December 12, 2021:
Third Sunday of Advent

We wait in joyful hope for the coming
of our savior, Jesus Christ!
The beauty of the Cathedral is all around you!

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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Deacon Jim Watson (Retired)

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.

Become a Parishioner!

We welcome new members who are interested in making Saint Cecilia Cathedral their parish home. Contact Sheila Graham at the Administration Office 402-551-2313 or email sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org to start your registration process now. Welcome!!

Masses and Intentions

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Saint Cecilia Cathedral:
WHERE FAITH IS FIRST!

Offertory/Plate Giving Report

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Making a Difference at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

The heart of Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the people. Every person in this diverse and interesting community is invited to become a part of the life of Cathedral through ministries, activities, and committees. It is through the Gospel that we are continually reminded that every baptized person has a special role in their faith community. There is a parish ministry or activity where your time and talents will make a difference. Consider how YOU fit in and participate in the life of our community in these ways!

Women’s Guild

Ellen Ehlers, Co-President / lee.ehlers@cox.net
Cathy Lyons, Co-President / lyons3830@gmail.com

Cathedral women of all ages, join us! We encourage friendship, spirituality, and community. Within the Guild are groups called Circles: book club, quilting, school moms, alumni school moms, widows, and friendship.

Now THAT is Classic Cathedral!!!

Christmas Masses at Cathedral

December 24
5:30 pm and Midnight

December 25
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Angel Tree

Each year we join with the Salvation Army to provide Christmas presents for children in need. Information and tags are on the tables in the church entries. Choose a tag for a gender and age range. Gifts should be left with the tag attached in the boxes in the entryways of the Church or at the Cathedral Administration office from November 28 - December 13. Questions? Call 402-551-2313.

Giving Tuesday

The response to Giving Tuesday has been incredible. We had an anonymous donor come forward with a $4,500 matching challenge that was met before 11:00 am. Donors continued to support Saint Cecilia throughout the day and beyond with 68 individual gifts, well in excess of our goal of 50 gifts. Our financial goal was $12,000 to cover the costs of the tree removal and replacement around the administration office driveway. We are pleased to announce that we exceeded that goal as well with $19,762 collected! The additional funds raised will be applied to the Cathedral Fund, the parish annual appeal used to establish a capital improvement and maintenance fund and increase tuition assistance grants for school families along with other school needs.

Christmas Eve Concert

In the hour before Midnight Mass, the Cathedral Choir, horn players, and Schola Caeciliana offer a concert to lift your spirit. Featured will be the joyous sounds of carols old and new.

Christmas Contribution

You can make your Christmas donation through your envelope, through your automatic giving (contact Kay Garfield), through the collection basket at the Christmas Masses, or you can scan this code and make your donation now. Thank you for your support of all things Cathedral throughout the year and at Christmas.

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Croisé Men’s Holy Hour

Men, come and learn from St. Eymard the key to effective, enlightening prayer on Mondays at 7:00 pm in Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel. Join a great group of faith-filled men. We focus on Prayer, Sacrifice, Discipline, and Reward. Consider making this part of your Advent and Christmas spiritual growth. Visit croise.org to get more information.

Advent Services

The Catholic Cemeteries of Omaha invites those who have lost loved ones to join us each Wednesday of Advent at 6:00 pm in Holy Angels Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. We pray for your peace and healing as we await the coming of the Christ Child. Leave your petitions at the Remembrance Tree and they will be offered in prayer during all of Advent and during the January 3 Memorial Mass.

Looking for Photos

An alumni of Cathedral Grade School and High School is working to compile an archive of pictures from CGS. Anyone with a First Communion, 8th grade Graduation, or Confirmation picture who is willing to share them, please contact shorty.wood.03@gmail.com or mail to Annette Wood, PO Box 37, Independence, CA 93526. All pictures will be returned. If you know the names of the students that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Ann Marie Goettl if you are interested in joining us for this Zoom prayer 7:30-8:00 pm December 15-23: annmarieluk@hotmail.com. Stop by the Cathedral Office to pick up a hard copy booklet.
Cathedral Campus Events

