

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.



April 6, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

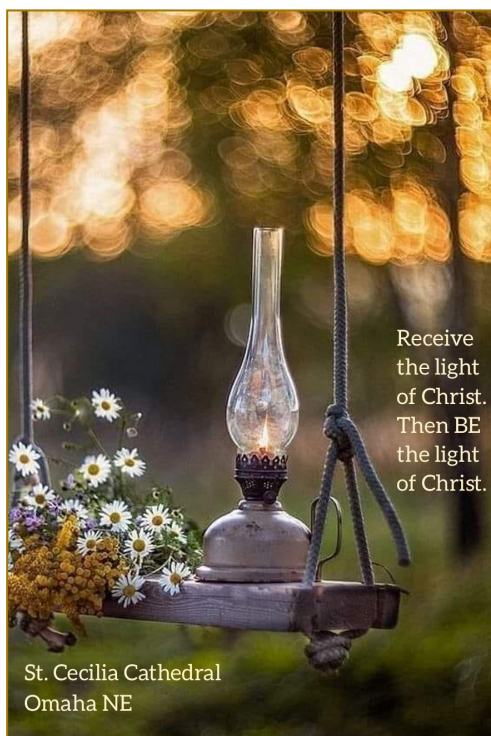
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Weekend Holy Mass: Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am & 5:30 pm vigil Saturday

Holy Mass

Saturday	April 5
7:30 am	Alfy Vaccaro +
5:30 pm	Mary Kay Gerken + (B)
Sunday	April 6
8:30 am	Marcy Miller +
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners
Monday	April 7
11:15 am	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mitchell + (WA)
Tuesday	April 8
11:15 am	Arlene Warsocki + (B)
Wednesday	April 9
11:15 am	Livio S. Nespoli + (A)
Thursday	April 10
8:30 am	School Mass
11:15 am	Christine Svoboda Worthing +
Friday	April 11
11:15 am	Funeral: Richard Mitchell
Saturday	April 12
7:30 am	George Werner + (A)
5:30 pm	Leo Batenhorst +
Sunday	April 13
8:30 am	Blake Smola +
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners

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



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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HOPE grows out of FAITH!

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

Plaza Project Update: So When Does This Thing Kick Off?

When the Plaza & Garden was recently re-envisioned and proposed to renovate the “front porch” of our Cathedral and make it more accessible and welcoming to the entire community, Br. William Woeger and the project steering committee knew that during the planning and funding process, and possibly during construction, we would likely see the installation of a new Archbishop. Several contingencies had been considered in case we had started construction, including the question “What if the entire west entrance is a construction site when the new Archbishop is installed?” Project Manager Pro-Tip: Try not to have major logistical questions listed under the “Who Knows?” column.

With the announcement of the May 7th installation of Archbishop Michael McGovern, that day has come. Obviously, the Plaza will not be complete in just over a month, but it does raise the question, “How and when is all of this going to come about?” **We have broken down the Plaza & Garden elements into several phases, which will be executed in sequence once we first break ground, and as we continue to raise funds.**

The Ramp: Designed, Contract Signed, Undersigned, and Permits Aligned: The first manifestation of the project on campus will be the staging of materials and equipment for the replacement of our existing (and non-ADA compliant) disabled ramp. The North Entry (Burt St. for you who are directionally challenged) will be temporarily converted to become a disabled access entry. Then the existing ramp and steps will be removed, and replaced with one that is less steep, and better matches the design aesthetic of the Cathedral. Concrete and landscape work will extend west of the ramp between the Cathedral and the Rectory and Administrative Offices to where the Plaza will begin. We anticipate this will be a two-month process that will break ground just a few weeks after the Archbishop’s installation. This is completely funded.

Limestone and Granite: The limestone blocks that form the façade and walls of the Cathedral and its towers have literally scores of spots where the limestone has popped off the walls, leaving obvious holes in the stone. The granite steps are in dire need of rebuilt structural support and alignment. These restorations are next in sequence, and also funded through your generous donations.

The Plaza: Design elements are nearing completion, and a six-month process of preparation and construction will begin after the ramp and stonework is complete. During this process, work will be done to prepare for lighting, utilities, and plumbing (for the fountain!), and for the construction of the streetscape, for traffic calming. We are still actively fundraising for this phase.

