

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
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feb 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



WHOEVER OBEYS AND
TEACHES THESE
COMMANDMENTS WILL BE
CALLED GREATEST IN THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.



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Encountering Jesus and Equipping Disciples at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

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!

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



Shining
in the
LIGHT
of Jesus!



Saint Cecilia Cathedral
Omaha NE

Masses and Intentions

Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	February 14 Peter Palmesano + Ed Warin +	Fr. Sokpo
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	February 15 Saint Cecilia Parishioners Patricia Gallant +	Fr. Hans Fr. Sokpo
Monday 11:15 am	February 16 Joan Davis Hill +	
Tuesday 11:15 am	February 17 Richard (Dick) Mitchell + (A)	
Wednesday 8:30 am 11:15 am 7:00 pm	February 18 Ash Wednesday School Mass / Norma Cameros + Saint Cecilia Parishioners James Samson +	
Thursday 11:15 am	February 19 Kathryn Rubano-McMahaon +	
Friday 11:15 am	February 20 Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	February 21 Maria Lanh Nguyen + Richard Wright +	Fr. Eischeid
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	February 22 Teresa Bowder + (A) Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Eischeid Fr. Hans

Ash Wednesday: February 18

Holy Mass at Saint Cecilia Cathedral:
11:15 am and 7:00 pm.

On Ash Wednesday, you can get your forehead blessed with ashes at Mass or a prayer service. These ashes are a reminder that we need to repent. Catholics have been receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday since the time of St. Gregory the Great. In 1091, Pope Urban II encouraged the entire Church to use ashes on Ash Wednesday.

You might be wondering why we get ashes on our foreheads for Ash Wednesday. Throughout history, ashes have been a powerful outward symbol of interior repentance and spiritual awareness.

What are the fasting rules for Ash Wednesday? The Church requires all Catholics from ages 14-59 to fast on Ash Wednesday. As long as you are in good health, this means that you should only eat one full meal, plus two smaller meals that do not equal a full meal. Ash Wednesday is also a day where Catholics avoid eating meat. dynamiccatholic.com



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is one of the most simple, yet powerful, ways to prayerfully walk alongside Jesus and encounter him like never before.

There are fourteen Stations of the Cross. Each is an invitation to contemplate and experience a pivotal moment from Jesus' sentencing to his death to his burial. They are a powerful way to step into some of the most significant moments in human history and encounter Jesus like never before. One of the most impactful times to pray the Stations of the Cross is during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday.

For over 1000 years, Catholics have been devoted to praying the Stations of the Cross. And for over 1000 years, this deep spiritual exercise has been transforming lives. Dive into this ancient and powerful meditation on the sacrifice of Jesus and it will change your life too.

We hold Stations of the Cross Lent Fridays at 6:00 pm.



**Ash Wednesday Masses
February 18
11:15 am and 7:00 pm**



Confession

Weekdays 11:50 am to 12:10 pm
Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
of Holy Week 5:00 to 6:00 pm
Good Friday 12:45 pm
Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Campus Events

Sunday Noon	February 15 Catholic Daughters Meeting	PCCR
Wednesday 11:15 am 7:00 pm	February 18 Ash Wednesday Mass Ash Wednesday Mass	NAVE NAVE
Thursday Noon 6:30 pm	February 19 Eucharistic Adoration Faith Formation Classes	OLNC SCHOOL
Friday 6:00 pm	February 20 Stations of the Cross	NAVE
Sunday 2:00 pm 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	February 22 Poetry Reading Rite of Election Rite of Election	PCDR NAVE NAVE

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Apostolates

Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal

jstoffel@stcecilia.net | 402-556-6655

Enroll now through our website: stcecilia.net.

Archbishop McGovern: Catholic schools have a purpose to educate our young people to grow closer to the Lord and to grow in faith, hope, and love each and every day.

Our school was founded in 1907 in the Dominican tradition. We welcome and educate children in PreK through 8th Grade teaching and living the Catholic faith within a nurturing family-like community. We proclaim and model faith, worship, service, and prayer.

Saint Cecilia Childcare Center

Denise Leibert, Director

dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org | 402-553-1708

Our childcare center is licensed for children 6 weeks to 13 years old. With a playground and sports field, the children have many opportunities to develop gross motor skills. Activities for social and cognitive development such as math, language, creative art, dramatic play, singing, pre-writing and other "learning through play" activities are taught in a safe, loving environment.

