

Saint Cecilia Cathedral

March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Stay Focused. Stay Faithful.

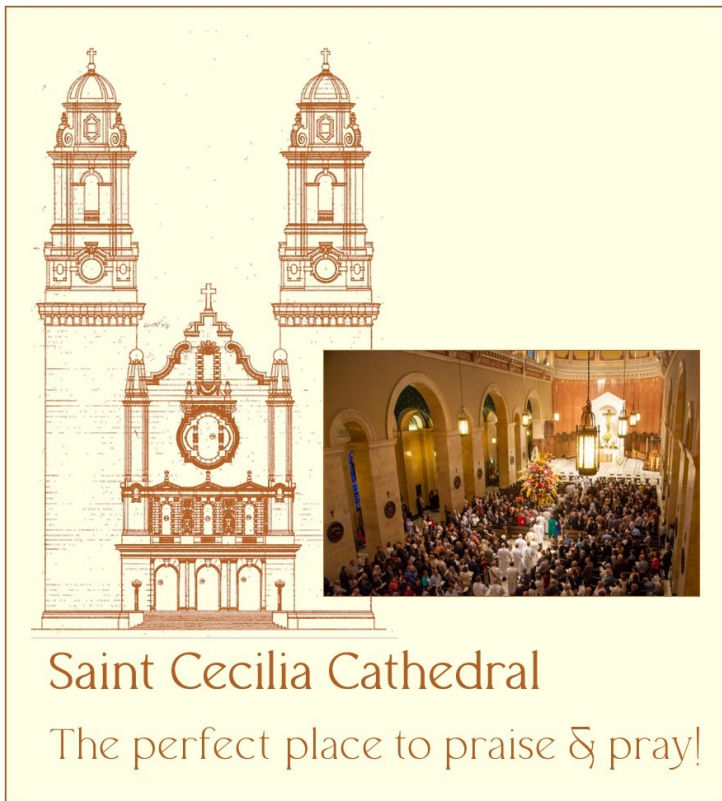


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Weekend Holy Mass: Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am (choir) & 5:30 pm vigil Saturday



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Staying Focused in Lent

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.

God wants to be loved and in a sense “courted.” We need to pursue God as we would persons we love.

Here a few steps – in no particular order – that can help us draw closer to God.

Fifth, seek to be holy. Holy does not mean nice or even good, although truly holy people are always good and often – though not always – nice. Holiness means “other than.” It’s what Scripture means when it tells us to be “in the world, but not of the world.” And this doesn’t just miraculously happen. We need to choose and seek holiness.



God’s ways are not our ways. Holiness is the habit of seeking to conform all of our thoughts and actions to God’s ways. There is no cookie-cutter model of holiness, just as piety can’t be reduced to one particular

kind of prayer or posture. What’s important is to love the world because God loves it and sent his Son to redeem it, but not to be captured by its habits and values, which are not godly.

Sixth, pray. Prayer is more than just that portion of the day when we advise God about what we need and what He should do. Real prayer is much closer to listening, and it’s intimately tied to obedience. God certainly wants to hear what we need and love and fear, because these things are part of our daily lives, and He loves us. But if we’re doing the talking, we can’t listen. Prayer requires us to lift up who we are and everything we experience and possess to God.

Seventh, read. When we read God’s Word, we encounter God himself. But there’s more: J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, Georges Bernanos and so many others – these were deeply intelligent and powerful writers whose work nourishes the Christian mind and soul, while also inspiring the imagination. Reading also serves another, simpler purpose: It shuts out the noise that distracts us from fertile reflection.

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	March 16	
7:30 am	Deacon Dave Gurney +	
5:30 pm	George Patrick Belling +	Fr. Georges
Sunday	March 17	
8:30 am	Gene Doolan +	Fr. Georges
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Jeremy
Monday	March 18	
11:15 am	Gene Doolan +	
Tuesday	March 19	
11:15 am	Mary Koch +	
Wednesday	March 20	
11:15 am	Barry Gerken +	
Thursday	March 21	
11:15 am	Shirley Uhling + (A)	
Friday	March 22	
11:15 am	Blake Smola +	
Saturday	March 23	
7:30 am	Dr. Matthew Latacha +	
5:30 pm	Ed Warin +	Fr. Jeremy
Sunday	March 24 Palm Sunday	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Georges
10:30 am	Mike Langenegger +	Abp. Lucas

Call Sheila 402-551-2313 to request a Mass intention.



CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CATHEDRAL

Comedy and Cuisine 2024 **ADVENTURE**

Dear Parish and School Friends,

St. Cecilia Cathedral School has a proud tradition dating back to 1907. Since opening its doors, our school has overcome numerous challenges to achieve many great things for our students and families.

