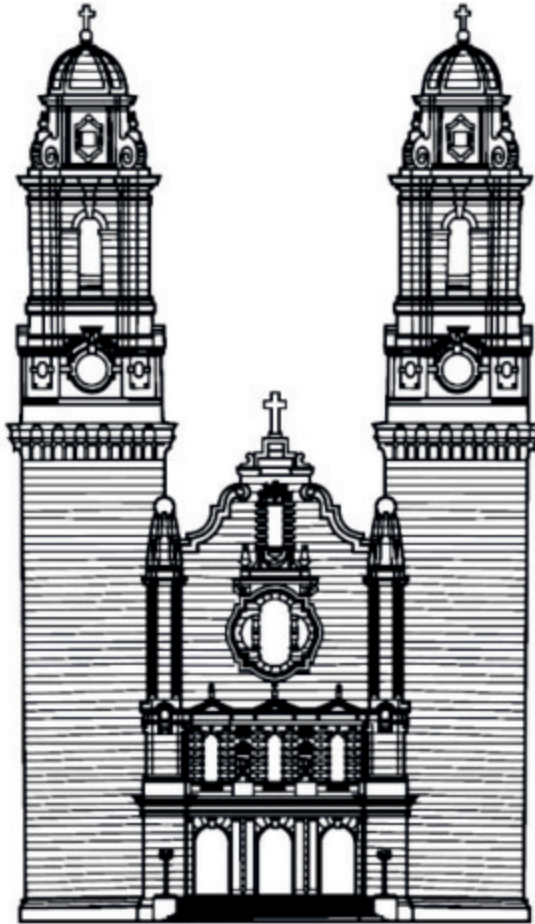


PERSPECTIVES

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL
PARISH, SCHOOL, CHILD CARE CENTER
OMAHA NEBRASKA



ALL THINGS CATHEDRAL

Dear Saint Cecilia Parishioners and Parents of Saint Cecilia School/Child Care Center,

I present to you our Annual Report for the past fiscal year 2018-2019. From the pictures and text enclosed you will see that this has been a year of much activity. It is wonderful to see our campus so alive! We've gotten to the point that it's difficult to find a meeting place and time for our various groups. Actually, it is a good problem to have! I am very grateful to everyone who leads and is involved in these various activities. **The whole point of them is to help us grow closer and closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. That's the role of a parish, and that's the reason why we exist.**

So please read this report with a great deal of hope. The church is very alive and well here at Saint Cecilia Cathedral. For those who are open to the Holy Spirit, you will encounter Jesus here. My hope and prayer is that we will continue to deepen our relationship with Him this coming year. We are all on a pilgrimage to the Kingdom of God, and **I am grateful that we are on this journey together.**

May God bless you always, Fr. Michael Grewe, Pastor



LOOKING IN

Cathedral Administration

Archbishop: Most Rev. George Lucas
 Pastor: Fr. Michael Grewe
 Senior Associate Pastor: Fr. James Buckley
 Archdiocesan Pastoral Services: Fr. Jeff Lorig
 Deacon: Tim Bloomingdale
 Deacon: James Tardy
 Campus Business Manager: Gerard Alemdjrodo
 Administration Office Assistant: Kay Garfield
 Communications Director: Sheila Graham
 Child Care Director: Betsy Herlacher
 Campus Facilities Director: Don Jensen
 Child Care Director: Denise Leibert
 Grade School Principal: Julia Pick
 Cathedral Music Director: Marie Rubis Bauer
 Development/Alumni Director: John Wees



Parish Membership

households registered: 1007
 # new households 2018-19: 123



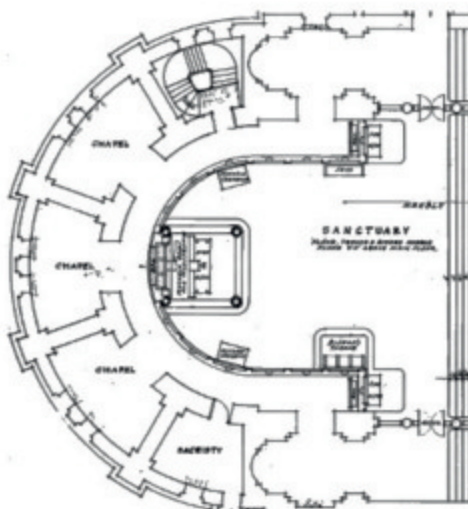
Saint Cecilia Child Care Center

Admin/Staff: 24
 Child Care Kids: 90
 Extended Care Kids: 43
 Summer Camp Kids: 24



