

May 2, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Frances Cabrini



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5

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Welcome to Our Parish!

We are glad you are here! If you are a visitor and would like to join our parish family, please pick up a registration form in the gathering space, visit the parish office during the week or you may visit our website to register.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Infant Baptism: Please contact Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.

Marriage Preparation: Please contact Trudy at 303-953-7769 at least 9-12 months prior to your wedding to make arrangements.

RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic or questions about the faith? Call Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.

Care of the Sick / Dying: Please call if someone is ill or hospitalized and would like the Sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick. *In case of death, call the Parish Office immediately.*

Home Communion: Visits may be scheduled through the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend ...Saturday (Anticipatory) 4:15 pm;
Sunday 7:15, 9:15, 11:15am & 5:15pm

Weekday.....Monday-Friday 9:00 am;
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 6:30am

Thurs., 1pm for those 65+ and/or immunocompromised

First Saturday 10:00am

Holy Day(Vigil) 5:30pm;
(Day) 9:00am & 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 8-9:30am

Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30pm

Meditating on the Gospel

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“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace. ©LPi



The First Saturday Mass time has been changed to 10am.

Mass Guidelines

Happy Easter!! At St. Frances Cabrini, we no longer require signups for any of the Masses. Please plan on arriving early if you would to sit in the Church. When the Church reaches capacity, ushers will be directing people to the overflow space where the Mass is simulcast. Holy Communion is brought to the simulcast space so all may participate fully.

We ask that you continue to maintain physical distancing and wear masks while entering, exiting and moving about in the church, as well as going forward and returning from a Holy Communion. You may remove your mask while seated **except** at the 7:15am Sunday Mass and the 1pm Thursday Mass where masks are still required at all times. May God bless you all! - Deacon Chet

Our Parish Mission: To **EMBRACE** our Faith, to **NOURISH** our formation as Catholics and to **SERVE** in a community filled with the Holy Spirit.”

For daily reflections, masses and liturgical videos, visit our website:



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You From Fr. Israel

Give thanks to the Lord, for HE IS GOOD...! (Ps. 107:1) As I thank the Lord for giving me the privilege to be His minister and serve His people, here I am with a smile and a grateful heart, thanking the same Lord for the gift of our Pastor, Fr. John Paul, Fr. Ron and clergy, staff and all of you – family of St. Frances Cabrini, for being my prayer warriors all these past years and this year in particular, as you all celebrated 25 years of my ordination to the priesthood on April 29th. As I get to celebrate mass every day, there is no other best way to be grateful to God for the gift of you all than Holy Mass, because the Holy Eucharist is the GREATEST SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING. Please continue to pray for me that I may have the heart of our Shepherd, Jesus, and let's make every effort to take part in the Holy Eucharist and see it as greatest need for each one of us. To all of you who prayed and continue to pray for my recovery from surgery (revision rotator cuff repair) and sent get well cards, I thank you. I wasn't able to write, so could not reply and say thank you. Once again, I am really grateful for all your prayers, wishes, encouragement, support, precious gifts and your expression of love... Again thank you! Let's be united in prayers. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, may God bless you all. Keep smiling! Fr Israel

Reencounter the Mass

From the Archdiocese of Denver:

The Bishops of Colorado have announced that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will be restored on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. All Catholics who are healthy and without significant risk factors or other serious reasons should resume normal Mass attendance in the coming weeks.

It is important for Catholics to know that the Church has always provided for exceptions to the Sunday and Holy Day obligation, and that anyone with a "serious reason" or "grave cause" is excused from the obligation. In the case of this pandemic, "serious reason" and "grave cause" would include:

- *Anyone who is sick, symptomatic, or has been recently exposed to the coronavirus. Protecting the health of others is an act of Christian charity and our moral duty to one another.*
 - *Anyone with significant health risk factors that requires them to avoid public spaces, or if you care for someone with significant risk factors.*
 - *Anyone who cannot attend Mass through no fault of their own, for example, if a parish has reached capacity.*
- Anyone who isn't able to go to Mass should continue to keep the Sabbath holy with intentional time in prayer including engagement in the readings for the day, which may be enhanced through watching a pre-recorded or livestreamed Mass and making a spiritual communion.*

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." ~ St. John Vianney



Cabrini Pilgrim Statue of Fatima

The Pilgrim Statue of Fatima brings Mary, Our Mother, to the home for a week of dedicated prayer and outreach. The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit is to encourage the family to pray together, and especially pray the Rosary.



