

# Saint Cecilia Cathedral



November 17, 2024 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

701 N 40th Street, Omaha NE 68131 | [StCeciliaCathedral.org](http://StCeciliaCathedral.org)

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

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### Cecilia: Our Patron Saint

Saint Cecilia is the heart and soul of our church, the only cathedral in the United States dedicated to the patron saint of music and musicians. She is also honored as the patron of the Omaha Archdiocese. **Her feast is November 22.**

Cecilia was a Roman noblewoman who most likely lived sometime during the late second century to the middle of the third century. Having pledged herself to Christ, she converted her husband on the night of their arranged marriage. **According to legend, she filled her heart with a song to God asking for divine help** in preserving her chastity. This has ensured her traditional association with music, and especially the organ. Her husband converted his brother and they became active in the Christian community. Sentenced to death, the brothers converted their executioner, and all three were martyred. After Cecilia buried them in a single tomb, she was herself condemned. During her protracted death from an ax wound, she prayed and taught, offered encouragement to her fellow Christians, left her possessions to the poor, and asked that her house be dedicated as a church.

### Masses and Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 16</b>	
7:30 am	Bev Rosenthal + (A)	
5:30 pm	Frances Wright	Fr. Eischeid
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 17</b>	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Elmer/Margaret Bradley (WA)	Fr. Sokpo
1:00 pm	Confirmation Mass	Abp Lucas
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 18</b>	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 19</b>	
11:15 am	Masako	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 20</b>	
11:15 am	Walt Chase Jr +	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 21</b>	
11:15 am	Barry Gerken + (B)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 22</b>	
8:30 am	School Mass for St. Cecilia Feast Day	
11:15 am	Socorro Sanchez +	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 23</b>	
7:30 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
5:30 pm	Ed Warin +	Fr. Hans
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 24</b>	
8:30 am	Donald Cutshall Jr +	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Eischeid

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



**Sunday, November 24 @ 3 p.m.**  
**St. Cecilia Cathedral**

By the Saint Cecilia Cathedral Choir and Soloists with Chamber Orchestra and Cathedral Brass Quintet in collaboration with the Omaha Chamber Music Society under the direction of Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer

Performing the  
Ode for Saint Cecilia Day  
George Friderick Handel on a poem by John Dryden

Free admission due to the generosity of patrons. In Thanksgiving, bring non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul or monetary donations to Hope for the Poor.



Hail Bright Cecilia, Patron of Music!



# CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CATHEDRAL

## Pray for Our Confirmation Students

**Sanay Aung** - Mother Teresa  
**Alicia Barrera** - Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Gillian Bash** - Sebastian  
**David Beh** - David  
**Jovanna Castanon** - Jude  
**Willem Drickey** - Anthony of Padua  
**Samantha Ensastegui** - Our Lady of Fatima  
**Lela Grohs** - Philip Neri  
**Isaac Harrer** - Jerome  
**William Hayes** - Andrew  
**Rae Bae Kar** - Rose of Lima  
**Juan Khoun** - Veronica  
**Lucille Kittell** - Cecilia  
**Me Son Klaw** - Therese of Lisieux  
**Joseph Kwapnioski** - John Paul II  
**Peter Lay** - John  
**Samuel Lyons** - Isaiah  
**Marcherlina Marano** - Marcellina  
**Emma Mateljan** - Joan of Arc  
**Lillian McChesney** - Agatha  
**Anna Poe Meh** - Gianna Beretta Molla  
**Beh Meh** - Mary Magdalene  
**Catherine Poe Meh** - Elizabeth Ann Seton  
**Elena Moo Meh** - Therese of Lisieux  
**Klaw Meh** - Teresa of Avila  
**Lee Meh** - Cecilia  
**Nga Meh** - Veronica Giuliani  
**Poe Meh** - Rose of Lima  
**Soe Meh** - Mary, Mother of God  
**Veronica Sue Meh** - Lawrence  
**Anna Mo** - Mary Magdalene  
**Makayla Nguyen** - Therese of Lisieux  
**Ava Ohlman** - Rose of Lima  
**Agnes Moe Moe Oo** - Catherine of Siena  
**Dulce Orozco Herrera** - Our Lady of Guadalupe  
**Alexander Peralta-Arroyo** - John Neumann  
**Mathia Ko Reh** - Augustine  
**Paulu Lu Reh** - Therese of Lisieux  
**Saw Reh** - Michael the Archangel  
**Karen Saldana Castanon** - Rose of Lima  
**Emily Schill** - Elizabeth  
**Jasaun Thompson** - Christopher  
**Declan Towey** - Michael  
**Johann Trejo-Hernandez** - Norbert  
**Adelyn Valasek** - Rose of Lima  
**Wyatt Wells** - Hubert

