

# Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Mother Church of the  
Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha

Where our mission is to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.



March 23, 2025  
3rd Sunday of Lent

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

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

# HOPE grows out of FAITH!

## Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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## Masses and Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 22</b>	
7:30 am	Rita Macaulay +	
5:30 pm	Leo Batenhorst +	Fr. Sokpo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 23</b>	
8:30 am	Mary Ann Williams +	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 24</b>	
11:15 am	Blake Smola +	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 25</b>	
11:15 am	Roger Castle +	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 26</b>	
11:15 am	Shirley Uhing +	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 27</b>	
8:30 am	School Mass	
11:15 am	William H. Willrodt + (A)	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 28</b>	
11:15 am	Christine Svoboda Worthing +	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	
7:30 am	Charles Mitchell + (B)	
5:30 pm	Aaron Cass + (A)	Fr. Eischeid
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 30</b>	
8:30 am	Helen Vana +	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans

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

## Spiritual Home for Worship

Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the spiritual home for the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha (currently led by Bishop George Lucas), the place where the Archbishop has his Chair (cathedra), and where major celebrations of the Catholic faith take place.

A landmark of towering limestone, impressive with its massive buttresses that can be seen for miles around, the Cathedral stands tall as a mighty symbol of the living faith of her people. The dream building of five bishops, the nickels, pennies, and dollars of thousands of dedicated men, women, and children is "alive and well."

**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. "The beautiful towers drew me to the Cathedral. Then I found so much more than just a building. It is sacred and beautiful."

## LENT

### Holy Mass

Palm Sunday 5:30 pm Saturday, Sunday 8:30 am,  
10:30 am with Archbishop Lucas [April 12/13]  
Chrism Mass 11:00 am with Abp Lucas [April 14]  
Holy Thursday 7:00 pm with Abp Lucas [April 17]  
Good Friday Service 7:00 pm with Abp Lucas [April 18]  
Easter Vigil 8:00 pm with Archbishop Lucas [April 19]  
Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am [April 20]

### Confessions

Weekdays 11:50 am to 12:10 pm [March 5 - April 16]  
Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Tuesday/Wednesday of Holy Week 5:00 to 6:00 pm  
[April 15/16]  
Good Friday 12:45 pm [April 18]  
Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm [April 19]

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm [Mar 6, 13, 20, Apr 3, 10]  
Holy Thursday after Mass to Midnight [April 17]

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6:00 pm [March 7 - April 11]  
Good Friday Noon [April 18]



# CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CATHEDRAL

## Cathedral Art Collections

Saint Cecilia Cathedral, in addition to its stained glass, sculptures, and paintings, is home to the **Spanish Colonial Art collection**. These two dozen paintings, figures and statues originated in Mexico, Central America, and northern South America, particularly Peru where the School of Cuzco arose. These items are found in the East Ambulatory, behind the sanctuary, and in the Nash Chapel.

There are **52 stained glass windows** throughout the Cathedral. The first 27 windows are the work of the Charles Connick Studios in Boston, Massachusetts. Charles Connick was the dean of stained glass work in the first half of the twentieth century and a champion for the revival of stained glass production in the manner of the medieval artists. The remainder of the windows are the work of Rambusch Decorating Company of New York which completed the interior decoration of the Cathedral in 1958. These works of craftsmanship and art preach lessons of faith from the heights of the rose window and the eight clerestory “singing windows” to the intimacy of the apsidal ambulatory and the simplicity of the sacristy windows.

Masterpiece **sculpture works in wood, bronze and marble** by the Moravian émigré **Albin Polasek** and his colleague **William Hoppe** are found throughout the Cathedral.

Above three doorways in the south ambulatory, two doorways in the north ambulatory and facing one another in the north entry are **murals by the art deco master Hugo Ulhm** depicting the beatified and canonized saints of North America in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

At the cornice level in the ambulatories are **illuminated lunettes** with symbolic presentations of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit – three on the south side and four on the north side. Also illuminated are the theological virtues given by the Holy Spirit who is at the northwest end. Opposite at the northeast end is Faith, Hope is at the southwest end as an anchor, and opposite at the southeast end is Charity, an inflamed heart.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27 AT 7:00 PM

## WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Join us for an evening of traditional  
**ENGLISH CHORAL MUSIC**

*A rare and exciting opportunity to hear the celebrated choir of men and boys from London's Catholic Cathedral in a wide-ranging concert of their most popular repertory from their recent recordings. Experience the world-famous English choral tradition at its best.*

For tickets, call 402-551-4888.