On-Campus Extras

Saint Cecilia Institute for Sacred Liturgy, Music and the Arts
 Sunderland Art Gallery
 Cathedral History Museum
 Cathedral Arts Project Office
 Cathedral Arts Project Gift Shop



Campus Volunteer Leadership

Parish Pastoral Council: Greg Penny
 Board of Education: Gene Macapinlac
 Child Care Parent Board: Amanda Perry
 Stewardship Committee: Joseph Garvey
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Pat Meyer
 Knights of Columbus: Tony Romero
 Saint Vincent de Paul Society: Tim Pepper
 Young Adult Ministry: Natalie Killion
 Cathedral Boomers Fellowship: Michele DeSmet, Mike/Martha O'Connor, Julia Wageman
 Mass Ushers: Tom Adams
 Funeral Luncheons: Mary Agnes Gerken



Our Architect Honored

On June 25, 2019, Cathedral Architect Thomas Rogers Kimball was inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame at the State Capitol. Parishioner Joni Fogarty and Brother William Woeger F.S.C. (pictured with Hall of Fame bust of Kimball sculpted by parishioner John Lajba) led the charge to nominate and support Kimball's election to the Hall of Fame. Saint Cecilia Cathedral, his masterpiece, is a prime example of his creation of a space that serves as a landmark for the greater Omaha community, but primarily will continue to be the vehicle to enable our vision and mission as a faith community for many decades to come. **The architectural images in this document are some of Kimball's own work.**

School Mission:

Teach and live the Catholic faith within a nurturing family-like community;
 Teach respect for all;
 Foster each student's academic potential.

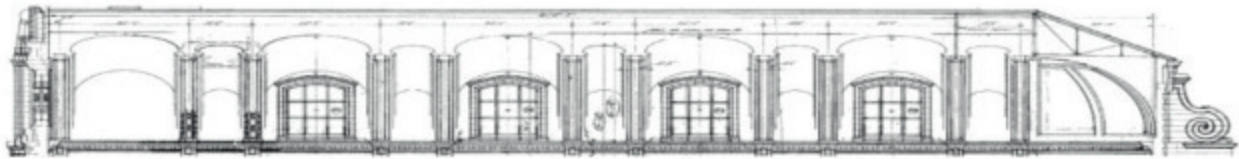
Parish Mission

As disciples of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic Cathedral Parish of Saint Cecilia, through the ministry of the Archbishop, we share Christ's presence with all we encounter by our sacramental participation, our parish community, and living the Word of God.

Child Care Center

Mission:

Guide children on the path through physical, cognitive, social-emotional language, and spiritual growth.



LOOKING OUT

Faith Formation of Parishioners

- Saint Cecilia Cathedral Grade School
- Children's Faith Formation Program
- Boomers Cathedral Fellowship
- Alpha/RCIA Program
- Young Adult Ministry
- That Man is You
- Holy Grounds
- Bible Studies



When I first came to Saint Cecilia, I was surprised at how welcoming you all were towards me!

Each experience here in a special way helped me to become a better seminarian and future priest. Equally important, I can say that each of these experiences helped me gain a stronger desire to become a priest.

~Brett Jamrog, seminarian



Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry

This period yielded over 1,560 requests.

We were able to assist over 384.

Food pantries distributed: 227

Households assisted with rent: 40

Households assisted with MUD: 29

Households assisted with OPPD: 72

Household assisted with furniture: 16

In coordination with our school, many Yale Apartment neighbors were given winter clothes.

Saint Cecilia School

Administration/Teachers/Staff: 32

Students (PreK-8): 318

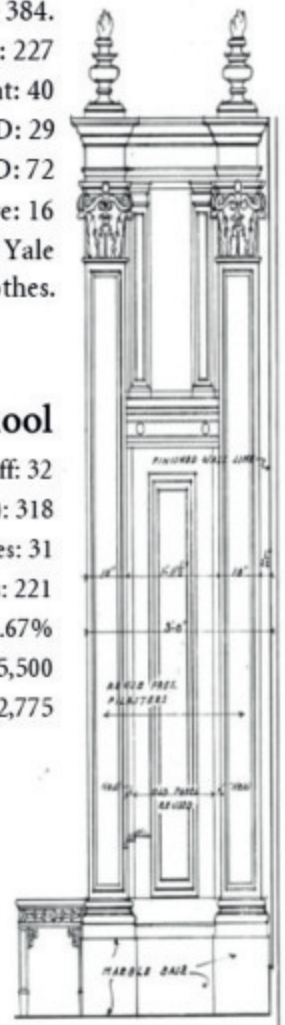
8th Grade Graduates: 31

Parent Volunteers: 221

Ave Daily Attendance: 95.67%

Cost to Educate Each Student: \$5,500

In-Parish Tuition per Student: \$2,775



EQUIPPING DISCIPLES: FAITH FORMATION

LIVING MERCY: SPIRITUAL LIFE



Sacramental Life

- Baptisms: 62
- 1st Communions: 58
- Confirmations: 45
- Weddings: 21
- Funerals: 24

