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

EPIPHANY 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 YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE RULERS OF JUDAH; SINCE FROM YOU SHALL COME A RULER, WHO IS TO SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.

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 Epiphany

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord commemorates the visit of the magi to worship the baby Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew: "Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'"
The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, which means "to manifest," "appear," or "make known." **The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world**. The magi, or kings, or astrologers, or seekers from the East, stand in for all the peoples of the earth, for Jesus comes not just for one group of people but for all.

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend time with Our Lord
in Holy 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.

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	**January 3**
7:30 am	Ray Swiercek +
5:30 pm	George Edward Alajoki + (A)
Sunday	**January 4**
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30 am	Christine Worthing + (B)
Monday	**January 5**
11:15 am	Sharon Matya + (A)
Tuesday	**January 6**
11:15 am	Rosemary Batenhorst +
Wednesday	**January 7**
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +
Thursday	**January 8**
8:30 am	School Mass
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +
Friday	**January 9**
11:15 am	Santo Nino / Paul Hornung +
Saturday	**January 10**
7:30 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +
5:30 pm	Leo & Rosemary Batenhorst +
Sunday	**January 11**
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners
10:30 am	Morin-Medlin family

Cathedral Celebrations: December 2025

Eucharistic Adoration
Parish Breakfast
Finance Council Meeting
Parish Council Meeting
Board of Education Meeting
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Catholic Daughters Meeting
Women's Guild Pickleball
VENI Holy Hour & Gathering
First Friday Mass
School First Reconciliation
Rite of Welcoming Mass for OCIA
Bible Study
School Masses
Advent Wreath Blessing
Immaculate Conception Masses & Compline
Angel Tree Project
CAP Christmas Market
Christmas Concerts
Christmas Masses
Closing of Jubilee Year Mass
1 Baptism | 1 Quinceanera | 1 Wedding

Now THAT is Classic Cathedral!

Campus Events

Sunday	**January 4**	
Noon	Women's Epiphany Party	RECTORY
Monday	**January 5**	
6:30 pm	Bible Study	PCCR
Tuesday	**January 6**	
7:30 pm	Knights Member Meeting	LAC
Wednesday	**January 7**	
5:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting	RECTORY
Thursday	**January 8**	
8:30 am	School Mass	NAVE
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL
Friday	**January 9**	
7:30 pm	VENI Holy Hour	NAVE
Saturday	**January 10**	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Jacob Barnes & Allison Begley	NAVE
Sunday	**January 11**	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	CAFE

Cathedral Arts Project

Cathedral Cultural Center
3900 Webster St, Omaha NE 68131
cathedralartsproject.org
Call us for Cathedral tours: 402-551-4888
Gift Shop, Gallery, and Museum hours are
Tuesday - Friday Noon - 4 pm
Saturday - Sunday 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

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.

MISSION

HOPE Grows Out of FAITH!

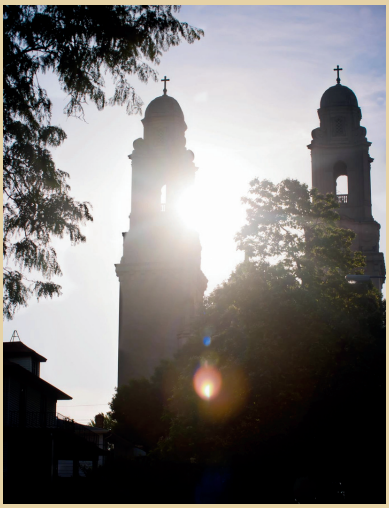
Over the years, in various ways, we have given thanks for the story of the Mother Church of our Archdiocese. It is fitting that we have celebrated the ministerial accomplishments associated with this parish and its people. None the less, throughout these exercises of remembrance, it has become clear that it is by the Lord that this has been done and it is marvelous in our eyes. Though our faith and that of our forbearers be as small as a mustard seed, it is GOD who has worked marvels through us, the living stones of this Cathedral Church.

This kind of remembrance, so like that which takes place in our Eucharistic celebrations, is vital to our understanding of who God is, who we are, and what God calls us to do. In remembering God's great deeds, the central place of the Divine amid all reality becomes more apparent. We come to a deeper appreciation that our true identity as individuals and as a people can only be found in God. We appreciate more profoundly that wonder, awe, gratitude, and acts of love are the natural response to this deeper knowledge.