Perhaps you have a special time that you would like to have the visiting Pilgrim Virgin Statue come to your home. **Next weekend, May 8th/9th**, you will be able to sign up in the Gathering Space after Masses. You may contact Sandra at sandra@customer.com or 720-209-5968 for scheduling. For questions about the program, please contact Fr. Ron at fron@sfcparish.org or 303-953-7767.

FAITH DIRECT

St. Frances Cabrini Parish continues to depend on your donations to continue our ministry. We prayerfully invite you to sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting [sfcparish.org/give](https://www.sfcparish.org/give) or text "enroll" to 720-713-3309.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our parish family!

May: The Month of Mary

The month of May is a special time in the life of the church as we celebrate in a special way the significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the lives of the faithful. As we enter into this month, we learn to come to Jesus through Mary. We start this month out by Crowning Mary and giving her the recognition of her role in the salvation of the world. Mary has appeared at many different places throughout history. One of the most significant in our time is the Apparition of Mary at Fatima. The message of Fatima tells us to repent and turn to Jesus, praying for the conversion of sinners and to pray the rosary daily. We will be displaying the statue of Mary near the altar throughout the month to recognize her role.

On **May 13th**, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. After the 9am Mass, we will pray the rosary together. Please come and join for the Mass and Rosary and let us together honor our Mother and receive her blessings. Our Lady of Fatima pray for us!



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Thurs., May 13th**, in the Parish Hall. Volunteers will be in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, May 1st/2nd, and next weekend, May 8th/9th, to sign up donors.

Knights of Columbus



All men of the Parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus at Cabrini. Please visit <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> to sign up.

OUTREACH & ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities' Bottom Line Diaper Bank Needs Your Help

**Hey Dads!
\$5 and
done!**

A Mother's Day Card that gives back! In celebration of Mother's Day (May 9th) the Bottom Line Diaper Bank again this year created a Mother's day card. The \$5 donation per card goes to provide 30 diapers to a mother and child served through Catholic Charities. The cards will be available in the Gathering Space this weekend, May 1st/2nd, and next weekend, May 8th/9th, or during the week in the front office. *Did you know that Food Stamps, WIC and Medicare cannot be used to purchase diapers or incontinence supplies for seniors?* The money raised from these cards help struggling families experiencing economic uncertainty. Thank you in advance.



Lunch Bunch is Coming May 29th/30th Open for Entire Parish Participation



The collection of sack lunches to feed the homeless is the weekend of May 29th/30th. Each lunch should contain **2 plain sandwiches, a piece of fruit (no bananas), chips and a sweet of some kind.** No mayo or mustard except in little separate packages!!! Please bring lunches to the Gathering Space **before 4:15pm Mass on Saturday or between 7am-11:15am on Sunday only.** Parish volunteers take the lunches collected to the Volunteers of America Shelter on Lawrence Street where they are then distributed to the homeless throughout the week. If you have any questions, please contact Karen L at 303-953-7765 or klotspeich@sfcparish.org.

Cabrini Loving Hands



The next gathering will be **Sat., May 15th.** The Loving Hands Knitting and Crocheting group meets once a month (Jan.-Nov.) on Saturday between 10am-3pm in Parish Halls B & C. Join us if you would like to learn to knit or crochet or to share your talents and socialize as we make a variety of items for those in need. **Contact Karen S at 303-588-0461 for more information on this ministry.**

Cabrini Piecemakers Quilt Group



Fri., May 7th, 9:30am-2pm, Hall B
Sat., May 22nd, 9:30am-3pm, Frassati Room
We invite new members to join us! When attending a meeting, please wear a mask at all times and be prepared to socially distance at the tables that will be set up in that manner. For more information, please contact Karen at 303-953-7765 or klotspeich@sfcparish.org.

