

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

INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jan 2026

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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



AND A VOICE CAME FROM THE HEAVENS, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED."



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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The Cathedral is open for visits/personal prayer:

Sundays 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturdays 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Weekdays 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Feast of the Baptism of Jesus

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.

~The Light of the World by Benedict Baur, O.S.B.



Birthday Prayers

We offer prayers for **Fr. Georges Sokpo** as he celebrated his birthday recently. What a blessing he is to all of us at Saint Cecilia Cathedral.



Masses and Intentions

Saturday	January 10	
7:30 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
5:30 pm	Leo & Rosemary Batenhorst +	Fr. Sokpo
Sunday	January 11	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Morin-Medlin family	Fr. Sokpo
Monday	January 12	
11:15 am	Bonnie Pryor +	
Tuesday	January 13	
11:15 am	Medlin Forbes +	
Wednesday	January 14	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Thursday	January 15	
8:30 am	School Mass / Brian Vamosi +	
11:15 am	Paul Halbur + (B)	
Friday	January 16	
11:15 am	Santo Nino / Marie/Peter Larson +	
Saturday	January 17	
7:30 am	Cindy Hans +	
5:30 pm	Ray Swiercek +	Fr. Eischeid
Sunday	January 18	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Santo Nino de Cebu devotees	Fr. Sokpo

Parish Membership: January 2026

1 year

Annie Donahoe

Claire Donahoe

Peter Green & Junie Rose

Poe Meh

Seh Meh

Liz Methe

Khuyen Nguyen

Raul Ramirez & Giselle Ruiz

Kay Reh & Poe Meh

Sebastian Ruccolo

Austin Sharon & Jasmine Medina-Hernandez

Ana Soares

Dillon Walsh

5 years

Hunter Fangmeyer & Olivia Riehle

John and Mary Stoffel

10 years

Bibiana Deng

20 years

Tom & Maria Engesser

Steve & Dani Hampton

Randal & Dawna Lewis

25 years

Ryan & Erin Hagedorn

Joe & Jennifer Hahn

John-Paul & Lizzie Lehn

Colin & Christina Lyons

Mike & Katie Schill

Tony and Shannon Vaccaro



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.

We are happy to have you!!

Join Us for Breakfast

Join us at our monthly parish breakfast sponsored by our Knights of Columbus in the Cathedral Cafeteria on **Sunday, January 11**, 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. **And drop off your CathedralFest White Elephant Sale items.**



Intentional Giving

Weekly Giving: December 28

Budget \$18,824

Actual \$10,216

Difference (\$8,608)

Budget for FY 2025-26 \$960,000

Year-to-Date (Jul-Jun) Actual \$458,822

Year-to-Date Last Year \$420,542

2025 Tax Statements

Please contact Development Director

Theresa Lehn at 402-551-2313 or

tlehn@stceciacathedral.org.



Campus Events

Saturday

2:00 pm

January 10

Wedding: Jacob Barnes & Allison Begley

NAVE

Sunday

9:15 am

Noon

January 11

Parish Breakfast
Karenni Mass

CAFE

NAVE

Monday

6:30 pm

January 12

Bible Study

PCCR

Tuesday

7:00 pm

January 13

School Board Meeting

SCHOOL

Thursday

8:30 am

Noon

6:30 pm

January 15

School Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Faith Formation Classes

NAVE

OLNC

SCHOOL

Sunday

10:30 am

11:30 am

Noon

January 18

Santo Nino Fiesta Mass
Santo Nino Fiesta Lunch
Catholic Daughters Meeting

NAVE

CAFE

PCCR

MISSION



Shine Bright it's Round Up Time



KINDERGARTENERS WANTED!
ST. CECILIA SCHOOL IS HAVING A WILD WEST
KINDERGARTEN HOEDOWN
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



ROUND UP YOUR LITTLE WRANGLERS WHO WILL BE TURNING 5 BY JULY 31ST

SADDLE UP FOR A ROOTIN' TOOTIN' GOOD TIME!
FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH 2026



Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal
stcecilia.net | 402-556-6655

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Elementary School is the premier Catholic elementary school in midtown Omaha. Conveniently located near UNMC, Creighton University, and downtown Omaha, this school community is the perfect location for you and your child. Our school welcomes many families who are employed downtown as we provide a caring environment with an optimal location, allowing parents to be involved in their child's education. Our community is perfect for those wanting a faith-based and family - like environment every time you walk through the doors.