Liturgical Life

- Masses celebrated: 1,012
- Ave. weekend Mass attendance: 914
- Eucharistic ministers: 69
- Choir/Musicians: 70
- Altar servers: 82
- Sacristans: 20
- Greeters: 27
- Lectors: 28
- Ushers: 40



Holy Mass

- Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am
- 11:30 am, 5:30 pm
- Daily 7:00 am, 11:15 am
- Saturday 7:30 am, 5:30 pm
- School Mass 8:30 am weekly

Confession

- Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Weekday 7:30 - 8:00 am
- By appointment



Altar serving has allowed Millie to take an active role in Mass, and she enjoys serving Jesus and our Cathedral community in a new capacity.

~Jay and Christine Koehn, parents of new server



Fr. Michael Grewe's extended family and former parishioners joined us all at a Mass celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination!

One hour a week, one "challenge hour", to be with God, to be with Catholic-Christian men who want to be better for themselves, who want to be better to everyone around them. Listen...pray...stay a while...let go...the hour passes all too quickly.

~ Jaius Gonzales, Croise' attendee



RCIA has given me what I've always longed for: Truth. I loved being intellectually fed through RCIA; and now to be able to be fed by the Eucharist, is a love I cannot fathom. Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I would become a Catholic, but now I couldn't dream of being anything else; and I have RCIA to thank for that.

~Brittany Test, RCIA member



Over 1,000 students celebrated Catholic Schools Week at Cathedral for the annual All City 8th grade Mass.



I am thankful that Saint Cecilia Cathedral has offered us the spiritual opportunity to participate in daily Mass and receiving Holy Communion. Daily Mass is indeed a wonderful way to develop a stronger union with Jesus Christ.

~Michael Wehr, daily Mass attendee



Archbishop Lucas ordained one priest and 10 deacons at Cathedral in 2019.



Our students dressed up as their favorite priest (Fr. Grewe proved to be a fan favorite), sister, or saint as part of Catholic Schools Week.

Donations/Fund Raising/Support Groups

Parishioner Sunday Tithing	
Budgeted	\$792,582.00
Received	\$757,976.00
Over/(under) budget	(\$34,606.00)
Ave. parish family/household	\$757.00

CathedralFest 2018	
Gross:	\$79,847.24
Net:	\$52,416.66

Comedy & Cuisine 2019	
Gross:	\$226,997.44
Net:	\$183,782.93

Activities Booster Club	
Income:	\$16,084.27
Expenses:	\$4,467.99
Net:	\$11,616.28
Main Support funds:	
Education/Field Trips	\$3,223.04
Classrooms: Cubbies	\$5,000.00
8th Grade Banquet	\$1,624.63
Parish/School Donations	\$1,894.70

Home & School Association	
Income:	\$23,067.90
Expenses:	\$22,934.29
Net:	\$133.61
Main Support funds:	
Teacher Support	\$11,874.25
School Activities	\$3,512.90
Tables (40)	\$2,868.60
Classrooms: Cubbies/Carpet	\$1,000.00

Endowments: June 30, 2019 Market Value

Church	\$3,043,458
School	\$7,221,898

Debt to Archdiocese:

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	\$360,280
2017 Refinance of Bank Credit	\$71,530
Parish Center Renovation	

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$342,517
2017 Refinance of Bank Credit	\$28,260
Parish Center Renovation	\$60,000
(Payment on Principal)	