The Garden: Finally, when enough funds are raised to begin construction of the Garden, we will see several months of activity to completely transform the dilapidated asphalt parking area into a beautiful, respectful, and tranquil area – a truly welcoming, evangelical space, celebrating those who have built our Archdiocese. It will also be a place that meets all who enter, in their own space; where every purpose under heaven has its time.

Yours in Christ, John Wees, Director of Development

Cathedral Campus Events		
Saturday	April 5	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Lauren Weis and Calvin Jenkins	[NAVE]
Sunday	April 6	
2:30 pm	Boy Scout Court of Honor	[PCDR]
Tuesday	April 8	
8:30 am	School Adoration	[NAVE]
7:00 pm	Board of Education meeting	[PCCR]
Wednesday	April 9	
6:30 pm	Women's Guild Pickleball	[NAVE]
Thursday	April 10	
8:30 am	School Mass	[OLNC]
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	[SCHOOL]
6:30 pm	Faith Formation classes	[PCDR]
6:30 pm	OCIA class	[NAVE]
Friday	April 11	
11:15 am	Funeral Mass: Richard Mitchell	[NAVE]
5:00 pm	School Mac & Cheese Cookoff	[CAFÉ]
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	[NAVE]
7:30 pm	VENI Holy Hour & social time	[NAVE]
Saturday	April 12	
8:00 am	MCS Solo Ensemble Festival	[SCI]
Sunday	April 13	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	[CAFÉ]
Noon	Catholic Daughters meeting	[PCCR]

Be Invitational Disciples

Make a Difference at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

The heart of Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the people. Every person in this diverse and interesting community is invited to become a part of the life of Cathedral through ministries, activities, and committees. It is through the Gospel that we are continually reminded that every baptized person has a special role in their faith community. There is a parish ministry or activity where your time and talents will make a difference. Consider how YOU fit in and participate in the life of our community in these ways!

Funeral Lunch Team

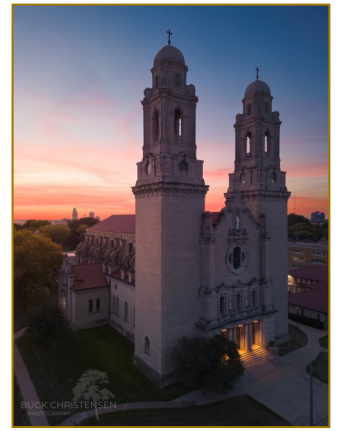
Jerri DeBolt, Coordinator 402-533-8098

A vital ministry at Saint Cecilia Cathedral is our funeral lunch offering for parishioners or alumni families who have a funeral at the Cathedral. We are in need of more people to help with these lunches. Please contact Jerri DeBolt to sign up for a team to serve catered food and set up/clean up.

Outreach Ministry Casserole Brigade

Joyce Passarelli, Coordinator 402-558-5207

Consider joining a group of parishioners who prepare chicken casserole to take to the Siena Francis House on the 4th Monday of every month from August through May. Information, including the recipe and the sign-up, is posted at SignUpGenius.com/go/volunteer225. If you have any questions, please call Joyce.



Saint Cecilia Grade School

An Apostolate of Saint Cecilia
Cathedral Parish
Jessie Stoffel, Principal
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402-556-6655 | stcecilia.net

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 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.

Join our school . . .

Join our family!



Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

“Pilgrims of Hope”

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

Music: Francesco Meneghella

Like a flame my hope is burning,

may my song arise to You:

Source of life that has no ending,

on life's path I trust in You.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people

find a light within Your Word.

Scattered fragile sons and daughters

find a home in Your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient,

dawn of hope, You care for all.

Heav'n and earth are recreated

by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,

for our God is born in time.

Son made man for you and many

who will find the way in Him.

