



# Saint Cecilia Cathedral

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In the Passover, Christ has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. Let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God.

MARCH 6/7 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:00 am & 11:15 am  
Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,  
11:30 am & 5:30 pm

**Sung Vespers** Sunday 6:45 pm

## Reconciliation Times

Saturday 4:00—5:00 pm  
Monday-Friday 7:45—8:05 am

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## From Your Pastor . . .

Saint Cecilia Cathedral is a gathering place. It is a destination – for tour buses of senior citizens and school students; vehicles bring the curious tourist and the notable musician; regional and national conferences/conventions bring Catholic groups known for their apostolic commitments.

Saint Cecilia Cathedral is most of all a place of worship, a sacred space. The noble simplicity of the building itself impresses both casual visitor and dignified prelate.

In successive and overlapping layers the decoration of the Cathedral creates an atmosphere which surrounds and embraces every entering person. Over head, the “singing windows” (the four clerestory windows running the full length of the nave on each side) provide canticles of faith and confidence in God (the Magnificat above the cathedra and the Te Deum above the pulpit) as well as the praises of the Sequences read on Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, Corpus Christi and Poor Souls Day.

The oculus windows as well as the facing of the peaked baldachin high altar call our attention to the mighty angels and archangels who give continual praise before God.

The lancet windows in both ambulatories and the round mural paintings above the door ways throughout the Cathedral never fail to give us the inspiration of the holy saints who labored or who inspired others to come to eastern Nebraska to labor for the good of the Church.

The Spanish Colonial Art collection, principally located behind the gated area of the ambulatory around the apse, link us with hundreds – even thousands, of indigenous peoples who knelt before or cried out to the patron saint within each painting or statue.

The unique bronze stations of the cross, a work that required three full years to complete, call us from the sturdy pillars of the church to prayerful pilgrimage in devotion and challenge us to clear witness/service of others in our life circumstance beyond the cathedral walls.

These beautiful architectural and artistic features are but disposing features that aid the heart and mind of the believer who comes into the Cathedral to pray privately or to worship as Church. To the regular parishioner some of these particular features of the Cathedral, which capture the eye and the imagination of the visitor, might have become routine or may have never been explained. Yet, these same features never stop working on every person and all persons entering our grand church.

Recently a long time parishioner remarked how she so enjoys finding her seat in the rear pews of the Cathedral for Sunday morning Mass. There she is surrounded by some of our most recently registered parishioners – the Karen people of Burma and other immigrants to our area - parishioners from Togo, the Sudan, the Philippines and Mexico. There are the drop-in visitors from across the metro area and from out of town places. Young adults in the city pursuing professional education at UNMC and young families struggling with infants and toddlers share pew space. All stand and sit in a beautiful and sacred space to address the God who loves them into the beauty of holiness of life. What a destination we have in our cathedral.

## Music Ministry

Marie Rubis Bauer  
553-5524



**Why do we Sing?** “Particularly inspired by sung participation, ... the Church leads men and women to the faith, freedom and peace of Christ by the example of its life and teaching, by the sacraments and other means of grace. Its aim is to open up for all men a free and sure path to full participation in the mystery of Christ.” —excerpted from *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, 2008 (USCCB).

## Liturgical/Sacramental Life

**Sunday Vespers** 6:45 pm Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction**  
11:45 am–6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
6:15 pm Benediction (Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel)

**For the Hearing Impaired:** Please ask an usher or greeter for a Hearing Assistance Unit.

**Baptismal Instruction:** The second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is required by calling the rectory at 551-2313.

**Marriage:** Parishioners, registered for a minimum of one year, are eligible to begin marriage preparation at the Cathedral. At least six months of preparation prior to your wedding is required by the Archdiocese.

## Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$14,425
Weekly Offering (02/28).....	\$12,410
Children's Collection (02/28).....	\$69
Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$501,356
Year-to-Date Collections.....	\$490,427

## Gift Bearers

### Saturday, March 13

5:30 pm Jeff & Jennie Hinrichs Family

### Sunday, March 14

7:30 am Steve & Diane Countryman Family

9:30 am Tim & Pam Lammers Family

11:30 am Pat & Amy Campagna Family

5:30 pm Karen Pearson & Olija Justice

Would you, your family or your group like to present the gifts? Call Margaret at 390-0662.