We offer and find HOPE at Saint Cecilia Cathedral:

- Holy Mass
- Confession
- Sacraments and Celebrations
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Dedicated Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers
- Teaching the Catholic Faith
- Encountering Jesus
- Special Devotions and Prayers
- End of Life Assistance
- Personal Contact with Our Priests
- A Community of Faith-Filled People

We address and accomplish this through our MISSION to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.



Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal
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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.

Saint Cecilia Childcare

Denise Leibert, Director
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One of our largest ministries, our on-campus childcare is licensed for children 6 weeks to 13 years old. Using a variety of experiences, learning is exciting and functional. Through dedicated partnership of parents, educators, and parish, we guide children in growth and success. Activities for social and cognitive development are taught in a bright, safe, loving environment.

Development Notes

Theresa Lehn, Development Director

Happy New Year! We are off to a fresh start beginning with our website. We revised our Support the Cathedral giving page. The look is similar though once you start clicking around, you will find changes. We have added Bridge the Gap for those looking to help bridge the gap between the actual cost of educating a student and the tuition paid. We also added Comedy & Cuisine for underwriting the school's largest fundraiser and the Education Endowment for a gift that will continue giving in perpetuity.

We want to empower you by setting up access to your ParishSoft account. By doing so, you can view what you have given, where you designated the funds to go and access your tax statement. You can also update your information including address and phone number.

1. Email me at tlehn@stceciliacathedral.org, so I can invite you to My Parish (the parishioner perspective of the platform). I will confirm or update your preferred email address and send out the platform's email invitation. ParishSoft requires this interaction for security purposes.
2. Follow the instructions in the email and contact me with questions.
3. That's it! My own mother, who is by no means tech savvy, was able to do this, so I have faith in the process!

VISION

Join Us for Breakfast

Join us at our monthly Knights of Columbus breakfast 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.

Encountering Jesus and Equipping Disciples

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!

Women's Epiphany Celebration

Women of the Cathedral parish are invited to an Epiphany Celebration **Sunday, January 4**, from Noon - 2:00 pm in the rectory dining room.

Join us to celebrate the Epiphany while making new friends and catching up with old ones. Treats, appetizers, and beverages will be served.

This event is sponsored by the Saint Cecilia Women's Guild.

Bring a friend!

Job Opening

We are hiring a director who will manage/oversee parish property and the operation of buildings; plan, oversee, and coordinate maintenance and improvement projects; manage maintenance, grounds, security, and custodial staff; and ensure a safe environment through a combination of upkeep and renovation of structures. See the full job description on the ArchOmaha.org website.

To apply for this full-time position, send a cover letter and resume to Father Jeremy Hans at jjhans@archomaha.org.

Know Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish

Saint Cecilia Cathedral parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. This is a unique parish within the Mother Church of the Archdiocese. 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.

VALUES

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.
Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Prayer Ministry

Annelies Anderson, Tyler Anthofer, Gary McChesney, John Halley, David Doyle, Celia Rasico, Richard Johnson, Patrick McIntosh, Rod Jewell, Jeannie Lucke, Brad Poeckes, Jim Martin, Jaime Olbertz, Maurine Shepherd, Fr. Joe, Wallace family, Graham family, Allen family, Jasper, Steve Caldwell, Maureen Allen, Noah Gingrich, Jan Farha

Christopher Lampe, Barbara Bakhit, Reidun Nabity, John Ray, Dick Satiroff, Rose Davis, John Kennedy, Cindy Lopez, Pat Boganowski, John Sweeney, Bob Ollie, Danielle Talkington, Grace Thomsen, Bob Ebert, Rebecca Rosas, Abbey, Katrina Conway, Jan Limpach, Susan Walters, Bob and Becky Sabata, Maria, Anna, Lynndell Skarnulis

David P, Chuck R, Casey, Mariann, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Don Wall, Rita Wall, Darlene Koley, Chris Peasley, Don Cutshall, Edward I. Powell, Peter Rinn, Sara Hopp, Rhonda Bohaty, Makayla Abney, Nancy Ruiz Guzman, 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, Mary B, Terri Hennig, Marie Bruno, Nina Holiday, Jen N, Mary Werner, Helen McGill, Sheryl G, Mark Morehouse, Nina, Ron Baxter, Kathleen Schuler, Will Woleben, Josh Benk, Henry B, Kevin Jackson

Archbishop McGovern, Saint Cecilia priests, deacons, parish, school, childcare staff, families, and friends.

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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