

Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Mother Church of the
Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha



Catholics light candles to pray for their deceased loved ones, the sick, the health and welfare of family and friends, and for the needs of our worldwide family. In the lighting of candles, we not only pray, but our prayers become symbols of the One Light of Christ, "the Light of the World."

November 3, 2024 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

701 N 40th Street, Omaha NE 68131 | StCeciliaCathedral.org

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

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November Catholic Devotion

The month of November is dedicated to the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and **the dead who are in Christ shall rise**."

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. God will know how to reconcile His justice and His goodness in the purification of the last members of the human race, and to supply by the intensity of the expiatory suffering what may be wanting in duration.

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha

As Catholics, we believe death is not the end but merely the beginning of something much greater. We care deeply and are committed to ministering to you and your loved ones at an emotional and difficult time. Our five cemeteries are designed as places of peace and beauty, encouraging prayerful visitation.

Grief Workshop

Catholic Cemeteries is offering a workshop "The Way through Grief." This workshop consists of six 2-hour sessions at 10:30 am Saturday, **November 16 - December 21**, in the Calvary Office at 7710 W Center Road. To register or for more information, contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

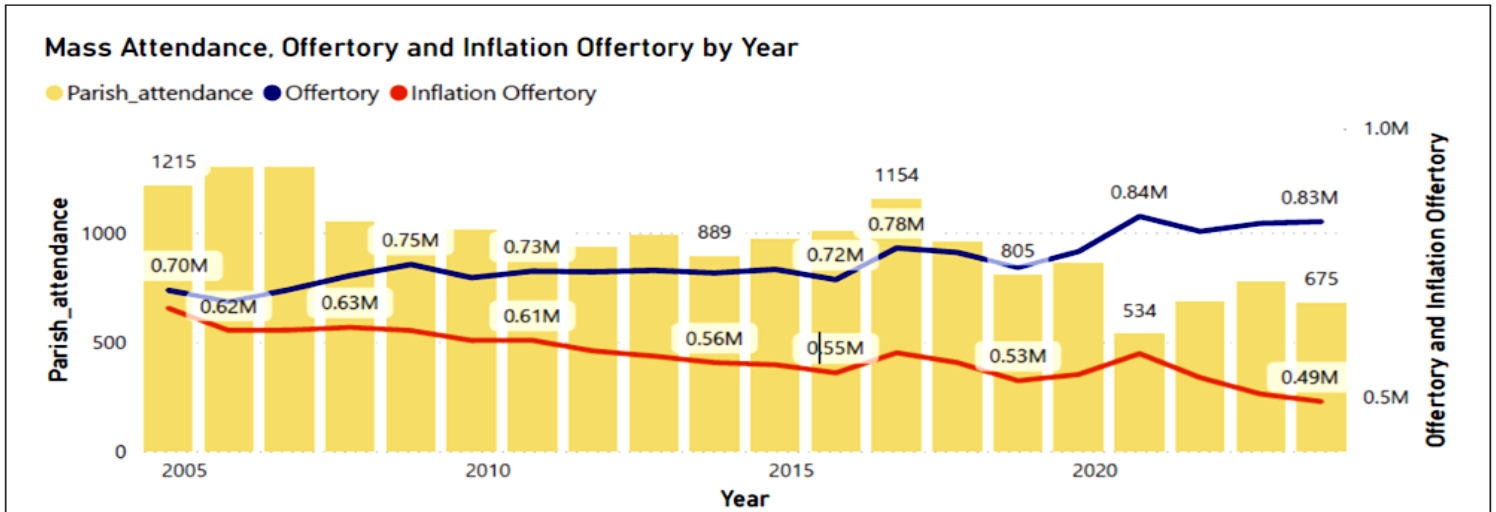
Masses and Intentions

Saturday	November 2 All Souls Day
7:30 am	Nancy Ruiz Guzman
5:30 pm	Leo Batenhorst +
Sunday	November 3
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30 am	John Kuhlman +
Monday	November 4
11:15 am	Wendy McKercher +
Tuesday	November 5
11:15 am	Dean Rolls +
Wednesday	November 6
11:15 am	Susan Dylla +
Thursday	November 7
8:30 am	School Mass
11:15 am	Cristeta Gonzales +
Friday	November 8
11:15 am	Blake Smola +
Saturday	November 9
7:30 am	Maria Benavente +
5:30 pm	Peter L. Larson + (B)
Sunday	November 10
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30 am	RoseMary Hanson +

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



CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CATHEDRAL



Dear Family, In our Mission & Ministry campaign, we want to enhance our giving to our parish so that we can carry out our ministries and fulfill our mission. The graph shown here is illustrative of our offertory giving history. We can see from the blue line that our offertory giving has increased by about 20% over the last 19 years (2004-2023). However, when adjusted for inflation, our giving has decreased 25% over that time (red line). This shows that our increase in giving each year needs to at least match inflationary rises in costs for the parish to maintain the same level of real income. Please consider **taking a step up in your giving** so that we can continue to carry out our ministries here at St. Cecilia. ~ Fr. Hans

Offering / Plate Giving Report

	Budgeted	Received
October 16 - 22	\$15,882	\$12,678
Year-to-Date	\$254,112	\$242,145

We appreciate all contributions to our ministries.

