

# 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 30, 2025  
4th 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 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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 31</b>	
11:15 am	Mary Kay Gerken +	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 1</b>	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 2</b>	
11:15 am	Roger Castle +	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 3</b>	
8:30 am	School Mass	
11:15 am	Jean Carrica +	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 4</b>	
11:15 am	Jean Carrica +	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 5</b>	
7:30 am	Alfy Vaccaro +	
5:30 pm	Mary Kay Gerken + (B)	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	
8:30 am	Marcy Miller +	
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	

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

# 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

## Our Cathedral

New Cathedral announced: 1901

Excavation begun: 1905

Depth of the foundation dig: 20 feet

Bell tower footings: 54 feet square at base

Main wall footings at ground level: 8 feet wide

Core of structure: Three-million red bricks

Substructure of roof: 100 tons of steel beams

Kinds of marble used in the cathedral: 12

Exterior stone of the cathedral: Indiana limestone

Cornerstone laid: October 6, 1907

Consecrated: April 9, 1959

Night time illumination of the Cathedral: 1988

Restoration: 1998 – 1999

Exterior niche statues: 2002

Pasi Organ: 2003

Permanent Mass altar: 2005

Bell towers height: 222 feet

Interior ceiling height: 80 feet

Length: 255 feet

Main aisle, narthex to communion railing: 130 feet

Width: 158 feet

Saint Cecilia Rose Window: 25 feet in diameter

Dimension of high altar crucifix:

corpus 7 feet,

vertical beam 13 feet,

cross beam 6 feet

Cubic feet of interior space: 1,584,000

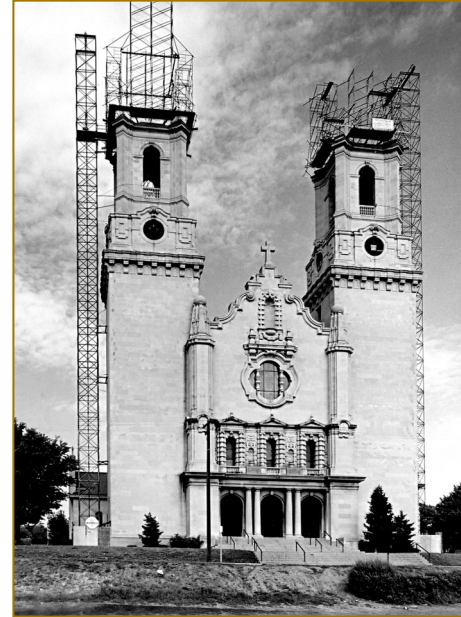
Seating capacity: 1020

Monetary contributions for completion of construction:

\$2,000,000 + from 1905 - 1959

and more than 30 specifically donated items

From its early days as a “pro-cathedral” and then as “the” Cathedral, Saint Cecilia has been an active parish community. Its grade school, continuously functioning since 1907, has an award-winning history of success in the education and Catholic formation of young people. For seventy-five years there was a Cathedral High School, which served as a diocesan high school for nearly 50 years. The parish has a proud history of Faith in action in its outreach to the needy and poor and in its witness for justice and partnerships in the ecumenical and civic community.



## Cathedral Campus Events

<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]
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 1</b>	
8:30 am	School Stations of the Cross	[NAVE]
7:15 pm	KOC membership meeting	[LAC]
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 2</b>	
6:30 pm	Women's Guild Pickleball	[GYM]
7:00 pm	Parish Council meeting	[ADMIN]
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 3</b>	
8:00 am	JPII Academy Pilgrimage Retreat	[PCDR]
8:30 am	School Mass	[NAVE]
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	[OLNC]
6:30 pm	Faith Formation classes	[SCHOOL]
6:30 pm	OCIA class	[PCDR]
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 4</b>	
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	[NAVE]
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 5</b>	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Lauren Weis and Calvin Jenkins	[NAVE]
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	
2:30 pm	Boy Scout Court of Honor	[PCDR]

# Be Invitational Disciples

## Be Part of the Heart of Ministry at the Heart of Saint Cecilia

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 into our hearts and ask some questions:

Does what I do at and for Saint Cecilia Cathedral matter?

