

Mother Church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha

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

Saint Cecilia Cathedral

14th 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



Summertime Prayers

Whether you're going on a summer vacation or resting at home, it's always a good idea to pray for peace and guidance during the sunnier months. There's so much to be grateful for during the summer months. The weather is sunny and warm, the kids are off from school, vacation season is in full swing, and backyard gardens are thriving with fresh produce and gorgeous blooms. It's the perfect time to reflect on the many blessings in your life and to recite summer prayers that speak to the season full of hope, joy, love, and relaxation.

A Summer Prayer for Families

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace, and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime. Amen.

A Summer Prayer About Slowing Down

Long warm days. The pace of life slows. A time for picnics and rest in the shade. Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence. Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.

A Prayer for Summer Travel and Vacations

Lord, in our work and play we know your goodness and love. Bless us with joy as we set out for our days of vacation. Let them bring us rest and refreshment. Protect us as we travel. Give us gentle weather and peaceful times. Be with us at the meals we enjoy and in the activities we share. In all we do, let us grow in our love for you and for each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Masses and Intentions

Saturday
7:30 am
5:30 pm
July 5
Cynthia Morin +
Mary Kay Gerken +

Sunday
8:30 am
10:30 am
July 6
Jeri Childers + (B)
Saint Cecilia Parishioners

Monday
11:15 am
July 7
Mary Kay Gerken +

Tuesday
11:15 am
July 8
Linda L. Jankowski + (B)

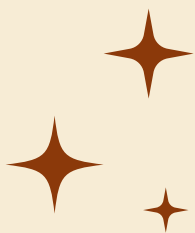
Wednesday
11:15 am
July 9
Eddie Barnes +

Thursday
11:15 am
July 10
Walt Chase Jr +

Friday
9:00 am
July 11
Walter & Mary Chase + (WA)

Saturday
7:30 am
5:30 pm
July 12
Cindy Hans +
Leo Batenhorst +

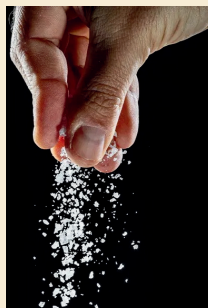
Sunday
8:30 am
10:30 am
July 13
Arthur Poeckes +
Saint Cecilia Parishioners



Blessed Salt: What Is It?

Have you ever heard of blessed salt? Blessed salt is a powerful sacramental. You may already be familiar with other sacramentals, such as holy water, rosaries, or miraculous medals. A sacramental is anything set apart or blessed by the church to encourage devotion. While they may seem superstitious, it's important to note that sacramentals are NOT good luck charms. The Catechism states that sacramentals help connect the natural to the supernatural (CCC 1670.) Thus, sacramentals always bring us closer to Christ.

Sacramentals need to be blessed by a priest. Priests have a special authority that has been passed down from Christ. These blessings are what make sacramentals so effective in warding off spiritual attacks. Bring your salt to Mass and ask your priest if he can bless it for you. You can ask a priest to bless any sacramental: a rosary, a miraculous medal, or holy water.



Here are some ways to use it around your home:

1. Place around door frames, on windowsills, or the perimeter of your house. You can say a prayer of protection if you'd like.
 2. Carry it with you when you travel!
 3. You can add a small pinch of blessed salt to your food when cooking. It's fine to consume a small amount, and this can be an added layer of provision or protection.
 4. Sprinkle it around beds for calm sleep.
 5. If you're building a house, pour blessed salt in the foundation!
- (acatholicmomslife.com)

Interdependence Day

We have just celebrated Independence Day, and I sincerely hope that nobody dear to you has achieved independence from their fingers while celebrating with gunpowder-based revelry. Social media reels provide evidence that not all have met that challenge.

One challenge that a parish community can struggle with is having multiple areas of focus among its constituencies. Keeping a community's day-to-day operations, ministries, and outreach programs afloat can be its own test; we have the added elements of a high-quality childcare center and an award-winning grade school, and we happily accept the responsibility of attachment to the Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Each of these operates as an independent entity, but each is also an apostolate of Saint Cecilia Parish. Our individual missions function interdependently with the greater mission as a parish community, and that mission is to bring Christ to everyone we encounter, and as a result, we encounter Christ as we do so.

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Our Childcare Center is often the first engagement for new members of our extended parish family. To care for these children in an environment of Christian love helps fulfill that mission, and our parish support helps make it happen. Our Cathedral School forms and reinforces the faith that will guide our children throughout their lives. Our parish support helps make it happen. **Our magnificent Cathedral hosts Catholics for the Sacraments and welcomes visitors from around the world as a first experience with our faith tradition. Our parish support helps make it happen.** These, along with our vital parish ministries, all serve that interdependent mission - and when others benefit from our good works, we benefit from our good works.



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That's one of the phenomenal results of our apostolates - our evangelical missions. Yes, there is a cost. But there's also a benefit. By bringing others closer to our faith, we reinforce the power of our faith within our own hearts.

