

Saint Cecilia Cathedral

April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter



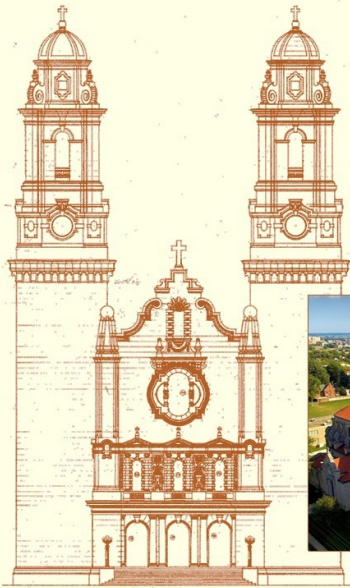
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Weekend Holy Mass: Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am (choir) & 5:30 pm vigil Saturday



Saint Cecilia Cathedral

The perfect place to praise & pray!

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	April 20	
7:30 am	Lydia Brouillette	
5:30 pm	James J. Hughes, Jr. +	Fr. Jeremy
Sunday	April 21	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Jeremy
10:30 am	Fr. Mike Grewe	Fr. Eliot
Monday	April 22	
11:15 am	Robert Williams +	
Tuesday	April 23	
11:15 am	Walt Chase +	
Wednesday	April 24	
11:15 am	Deb Pontarlo + (A)	
Thursday	April 25	
11:15 am	Jennie Dugan-Hinrichs + (A)	
Friday	April 26	
11:15 am	Thanksgiving for Discovery of Santo Nino	
Saturday	April 27	
7:30 am	Fr. Stephen Gutsell +	
5:30 pm	Joan Wilcox +	Fr. Georges
Sunday	April 28	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Eliot
10:30 am	Barry Gerken +	Fr. Jeremy

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

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

Most Rev. George Lucas, Archbishop

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Ringing Our Bells for Prayer

Chances are you have seen this famous painting called L'Angelus (The Angelus) that was painted by Jean-François Millet in the mid-19th century. It depicts a peasant couple in a potato field, farm tools set aside, their heads bent in prayer. In the midst of a physically demanding work day, this man and woman are taking time to pause, direct their thoughts to God, and humbly receive His grace.



Our newly repaired bell system will once again ring out the joyous announcement of the time to pray the Angelus at Noon and 6:00 pm. What is the Angelus prayer and why do we include this bell notification?

The prayer is a set of three antiphons that reflect on the Incarnation of Christ at the Annunciation—that profoundly holy moment in which the Angel Gabriel announced God's invitation for Mary to be the mother of the Messiah, and she said yes. Each of the Angelus's antiphons are taken from Sacred Scripture.

Most Church historians agree that the Angelus can be traced back to 11th-century Italy, where monks said three Hail Mary's during night prayers at the last bell of the day. An entry for the "Angelus" in the Catholic Encyclopedia indicates that, as early as the 14th century, it was common practice for Europeans to pray three Hail Mary's in the evening.

If we are devoted to the pious recitation of the Angelus, graces will come from it. We are told that the saints had a great devotion to this prayer—and if there's something simple done by the saints that we can do, it's likely we can grow in holiness by paying attention to it and implementing it! **So when you are "called to prayer" by our ringing bells, stop and bow your head as these farmers did long ago, humbly addressing God.**



CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CATHEDRAL



Cathedral Plaza

As you may know, a group of St. Cecilia parish leaders have begun putting plans in place to raise funds to update the Cathedral's accessibility ramp and other maintenance issues as well as completing the original vision of a west plaza and gardens as it was envisioned by Thomas Rogers Kimball. Pictured is an original Kimball drawing.

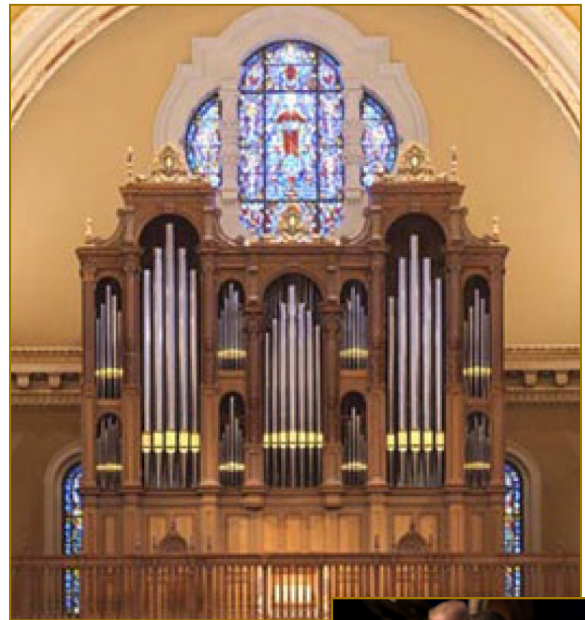
Thanks to early parishioner support and a few generous grants, parish leaders are now working to finalize plans and continue fundraising for this effort. Please watch the bulletin, Tower Talk, and other email announcements for future updates.