Is it in the service of 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 four 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?" That is our mission. That is our hope.

And that comes from the heart.

**Thank you for answering the call**

to be missional

to be invitational

to be intentional disciples

to bring Christ to those around you.



## Knight Family of the Year

At the Knight's Corporate dinner **Tim and Deb Peffer** were awarded the Family of the Year by our council. They have been long term servants to St. Cecilia School and Parish. From the time Tim was a volunteer football coach, to the Knights coordination of Coats for Kids, Debbie and Tim have given numerous volunteer hours to Knights activities. Their gifts of noodles for Knights spaghetti dinners is always appreciated. Tim and Debbie are inspiring examples to us all.



## Knight Honored

At the Knight's Corporate dinner **Terry Feldman** was awarded the Council's Brother of the Year award. Terry has contributed greatly this year, from Sienna Francis house, to the gym awning, to helping organize brothers to assist in grounds upkeep. Terry is also the top recruiter for the council.

## Consider Joining One of Our Ministries

### Parish/Campus Opportunities

**Mass Ministries:** Sheila Graham / 402-551-2313

**Music Ministry:** Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer / 402-558-1325

**Funeral Lunch Committee:** Jerri DeBolt / 402-533-8098

**Homebound Parishioner Visits:** Brenda Novak / 402-203-8802

**Campus Beautification:** Kathy Dietsch / 402-319-5533

### School Opportunities

<https://stceciliacathedral.ivolunteer.com/stceciliaschool#4>

**Activities Booster Club:** Tony Vaccaro / 402-515-8302

**Home and School Association:** Candice Towey / 402-650-6022

### Community Opportunities through Cathedral

**St. Francis Casserole makers:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/volunteer225/305473#/>

**Monthly Lunch Service at the Stephen Center:**

**Sienna Francis House Casseroles:** Joyce Passarelli / 402-558-5207

**Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach:** Kevin Vaughan / 402-551-2313

VOLUNTEER

# Be Missional Disciples



Thank you to these parishioners who serve us at Mass as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### 5:30 pm Saturday

Jean Batenhorst  
Annie Donahoe  
Michaela Doyle  
Leo Gramke  
Christine Koehn  
Molly Neuman  
Geoff Thiele  
Lorraine Thiele  
Mary Lynn Vaccaro  
Deb Wagner  
Colleen Warin  
Joe Wilcox  
Sue Wilwerding  
Terry Wilwerding

### 8:30 am Sunday

Jim Elliston  
Ann Gaul  
Carla Gaul  
Ann Marie Goettl  
Sherri Heimerman  
Mary Hoggatt  
Nora Kleinsasser  
Deb Larson  
Cathy Lyons  
Lorraine Miller  
Ron Miller  
Brenda Novak  
Brad Poeckes  
Therese Safranek  
Kim Stewart  
Jessie Stoffel  
Janet Visek-Margrave

### 10:30 am Sunday

Bryan Barry  
Channon Butler  
Pat Campagna  
Maria Carlson  
Kathy Dietsch  
Mary Gerken  
Heather Gomes  
Ben Gonzales  
Nancy Gonzales  
Clara Korensky  
Michael McCarthy  
Sandra McCarthy  
Greg Penny  
Katherine Penny  
Matt Pohren  
Mary Wendl

## "The Body of Christ."

## Pro-Life Outreach

Love is ending abortion and your prayers/presence is a visible sign of your love for a mother and her baby. This peaceful, prayerful, law abiding approach has saved over 23,000 babies, brought peace of mind to their mothers and often a better future. Go to [sidewalkadvocates.org](http://sidewalkadvocates.org) for information.

Become a prayer warrior by contacting the Omaha chapter leader at [lifesidewalk@gmail.com](mailto:lifesidewalk@gmail.com) to have your name added to our prayer warrior schedule or to register for one of our upcoming advocate trainings.

