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Saint Cecilia Cathedral

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 2025
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701 N 40th Street, Omaha NE 68131 | StCeciliaCathedral.org

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

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Masses and Intentions

Saturday	July 12	
7:30 am	Cindy Hans +	
5:30 pm	Leo Batenhorst +	Fr. Eischeid
Sunday	July 13	
8:30 am	Arthur Poeckes +	Fr. Eischeid
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
Monday	July 14	
11:15 am	Mary Kay Gerken +	
Tuesday	July 15	
11:15 am	Virginia Kresl +	
Wednesday	July 16	
11:15 am	William Musilek +	
Thursday	July 17	
11:15 am	Blake Smola +	
Friday	July 18	
11:15 am	August Delisi Jr. +	
Saturday	July 19	
7:30 am	Lidia Encisco Chelli +	
5:30 pm	Terry & Sue Wildwerding (50 WA)	Fr. Sokpo
Sunday	July 20	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Christine Svoboda Worthing +	Fr. Hans

Devotions at Cathedral

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

Rosary Prayed
Saturdays before 5:30 pm Mass
Sundays before 8:30 am Mass
Saint Cecilia Cathedral

First Friday Devotion
First Fridays Mass 11:15 am
Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

Mass on First Saturday
First Saturdays Mass 7:30 am
Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Tuesdays following 11:15 am Mass
Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

VENI Holy Hour
City-Wide Young Adult Holy Hour
2nd Fridays 7:30 pm
Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Parish Membership: July 2025

1 year

Matt & Coatlicue Carter
JD Daro & Rachael Drake
Adam & Hannah Lampe
Bu Reh & Baw Meh

5 years

Tony & Mari Murante
Luke Murphy
Mazi & Kelly Rodd
Tony and Mari Murante

10 years

Eric & Molly Neuman
Mariano Lu Reh & Maria Myar

20 years

Tom & Liz McGuire

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



Note from Your Pastor

As we close out the fiscal period that runs from July 2024 through June 2025, I thank those who have contributed to help close the gap in our finances. If you have not yet contributed, you may still do so. Contributions can be made by placing them in the collection basket, marked "Balance the Books." You also can contribute online using the QR code that is in the letter you should have received, or you can mail or bring your contribution to the Cathedral Administration Office.

In addition to the funds we receive from this appeal, we have some income that has been delayed in coming in (i.e., government school lunch funds, some of our tuition) that we anticipate receiving in the next couple months. The remaining expenses will be covered by funds we have in reserve.



Parishioners' contributions have flowed steadily these past months, and our parish income was slightly higher than what we budgeted. However, our realized expenses were considerably higher. For the past few years, we have made tremendous efforts to keep up with a fierce labor market. We have done our best with the repairs and maintenance of the buildings and grounds, though the cost of materials, supplies, and contract labor has skyrocketed.

We will put together forward-looking plans for our school and our facilities to best manage our expenses, income, and revenue. We will adjust our budget determining process to make it more accurate and predictive, and we will learn from historical financial trends in our parish to better predict outcomes.

Thank you for your support of our parish. Together, we will continue to make Saint Cecilia a beautiful and impactful parish that brings all to the love of Christ.

Safe Environment Training

Any adult volunteer or employee who has contact with minors or vulnerable adults in the name of the Church must be Safe Environment Certified. The Certification lasts for 6 years. **If you are a staff member or volunteer at Saint Cecilia**, you may be required to take a training and have a background check done in order to be certified: Cathedral staff (administration, school, childcare); volunteers (office, school, childcare); school coaches; Mass ushers and sacristans. Contact our coordinator Sheila Graham at 402-551-2313 to determine your status. We are holding a training in the Parish Center Dining Room on **Sunday, August 10**, Noon to 2:30 pm. Anyone who needs training is welcome to attend.



Plaza Project Update



The first manifestation of the project on campus is the replacement of our existing disabled access ramp. **This two-month process has begun.** The south entry to the Cathedral will not be accessible. The north and west entries will still be open. A number of parking spaces in the south parking lot will be taken up by dumpsters and equipment. The north entry has been 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.

Be Invitational



Parish Breakfast

Join us at our monthly Knights of Columbus breakfast in the Cathedral Cafeteria on **Sunday, July 13**, 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; 3 & younger: Free; family max: \$35.