Cabrini Rosary Makers

Mary constantly sets before the faithful the "mysteries" of her Son, with the desire that the contemplation of those mysteries will release all their saving power. In the recitation of the Rosary, the Christian community enters into contact with the memories and the contemplative gaze of Mary..

- *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* by St. Pope JPII

Please stop by Parish Halls B & C on **Tues. May 4th, any time between 9:30-11:30am** to replenish your supplies and drop off rosaries for distribution and stay if you would like. We will be praying the Rosary. The set-up has been changed to round tables with 3 to a table spread out between 2 rooms. You are welcome to stay if you are comfortable with the physical distancing. Remember to wear your mask. For more information, please call Teresa at 303-988-6517, Loretta at 720-981-5114 or Sandy at 303-932-1501.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Once again, we ask you to collect your loose change in the provided baby bottle for Birthline, Inc. Please pick up a bottle at the Respect Life table in the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekend of **May 8th/9th.** Place your pocket change in the bottle over the next month. Return your bottle to the church the weekend of **June 19th/20th.**

Birthline provides free pregnancy tests and counseling service with love, understanding, and compassion. While their main goal is to save the lives of the unborn, they believe they have an obligation to provide clients with as much information as they can, in hopes they will consider changing their minds and carry their baby to term rather than choosing abortion.

Mobile units have been very effective in reaching out to women by going to them.

Birthline Inc. has been helping Colorado teens and women since 1969. They are an independent private non-profit corporation, nonpolitical, nonsectarian and interdenominational. If you would like more information please see their website at birthlinecolorado.org.



Cabrini's Cupboard

Give us this day our daily bread..

We were so thankful to receive a neighborhood food drive donation.

Columbine High School's Day of service was Thurs., April 20th. Lisa and her daughter drove up with a truck bed



full of food. What an awesome idea! Miss Lisa is an alum of Columbine High School who wanted to participate in a day of service to the Columbine community. Her neighbors were "all in" and she was excited to see the great response. There was a little bit of everything, cereal, soup, ketchup, canned fruit, canned veggies, noodles, and spaghetti sauce. Everything was loaded up on to carts and shelved.

Current needs: Hearty soups, hamburger Helper, pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna/chicken, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and jelly, canned veggies, canned fruit, snacks for kids, size 5 & 6 diapers and wipes.

Please be sure to double check expiration dates, as we are not able to shelve or distribute expired food.

Please keep the clients of Cabrini's Cupboard in your prayers! Thank you!!

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

WORSHIP MINISTRY



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and
I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally, come
at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite myself
wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated
from You. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	May 3
6:30A	Dick Bonelli†
9:00A	Roger Smith†
Tuesday	May 4
6:30A	Edward Knight†
9:00A	Alice Anderson† Richard Reiser†
Wednesday	May 5
9:00A	Esther Figliozzi - SI
Thursday	May 6
6:30A	Marge Simons†
9:00A	Scott Sundberg† Eugene Wilson†
Friday	May 7
6:30A	Patricia & Gordon Diesing - SI
9:00A	Diana & Ed Hester - SI
Saturday	May 8
4:15P	Richard Crutchfield†
Sunday	May 9
7:15A	Don Bartos†
9:15A	Robert Bowen Jr.†
11:15A	Parishioners
5:15P	Sarah Levesque - SI

ADORATION is back in the Chapel
Monday-Thursday: 1-7 pm, Friday: 1-6pm

Come, spend some time with Jesus!

(Note: distancing rules apply - maximum 6 people)



Mass for 65+ and for Those Who Are Immunocompromised

Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Church

Healing Masses at St. Frances Cabrini

The next Healing Mass will be on Mon., May 17th, 7pm.