Preferred Seating (1st four rows) - \$125

Adult General Admission - \$25

Student General Admission - \$10

## Cathedral Campus Events

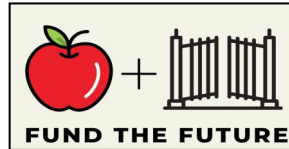
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 22</b>	
9:00 am	ABC Basketball Tournament	[GYM]
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 23</b>	
11:30 am	Baptism: Marguerite Wilson	[NAVE]
1:00 pm	ABC Basketball Tournament	[GYM]
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 26</b>	
6:30 pm	Finance Council meeting	[ADMIN]
7:00 pm	Women's Guild Pickleball	[GYM]
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 27</b>	
8:30 am	School Mass	[NAVE]
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	[OLNC]
6:30 pm	Faith Formation classes	[SCHOOL]
6:30 pm	OCIA class	[PCDR]
7:00 pm	Westminster Choir concert	[NAVE]
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 28</b>	
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	[NAVE]
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	
5:00 pm	Comedy & Cuisine	[GYM]
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 30</b>	
11:30 am	Baptism: Michael Savine	[NAVE]
	Baptism: Ethan & Bryan Marcial	[NAVE]

# Be Invitational Disciples



## Join the fun on March 29

At Comedy & Cuisine we celebrate our community's accomplishments and raise funds to keep tuition affordable, keep teacher salaries competitive, and enhance our campus facilities. It is a time to recognize those who dedicate and share their talent, time, and treasure in helping make Saint Cecilia Cathedral Grade School what it is today.



Buy your tickets here



Donate online here



### Event Chairs

Mark Guillatt & Theresa Lehn

Paul & Quinn Kulik

Michael & Lindsay Rosenthal

### Honorary Chairs

Jean Batenhorst-Smith & Jim Smith

### Great Stewards

Knights of Columbus Council #652

### Volunteer of the Year

Steve Ramacciotti





## TUITION Raffle

Enter for a chance to win tuition for the 2025-2026 school year for one student.



VALUED UP TO **\$5,200**

MAY BE USED FOR PRE-K, OUT-OF-PARISH OR IN-PARISH TUITION RATES

\$100 each, only 50 will be sold.



Scan the QR code to purchase a tuition raffle ticket or click on the embedded website:  
<https://onecau.se/comedyandcuisine2025>

Winning ticket will be drawn at Comedy & Cuisine on March 29th.

Questions? Email: [comedyandcuisine@gmail.com](mailto:comedyandcuisine@gmail.com)

See you on March 29!



## Become a Parishioner!

Our parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. We minister to people throughout the Omaha area and beyond. As a Roman Catholic parish, our mission is to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ. The Cathedral parish consists of over 940 households. The heart of Saint Cecilia is the people. Every person in this parish is invited to become a part of the life of our parish through ministries, activities, and committees. We encounter Jesus.

If you are interested in making St. Cecilia Cathedral your parish home, contact Sheila at the Cathedral Administration Office 402-551-2313 to start your registration process. We are happy to have you!!

**Then consider how YOU fit in and participate in the life of your parish!**

# Be Missional Disciples

IN YOUR NEED . . .



If you need a priest to listen  
and to advise you . . .

**WE ARE HERE!**

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701 N 40th Street, Omaha  
Stop by or call us 402-551-2313

## Catholic Views on the Sanctity of Life

The Church has constantly and consistently taught that abortion at all stages is morally impermissible and a grave sin, even before we could see for ourselves the humanity of the child in the womb. Everything about embryology and fetal development discovered by modern science confirms that the unborn child from the moment of conception is a human life. The Church says that life has rights and is worthy of protection.

We believe that human beings are created by God in God's image, so the sanctity of human life is a core principle of Catholicism.



We believe that human life is sacred from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death. The inherent dignity bestowed on humanity by God is a core value of Catholicism.

We believe in respecting the gift of life until natural death. Our belief in the sanctity of life calls us to work towards the common good in all areas.

## Catholic Cemeteries Stations of the Cross

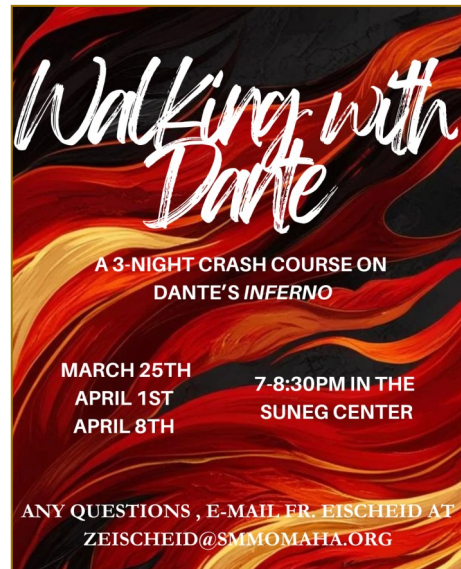
Please join us each Wednesday of Lent (**March 14 through April 9**) as we prayerfully journey the Stations of the Cross in Holy Angels Mausoleum in Resurrection Cemetery at 6:00 pm.

On **Good Friday** we will walk the Stations at 3:00 pm in Calvary Cemetery (78th and Center Road). You are invited to this tradition and journey of 1.3 mile walk of faith.