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Help us offer thanks to God at our 9:00 am Mass in the Cathedral.

The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia* meaning thanksgiving.



## Offering / Plate Giving Report

	Budgeted	Received
Oct 30 - Nov 5	\$15,882	\$14,938
Year-to-Date	\$285,876	\$289,387

We appreciate all contributions to our ministries.

## Christmas at Cathedral Concert

The Omaha Symphonic Chorus will be presenting "Christmas at Cathedral" accompanied by the Omaha Symphony at St. Cecilia Cathedral on **December 6** at 7:30 pm and **December 8** at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at [omahasymphonicchorus.org](http://omahasymphonicchorus.org).

## Cathedral Campus Events

<b>Sunday</b> 1:00 pm	<b>November 17</b> Confirmation Mass	[NAVE]
<b>Monday</b> 6:30 pm	<b>November 18</b> Seeking Truth Bible Study	[PCCR]
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>November 19</b> Women's Guild Pickleball Alpha for Parish Leaders	[GYM] [PCDR]
<b>Thursday</b> Noon 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	<b>November 21</b> Adoration OCIA class Faith Formation classes	[OLNC] [PCDR] [SCHOOL]
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>November 22</b> School Mass: Feast of St. Cecilia	[NAVE]
<b>Sunday</b> 11:30 am 3:00 pm	<b>November 24</b> Baptism: Maeve Viola Pinkham Baptism: Tate Thomas Foster St. Cecilia Concert	[NAVE] [NAVE] [NAVE]

# Be Invitational Disciples



## Gifts of Prayer and Presence

Your participation in the Mission of the Catholic Church through Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish helps it to become a place where people can encounter Jesus and grow in the faith.

Consider how you do or can participate through these

### Gifts of Prayer and Presence:

Pray for our Archbishop, priests, deacons

Pray for our staff, teachers, and ministry leaders

Pray for our parish ministries and programs

Pray the Rosary daily

Pray at my/our family meals

Pray for an end to abortion

Read and pray with Scripture

Pray for vocations

Pray for the success of stewardship in our parish

Pray during our Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

Attend (and bring my children) to weekend Mass

Attend (and bring my children) to confession

Attend daily Mass

Attend our First Friday Masses

Invite family/friends to join our parish

## Be a Joyful Catholic

*Dr. Bryan Thatcher*

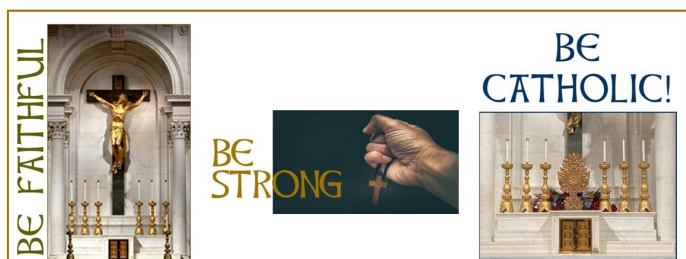
Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and eat with him, and he with me" (Rev 3:20).

Once one becomes a Catholic, they have at their disposal for knowing and loving, everything from the Blessed Mother in heaven to the poor cripple in Africa who crawls to Mass to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. A rich heritage of theologians like Thomas Aquinas to saintly people like Pope John Paul II; they become our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We can never merit heaven or God's mercy through our works of mercy. It is not a question of faith or good works, but faith and good works. Or better, strong faith leading to good works! It is no longer the Bible or the Church, but the Bible and the Church. It is not one or the other! To be Catholic is to pray and work alongside our brothers and sisters, knowing that we are called to be the light of the world.