God is always with us to heal us and comfort us in our sufferings. These Masses are special opportunities to invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, physical or spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. Please join us to praise God and be open to how He wishes to work in our lives as we humbly come before Him, who is rich in mercy. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Israel at frisrael@sfeparish.org.

Please pray for the souls of our recently deceased loved ones, that they may rejoice in the gift of eternal life: *Gerald Mann, Dorothy Dabkowski, Rich Kellogg, Joyce Hunter, Alice Kloewer, Ruth Antrim and "Cookie" Duranczyk.*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Holy Father's May Prayer Intention:

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



Deacon Brian, with the Intercessors of the Trinity, has been live streaming every Tuesday from 7-8:30 pm. They are able to take your prayer requests and pray live with you. You can connect at their website: IntercessorsoftheTrinity.org.

Prayer Line

If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone else, call the prayer line at 303-953-7794 and leave your name, phone number and prayer intention (spelling all names for clarity) on the voice mail. Also, if you would like to join our ministry, please leave your name and phone number on the voice mail and Karen Smoody will contact you.

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10 & 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path. - Psalm 119:105

Monthly Stewardship

A heartfelt THANK YOU

for your continued support and generosity!

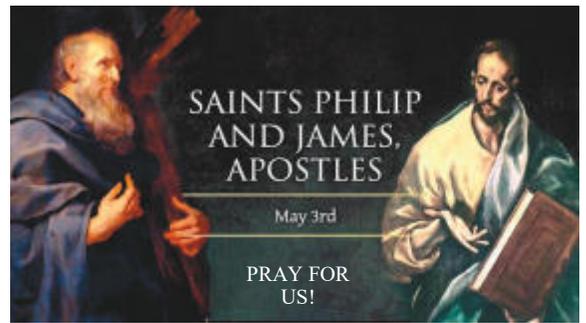
Your contributions support the continuation of the Parish mission and ministries.

April Offertory Envelopes	\$103,754.64
(Including Easter)	
April Online (incl. Easter).....	\$98,664.69
Total April (4 weeks incl. Easter)	\$202,419.33
Holy Thursday	\$4,361.00
(to Missionaries of Charity)	
Good Friday Holy Land	\$5,808.00

If you are not a registered parishioner, we are not able to track your contributions.

Marriage Ministry Support Needed

Our marriage ministry is in the process of building our Wedding Rehearsal and Decorator Teams to assist our newly engaged couples. The teams assist the priests and deacons in coordinating the details of the wedding day. Please consider being a part of this fun and rewarding ministry as we share the joy of our couples in their decision to participate in this beautiful sacrament. If you would like to join us in building our team or would like more information, please contact Trudy at 303-953-7769. We look forward to having you with us!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Prayer Request

Please continue to pray for our 21 RCIA participants who were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. They continue to need of the prayers of our Community to fortify them and to protect them from spiritual attack.

Our Catechumens: Wesley Barber, David Fatovic, Louis Long, Natasha Nowicki and Ariana Reyes

Our Candidates: Will Arthur, Chad Bakken, Donald Bozarth, Michelle Chambers, Vincent Conrad, Donald Drevlo, Jordan Jara, Dustin Korth, Ellie Long, Caitlan Maldonado, Ryker Martin, Gabriel Prado, Jack Ryckman, Bernard Sebastian, Owen Taylor and Joey Tonelli.

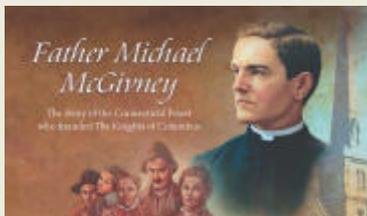
A Free Gift for You from St. Frances Cabrini!



Already have a FORMED Account? Follow these steps: 1) Visit FORMED.org, 2) Click SIGN IN, 3) Enter your email, 4) Click the link in your email, 5) You're in! No more passwords! (Remember, when you return to FORMED, just click the *sign in* button.)

Want to create a new FORMED account with your parish? Follow these steps: 1) Visit formed.org/signup 2) Select "St. Frances Cabrini" by entering name, city or zip, 3) Register with your name and email address, 4) Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

What's on Formed.org?