# Now THAT is Classic Cathedral!

## Saint Cecilia Grade School An Apostolate of Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Jessie Stoffel, Principal

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Our school was founded in 1907 in the Dominican tradition. Our staff spend time focusing 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 where we teach reverence for life and respect for all, and foster each student's academic potential. **Register your children today! See our website [stcecilia.net](http://stcecilia.net). Join our school . . . Join our family!**



## Lent Lectures

Join Fr. Zach Eischeid for a three-part crash course on Dante's Inferno this Lent! From 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Suneg Center at St. Margaret Mary Church, we'll journey through the depths of Hell as Dante envisioned it, exploring its rich symbolism, theology, and relevance for our spiritual lives today. No prior knowledge of the poem is needed—just curiosity and a willingness to dive into one of the greatest works of Christian literature.

## Offering / Plate Giving Report

	Budgeted	Received
March 5 - 11	\$15,882	\$18,131
Year-to-Date (July-June)	\$571,752	\$625,536

Please contact Development Director John Wees if you would like to receive your **tax statement** for 2024: 402-551-2313 / [jwees@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:jwees@stceciliacathedral.org)

# Be Intentional Disciples

## Prepare for Lent: Make a Good Confession

Examination of Conscience for Adults

### VII. You shall not steal.

Have I . . .

Stolen or damaged another's property? Pirated copyrighted material?

Defrauded workers of their wages? Wasted my employer's money?

Lived wastefully or in an excessively luxurious manner? Gambled rashly?

Taken on irresponsible debts? Not paid my taxes honestly?

Squandered my time through excessive TV, internet, news, etc.?

Failed to care for the poor? Failed to contribute to the needs and mission of the Church?



### Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry  
for having offended Thee,  
and I detest all my sins because  
of thy just punishments,  
but most of all because  
they offend Thee, my God,  
who art all good and  
deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve  
with the help of Thy grace  
to sin no more and  
to avoid the near occasion of sin.  
Amen.

### VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I . . .

Lied? Cheated? Committed perjury? Wrongfully broken confidentiality?

Judged another? Insulted another? Engaged in gossip?

Harmed the reputation of another?

### IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Have I . . .

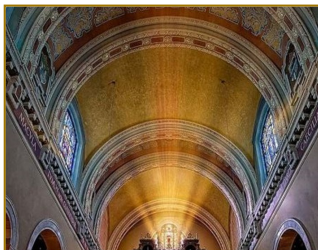
Deliberately entertained impure/unchaste thoughts?

Sought the affections of another's spouse?

### X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Have I . . .

Fostered thoughts of envy towards another's good qualities, success, status, or possessions? Given in to greed?



Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend  
we celebrate  
the baptism of  
**Marguerite Wilson.**

**Saint Cecilia  
Cathedral:  
We Equip Jesus'  
Disciples**

## Pray for Each Other

Christopher Lampe Barbara Bakhit, Kelly Rubis Meyer, Reidun Nabity, Phyllis Etringer, John Ray, Dick Satiroff, Rita Bissell, Rose Davis, John Kennedy, Pat Boganowski, David P, Chuck R, Mark Morehouse, Jose Gomez, Nina, Vito C, John Sweeney, Mary Helen Diaz, Bob Ollie, Cindy Lopez, Danielle Talkington, Grace Thomsen, Bob Ebert, Rebecca Rosas, Don Wall, Rita Wall, Darlene Koley, Chris Peasley, Don Cutshall, Edward I. Powell, Peter Rinn, Sara Hopp, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Nina Holiday, Jen N, Mary Werner, Helen McGill, Sheryl G, Rhonda Bohaty, Makayla Abney, Nancy Ruiz Guzman, Doug Barak, Mary B, Tom Jacobson family, Dan Boeckman, Adrian Smoot, Jesse Edwards, Hallie Neill, Steven Schultze, Robbie Dylla, Patrick Moore, Noah Galley, Josh Benk, Angela K. Hernandez, Andrea Enga, Minerva Salazar, Hitosis family, Terri Hennig, Marie Bruno, Abbey, Katrina Conway, Casey, Mariann, Jan Limpach, Susan Walters, Bob and Becky Sabata, Maria, Anna, Lynndell Skarnulis, Tim Rourke, Ron Baxter, Kathleen Schuler, Will Woleben, Henry B, Kevin Jackson, Wallace family, Graham family, Allen family, Jasper, Steve Caldwell, Maureen Allen, Linda J, Mary J, Phyllis Heimann, Saint Cecilia priests, deacons, parish, school, childcare staff, families, and friends.

This is an important charitable ministry for our Saint Cecilia community. To get a name on/off of this list, contact Sheila at [sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org) or call the Cathedral Administration Office at 402-551-2313.



## Sacraments at Saint Cecilia

### Holy Mass

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am (choir)  
Monday - Friday 11:15 am  
Saturday 7:30 am and 5:30 pm vigil

### Confession

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
Monday - Friday 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](mailto: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](mailto:kgarfield@stceciliacathedral.org).

## Sacraments at Saint Margaret Mary

### Holy Mass

Sunday 7:30 am and 10:00 am  
Monday - Friday 6:30 am  
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  
Monday - Friday 7:00 - 7:20 am



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