Capital Campaign: HVAC

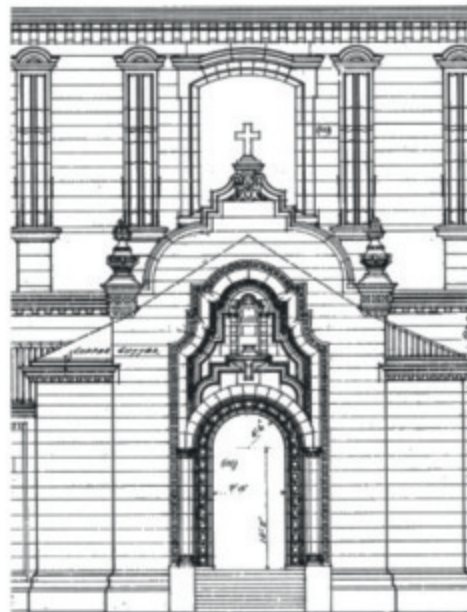
Where are with the "Keeping a Promise" HVAC Campaign?	
Original estimated budget amount required to complete the final phases (Air Conditioning in Church, Gym, and Rectory):	\$840,000
Dedicated HVAC funding on hand:	\$217,000
Donations required to complete project funding:	\$623,000



Financial Position: June 30, 2019

Assets	
Current Assets	\$442,117.37
Fixed Assets	\$48,664,038.18
Other Assets	\$10,551,073.66
Total Assets	\$59,657,229.21

Liabilities & Equity	
Current Liabilities	\$445,300.58
Long Term Liability	\$370,776.94
Equity	\$58,841,151.69
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$59,657,229.21



Annual Maintenance Work/2018-19 Projects	
Campus Hardscape	Completed
Gym & School Roof Repairs	Completed
Child Care Center Entry Update	Completed
School STEAM/Media Center	Funded





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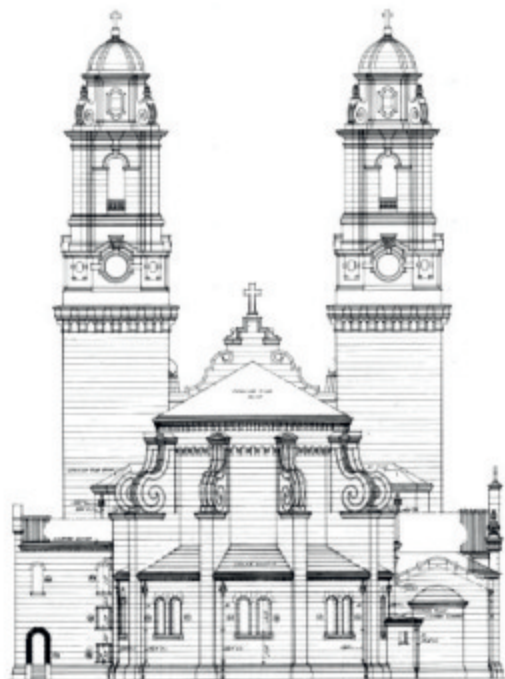
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LOOKING FORWARD

What I hope for the year ahead is that we can share the 'story' of Saint Cecilia Cathedral with more people. We have so many good things going on here that we need to get the word out! So tell your friends about our parish. Invite your neighbors to worship with us. The Lord is present here in a wonderful way and our goal is to bring more people to Him. ~Father Michael Grewe

School Music & Art Fund
At Concert & Cuisine, the Saint Cecilia Music & Art Fund in honor of Cathedral Arts Project founder Br. William Woeger and long-time music teacher Carol Walters was initiated. Over \$24,000 was raised to ensure our school's identity is firmly rooted under the patronage of Saint Cecilia, patroness of music/the arts.

Teacher Salary Increases
School Principal Julia Pick recently evaluated our teachers' compensation and discovered that it had fallen below average compared to their peers. The Finance Committee recommended that the Education Endowment Board disburse funds from the Education Endowment. The recommendation was taken Over the next three years, our teachers will receive salary increases to make them competitive with other schools in the Archdiocese.



Future Cathedral Projects

Below are some future projects we are looking to fund that will enable us to better serve the Saint Cecilia Community. Please contact Fr. Grewe or John Wees if you would like to discuss your best opportunity to make a lasting impact here at Saint Cecilia Parish, School and Child Care Center.

- Upgrade computers/network technology infrastructure in administration and operational offices: \$10,000
- Debt retirement for parish center renovation: \$28,000
- Replace aging church sound system infrastructure/microphones: \$30,000
- New school playground equipment: TBD (Est: \$100,000 - \$150,000)
- Repair/replace gym roof, windows, entrance marquee: TBD (\$150,000- \$250,000)
- Debt retirement for parish bank loan: \$340,000
- Renovation of child care/school mini-gym: TBD (Est: \$300,000-500,000)
- Completion of *Keeping the Promise* HVAC campaign: \$623,000
- Cathedral plaza, south parking lot renovation: TBD (Est: \$2,000,000 - \$3,000,000)
- Teacher equity salary subsidization: \$60,000 annually