Twenty-six years ago, dedicated parents and members of the Saint Cecilia Cathedral School committed themselves to planning an event to help address some of our school's financial challenges. Today, this event, known as Comedy and Cuisine (C&C), continues to raise the paddle for our school's needs and celebrate the accomplishments of our community.

We invite all of you to join us on **Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 5:00 pm on our campus for Comedy and Cuisine.** The event theme is ADVENTURE! Together, our community has been on this great adventure in supporting our children, who want to create, explore, and experience the world.

We are honored to be recognizing the individuals below for continuously dedicating and sharing talent, time and treasure in helping make St. Cecilia Cathedral Parish and School what it is today.

Mary Lynn and Al Vaccaro (Honorary Chairs)
Tammy Mateljan (Great Alum)

To many, St. Cecilia Cathedral Parish and School is their home away from home. It is a home to nearly 300 students, teachers, and staff. Your prayers and gifts for C&C are a critical part of the support for this home. With this fundraiser, we are able to keep tuition affordable, keep our teachers' and staff salaries competitive, and enhance our campus facilities.

This year's Principal's Pick will focus on one part of our campus facility, the Fine Arts Wing (formerly the old elementary space). We believe in the power of art and music to stimulate passion, ignite creativity, and expand cultural awareness. Our Fine Arts Wing has been the heart and soul of our creative community for years, fostering growth for our spirited students. However, time has taken its toll on the infrastructure, and we are now embarking on journey to restore and preserve this cherished space.

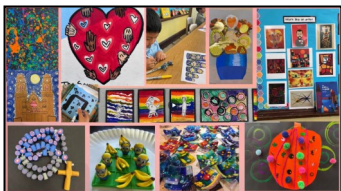
We believe Comedy and Cuisine will allow us to address some of the critical needs in our school and expand opportunities for future generations. Additionally, it will create a dynamic and inspiring space for the children in our parish and surrounding community.

The event is only possible with the help from our community, as sponsors, advertisers, underwriters, and auction donors. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or advertiser, please contact John Anderson at 402-319-8379. If you are interested in donating an item, please contact Suzie Walsh at 402-203-4572. Or you can email them at comedyandcuisine@stcecilia.net.

We hope to see you on Saturday, April 13!

If you are unable to join us, we ask you to support our school by visiting one.bidpal.net/cc2024/welcome.

We are confident our parish and school families will respond with profound generosity and sacrifice just as generations before us have done. Together, we will equip our children for the adventure of their academic, social and spiritual journeys. Together, we will contribute to the ongoing narrative of pride and achievement within the rich history of St. Cecilia Cathedral School.



Gratefully yours in Christ,

Rev. Jeremy Hans, Pastor
Mrs. Jessie Stoffel, Principal



Event chairs (l-r) Josh & Molly Humpal,
John & Maria Anderson, Peter & Suzie Walsh



The Culture of a Cathedral

The monumental growth of the cathedrals was tied to the parallel growth of the cities themselves. The towers of cathedrals stood with those of the palaces of magistrates and burghers to define the city skylines spectacularly. Civic leaders were eager to display the wealth being generated by the economic, technological, and intellectual expansion that was moving across Europe. The result was a morbus aedificandi, a "fever of building," as contemporary chroniclers called it, that led to the creation of 1,587 new churches in France alone during the twelfth century. The Burgundian monk Raoul Glaber (d. 1050) wrote of the Romanesque revolution, "It was as if the world, having thrown off its old garments, desired to dress itself anew in the white robes of the Church. . . . The Christian nations rivaled one another in magnificence, in order to build the most elegant churches. . . . All the religious structures, cathedrals, country churches, and village chapels were rebuilt and transformed into something better."

~Matthew Bunson, Catholic Answers

Saint Cecilia Cathedral: Miracles Happen Here Every Day!

We are the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Omaha!

For all of its grand architecture and decoration and history, the primary purpose of Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the worship of God within the Catholic faith. The sacramental and devotional life of the parish, as well as the official liturgies and functions of the Archbishop throughout the year, never cease to manifest the spiritual and religious purpose of this edifice.

Bach Organ Concert

Sunday, March 17, 3:00 pm

Celebrate JS Bach's birthday and the 20th anniversary of the Martin Pasi organ with a free concert presented by Cathedral Arts Project and the St. Cecilia Institute featuring Nathan Laube, one of the world's elite organ

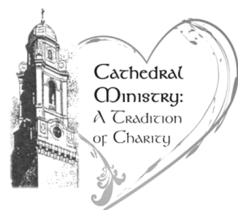
performers and pedagogues. A "Meet the Artist" and Bach Birthday reception will follow the concert in the Cultural Center.



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Outreach Ministry: Casserole Brigade

Joyce Passarelli, Coordinator 402-558-5207

Consider joining a group of parishioners who prepare chicken casserole to take to the Siena Francis House on the fourth Monday of every month from August through May. The need is greater than ever. If you have any questions, please call Joyce. Information, including the recipe and the sign-up, is posted at SignUpGenius.com/go/volunteer225.