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, to enlighten our minds, inflame our hearts, and to empower our lives so we would think, love, and act like Him. The Spirit gives us the gifts of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, prophecy, and counsel so that we can put on the mind of Christ (cf 1 Cor 2:16).

(continued next week)



## We Offer Saint Cecilia Adults Opportunities to Encounter Jesus

### Faith Formation Ministry: Bible Study

David the Grieving Friend (1 Sam 31, 2 Sam 1)

This week's theme is "I did it my way." Saul did things his way and not the Lord's way. We are faced with the same question, "Why do we choose our own way over God's way?" The contrast between David and Saul is striking: David did things the Lord's way while Saul did things his own way. To die well, one must live well. While death-bed conversions can occur, we should spend our lives in preparation for the moment of death, allowing us to ward off any temptation to despair. Life is short and the Evil One pursues our souls until our last dying breath.

### Evangelization Ministry: Alpha for Leaders

**Does God heal today?** We have examples of God healing in the Old Testament. We have many stories of Jesus healing. In fact, 25 percent of the Gospels are about this. Jesus gave his followers authority to heal. He commissions us to pray for and heal the sick today. God does still heal today, through the medical profession, through our prayer, through our love and care.

# Be Missional Disciples

## We Equip Our Saint Cecilia Children to be Jesus' Disciples

### Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal | [jstoffel@stcecilia.net](mailto:jstoffel@stcecilia.net) | 402-556-6655  
REJOICE always. PRAY continually. Give THANKS.

Our school was founded in 1907 in the Dominican tradition. Our staff focuses on how God is calling us to choose to be joyful, develop a prayer life that is continuous, and be thankful at all times. We welcome and educate children in PreK through 8th Grade teaching and living the Catholic faith within a nurturing family-like community. Our mission is to teach and live the Catholic faith within a nurturing family-like community, to teach reverence for life and respect for all, and to foster each student's academic potential.

### Saint Cecilia Childcare Center

Denise Leibert, Director | [dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org) | 402-553-1708

One of our largest ministries is our on-campus childcare center which is licensed for children 6 weeks to 13 years old. Using a variety of hands-on materials, learning is made exciting and functional. With Jesus Christ as our model, through dedicated and partnership of parents, educators, and parish, we guide children in spiritual growth and success.

## Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps to build One Church throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha. Your support of the annual appeal directly impacts parishes, schools and ministries throughout northeast Nebraska as they work to become missional communities. It also ensures that the Good News and mercy of Jesus Christ spread beyond the walls of our parishes and schools. The goals for the 2024-2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal are \$4.85 million and 20% participation. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift.

## Mass Ministry: Eucharistic Minister

Your participation in the Mission of the Catholic Church through Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish helps us all become a place where people can encounter Jesus and grow in the faith. **Consider how you can participate through becoming a Eucharistic Minister for our Masses.** Those who are selected to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must: be at least 18 years old; be a Catholic who has received First Communion and Confirmation and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be assumed; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; be reverential, respectful of his or her faith and the Blessed Sacrament, and of good moral character; if married, must be in a valid marriage according to the law of the Catholic Church.

Contact Fr. Jeremy Hans if you are interested: 402-551-2313.