**CATHEDRAL
ARTS
PROJECT**

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT
LIVE MUSIC
WALL ART IN GIFT SHOP
CATHEDRAL ART TOURS
SNOW CONE TRUCK
RECEPTION (WITH FOOD)
MUSIC BY DAVID MARSH

JULY ARTWALK
THURSDAY, JULY 17,
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT
Cathedral Cultural Center
3900 Webster St.

July's Art Walk will celebrate national Minority Mental Health Awareness month with David Marsh, Music Therapy specialist; Mindy Ream, Edward Jones financial advisor; Mary Sneed, portrait/caricature artist; the artistic masterpieces created by St. Cecilia Grade School students, light appetizers and beverage reception and Spectrum snowballs for purchase. Don't miss this fun evening celebrating beauty!

Campus Events

Sunday	July 13	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	CAFE
Thursday	July 17	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
5:00 pm	Art Walk	GALLERY
Sunday	July 20	
Noon	Catholic Daughters Meeting	PCCR

Join a Parish Group

New members are welcome any time.

Catholic Daughters

Mary Wendt, Regent | 402-490-4578
Wondering who the Catholic Daughters are and what they do? Come to the meeting **Sunday, July 20** at Noon in the Parish Center Conference Room to meet the members and find out.

Knights of Columbus

Kevin Vaughan, Grand Knight
kdvaughanusa@gmail.com
Our Knights of Columbus keep building the Saint Cecilia Cathedral community. If you would like to learn more about this group and discuss membership, contact Kevin Vaughan.

Women's Guild

Cathy Lyons | lyons3830@gmail.com
Ellen Ehlers | ehlers.ellen58@gmail.com
Contact Cathy or Ellen to find out what the Guild is all about and how you can participate. We welcome your ideas on fun events and projects.



Learn to play this fun sport!

The Cathedral Women's Guild offers sessions for anyone who would like to learn or play. Low key and loads of fun for men and women of the parish, school, and childcare. Contact Jean Batenhorst-Smith for information: 402-516-4210 or jsjbbsasksss@aol.com.

Altar Server Training

A double joy to witness our students learn to be altar servers for our Masses and to see the dedication of our priests to the Mass as they explain the parts of the Mass and the reasons for the actions of the servers and priests. It is a blessing for our parish to have these servers and priests. Thank you Fr. Jeremy Hans and Fr. Zach Eischeid!



Catholic Art Sale

Blest Art will be visiting St. Cecilia Cathedral on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. They will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. Visit the display after each Mass on **Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20**. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.



Pray in Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration follows the 11:15 am Mass
Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel
Consider signing up or stopping in.
Contact Brenda Novak at 402-203-8802.



Campus Work

Painting Project
Thank you to **Jean Batenhorst-Smith** and **Jean Peck** for volunteering to paint the south parking lot for us.

Garden Work
Parishioners **Liam and Amelia Koehn** are clearing the Roger Higgins Memorial Garden as a way to earn service hours for Confirmation and school.



Be Intentional



Pray for Each Other

Jaime Olbertz, Fr. Joe, Steve Schill, 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, Hitois 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,

Jim Martin, 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, 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, Maureen Allen, Mary J, Archbishop Michael McGovern, and our 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.

Scheduling Mass Intentions

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Since Saint Cecilia Parish has many requests for Mass intentions, the following will start being implemented to accommodate them in a reasonable and fair manner. We deeply appreciate everyone's cooperation to ensure that more families are able to request Masses for their loved ones. Here is a nice article about having a Mass said for someone: <https://todayscatholic.org/why-offering-masses-for-loved-ones-is-the-greatest-gift/>

- Mass intentions may be requested for a deceased or living person, a family, a special occasion.
- Mass intentions may be requested for Sundays, most holidays, and weekdays throughout the year.
- All requests will be honored in the order in which they are received at the Administration Office. You may make your request by calling the office, stopping by the office, emailing, or mailing it to the coordinator.
- Requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled.
- A Mass can be scheduled for an individual once per month.
- Twelve Mass intentions per individual intention can be set up for a calendar year. Two of those Masses may be scheduled for a Saturday vigil or Sunday morning Mass. The other requests need to be at a weekday Mass.

Masses may only be scheduled 12 months in advance from the date of request. We cannot accept intentions for more than one year in advance because Canon Law requires us to fulfill the intention within a year.

Please note that if a funeral gets scheduled at the time of an intention, you will be notified, and the intention will be rescheduled for the next available opening.

There can only be one intention per Mass time. One Mass every Sunday and holy day must be scheduled for Saint Cecilia parishioners. The typical offering per Mass intention is \$10 that goes to the priest who celebrates the Mass.



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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