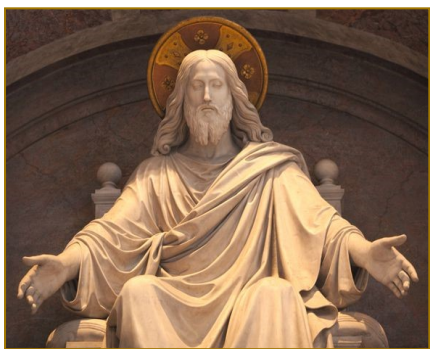
Lent Salmon Dinner

On **Friday, March 22**, our Knights of Columbus will serve a salmon dinner from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Cathedral cafeteria. Baked salmon on cedar or shrimp scampi dinners are \$25. Mac & cheese dinners are \$5. Plan to attend with your fellow parishioners.



Cathedral Campus Events

Saturday 4:00 pm	March 16 C&C Pickleball tournament	[GYM]
Sunday 11:30 am	March 17 Catholic Daughters meeting	[PCCR]
11:45 am	Lector training	[NAVE]
3:00 pm	Bach concert and reception	[NAVE]
5:00 pm	Lent vespers	[NAVE]
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 19 School Adoration	[NAVE]
7:00 pm	KOC officer meeting	[LAC]
7:15 pm	Women's Guild fellowship	[GYM]
Thursday 8:30 am	March 21 School Mass	[NAVE]
Noon	Adoration	[OLNC]
6:30 pm	Faith Formation classes	[SCHOOL]
6:30 pm	OCIA class	[PCDR]
Friday 5:00 pm	March 22 Cathedral Basketball tournament	[GYM]
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	[NAVE]
6:00 pm	Salmon dinner	[CAFÉ]
Saturday 9:00 am	March 23 Cathedral Basketball tournament	[GYM]
Sunday Noon	March 24 Cathedral Basketball tournament	[GYM]



PRAISE

**For God has made us
His people, His Church,
and calls us to sing His praises.**

Basics of Our Faith: Holy Water

There is no limit as to where you can use holy water. You can use it on almost anything, from protecting your family from evil to blessing everyday objects. Here are some of the most common uses of holy water.

1. Baptism. During baptism, the priest pours holy water over the person's forehead. This signifies not just their acceptance of Jesus as their savior. It also confers the promises of baptism which includes renouncing Satan and disdaining sin.

2. Blessing Mass Goers. Aside from using it to make the sign of the cross before entering the church, the priest also bless Mass goers before and after the mass.

3. Blessing the Sick. First of all, blessing the sick is different from the sacrament of anointing the sick. When you bless the sick with holy water, it simply means that you are invoking God's healing presence.

4. Exorcism. Holy water has traditionally been considered a powerful weapon against evil. This is why priests use it to drive out demons during exorcism rites.

5. Cleansing of Sins. When you dip your fingers in the holy water basin and make the sign of the cross, it's not just an empty gesture. It symbolizes our desire for God's forgiveness and cleanse ourselves of sin.

6. Blessing Yourself. There's no law that says you can't sprinkle holy water on yourself. You can keep it in a small spray bottle that you carry with you.

7. Blessing Your Home. This is especially essential for new homes. Holy water can drive out demons and whatever evil forces that may be lurking in your home. You can do it by yourself or ask a priest to do it for you.

~laycistercians.com

Stations of the Cross at Catholic Cemeteries

On Good Friday we invite you to walk the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm in Calvary Cemetery at 78th and Center Rd. Please come be part of this great tradition and journey in this 1.3 mile walk of faith.

Lenten Activities at Cathedral

Holy Mass

Saturdays 5:30 pm (vigil)

Sundays 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Weekdays 11:15 am

Saturdays 7:30 am

Palm Sunday 5:30 pm [March 23]

8:30 am and 10:30 am with Abp Lucas [March 24]

Chrism Mass 11:00 am with Archbishop Lucas [March 25]



Confessions

Weekdays 11:50 am to 12:10 pm [February 15 - March 27]

Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Wednesday of Holy Week 5:30 to 6:30 pm [March 27]

Good Friday 12:45 pm [March 29]

Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm [March 30]

Vespers

At 5 o'clock on Sundays in Lent, we will have vespers in English in the Cathedral in the Our Lady of Nebraska chapel. All are invited to pray vespers in song in this special way.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays Noon to 8:00 pm [February 15 - March 21]

Holy Thursday after 7:00 pm Mass until Midnight [March 28]

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6:00 pm [February 16 - March 22]

Good Friday Noon [March 29]

Holy Thursday [March 28]

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Archbishop Lucas 7:00 pm

Good Friday [March 29]