Boom.

Yours in Christ, John Wees, Director of Development



Plaza Project

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 7.** 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 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.

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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT!!
HOSTED BY ST. CECILIA'S WOMEN'S GUILD

BIBLE BINGO!!!!!!

GET READY TO SHOUT "BINGO"
WIN SOME AWESOME PRIZES
AND JUST HAVE FUN

DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
ST. CECILIA PARISH CENTER

BIBLE BINGO

R.S.V.P.
 Cathy
 402-709-3456
 Ellen
 402-305-1451
 or
 Jean
 402-516-4210

BINGO!
 July 1st

Campus Events

Sunday	July 6	
Noon	Pickleball Teaching	GYM
Thursday	July 10	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	NAVE
7:00 pm	Bible Bingo	PCDR
Friday	July 11	
7:30 pm	VENI Holy Hour & Social Time	NAVE
Sunday	July 12	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	CAFE
Noon	Pickleball Teaching	GYM

Join a Parish Group

New members are welcome any time.

Catholic Daughters

Mary Wendl, 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!

We offer Sunday sessions for anyone who would like to learn. Low key and loads of fun for adults of the parish, school, and childcare. Come to the Cathedral gym Noon to 2:00 pm. Contact Jean Batenhorst-Smith with any questions: 402-516-4210 or jsjbbsasksss@aol.com.

Be Invitational

Be Missional

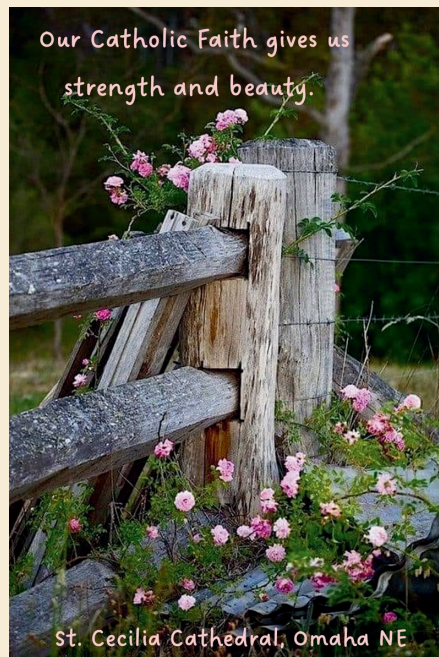
Our School Involves Our Families

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Grade School's academic strength is built on strong parent involvement and a dedicated faculty. Our goal is to work with parents to provide their children an education of the highest quality and to build a strong foundation for success in high school and beyond. We support parents in their duty as the primary educators of their children. We welcome their involvement as an indicator of student success.

Home & School Association strives to support Saint Cecilia School through communication, fundraising, and community service, as well as establish a partnership with the teachers and staff. This parent group is committed to promoting school spirit and enthusiasm through parental involvement in various school and social activities.

Activities Booster Club supports the extracurricular activities of our students as well as to help fund unanticipated needs of our school. These parents support activities ranging from after-school academic programs, competitions, Accelerated Reader program, athletics, field trips and bus fees, music, robotics, and high school scholarships.

Board of Education assists the pastor and principal with the development of educational programs at Saint Cecilia School. The board of parents and parishioners is advisory to the administration.



**LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME . . .**




FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.



JOIN THE SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL FAMILY!
Learn more: stcecilia.net

Saint Cecilia Childcare Center



Denise Leibert, Director
dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org
 402-553-1708

One of our largest ministries, our on-campus childcare center is licensed for children 6 weeks to 13 years old. Using a variety of experiences, learning is exciting and functional. Activities for social and cognitive development are taught in a bright, safe, loving environment.

Join the Cathedral Administration Team

We are searching for a **Development Director** to provide leadership in building and executing Saint Cecilia Cathedral's efforts to secure financial support to sustain its work in the community. The Director is a fundraiser with the passion to communicate and motivate people to financially support the vision and mission of Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish, School, and Childcare Center. Candidates should send a cover letter and CV/resume to Rev. Jeremy Hans, Pastor, Saint Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N 40th St., Omaha, NE 68131 or to jjhans@archomaha.org.

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, 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, 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.



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.

Gift Shop & Gallery

The Gift Shop and Art Gallery
will be closed from July 1 - 13.

TEACHER'S LOUNGE Summer Makeover

Home and School is giving the St. Cecilia's teacher's lounge a facelift this summer!

We want to give our teachers a more comfortable & functional space to eat lunch, compile materials, and take a break.

This includes: new paint on the walls, round conversational dining tables, lounge seating, storage spaces, extra work counter space, and much more!

How YOU Can Help:

Monetary Donation	Purchase from Wishlist	Donate Items
		If you have any of the wishlist items in like-new condition and would like to donate them, please email Home & School at the address below:

Donate by July 6th

Help us give them a beautiful surprise when they return in August!

stchomeandschool@gmail.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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