## School News

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Omaha, NE 68131  
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### What's Happening at Saint Cecilia School

- \* Father Gutsell gave the 6<sup>th</sup> graders a 1½ hour tour of our Cathedral, including both crypts.
- \* The 7<sup>th</sup> grade religion classes are participating in the study of Lent and the need to serve others.
- \* Junior high physical education students have been challenging their classmates with creative aerobic routines. Younger physical education students have been practicing communication and cooperation as they travel through a maze of obstacles.
- \* The 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion classes have started researching social justice topics. They are making a presentation of facts about their issue and coming up with a possible solution to the problem. This includes designing a service project to help improve the situation.

## Eucharistic Adoration

What must you do to have life? Before all else, the first thing you have to do is pray for courage every day to carry the cross the Lord has assigned you. Then let each of you do your own work really well, the work proper to your state, as God wants it, and according to your condition, which means according to the spirit of the Lord. *Blessed Philip Rinaldi (1856-1931), Salesian Priest.*



## Respect For Life

In the face of every human being, and still more if tired and disfigured by sickness, shines the face of Christ, who said: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). *Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Sick, February 11, 2007.*

Each week you have an opportunity to join other people of faith in testimony for the priceless value of Life from God. Saturday morning vigil for life: 9:00 am–10:00 am, Mission Ave. & Bert Murphy Blvd.

## Parish Life

### This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11  
Second Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12  
Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

### Parish Breakfast is Sunday, March 14th

Enjoy great food with fellow parishioners at the parish breakfast sponsored by the Activities Booster Club (ABC) on Sunday, March 14th from 8:00 am–12:00 pm in the cafeteria. The breakfast bar includes scrambled eggs, toast, bacon, sausage, fruit and baked goods. Adults \$6, children \$3, or family \$25.



### Blessed Mother Rosary Circle

On Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 pm Our Blessed Mother Rosary Circle will meet at the Via Christe Chapel, 38th & California Sts. New members are always welcome, all are welcome to pray the rosary.

### Concert on the Eve of Saint Patrick's Day

On Tuesday, March 16th at 7:30 pm in Our Lady of Nebraska chapel, Kenneth Bé Lute will perform musical selections from Ireland, Scotland, and other countries and cultures on renaissance and baroque lutes. Everyone is welcome.

### Explore Scripture with Parish Study Opportunity

Scripture Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 2:00 pm–3:15 pm in the parish center to discuss what God is revealing in the pages of Scripture. In March the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians is the topic of study as we uncover the "Mystery hidden for ages." Adults of all ages are welcome. Please bring your own Bible.

### Give Hope to Jesus In Disguise: Catholic Relief Services

Special collection envelopes are inside this bulletin for use on March 13/14 for the annual CRS collection to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you *give hope to Jesus in disguise*. Please be charitable in the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

### Stations of the Cross and Pizza on Friday, March 12th



The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to the parish devotions of 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by a 6:00 pm–9:00 pm Lenten supper of cheese or vegetarian pizza and salad in the cafeteria. Proceeds will benefit recent immigrants from Burma. Join in the Way of the Cross and support the immigrant families. Pizza is \$2 per slice.

### Early Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin items for the weekends of March 27/28 and April 3/4 are due for consideration by noon on Monday, March 15th.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 8

7:00 am Fr. McKercher Eleanor McCown †  
 11:15 am Fr. Gutsell Poor Souls

### Tuesday, March 9

7:00 am Fr. Gutsell Haitian People  
 11:15 am Fr. McKercher Marie Stumm † (B)

### Wednesday, March 10

7:00 am Fr. Gutsell No Intention  
 11:15 am Fr. McKercher Anna Ellen Kudlacz †

### Thursday, March 11

7:00 am Fr. Gutsell Maria Huong Tran & Poor Souls  
 11:15 am Fr. McKercher Darlene Visek

### Friday, March 12

7:00 am Fr. Gutsell No Intention  
 10:00 am Fr. McKercher Poor Souls  
 11:15 am Fr. McKercher Mark Regan

### Saturday, March 13

7:30 am Fr. McKercher Josie Gross †  
 5:30 pm Fr. Gutsell Lea Preiner †

### Sunday, March 14

7:30 am Fr. Gutsell Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Fr. McKercher George Miller †  
 11:30 am Fr. McKercher Ralph Renner †  
 5:30 pm Fr. Gutsell Mary Kay Begley †

## Remember Your Loved Ones

### Prayer Line Requests

The names of people will be kept on the list for three weeks and then removed, unless otherwise specified.