Father Michael McGivney: The Story of the Connecticut Priest Who Founded the Knights of Columbus

Father Michael McGivney is a documentary that brings to life the story of one of America's most extraordinary Catholic priests. Born in Connecticut of Irish immigrant parents just a few years before the Civil War, Michael McGivney grew up at a time when millions of Catholic immigrants were struggling to overcome poverty and prejudice. As a parish priest in the gritty New England manufacturing town of New Haven, he made a deep impact on his community, earning the respect of the Protestant establishment and the love of his parishioners at St. Mary's Church. Emboldened to care for families threatened by the death of the breadwinner, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, a mutual benefit society that today remains the world's largest Catholic lay organization with 1.8 million members in 13 nations. This film offers a rare glimpse into the life of an extraordinary priest and visionary leader. From defending the persecuted Church to protecting widows and orphans, Father Michael McGivney celebrates the triumphs and tribulations of a priest who may very well be America's first canonized parish priest. This movie is not rated, but is suitable for all ages.

Baptism Classes

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. -ccc 1213

It is a requirement that parents attend a baptism class prior to the baptism of their child so they may be adequately prepared and understand the spiritual obligations. Godparents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents are also invited to register in the parish. We celebrate many baptisms in our community, so we recommend contacting us prior to the birth of your child. To register for the class or to schedule your child's baptism, call Deacon Chet at 303-953-7783.

What's In The Lighthouse Kiosk?



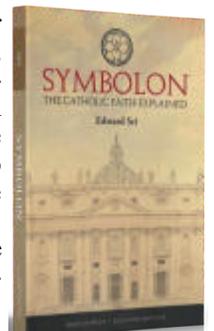
"I finally understand the Catholic Faith!" That's what many

around the world say after watching the acclaimed *Symbolon* series: *The Explanation of the Catholic Faith*. Now, the series host and renowned author Edward Sri takes us through the key aspects of the Catholic faith with the same clarity and beauty that he did in the video documentary, answering common questions, such as:

- Why do I need the Church? Is it enough to be only spiritual?
- Don't impose your morals on me! Who are you to judge me?
- Do we really have the responsibility to help the poor?
- Why do Catholics worship Mary?
- Why should I confess my sins to a priest?
- How can I believe that the Bible is really inspired by God?

This book is excellent for formation programs for adults, families, and RCIA. The easy-to-read style appeals to both the intellect and the heart of the reader and leads him to understand and live deeply the Catholic faith.

For more info about Lighthouse offerings, contact DeAnn at 303-953-7792.



Blessed Cardinal Clemens von Galen



If it has been some time since you thought about the work of Blessed Cardinal Clemens von Galen - or if you have never heard of this 20th century cleric - this is a good time to consider his courage in the face of unspeakable evil.

In the 1940s, Adolf Hitler turned Germany into a nation that its citizens didn't even recognize. Cardinal von Galen was a parish priest and then a bishop as the Third Reich came into power in Germany. Rather than remain silent, he spoke out against the reign of terror and mass murder the Nazis were spreading across Europe.

The cardinal "was one of the best known champions of the Church's resistance to the unjust National Socialist regime," Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins said during the 2005 Vatican ceremony at which Cardinal von Galen was beatified.

"If we wonder where he found his daring to reprimand the Nazis publicly and with very clear arguments, since they were violating fundamental human rights, and how he managed to persevere in this denunciation, we must turn to three

important factors that built up his strong personality ... These were: Family, Faith, and Politics."

Cardinal von Galen was born into a deeply religious aristocratic family, and became a priest in 1904.

Like most of Europe, Germany was a nation in transition in the early 20th century. In 1932, the far-right National Socialist German Worker's Party - the Nazi Party - became the largest political party in the German Parliament. Once Adolf Hitler was sworn in as chancellor January 1933, the Nazi dictatorship was born. He was empowered to pass laws without the approval of the German president, parliament or people.