For more information, please contact Mark McNamara at 402.551.2313 or mmcnamara@stceciliacathedral.org

Cathedral Music Ministry

Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer
Director of Music Archdiocese of Omaha
and St. Cecilia Cathedral / Cathedral Organist
3900 Webster St, Omaha, NE
402-553-5524

Organ Anniversary Concert



Join us in celebrating the first 20 years of our Pasi Organ, Opus 14 pip organ on **Sunday, April 21**, at 3:00 pm at a concert featuring the Offutt Brass, Saint Cecilia Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Brass, and organists Michael Emmerich and Marie Rubis Bauer. Free admission.



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish

Saint Cecilia Cathedral parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. This is a unique parish. We are EVERYONE's parish throughout the Archdiocese!

We serve and minister to people from the Omaha metro and beyond. We welcome people into a worshipping, ministering, loving community, and graciously accept our leadership role in the Archdiocese and the community.

Our parish consists of over 880 registered households. Our Mass attendees number many more than only our families. Our famous church towers beckon visitors from all over to come to know God in the Mass at this beautiful church. All of us play a role in sharing God's message with these visitors as we encounter them. We must and do share the grace of God in all our liturgies and ministries. Join us in our mission from God!

We say that our **heart** is where our **hope** is. Then the hope for our beloved parish is in the heart of each one of us. **In some way we each use that hope to make this a sacred, honored home for Our Lord where He is loved, worshipped and witnessed to. We thank you for that.**



Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal

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Facebook: StCeciliaSchoolOmaha

Enroll now through our website: stcecilia.net

Songfest is May 9 & 10! All of our Fruits of the Spirit will be on display in the gym starting at 2:00 pm, with doors opening at 1:30 pm.

Development Department

Mark McNamara, Development Director

Offertory / Plate Giving Report

	Budgeted	Received
April 3 - 9	\$14,916	\$16,927
Year-to-Date	\$581,724	\$630,565

We appreciate all contributions to our ministries.

Know Jesus

and rediscover God's love in a CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Saturday, May 4, 11:30am - 5:00pm Talks 1 - 4

Saturday, May 11, 1:00pm - 5:00pm Talks 5 - 8.

Parish Center Dining Room. No Charge. Snacks will be provided. Information:

couplesforchristusa.org



Saint Cecilia Cathedral: We Equip Jesus' Disciples

Share the Joy of Poetry

Read your original poetry or works from your favorite poet at our spring poetry reading, Wednesday, April 24, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments & music provided. All are welcome to come & listen!! Contact Marc Talkington at 531-777-6110.



Cathedral Arts Project

cathedralartsproject.org

402-551-4888 | Call us for Cathedral tours.

Gift Shop, Gallery, and Museum hours are

Noon-4:00 pm Tuesday - Friday

11:30 am-2:30 pm Saturdays and Sundays.

On Sunday, April 28, Cathedral Arts Project invites you to the Standing Bear Cantata in the Cathedral from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Free admission.

Standing Bear is a cantata for baritone and strings written by Jerod Tate, a Chickasaw composer and pianist. Tate has received critical acclaim from the Washington Post and New York Times. Standing Bear is a tableau of imagery and thoughts the great Native American chief has while journeying back to his native homeland to bury his son. It is an intimate reflection on the nature of relationships and their connections to homelands.

NAVO, a Kansas-based music organization and Grant Youngblood, a critically-acclaimed baritone soloist, will perform the work and a pre-performance talk.

Cathedral Campus Events

Friday	April 19	
5:30 pm	School soccer games	[FIELD]
Saturday	April 20	
9:00 am	School soccer games	[FIELD]
Sunday	April 21	
11:30 am	Catholic Daughters meeting	[PCCR]
11:30 am	Baptism: Jameson Bergman	[NAVE]
3:00 pm	Organ and Offutt Brass concert	[NAVE]
Tuesday	April 23	
6:30 pm	School soccer games	[FIELD]
Wednesday	April 24	
6:30 pm	Finance Council meeting	[ADMIN]
7:00 pm	Poetry reading	[PCDR]
7:00 pm	Women's Guild Pickleball	[GYM]
Thursday	April 25	
8:30 am	School Mass	[NAVE]
Noon	Adoration	[OLNC]
5:30 pm	School soccer games	[FIELD]
6:30 pm	Faith Formation classes	[SCHOOL]
Friday	April 26	
5:30 pm	School soccer games	[FIELD]
Saturday	April 27	
9:00 am	School soccer games	[FIELD]
Sunday	April 28	
11:30 am	KOC Sister Appreciation Lunch	[PCDR]
5:00 pm	CAP Standing Bear Cantata concert	[NAVE]



Comedy & Cuisine Note

To the chairs, volunteers, Cathedral staff, donors, and attendees of this year's event: thank you for your generosity in giving so much time, effort, and financial support. It was a wonderful evening and very successful. We raised approximately \$150,000 for our Art & Music Wing renovation which was incredible. And it was wonderful to see our parish/school family come together to celebrate and support a good cause. God has been very good to us. Thank you for being instruments of His goodness for our school and our whole parish. May our Lord continue to bless us all. ~Fr. Jeremy Hans, pastor

PRAISE

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



The Heart of Ministry

We say that our heart is where our hope is.