Parish Breakfast & More!

- Join us at our Knights of Columbus breakfast in the Cathedral Cafeteria on **Sunday, November 10**, after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses for scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and a chef's special! \$10; child 4 – 13 years old: \$5; child 3 and younger: Free; family max: \$35.
- Join us at the Parish Breakfast after the 10:30 am Mass to meet with **Don Jensen** and his family to offer him your thoughts and prayers on his retirement.
- The **Cathedral Plaza & Garden Project** team will be at the breakfast to show some renderings of the plans and answer your questions about this gathering space at the front of our Cathedral. Your contribution to the project will help “complete” the construction and enhancements. See the plans on our website.

Cathedral Campus Events

Sunday	November 3	
9:30/11:30	Ballot Initiative presentation	[PCDR]
11:30 am	Baptism: Joshua Koch	[NAVE]
Monday	November 4	
6:30 pm	Seeking Truth Bible Study	[PCCR]
Tuesday	November 5	
7:00 pm	Alpha for Parish Leaders	[PCDR]
7:15 pm	KOC membership meeting	[LAC]
Wednesday	November 6	
7:00 pm	Women's Guild Pickleball	[GYM]
Thursday	November 7	
Noon	Adoration	[OLNC]
6:30 pm	OCIA class	[PCDR]
6:30 pm	Faith Formation classes	[SCHOOL]
Friday	November 8	
7:30 pm	VENI Holy Hour & Social	[NAVE]
Sunday	November 10	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	[CAFÉ]
Noon	Karenni monthly Mass	[NAVE]
2:00 pm	Poetry Reading	[PCDR]
3:00 pm	CAP Concert: Chamber Choir	[NAVE]

Be Invitational Disciples

Cathedral Celebrations:

October 2024

Eucharistic Adoration
Parish Breakfast
Parish Council Meeting
Faith Formation Classes
OCIA Classes & Retreat
Knights of Columbus Meetings
Catholic Daughters Meeting
Women's Guild Fellowship
VENI Holy Hour
Alpha for Leaders
CathedralFest
School Masses & Holy Hours
Karenni Mass
Bible Study
Poetry Reading
Marriage Celebration Mass
Childcare Halloween Event
School Halloween Event
Santo Nino Fundraiser
Seminarian Parent Dinner
1 Baptism
1 Wedding
4 Funerals



Music and Harmony with God

The patronage of Saint Cecilia, including her special gifts of inspiration run deep in the Cathedral, reflecting her harmonious fidelity to God, through her fidelity to Christ, love of the poor, and the beauty of music. In the next weeks, this will be expressed with several events culminating in the Saint Cecilia Celebration Concert presented by Cathedral Choir and Soloists, Cathedral Brass, and Orchestra. In our cathedral building, the stones resonate beauty of music, especially sacred choral and instrumental music, and all of this represents a deeper beauty – of God. We will have the opportunity to hear a Catholic college choir Benedictine College, **November 10**, 3:00 pm, our own Cathedral Choir with soloists, orchestra, and brass **November 24**, 3:00 pm, and get our Christmas Celebrations going with the annual Omaha Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra concert **December 6 and 8**.



See all these opportunities – they are for you to be inspired, moved to love, and led to worship in Truth, Beauty, and Holiness. Bring friends and family, bring items of food and alms to support the very thing that our Patroness did, caritas, love for the poor.

Now THAT is Classic Cathedral!

See What Cathedral Arts Project Offers

Gift Shop, Gallery, and Museum hours are
Tuesday - Friday Noon - 4 pm and
Saturday - Sunday 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Vintage Christmas Market

Purchase items from a collection of Christmas collectibles, visual art, small furniture pieces, tableware.

Benedictine College Chamber Choir

Sunday, November 10, 3:00 pm in the Cathedral. Reception in the Cultural Center follows.

Thomas Rogers Kimball Lecture

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 am to Noon. An engaging lecture held in the Cultural Center about Thomas Rogers Kimball, who designed Saint Cecilia Cathedral.

Cathedral Plaza & Garden Project

“Complete the Vision” project is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a new and welcoming plaza and garden that will become a gathering space for Catholics as well as the Omaha community. These new elements will also celebrate the pillars of our faith community, our Archdiocese, and our Parish.

The project team will be at the breakfast next weekend to show some renderings of the plans and answer your questions. Your contribution will help “complete” the construction and enhancements at the west entrance of the Cathedral.

Be Missional Disciples

Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal

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REJOICE always.
PRAY continually.
Give THANKS.

Our school was founded in 1907 in the Dominican tradition. We welcome and educate children in PreK through 8th Grade teaching and living the Catholic faith within a nurturing family-like community.

Saint Cecilia Childcare Center

Denise Leibert, Director

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One of our largest ministries is our on-campus child care 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.

We are hiring for full and part time positions! Contact the Childcare Center office or find our listing on Indeed.



