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Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Holy Trinity Sunday



June 2025

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701 N 40th Street, Omaha NE 68131 | StCealiaCathedralorg

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



Know the Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish

Saint Cecilia Cathedral parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. This is a unique parish. We are EVERYONE's parish throughout the Archdiocese!

Our parish consists of over 950 registered households. Our Mass attendees number many more than only our families. Our famous church towers beckon visitors from all over to come to know God in the Mass at this beautiful church. All of us play a role in sharing God's message with these visitors as we encounter them. We must and do share the grace of God in all our liturgies and ministries. Join us in our mission from God!

Our parish cannot exist and grow as a separate entity without the active ongoing relationship among those who compose it. When registering with a parish, a person is entering into a live faith community and like any other relationships, if it is to be viable and healthy and participatory, there must be mutual commitment with its members.

We say that our heart is where our hope is. Then the hope for our beloved 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 thank you for that.









Fr. Sokpo

Fr Hans

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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Masses and Intentions

Saturday June 14
7:30 am Ron Bailey
5:30 pm Ed Warin +

Sunday June 15

8:30 am Corrine Simon + (A) Fr. Hans 10:30 am Saint Cecilia Parishioners Fr. Eischeid

Monday June 16

ll:15 am Lidia Encisco Chelli +

Tuesday June 17

ll:15 am Gerald Uhing +

Wednesday June 18

ll:15 am Mitchell family

Thursday June 19

ll:15 am Maria Lanh Nguyen +

Friday June 20

ll:15 am Christine Worthing +

Saturday June 21

7:30 am Bonnie Pryor + 5:30 pm Richard Wright +

Sunday June 22

8:30 am Marcy Miller + Fr. Eischeid 10:30 am Saint Cecilia Parishioners Fr. Hans

Cathedral Chapels



Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel sits on the north side of the Cathedral. This intimate chapel with an ornate stone altar is where Eucharistic Adoration, daily Masses, and school class Masses are offered. Within the chapel are stained-glass windows from a 16th-century cathedral in Pamplona, Spain and magnificent works of art.



The Nash Chapel is located in the southwest side of the Cathedral.
The antique chandelier in the chapel is from the Nash family home.
The Nash Crypt is the private burial chamber built for the Edward Watrous Nash and Catherine Barbeau Nash family, major benefactors of the Cathedral. Steps lead to the below ground crypt where members of the Nash family are buried.

The Holy Trinity +



The greatest dogma of the Christian faith is the mystery of the Holy Trinity. (Mystery, in this connection, means a supernatural fact revealed by God which in itself transcends the natural power of human reasoning.) During the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast celebrated in honor of this mystery, but, as Pope Alexander II (1073) declared, every day of the liturgical year was devoted to the honor and adoration of the Sacred Trinity. The Feast of the Holy Trinity now belongs among the great annual festivals of Christianity. Although it is not observed with additional liturgical services outside the Mass, its celebration quickly took root in the hearts and minds of the faithful, and in all countries of Europe popular traditions are closely associated with this feast.

The making of the sign of the cross, which professes faith both in the redemption of Christ and in the Trinity, was practiced from the earliest centuries. Saint Augustine (431) mentioned and described it many times in his sermons and letters. In those days Christians made the sign of the cross (Redemption) with three fingers (Trinity) on their foreheads. The words ("In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost") were added later. Almost two hundred years before Augustine, in the third century, Tertullian had already reported this touching and beautiful early Christian practice: In all our undertakings — when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down to read; before each new task — we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads.

The ancient Christian doxology (prayer of praise) "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost" was used in the Oriental Church. The second part ("as it was in the beginning...") seems to have been added at the time of Emperor Constantine. During the fifth century this beautiful short prayer came into the Western Church and spread very quickly. Since then it has been in constant use in both liturgical and private devotions.

Campus Events



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Saturday 10:00 am	June 14 Assumption-Guadalupe Confirmation	NAVE
Thursday Noon	June 19 Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
Saturday 9:30 am 10:00 am	June 21 Safe Environment training Wedding: Shai Jong & Pomeh Rose	PCDR NAVE
Sunday 11:30 am Noon Noon	June 22 Baptism: Betty Belling Catholic Daughters meeting Santo Nino meeting	NAVE PCCR PCDR



Welcome to Saint Cecilia Cathedral, a Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee Year!





Visit the Nash Chapel for information and prayer time.

Cathedral Communications

Every Wednesday we produce and send a "Big Picture" email that includes any special notifications, interesting news, upcoming event reminders, fun campus pictures, inspirational items, alumni notes, and spiritual events throughout the Archdiocese.

On Thursdays there is a special **prayer email** sent to our parishioners, school & childcare families, and staff members to pray for the ministers and ministries of Cathedral.

Every Friday the bulletin is sent in the "Tower Talk" email which is filled with information for the weekend, special notifications, interesting news, upcoming event reminders, and anything that is Cathedral related.

We email to inform you of Cathedral funerals.

If you do not receive these emails and wish to, you may contact Sheila Graham, Communications Director, at the Administration Office: sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org or 402-551-2313.

If you would like to receive our **bulletins** mailed to you each week, we are happy to accommodate you. Contact Sheila to be put on our mailing list.

