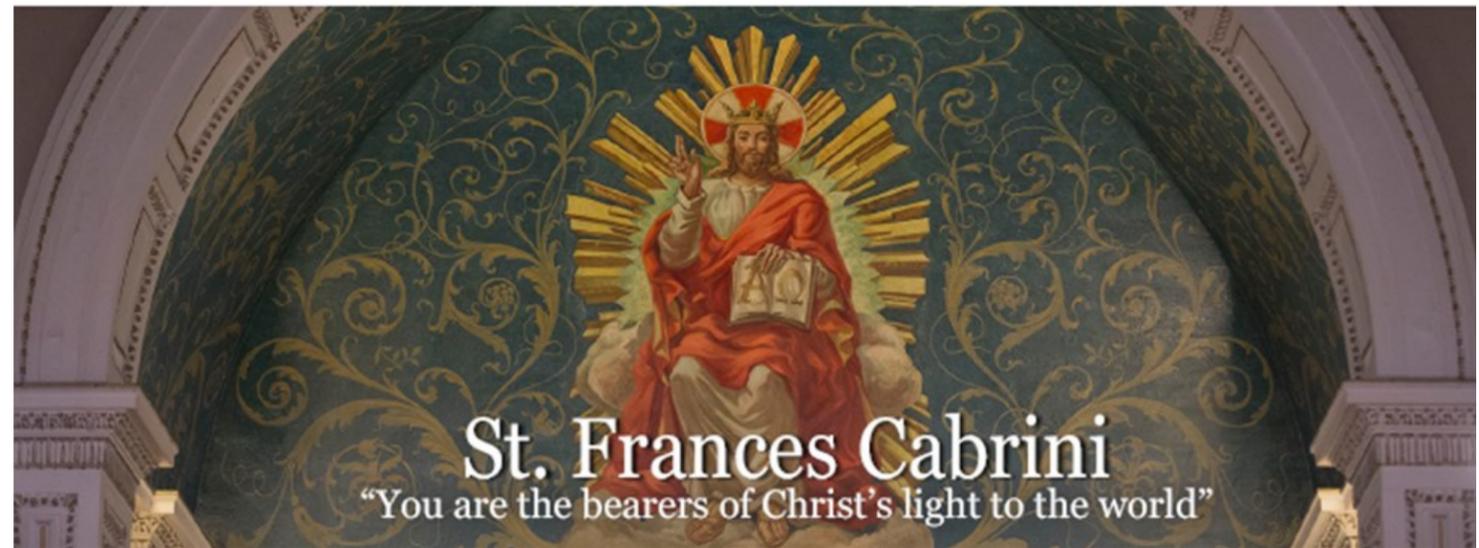
CEC Weekends, February 13-15 (men's) and February 20-22 (women's).

Cabrini Family Dinner, Sunday, February 8, 6 pm.

Spring Spaghetti Dinner April 19, 12 noon to 6 pm

Christ Our Life Conference, live-stream or attend live in Des Moines, Iowa, September 26-27, 2026.

Parish Parking Lot Party will be Saturday, September 26, 2026. More to follow.



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025**

Advent at Cabrini

- ◆ Our theme is **Mary carried a promise she couldn't see. We too are called to the same quiet trust.**
- ◆ **Week Three**, we encourage you to live in the now, be present in the moment, as all pregnant women do.
- ◆ This is the last weekend we are collecting we are collecting 13 gallon trash can liners, paper towels and laundry soap for Bethlehem House.
- ◆ Masses for Christmas are Vigil at 4 pm the 24th, Midnight, 9 am and 11 am on Christmas Day. There is no evening Mass on the 25th.

Come and See

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church? Or were you baptized Catholic but never confirmed? Then Come and See is for you! We will begin offering Come and See for those who are interested starting Sunday, January 11th - following the 9 am Mass. These classes will occur weekly through Easter. The content will focus on the core areas of the Catholic faith. Please reach out to Deacon Doug Lenz at dalenz@archomaha.org or (402) 312-3550 for more details or to sign up.

CEC Upcoming Weekends

The next Christians Encounter Christ Weekends are scheduled for **February 13-15** (men's) and **February 20-22** (women's) at St. Wenceslaus Parish in Omaha. Registration deadlines have been moved up as they need to secure lodging at a motel nearby. They have been set for **February 1st** for men and **February 8th** for women. More information will be coming as we receive it.