Sunday  December 12
8:30 am  Parish Breakfast  [CAFE]
Monday  December 13
6:30 pm  Bible Study  [PCCR]
7:00 pm  Croisé Men’s Holy Hour  [OLNC]
7:00 pm  Baptism class  [PCCR]
Wednesday  December 15
6:30 pm  Finance Council meeting  [PCCR]
Thursday  December 16
6:30 pm  RCIA classes  [PCDR]
6:30 pm  Faith Formation classes  [SCHOOL]
Saturday  December 18
2:00 pm  Wedding: Hannah R Safranek / Ashton J Neylon
Sunday  December 19
10:30 am  Catholic Daughters meeting  [PCCR]
10:30 pm  Baptism: Sophia Pinkham  [NAVE]
3:00 pm  Advent Choral Vespers  [NAVE]

Baptism Classes
Classes are 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Parish Center Conference Room. Preregistration required. Call Kay Garfield at 402-551-2313 to sign up for the class and set the baptism date.

Saint Cecilia Child Care Center
Denise Leibert, Director
3869 Webster St | Phone: 402-553-1708
Email: dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org
Monday - Friday 6:30 am - 5:30 pm
A ministry of Saint Cecilia Cathedral and licensed for children 6 weeks to 13 years.
We believe that children learn through play! Our center contains spacious classrooms and fun outdoor playgrounds. Start your Saint Cecilia Cathedral experience with us.

CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL
Saint Cecilia Cathedral
Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30, 2022
Hope Springs Eternal

St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School
Julia Pick, Principal
Website: stcecilia.net
Facebook: StCeciliaSchoolOmaha
Email: stcadmin@stcecilia.net
Phone: 402-556-6655
A ministry of Saint Cecilia Cathedral and founded in the Dominican tradition, our school provides a family-like community, social-emotional learning program, and a fully integrated STEAM curriculum for all students. We foster a Christian environment, proclaiming and modeling faith, worship, service, and prayer.
Saint Cecilia School is the premier Catholic elementary school in midtown Omaha. Conveniently located near Nebraska Medical Center, Creighton University, and downtown Omaha, we are the perfect school in a great location.
We Are Hiring: PreK Teacher Assistant
If you are an energetic, faith-filled individual who loves kids, contact Mrs. Pick to apply (jpick@stcecilia.net). Competitive pay, great work environment.

Marriage Preparation
Parishioners registered and active here for a minimum of 6 months are eligible to set a wedding date. Then at least 6 months of preparation is required by the Archdiocese. Call Kay Garfield at the Administration Office 402-551-2313.

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Be a Welcoming Volunteer
Having a familiar and friendly face as we enter the church each week is a sign of a welcoming and hospitable community. Consider serving in this ministry. Contact Sheila Graham at 402-551-2313.

Praying for Each Other
This is an important ministry for our Cathedral community. Contact Sheila Graham at the Cathedral Administration Office 402-551-2313 to get a name on/off of this list.

Share the grace, the gratitude, the glory of Cathedral!!
Purpose of the Archdiocese: to be a part of the living Body of Christ, welcoming and inspiring every person to live as a vibrant disciple of Jesus Christ so that all may respond to their vocation to holiness, be sent out as leaven to transform the world, and fulfill their deepest human desire; to create a culture of encountering Jesus and equipping disciples; to create a culture that enables God’s mercy to be received/lived; to create a culture of unity.

The Shepherd’s Voice Podcast: https://archomaha.fireside.fm/

Cathedral Information to Note

In 1901 Bishop Richard Scannell announced that a new cathedral would be built on the second highest hill west of the city in the Park Place District. The main doors would open to the west and not toward the city below.

At that time, the Diocese of Omaha, just 15 years old, covered the entire state of Nebraska above the Platte River – more than 54,000 square miles.

Bishop Scannell accepted the request of Thomas Rogers Kimball, 1901, to serve as architect. As a nationally known architect, though resident in Omaha, Kimball created a Spanish Renaissance Revival design and directed its construction until the spring of 1934, when he died suddenly.
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Holy Mass
We have **5 weekend Masses**: Saturday 5:30 pm; Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm.

Daily Mass is offered at 7:00 am and 11:15 am weekdays and Saturdays at 7:30 am. Everyone is welcome.

The Cathedral is open for private prayer/solitude weekdays 6:30 am to 6:00 pm and weekends 7:00 am to 6:30 pm.

Confession
Offered on Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm and weekdays 7:30 - 8:00 am or you may call a priest for an appointment 402-551-2313.

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