Cardinal von Galen had a front row seat to the rise of the Third Reich. Initially hopeful that the new regime would restore Germany to its place of prominence in the world, the cardinal soon realized the Reich was a humanitarian disaster.

At the very outset of his pastoral work in Münster, Bishop von Galen unmasked the ideology of National Socialism and its contempt for human beings.

He began delivering sermons critical of the Nazi's murderous policies and disrespect for the freedom of the Catholic Church. In 1936, for instance, the Nazis in Oldenburg ordered the removal of all crucifixes from Catholic schools. When the cardinal protested, the order was canceled.

When Cardinal von Galen learned in 1941 that the Nazis had begun euthanizing the mentally ill, he delivered three powerful sermons in July and August of that year that presaged the genocidal horror that was to come in Germany, Poland and elsewhere.

"This ghastly doctrine tries to justify the murder of blameless men," the cardinal thundered in one sermon. "...Once admit the right to kill unproductive persons . . . then none of us can be sure of his life." "The opinion is that since they (the old) can no longer make money, they are obsolete machines, comparable with some old cows that can no longer give milk or some horse that has gone lame Here we are dealing with human beings, with our neighbors, brothers and sisters, the poor and the invalids unproductive, perhaps. But have they, therefore, lost the right to live? Have you or I the right to exist only because we are productive?" (August 3, 1941)

The BBC broadcast the sermons and the British Royal Air Force dropped copies of it all over the country. Hitler reportedly wanted to arrest the cardinal but understood the risk of harming someone so popular.

The cardinal was kept under virtual house arrest from late 1941 until 1945. Hitler vowed to take revenge on him, but died before carrying it out.

Cardinal von Galen had a deep sense of responsibility to speak out, no matter the risk. "The good Lord gave me a position that obliged me to call what was black, black, and what was white, white," he said.

His words, explained Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins at the Cardinal's mass of beatification, "invite us to reflect on the brilliance of his witness to faith; in times that may seem less threatening but are just as problematic with regard to human life, they invite us to imitate his example."

It's no exaggeration to say that the destruction dealt to the lives of the unborn and the freedoms of the Church in the United States are indeed, in Cardinal Martins' words, "just as problematic" and require just as much of a clear and forceful response.

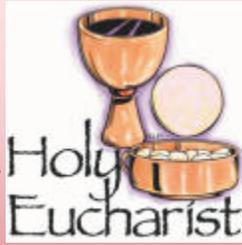
Some government leaders place no limits on abortion, and want taxpayers to fund them. They impose mandates like the one which caused dioceses and other Catholic institutions to have to fight all the way to the Supreme Court to live out their faith in the workplace. Some have indeed called for Catholics to change their beliefs, and for the Church to lose its tax-exempt status for holding those beliefs. We need to speak out before they do even greater damage.

In fact, every one of us who believes in the sanctity of life and the rights guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution must respond like Cardinal von Galen did. We must challenge political parties, candidates, and politicians at every level of government, aware that, as both the Catechism and the Second Vatican Council declare, "it is a part of the Church's mission 'to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it'" (CCC 2246; GS 76).

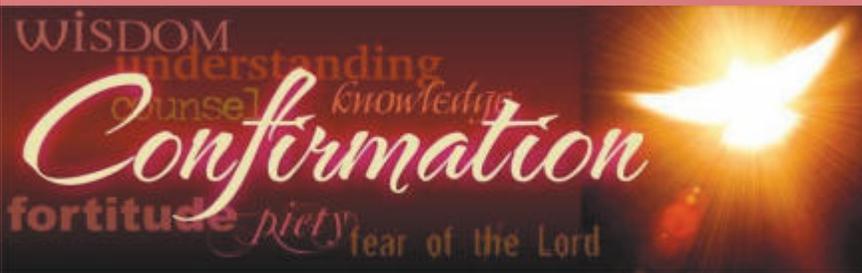
(excerpts from Catholic.org and Pro-Life Articles)

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

3rd Year Confirmation & First Eucharist Students & Families!