Catholic Guide to Voting

Peter A. Pinedo Franciscan.edu

How does one vote like a Catholic? Dr. Caleb Henry, a professor of political science at Franciscan University, says the answer to this question is “rooted in our understanding of the common good.” When it comes to the issues that are most important from a Catholic standpoint, Henry says the Church is very clear: **Abortion is the primary issue Catholic voters should be concerned with this election season.** While not the most popular topic in either conservative or liberal circles, the abortion issue gets to the very heart of the question: “If God has given us the gift of human life, then what does that require of us?” For Catholics worried about being called “single-issue voters” because of their opposition to abortion or gender ideology, Henry says these criticisms do not hold much weight. “You can be passionate about voting based on the abortion and gender issues, while simultaneously being radically committed to giving charitably, to helping the poor, to helping those in need, which are also a deep expression of our faith,” he explains.

Nebraska Ballot Initiatives Regarding Abortion

We will have a presentation about this issue and the voting options this Sunday in the Parish Center Dining Room after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. Plan to attend and get information about the importance of this ballot initiative vote.



Faith Formation Ministry:

Bible Study

David the Wanderer (1 Sam 21-26)

Having eaten of the Holy Bread reserved for priests, David began a journey undercover to protect himself from Saul. In spite of this he spared Saul's life twice.

Evangelization Ministry:

Alpha for Leaders

How does God guide us? How can I resist evil? God speaks to us as we pray. He gives us strong desire to do something good. He gives us prophecy, dreams, visions, angles, and audible voices. Then he gives us counsel of the Saints to listen to and help us know if things are in line with the Bible, are loving, are bringing the peach of God.



Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Joshua Koch.



Be Intentional Disciples



Be a Joyful Catholic

Dr. Bryan Thatcher

I want to share with you some thoughts on the joy of being Catholic. To those who are hurting spiritually, emotionally, and physically, Jesus said "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28).

A priest once told me that "Catholicism is simply one beggar telling another where the bread is." To be Catholic is to be part of a much larger family in heaven and on earth and to be aware of one's place in an ancient tradition of Church history. The simplicity of the message of Divine Mercy is knowing how to love. We must love each other, even our enemies. It is a simple message, but a difficult one. The message of Divine Mercy is one of love; mercy is love that seeks to lessen the misery of others.

Jesus asked that we have faith and trust in Him. Below the Image of The Divine Mercy are the words, "Jesus, I Trust in You." Remember in Scripture when Peter walked on water by faith? This is what we must do - walk over our problems and fears through a deep faith and trust in God. Trust is paramount if we want to live the message of mercy.

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Prayer for Cathedral Staff & Leadership

Teach them, Lord Jesus, to be generous:

to serve You as You deserve;

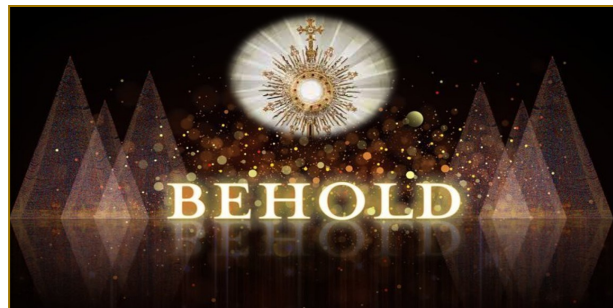
to give, not counting the cost;

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.



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 the Administration Office at 402-551-2313.

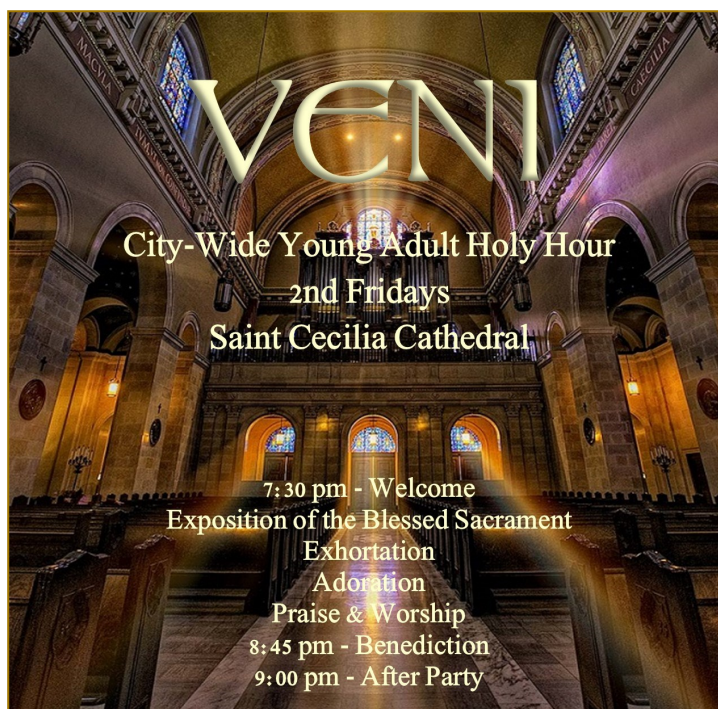
Personal Prayer Time

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.

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@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



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