Stations of the Cross Noon

Confessions 12:45 pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Abp Lucas 7:00 pm

Lent at St. Margaret Mary

Confessions

March 19 3:00-4:00 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm

March 20 3:00-4:00 pm

March 21 7:00-8:00 pm

March 22 3:00-4:00 pm

March 26 3:00-4:00 pm

March 27 3:00-4:00 pm



Holy Week

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm

Good Friday Noon Stations / 3:00 pm Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

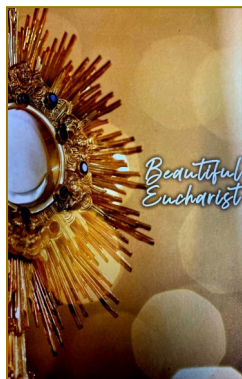


**We ask your assistance, Lord,
that Saint Cecilia Cathedral
may be a true house of prayer,
worship, and grace.**

Praying for Each Other

Mary Helen Diaz, Sara Hopp, Marcy Miller, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Marletta McKercher, Phyllis Heimann, Don Wall, Rita Wall, Darlene Koley, Freddy Gibilisco Jr, Chris Peasley, Don Cutshall, Edward I. Powell, Nina Holiday, Jen N, Jerri DeBolt, Mary Werner, Helen McGill, Rita Petska, Tom Jacobson family, Jan Agosta, Dan Boeckman, Adrian Smoot, Don Jensen, Hallie Vaughan, Jose Gomez, Nina, Vito C, John Sweeney, Jesse Edwards, Kevin Quinn, Hallie Neill, Steven Schultze, Robbie Dylla, Shaela Cavel, Patrick Moore, Noah Galley, Rose Davis, Susan Walters, Bob and Becky Sabata, Maria, Anna, Jasper, Josephine O'Connor, Lynndell Skarnulis, Kathleen Schuler, Will Woleben, Josh Benk, Bob Ollie, Cindy Lopez, Henry B, Kevin Jackson, Maureen Allen, Mary J, John Kennedy, John Kuhlman, Angela K. Hernandez, Andrea Enga, Minerva Salazar, Caleb Smith, Hitosis family, Mary B, Mark Morehouse, Wallace family, Allen family, Steve Caldwell, Terri Hennig, Jan Limpach, Joshua Pieper, Doug Barak, Pat Boganowski, Marie Bruno, Abbey S, Katrina Conway, Ron Baxter, Arlene Warsocki, Danielle Talkington, our Saint Cecilia priests, deacons, parish, school, childcare staff, families, and friends.

This is an important charitable ministry for our Cathedral community. Contact Sheila Graham at sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org or call her at the Cathedral Administration Office at 402-551-2313 to get a name on/off of this list.



Eucharistic Revival

Prayer at Adoration

I want to adore Thee now and always, not only for those Catholics who don't adore Thee or love Thee, but as a supplement for all those who don't know or love Thee, and for the conversion of sinners. May Jesus Christ be known, adored, loved, thanked in every moment, in the Most Holy and Divine Sacrament! Amen.

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Prayer Ministry

Eucharistic Adoration at Cathedral

We offer Adoration in Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel on Thursdays Noon to 8:00 pm. Join us in prayer.

Consider signing up or stopping in for a holy half hour.

Contact Fr. Eliot at 402-551-2313 or
easechwer@archomaha.org.

Personal Prayer Time

The church is open daily 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Praying for Cathedral Ministries & Members

Join us on Thursdays 2:30-3:00 pm from wherever you are to pray for the priests, deacons, ministries, staff, and families of Cathedral. May the Lord work through them to reach those in need of His love. Call Sheila Graham to be added to the weekly email list 402-551-2313 or email sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org.

Lent Prayer: Litany of Humility

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others,
Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, O Jesus.

From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, O Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world,
others may increase and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I go unnoticed,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I,
provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

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Sacraments at Saint Cecilia

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am (choir)

Daily Mass 11:15 am weekdays

Saturday 7:30 am and 5:30 pm vigil

Confession

Saturday 4-5:00 pm

Weekdays 11:50 am - 12:10 pm

Or call 402-551-2313 to make an appointment

Baptism Classes

Contact Kay Garfield at 402-551-2313 / kgarfield@stceciliacathedral.org to sign up for the class and set the baptism date.

Marriage Preparation

Parishioners registered and active here for a minimum of 6 months are eligible to set a date. Then at least 6 months of marriage preparation as required by the Archdiocese. Email: kgarfield@stceciliacathedral.org.

Sacraments at Saint Margaret Mary

Holy Mass

Sunday 7:30 am and 10:00 am

Daily Mass 6:30 am weekdays

Saturday 8:30 am and 5:00 pm vigil

Holy Days 6:30 am, Noon, and 5:30 pm

Confession

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Weekdays 7:00 - 7:20 am