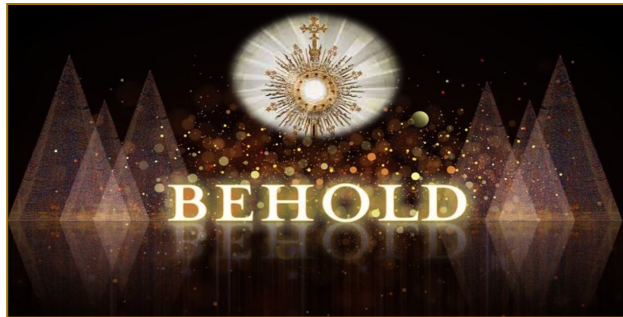
## Outreach Ministry: Communion to the Homebound

Saint Cecilia parish recognizes that those who are sick and/or homebound have a special place in our community. We want to visit with you and pray with you. We would also be honored to bring Jesus Christ, in the form of the Most Holy Eucharist, to parishioners in good standing with the Church, who are homebound, hospitalized, incapacitated in some way that they are unable to attend Mass. Our priests would also be happy to administer the Sacrament of Confession if desired. For a personal appointment, call for one of our priests at 402-551-2313.

If you would like to volunteer in this ministry, contact Brenda at 402-203-8802 or [brendaknovak@gmail.com](mailto:brendaknovak@gmail.com).



# Be Intentional Disciples



## 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.](#)

Contact Brenda Novak at 402-203-8802.

## 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](mailto:sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org).

## Prayer for Cathedral Staff & Leadership

Teach them, Lord Jesus, to be generous:

to serve You as You deserve;

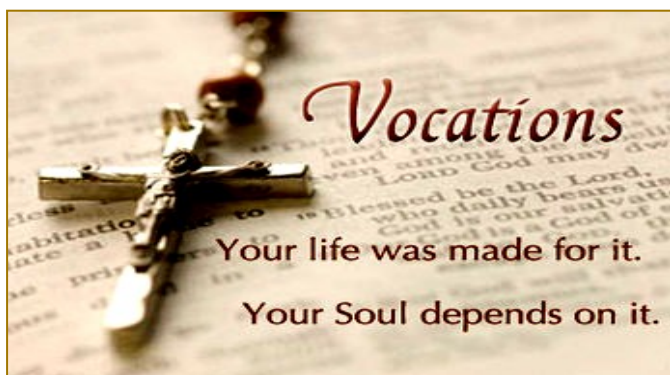
to give, not counting the cost;

to fight, not heeding the wounds;

to toil, not asking for rest;

to labor, not seeking any reward,

save that of knowing that they do Your will. Amen.



## Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

## Praying for Each Other

Jack Matthew Pohren, Rhonda Bohaty, Makayla Abney, Chuck R, Joe Wilcox, Nancy Ruiz Guzman, Casey, Mariann, Joshua Pieper, Doug Barak, Tom Jacobson family, Dan Boeckman, Adrian Smoot, Jesse Edwards, Hallie Neill, Rose Davis, Steven Schultze, Robbie Dylla, Patrick Moore, Noah Galley, Nina Holiday, Jen N, Mary Werner, Helen McGill, Rita Petska, Angela K. Hernandez, Andrea Enga, Minerva Salazar, Hitosis family, Mary B, Terri Hennig, Maria, Jan Limpach, Susan Walters, Bob and Becky Sabata, Anna, Jasper, Lynndell Skarnulis, Ron Baxter, Kathleen Schuler, Will Woleben, Josh Benk, Henry B, Kevin Jackson, Wallace family, Graham family, Allen family, Steve Caldwell, Maureen Allen, Linda J, Mary J, John Kennedy, Pat Boganowski, Marie Bruno, Abbey, Katrina Conway, Katie Gross, Tim Rourke, Jean, David P, Mark Morehouse, Jose Gomez, Nina, Vito C, John Sweeney, Mary Helen Diaz, Bob Ollie, Cindy Lopez, Danielle Talkington, Grace Thomsen, Bob Ebert, Rebecca Rosas, Peter Rinn, Sara Hopp, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Phyllis Heimann, Don Wall, Rita Wall, Darlene Koley, Chris Peasley, Don Cutshall, Edward I. Powell, 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](mailto:sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org) or call the Cathedral Administration Office at 402-551-2313 to get a name on/off of this list.

**Be holy. for I am holy.**



## 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 4:00 - 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@stceciacathedral.org](mailto:kgarfield@stceciacathedral.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@stceciacathedral.org](mailto:kgarfield@stceciacathedral.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



## Cathedral Administration

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