Upcoming Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21
	GriefShare 12 noon	The Chosen, Season 5, 6:15 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
Website: www.stcabriniomaha.org

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 16	11:30 AM	+Chris Beeler
Wednesday, Dec. 17	11:30 AM	+Herman & Catherine Franzluebbbers
Thursday, Dec. 18	11:30 AM	+Dan Franzluebbbers
Friday, Dec. 19	11:30 AM	+Rosemary Welch
Saturday, Dec. 20	5:00 PM	+Kathleen Garza
Sunday, Dec. 21	9:00 AM	+Betty Pistone
Sunday, Dec. 21	11:00 AM	+Virginia & Clyde Simpson
Sunday, Dec. 21	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 Collection December 6-7

Sunday Tithes— Collections	\$	Will
All Saints Gift Fund	\$	be
Organ Fund	\$	posted
Improvement Fund	\$	next
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	week

A Neighbor Finds Hope

A Spanish-speaking mother with two young children, in the U.S. legally on a work visa, faced eviction owing \$6000, after falling four months behind on rent when her husband was deported.

She called Cabrini's SVdP conference for help. Through the teams efforts, partnering with several non profits, and an incredibly generous landlord who forgave half the rent—she was able to keep her home.

Since this encounter, this brave young mother has secured a job, daycare, food assistance and has begun rebuilding stability for her family. Your donations made this possible.

Thank you for supporting the mission of SVdP at Cabrini!



St. Mary Magdalene Church

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Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 pm and 5:15 pm

Thursday, December 25

12:00 Midnight

7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

12:15 pm

(no 5:15 pm Mass on Christmas Day)

Confessions will be heard before Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

You might have seen a news clip where Pope Leo was asked about his favorite spiritual book, and he replied it was the *Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence. I am sure that answer has surprised a lot of people. It is a small book and presents a view of spirituality that is quite simple. It fits perfectly with Mary's own approach to God – to simply live in the presence of God – all the time.

Lawrence, in 1649, when he was middle-aged, entered the monastery of the Carmelites in Paris, as a lay brother. After his novitiate he was put to work in the kitchen as a cook and a washer of pots and pans; it was a line of work he naturally detested, but he welcomed it because he expected that the mortification of it would be good for his soul.

We are told in the book, *"In the beginning of his novitiate he spent the hours appointed for private prayer in thinking of God...By this short and sure method he exercised himself in the knowledge and love of God, resolving to use his utmost endeavor to live in a continual sense of His presence, and, if possible, never to forget Him more...When he had thus in prayer filled his mind with great sentiments of that Infinite Being, he went to his work appointed in the kitchen (for he was cook to the Society). There having first considered severally the things his office required, and when and how each thing was to be done, he spent all the intervals of his time, as well before as after his work, in prayer."*

In Brother Lawrence's case, he simply didn't have much theology nor did he like it; he had difficulty following theological discussions and was usually bored with them. So, he concerned himself only with knowing God, not with knowing theology.

The Carmelites prescribed set times for prayer and set prayers to be said. Brother Lawrence obediently observed the times, but he gave up on the specified prayers, for they bored him. He didn't get much benefit from the set times either and declared that *"he was more united to God in his ordinary occupations than when he left them for devotion in retirement, from which he knew himself to issue with much dryness of spirit."*

He found no value in penances and mortifications, felt no need of spiritual directors, and believed that the only remedy for sin was simple faith in God's forgiveness by the blood of Jesus Christ. He declared: *"Many do not advance in Christian progress because they stick in penances and particular exercise, while they neglect the love of God, which is the end."* But it was not a question of human merit, for he said plainly: *"The greater perfection a soul aspires after, the more dependent it is upon Divine Grace."* Even his turning to God in prayer he acknowledged to be solely the work of God in him. His devotional practices, he said, *"are to be imputed solely to the mercy and goodness of God, because we can do nothing without Him, and I still less than any. But when we are faithful to keep ourselves in His holy presence, and set Him always before us, this not only hinders our offending Him and doing anything that may displease Him, at least willfully, but it also begets in us a holy freedom, and, if I may so speak, a familiarity with God, wherewith we ask, and that successfully, the graces we stand in need of."*

For all of us who struggle to pray, this short book gives hope and a possible solution to the struggle. By calling to mind the presence of God around us when we do our regular work at home or the office can change everything. Brother Lawrence found doing the dishes a holy task when God was at his side. I think the Virgin Mary did the same. Being full of grace she took God with her wherever she went. How about you?

Peace,

Fr. Damian