Please hold all our Confirmandi in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion over the next two weeks! These students have been studying diligently over this program year and are filled with excitement to be strengthened and sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, all in preparation to receive, for the first time, the Summit of our Faith in the Eucharist! **Special thanks** and **deep appreciation** go out to all our amazing catechists, both in-person and online, for leading an inspiring year of faith formation with our 3rd Year Sacrament Prep students!



Next Week is the Last Week of C.F.F. Classes for 1st - 6th Grades

The last C.F.F. class for grades 1st - 6th will be held next week, **May 10th - May 12th**, *except for our in-person Monday 4:15 1st Year class and all Wednesday 4:15 in-person classes, as their last class is this week, May 3rd and 5th.* **Thank you** to all who have volunteered this year in any capacity to make our program so meaningful and enriching to the children of this community. **Thank you**, also, to the C.F.F. families for all their support and assistance. We look forward to another exciting and inspiring year of Children's Faith Formation in 2021-2022. Please be on the look-out for **Vacation Bible School** registration coming at the end of May! Our VBS theme this year is **Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!**

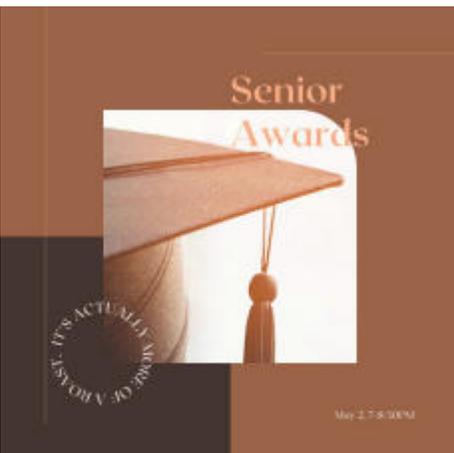
Are You Ready For This?? VBS is Back at SFC!! Volunteers Needed!!

Mark your calendars for **June 21st-25th, 2021** to climb aboard for mountains of fun at our **VBS week at SFC!!** More information to come on how to purchase your tickets (*registration*) and how you may help "engineer" this faith-filled adventure for our passengers (*3-year-olds through 5th grade*)!

We are currently looking for volunteers (6th grade - Adult) interested in sharing their gifts and talents of music, arts & environment, crafts, hospitality and teaching. Please contact Kristen at kconrad@sfcparish.org or 303-953-7775 to learn more!



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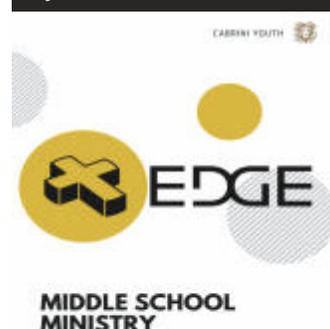


High Schoolers!

Come join us this Sunday night, May 2nd, from 7-8:30pm to honor our seniors!

EDGE (7th & 8th Graders)

You won't want to miss our last EDGE Night of the year! We will meet 7-8:30pm in the parish halls.



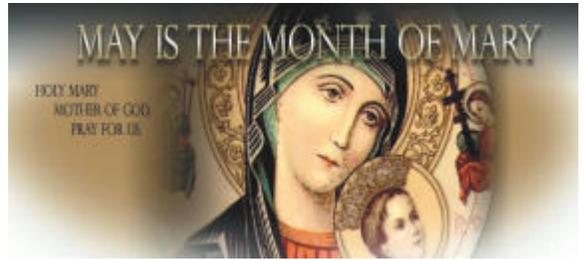
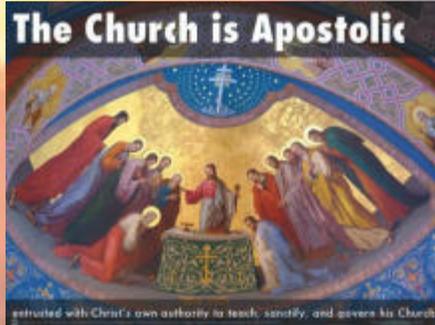
Make sure your parents check their emails for anything special you need to bring for our upcoming EDGE Finale! Mark your calendars for our House Cup Dodgeball Tournament on May 16th!