Cathedral Celebrations:

March 2025

Eucharistic Adoration

Parish Breakfast

Parish & Finance Council Meetings

Faith Formation & OCIA Classes

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Catholic Daughters Meeting

Board of Education Meeting

Women's Guild Fellowship

VENI Holy Hour & Gathering

First Friday Mass

School Masses, Adoration & Stations

Bible Study

School Operetta/ Grandfriends Mass

Scout Centennial Celebration

Ash Wednesday Masses

Stations of the Cross

Rite of Election

Knights Corporate Dinner

ABC Basketball Tournament

Knights Salmon Bake

Middle School Knowledge Fair

Westminster Choir Concert

Comedy & Cuisine

1 Baptism & 3 Funerals

Be Missional Disciples

Mass Altar Servers



5:30 pm Saturday

Margo Haske
Henry Kittell
Lucy Kittell
Liam Koehn
Emily Kwapnioski
Joseph Kwapnioski
Caitlin Lyons
Sara McChesney
Catherine Neuman
Ava Ohlman
Declan Towey

8:30 am Sunday

Annelies Anderson
Tabitha Anderson
Victor Barajas
Edmond Hayes
William Hayes
Olivia Herrman
Emmi Lehn
Nate Watson

10:30 am Sunday

Felicity Anderson
Sanay Aung
Brenda Aye
Charles Borome
Armando Gomez
Bianca Gomez
Rosemary Jue Jue
Thehmar Kelly
JuJu Khoun
Kalliope Knoble
Franny Kolterman
Dom McLaughlin
Lauren Mlnarik
Mary Penny
April Pray
Daniel Reh

Thank you to these young parishioners who serve us at Mass as altar servers.

Serve with Dignity & Reverence



Comedy & Cuisine

On behalf of the 2025 Comedy & Cuisine Chairs, I want to thank you. Thank you for underwriting and sponsoring the event, for donating items and services, for giving of your time, talent and experience. It takes our whole community to make this amazing night happen every year, and we all benefit exponentially from it. It is a mini reunion, a chance to connect with older and newer members of our community. It is also a show of force; we are diverse in so many ways and we always come together for each other, our school and our parish.

I was baptized into this faith community that my grandparents belonged to starting 8 decades ago, and I choose to be here still because of you all. Thank you.
~Theresa Lehn



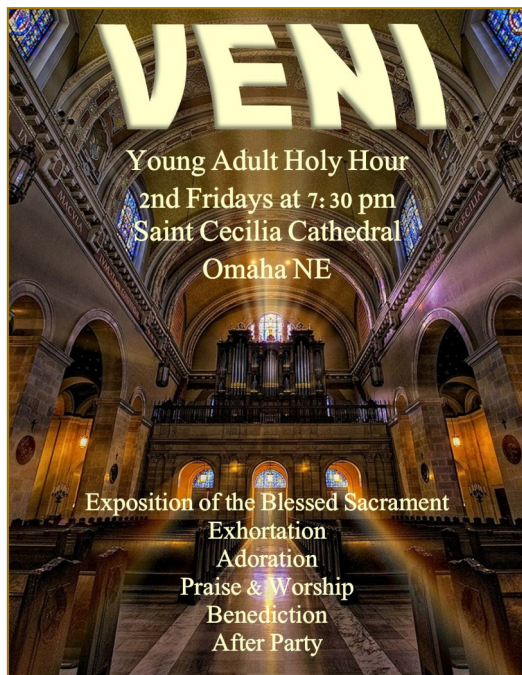
Offering / Plate Giving Report

	Budgeted	Received
March 19 - 25	\$15,882	\$17,294
Year-to-Date (July-June)	\$603,516	\$653,266

Devotional Items

We thank the Spiritual Life Committee and Catholic Daughters members for collecting and donating the Lent devotional items that we offer in our bowls on the church tables. Take one. New items each week.

Be Intentional Disciples



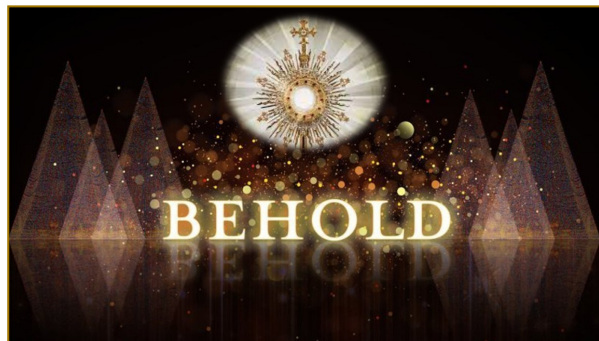
Spend Time in Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm

Consider signing up or stopping in.

Contact Brenda Novak at 402-203-8802.



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 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, Hitosis 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 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@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.

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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