Then the hope for our beloved Saint Cecilia parish is in the heart of each one of us. In some way we each use that hope to make this a sacred, honored home for Our Lord where He is loved, worshipped and witnessed to.

We need, from time to time, to look deeply into our hearts and ask some thought-provoking questions:

- Does what I do at and for Saint Cecilia Cathedral matter?
- Does it serve the Lord or my own ego?
- Do I assist in the growth of my parish and in the faith of other parishioners?
- Do I integrate into my life the habits of a disciple of Christ: prayer; compassion; friendship, and invitation?
- Am I a living apostle of my Catholic faith?



This is a time to be open to what God has placed or is about to place in our hearts. This is our Journey of Faith as we are called to live our faith and answer the call to serve in our parish. Push the pause button on your too-busy life and ask yourself, "What can I do to become an apostle of our Lord and serve His people?"

- We WILL be calling on you!
- Respond to the call to be missional.
- Respond to the call to be invitational.
- Respond to the call to be intentional disciples.
- Respond to the call to bring Christ to those around you.



That is our mission.
That is our hope.
And that comes from the heart.

Thanking Our Volunteers

What makes Saint Cecilia a parish that involves all parishioners in the mission of Jesus?

Because of our baptism we are participants in the mission entrusted to Jesus by God the Father. As a "kingly people" call forth and order the gifts of our parish community in the service of others.

Today we recognize and thank those here who volunteer in the **SERVICE** ministry of Saint Cecilia parish.

Some examples of the many ministries that assist us in our service to others include:

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| Administration Office | St. Vincent de Paul |
| Catholic Daughters | Knights of Columbus |
| Women's Guild | Funeral Lunch |
| Endowment Board | Parish Council |
| Finance Council | CathedralFest |
| Campus Grounds | Homebound |
| Casserole Brigade | Hospital EMHC |

Prayer of Blessing

God of glory, Your beloved Son has shown us that true love of others comes from generous hearts. Bless our brothers and sisters who have responded to the service needs of our parish and have committed themselves to Your service. Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our service to others pleasing in Your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you are interested in making Saint Cecilia Cathedral your home for serving Christ, contact Sheila Graham at the Cathedral Administration Office: 402-551-2313 to sign up for a ministry or committee now. We are happy to have you join us!!

Now that is Classic Cathedral!



Praying for Each Other

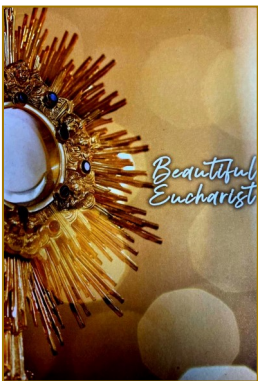
Mark Bohaty, Mary Helen Diaz, Sara Hopp, Marcy Miller, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Marletta McKercher, Phyllis Heimann, Don Wall, Rita Wall, Darlene Koley, Freddy Gibilisco Jr, Chris Peasley, Don Cutshall, Edward I. Powell, Nina Holiday, Jen N, Jerri DeBolt, Mary Werner, Helen McGill, Rita Petska, 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, 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

Have mercy on all Thy children, especially those entrusted to our prayers and those that contribute to the splendor of Thy worship. Accept our pleas, and grant us that all those of Thy children that have fallen away, might come back to Thee, Merciful Father, so that united may we form in Christ one body and one Spirit. 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 eachwer@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.



Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of **Jameson Bergman** child of **Sean & Jessica Bergman**

Sacramentals and Blessings

What is a blessing?

At the root of all sacramental use is the idea of blessing. A blessing is the invocation of God's protection and sanctification. The Church blesses people, animals, objects, and even time itself. Thus does she remind us that every day, as we go through our actions, we travel as companions of Christ and His Church. A blessing can be a request for some good to be granted by God on an individual or to set apart something for divine service by imbuing it with a sacred character.

What does it mean for an object to be blessed?

The blessing of objects—for example, water, a building, or a piece of jewelry—is meant to set that object apart for holy use. Water becomes holy water, a building a Church, and jewelry a holy medal. Once a blessing is imparted by a priest or deacon, the object should be treated with respect, and not disposed of casually or disrespectfully. The object, in being blessed, has become the bearer of a blessing.

Plan to bring your sacramentals to Mass on April 27/28. The priests will bless them for you. Consider bringing graduation and 1st Communion gifts to get them blessed.

Respect Life: Prayer Opportunities

Planned Parenthood
3105 N 93rd St, Omaha
Monday: 8:00 am-Noon
Saturday: 11:00 am

Bellevue Abortion Facility
1002 W Mission Ave
Saturday: 9:00 am

Chapel of the Holy Innocents
1229 Bellaire Blvd
Bellevue
8:15 am Mass



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Jessie Stoffel: Grade School Principal
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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