The Prayer Wall

174. Why is the Church apostolic?

“The Church is apostolic in her origin because she has been built on “the foundation of the Apostles” (Ephesians 2:20). She is apostolic in her teaching which is the same as that of the Apostles. She is apostolic by reason of her structure insofar as she is taught, sanctified, and guided until Christ returns by the Apostles through their successors who are the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter.”

Further reading: CCC 857,869
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Magnificat Moms: A St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Moms Group

Next Meeting: May 6th, 9:45-11:45am

Hello fellow mamas of Cabrini! Did you know that there is a group at Cabrini designed specifically for you? Magnificat Moms is a group of women who desire to grow in holiness and friendship as we explore our Catholic Faith together. Our group is made up of moms of all kinds - moms who work outside the home, stay-at-home moms, moms with babies and moms with school-age kiddos. There is definitely a place for you, too!

Mag Moms meets twice a month, offering both in-person and Zoom options, to listen to wonderful guest speakers, discuss our faith and help lift each other up through friendship and prayer. You can also join our community on Facebook, Instagram or email for encouragement, connections and resources.

Join us for our next speaker on Thurs., May 6th, from 9:45-11:45 am in-person (Frassati Room) or via Zoom (contact us via email for the zoom link). Our speaker, **Jenni Gasbarro**, will give a talk titled “**Authenticity and the Christian life.**” She’ll dive into the questions of how do we ground ourselves in the everyday and in Christ? When we are constantly going from one thing to the next, how do we live consistently as we were originally created to be? How do we live as Christians in all that we do, training ourselves through the small moments to face life’s big and unexpected moments? Jenni is a mother of three, Director for the American Red Cross, and board member to multiple Catholic organizations. Please note that childcare is not provided this year due to COVID-19, but feel free to bring children along.

Future meeting dates: 5/6 and 5/20.

Facebook: **Magnificat Moms Group St. Frances Cabrini;**

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Email: **CabriniMagMoms@gmail.com**

Psalm 22

The Psalm for the 5th Sunday in Easter is Psalm 22. To some of you, upon hearing the Psalm number, it might have sparked familiarity in your memory. Well, if you are anything like me, these days that is as far as you get, “sure it sounds familiar.” Looking back about 5 weeks ago, we heard Jesus proclaim the beginning of Psalm 22 from the Cross. “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” (NAB). First century Jews knew their scriptures by heart. What we, 2000 years later may miss, they would have been tuned in to connect that cry to the psalm about the suffering of an innocent person. This psalm continues to give, in prophetic detail, the description of the Passion of Jesus. During Mass, we give our response from the end of the Psalm, which is about the prophecy of the conversion of the world to the truth of the Gospel. In our reception of these words today, we are living proof of the continued fulfillment of that prophecy. “I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people” needs to remain in our hearts, on our mind and be proclaimed from our lips. Using an Olympic metaphor, we take the torch from Peter and Paul, which has been passed down through the ages, to take our turn in sharing the light of Christ.



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Support Groups

Groups are welcoming and offer support, prayer and fellowship to those in need. If you have general questions, please call 303-953-7765.

Abortion Healing/Forgiveness: Caring, confidential group. Open to anyone who has had or been affected by an abortion. Call Lori at 303-904-7414.

Adoptive Families: Looking for support, fellowship & education in a faith-filled atmosphere? Contact Teresa at 720-988-7847 or gogotree@q.com for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous: For more info, call Eddie at 303-917-8992.

AI-Anon: Meetings: Fri., 9-10:30am via Zoom. Adults only. Contact Karen at 303-953-7765 for the Zoom invite.

Counseling Referrals: Our Parish has a number of counselors we refer to for a wide range of issues. For a referral, call Karen at 303-953-7765.

Sexual Purity: Join a group of men who are finding hope, healing and freedom from their sexual sin through Christ. For more information, call 303-587-6239.



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