One Rose, One Life Collection

Our Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual One Rose, One Life campaign to support pro-life activities in Nebraska by accepting donations **after all the Masses on January 17 and 18**. This is the main source of income for the Knights of Columbus' Culture of Life Foundation. A major objective of the Culture of Life Foundation is to place Ultrasounds in qualified pregnancy care centers throughout Nebraska. Many organizations, in all three Nebraska dioceses, benefit from this source of income. They include, but are not limited to, the Nebraska Catholic Conference, local Right-To-Life and Birthright chapters, and crisis pregnancy-help centers throughout Nebraska.

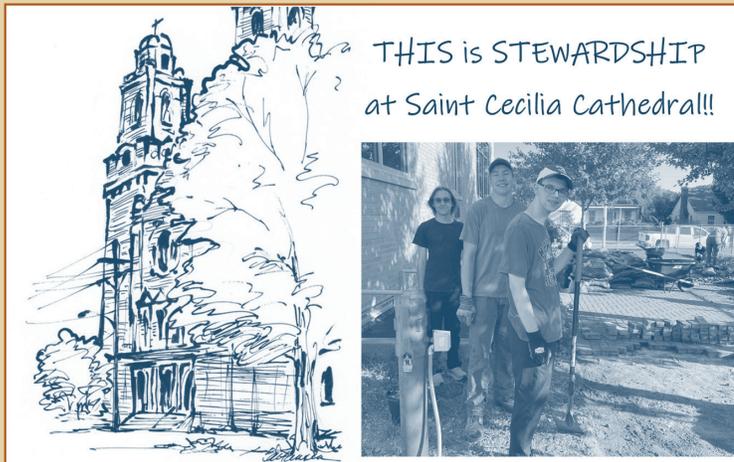


Mass in Honor of Santo Nino

The 10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, January 18**, will be celebrated in honor of the Holy Child, the Santo Nino. We are blessed to host this annual January Mass including the Filipino community from the Omaha area. All are welcome to join the celebration and the reception following Mass.



VISION



THIS is STEWARDSHIP
at Saint Cecilia Cathedral!!!



Dear St. Cecilia Community,
We are so blessed to have a huge group of people going through our OCIA program to enter into the Catholic Church or to be fully initiated. However, this does place a hefty burden on our OCIA team to be hospitable to so many people. Our combined OCIA with St. Margaret Mary is about 60 people! About half of those are with St. Cecilia.

I ask that you or your parish group **please consider contributing to an OCIA evening's meal** (or two). Each contributing group does not have to provide the main course, just sides and dessert items.

Our generosity will go a long way in making these new folks feel welcome in our Church and our community. Thank you so much. God bless you.

~ Fr. Hans

Use this QR code to get to the signup.



Flower Festival

Cathedral Arts Project's
41st Annual Flower Festival
January 22-25, 2026

In honor of Archbishop George Lucas
and Michaela & John Blazek

The annual St. Cecilia Flower Festival is sponsored by Cathedral Arts Project and takes place on the last weekend in January in the beauty of our Cathedral.

Learn more and see the full schedule and volunteer:
CathedralArtsProject.org



Encountering Jesus

Have you ever thought about what it must have been like to have been a disciple of Jesus, walking by His side, working with him, talking with and then about Him? To this day we are all still called to be disciples of Jesus. A daunting task, no doubt, yet one that comes with great reward in our Heavenly home, walking by Jesus' side and talking with Him!

Our Cathedral Prayer

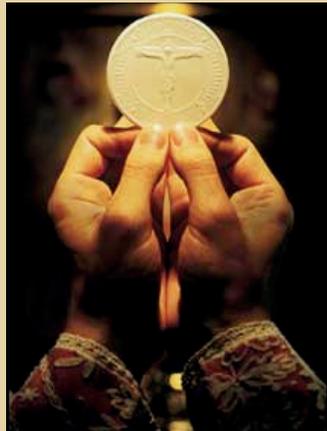
Father of holiness and power, we give You thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, Your son. For You have blessed our parish community, and Your presence makes our church a house of prayer. May all who gather in faith to listen to Your word and celebrate Your sacraments, experience the presence of Christ. May our parish community joyfully go forth to love and serve You and to proclaim Christ's name to all those we encounter, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Prayer for Priests

Mother of Christ,
to the Messiah Priest you gave a body of flesh
through the anointing of the Holy Spirit
for the salvation of the poor and the contrite of heart;
guard priests in your heart and in the Church,
O Mother of the Savior.

Mother of Faith,
you accompanied to the Temple the Son of Man,
the fulfillment of the promises given to the fathers;
give to the Father for his glory the priests of your Son,
O Ark of the Covenant.



Know Your Faith: Blessed Salt

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)



VALUES

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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