When you are not able to attend Sunday Mass, we offer our 10:30 am Mass live streamed on our YouTube channel: Omaha Cathedral. Special events and liturgies are also live streamed.

The Cathedral **website** is filled with information on current events and activities, history of the Cathedral, parish organizations and ministries, gift opportunities, and more: StCeciliaCathedral.org.











Plaza Project Update

Our own Father Jeremy Hans and Development Director John Wees will be featured on Spirit Catholic Radio 102.7 this Wednesday, June 18 at 8:40 am to discuss the "Complete the Vision" Cathedral Plaza & Garden Project.

Tune in to get the latest update!

The Starting of the Completing of the Vision

When the Cathedral Plaza & Garden was recently re-envisioned, the late Brother William Woeger and the project steering committee knew that during the planning, funding, and construction process, we would likely see the installation of a new Archbishop. Several contingencies had been considered, 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 and scheduling questions listed under the "Only God Knows When" column.

With the installation of Archbishop Michael McGovern, that day has now come and gone - which begs 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, Funds Consigned, and Permits Aligned - The first manifestation of the project on campus will be the replacement of our existing disabled access ramp. This two-month process will break ground around July 1. The North Entry will be temporarily converted to become a disabled access entry. Then the existing ramp and steps will be removed and replaced. Concrete and landscape work will extend west of the ramp to where the Plaza will begin. This is completely funded.

Limestone and Granite: Wall Repairs and Care for the Stairs - The Indiana Limestone blocks that form the façade, walls, and towers of the Cathedral have literally scores of spots where limestone chunks have popped off the walls, leaving obvious voids in the stone. The granite steps need structural support, repair, and realignment. These restorations are next in sequence and are also funded.

The Plaza: A Place of Grace to Face the Populace - Design elements are nearing completion, and construction will begin after the ramp and stonework are complete. During this process, work will be done to prepare for lighting, utilities, and plumbing (for the fountain!), and for the construction of the plaza itself, and the traffic calming streetscape. We are still actively fundraising for this phase.

The Garden: To Celebrate, Educate, and Contemplate - Finally, when funds are raised, we will completely transform the dilapidated asphalt parking area (we are actively exploring options to replace the parking spots) into a beautiful, respectful, and tranquil area - a truly welcoming, evangelical space, celebrating those who have built our Archdiocese.

Through your generous support, we will be able to "Complete the Vision" of Thomas Rogers Kimball and Brother William Woeger, leave a lasting tribute to the service of Archbishop George Lucas, and construct a new and welcoming front porch to greet our new Archbishop Michael McGovern.

Yours in Christ, John Wees, Cathedral Director of Development



Altar Server Training

We are having a training/refresher session for altar servers (June 24 at 6:00 pm).

If your child (baptized and entering 6th grade or older) would like to learn, or have a refresher, to serve and help with our liturgy at the Cathedral, please contact Sheila at the Cathedral Administration Office: 402-551-2313.

We will have a picnic at 5:30 pm hosted by our Catholic Daughters and a training at 6:00 pm.

"I remember how pivitol serving at Mass was for me in my life. Thanks for considering this great opportunity! Hope to see you there!"

~Fr. Zach Eischeid

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Pray for Each Other

Fr. Joe, Steve Schill, 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, Jan Farha, Noah Gingrich, Christopher Lampe, Jerri DeBolt, Barbara Bakhit, Kelly Rubis Meyer, Reidun Nabity, Phyllis Etringer, John Ray, Dick Satiroff, Rose Davis, John Kennedy, Cindy Lopez, Pat Boganowski, David P, Chuck R, Casey, Mariann, 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, 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, Steven Schultze, Maureen Allen, Mary J, 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 402-551-2313.

Intentional Giving

Offering / Plate Giving Report

Budgeted Received
May 28 - June 3 \$15,882 \$13,869
Year-to-Date (July-June) \$730,572 \$785,843



Through the Intercession of St. John Vianney:

O God our Father, You promised "I will appoint shepherds for My sheep who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble: and none shall be missing." (Jer. 23:4-5).

Hear the prayers of Your flock.
Through the intercession of Your beloved priest,
Saint John Vianney, we beg You
to call to the sacramental priesthood
generous men who will desire
nothing more than to serve You
in imitation of Your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

And after You call them, we pray that You sustain the doubtful, console the discouraged, and strengthen the weak as they start the long and demanding preparation for the priesthood.

Mary, Mother of priests,
and example of faithful, humble,
and joyful acceptance of God's will,
help all those who are called
to the priesthood to open their ears and hearts
to the gentle call of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



"The Way" Through Grief Seminar

If you or someone you love are going through the journey of grief, Catholic Cemeteries is offering a grief seminar "The Way" through Grief. This seminar consists of six-two-hour sessions beginning at 10:30 am on **Saturday**, **June 28**, through August 2. Through prayerful reflection and guided fellowship, we offer a journey from life in grief to the life our Lord wishes for each of us. To register or for more information, contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-371l or jtardy@catholiccem.com.



Sacraments at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

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 kgarfield@stceciliacathedral.org to sign up for the class and set the baptism date.

Marriage Preparation

Parishioners registered & active 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

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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