Greg Anderson, Beth Berg, George Rapaich, Chuck Schultz, Virginia Sommer, Chris Zyla, parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes and all serving in the armed services.

Openings are available for Mass intentions. Call the rectory at 551-2313 to schedule a time. Published Mass intentions may be re-assigned in the event of funerals.

**Entering the Hospital?** If you, or a family member, are entering the hospital, please notify us so that we may extend care to you. Call the Rectory at 551-2313.

### Vocations—Trust The Promise



In the reign of God love is essential. Loving God, self and neighbor is the basis of all Christian vocations. How do/will you choose to love? (Mark 12:28-34). Pray for vocations. Consider your life committed to Christ as a priest, brother, sister, or deacon. Contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Paul Hoelsing at 558-3100 or see the vocations office website [www.archomaha.com](http://www.archomaha.com).

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, March 7

6:45 pm Vespers (OLN Chapel)

### Monday, March 8

2:00 pm Legion of Mary (PC Conference Room)  
 7:00 pm Baptism Class (PC Conference Room)

### Tuesday, March 9

6:30 am Holy Grounds (Parish Center Dining Room)  
 8:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Rectory)

### Wednesday, March 10

6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes (SCI)  
 6:30 pm Cathedral Choir Rehearsal (SCI)  
 7:00 pm School Board (PC Conference Room)

### Thursday, March 11

9:00 am Men's Fellowship Club (LAC #1)  
 6:45 pm RCIA (Parish Center Dining Room)

### Friday, March 12

1:30 pm Scripture Study (PC Conference Room)  
 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Nave)  
 6:00 pm KOC Pizza Lenten Supper (Cafeteria)

### Saturday, March 13

### Sunday, March 14

8:00 am Parish Breakfast (Cafeteria)  
 10:30 am Catholic Daughters (PC Dining Room)  
 1:00 pm Baptism of Stella Charlotte Sornson (Nave)  
 1:00 pm Baptism of Kenneth Wayne O'Connor  
 6:45 pm Vespers (OLN Chapel)

## Faith, Fellowship & Formation

### Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

Monday through Friday, February 18th—March 31st, 7:45 am—8:15 am and from 5:30 pm—6:00 pm.

All Saturdays through March 27th, from 4:00 pm—5:00 pm.

### Fridays in Lent

On Friday March 12, and 19 the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 pm in the Nave. There are no 5:30 pm Stations on March 26th.



### Upcoming Classes at St. Cecilia Institute

#### The Singing Windows

On Thursday, March 11 from 6:30 pm—9:00 pm join in singing the eight core chants found in modern and ancient notation using the Cathedral windows as inspiration. This class connects musicians with the Cathedral's treasure of windows and the church's treasury of song. Observers welcome. Marie Rubis Bauer, DMA is the instructor. Fee is \$15. Call Joan at 553-5524 extension 1 to pre-register.

## Banns of Marriage

Banns I Theresa Lehn/Jason Quinn

## Cathedral Arts Project

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### Cultural Center Gift Shop and Sunderland Gallery

The Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Friday 11:00 am–4:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am–1:00 pm and the third Sunday of each month from 10:30 am–4:00 pm.

You are invited to visit the Cultural Center and explore the history of the Cathedral and Omaha's religious heritage in the Sheehan Museum. The Sunderland Gallery exhibit is the sculpture of Randy Covey in collaboration with Mike Burt and clay-works by Dan Toberer. The Cultural Center is located in the building directly east of the Cathedral.

**Please remember Saint Cecilia Cathedral  
in your will.**

## Parish Life, Continued

### Advertise in St. Cecilia Cathedral Bulletin

March 8th–11th Risa Avila-Leinen, from Liturgical Publications, Inc., will be in our parish to secure advertisements for the St. Cecilia Cathedral bulletin. Please consider advertising in the bulletin. The revenue from the ads helps pay for printing the bulletin. For more information please contact Rita Avila-Leinen anytime at 402-909-1396 or email of [ra-avila@4LPI.com](mailto:ra-avila@4LPI.com). You can also contact Rita at the parish office, 402-551-2313, 9:00 am–4:00 pm, March 8th–11th.

### Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a close, private conversation with the risen Christ in the Eucharist. You are very important to the Lord. To participate in an hour of Eucharistic Adoration please call Lauren at 551-2313.