## 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!**

## Offering / Plate Giving Report

	Budgeted	Received
March 12 - 18	\$15,882	\$10,436
Year-to-Date (July-June)	\$587,634	\$635,972

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)



## Server Honors

Each year our pastor selects servers to be honored at the Serra Club ceremony. Pictured with Archbishop Lucas, Father Zach Eischeid, and Father Jeremy Hans are 8th grade servers **Juan Khouné, Joseph Kwapnioski, Declan Towey, and Lucy Kittel.**



# Be Intentional Disciples

## Basics of Our Faith Resources

We have brochures with basic tenets of our Catholic faith in the church racks: Catholic parenting, children's prayers, adoration, pro life information, Marian prayers, Saint Cecilia information card, brochures from Catholic organizations, and a church tour guide.



## Devotions Brochure

Pick up our brochure on Catholic devotions from the church racks. Included are the prayer before the crucifix, prayer before Mass, prayer after Mass, prayer to the Holy Face, Magnificat, prayer for vocations, and prayer to Saint Cecilia. Make devotions a special part of your faith life. Bring that devotion to each Mass you attend.

## Spend Time in Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

**Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm**

Consider signing up or stopping in.

Contact Brenda Novak at 402-203-8802.



Wall, Darlene Koley, Chris Peasley, Edward I. Powell, Peter Rinn, Sara Hopp, Rhonda Bohaty, Makayla Abney, Nancy Ruiz Guzman, Doug Barak, Tom Jacobson family, Dan Boeckman, Adrian Smoot, Jesse Edwards, Hallie Neill, Steven Schultze, Robbie Dylla, Patrick Moore, Noah Galley, Angela K. Hernandez, Andrea Enga, Minerva Salazar, Hiosis family, Terri Hennig, Marie Bruno, Abbey, Katrina Conway, Tim Rourke, Jan Limpach, Susan Walters, Bob and Becky Sabata, Maria, Anna, Lynndell Skarnulis, Ron Baxter, Kathleen Schuler, Will Woleben, Josh Benk, 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.

## Personal Prayer Time

The Cathedral is open for individual prayer:

MTWF 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

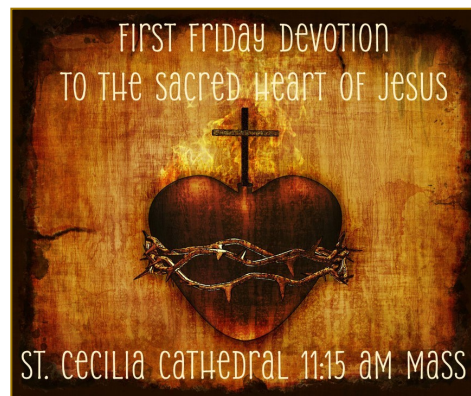
Thursday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm

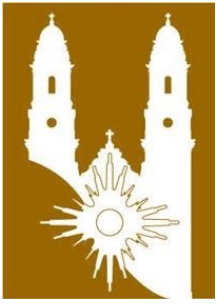
## Praying for Cathedral Ministries & Members

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



## Pray for Each Other

Jan Farha, Noah Gingrich, Christopher Lampe, Jerri DeBolt, Barbara Bakhit, Kelly Rubis Meyer, Reidun Nabity, Phyllis Etringer, John Ray, Dick Satiroff, Rita Bissell, Rose Davis, John Kennedy, Cindy Lopez, Pat Boganowski, David P, Chuck R, Casey, Mariann, Vito C, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Mary B, Nina Holiday, Jen N, Mary Werner, Helen McGill, Sheryl G, Mark Morehouse, Jose Gomez, Nina, John Sweeney, Don Cutshall, Mary Helen Diaz, Bob Ollie, Danielle Talkington, Grace Thomsen, Bob Ebert, Rebecca Rosas, Don Wall, Rita



## 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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