Mission & Ministry

Office Assistance

We are pleased to have a new member of our Administration Office team of volunteers: **Marletta McKercher**, who has filled the spot of **Mary Jane Chamberlain**. Marletta joins a very dedicated team: **Kate Bradley, Jean Batenhorst-Smith, Kevin Vaughan, Jana Donahoe, Joe Zaborowski, Ron Bailey, Nancy Gonzales, Mary Gerken, and Joe Wilcox**. These parishioners assist in the Administration Office by answering the phone, the door, and the many questions that people have!



Outreach Ministry

Our outreach ministry St. Vincent de Paul has been busy this winter helping the less fortunate of our area community. During an average week this winter, our St. Vincent de Paul team and our Administration Office volunteers and staff have provided 25 people with a pantry bag of food.

Team member **Ron Rubin** and Administration Office volunteer **Mary Gerken** are show here in the pantry room with pantry bags ready to distribute.

Saint Cecilia Cathedral is blessed to have a St. Vincent de Paul chapter to offer help to those who come to us. Please keep the team members and the people requesting food and financial assistance in your prayers.



MISSION





Mass Ministers: Greeters

Isn't it great to have someone say hello as you walk into church? For people to recognize you and be happy to see you? We think so!

We have a Mass Greeters ministry at Saint Cecilia and invite all parishioners to participate. Greeters can work as individuals, couples, families or groups to say hello and hand out the liturgy guides before Mass and say goodbye as you offer bulletins after Mass.

You would generally get scheduled 2 times per month, depending on the number of greeters signed up for your Mass time.

Please consider being a greeter for us. We will be having signups for this ministry at the Masses on March 7/8.

Intentional Giving

Tithing: February 1

Budget \$21,568

Actual \$27,928

Difference \$6,360

Revised Offertory Goal

for FY 2025-26

\$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual

\$572,045

2025 Tax Statements

Please contact Development Director
Theresa Lehn at 402-551-2313 or
tlehn@stceciliacathedral.org.

Development Notes

Theresa Lehn, Development Director

Updates on Projects

After large fundraising events, there seems to be some silence. This is mostly due to the special project which takes time to finalize, with the funds raised, and to ordering the equipment.

As is done every year, a significant portion of the funds from Comedy & Cuisine 2025 went to the school's operating budget (which includes teachers' salaries). The rest of the funds made significant improvements to the spaces the students use. These included the following:

- Replace all the security cameras on campus, update the video processing system, and improve door access points.
- Replace the east and south fences of the playground, rehang a gate, and add new latches on the gates.
- Largely from the funds raised, we were able to restore the exterior south wall of the mini gym. (The last few thousand needed came from Giving Tuesday in November 2025.). This was in dire need of repairs, and the masonry portion is near completion; we need to wait for warmer weather for the roof portion.

You helped bring safety and security to campus, and we are deeply grateful for it. These projects were necessary, and you stepped up and made them happen. Thank you.

As we look forward to Comedy & Cuisine 2026, we ask for extra prayers. We recently and suddenly lost one of our co-chairs, Jason. Please keep his children and wife, Sammie, close to your hearts and pray for the repose of his soul.

VISION



Eucharistic Adoration

Make It Part of Your Regular Prayer Time

We offer adoration following the 11:15 am Mass on Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel

Consider signing up for a half hour slot.
Contact Brenda Novak at 402-203-8802.

But, unless we have Jesus, we cannot give Him: that is why we need the Eucharist.
Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament
and He will fill you with His strength and His power." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Some Tremendous Benefits of and Reasons for Increasing Adoration Include:

21. Gratitude for the graces given through Adoration
22. Know the peace and joy of a true and deeper relationship with God
23. Allows you to explore and discover new depths of spirituality
24. Enjoy Increased Mass attendance, better preparation for and frequenting of the Sacraments
25. Reawakens and deepens faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist
26. You are able to help evangelize others when you invite them to visit Jesus
27. Salvation and sanctification of souls
28. Glory, honour, praise and adoration of Almighty God
29. Spread of peace, joy, and goodness to others
30. Alleviation of spiritual poverty and social isolation
31. God's blessings upon society, the Church, parishes, clergy, religious, & laity
32. Increased holiness and charity
33. Hours of prayer have a positive impact on our country and society
34. Prayer help to deliver souls from Purgatory to enter into Heaven
35. Through prayer, bring God's to souls and souls to God's love



~perpetualeucharisticadoration.com

VALUES



Prayer

Personal Prayer Time

The Cathedral is open for individual prayer:
Weekdays 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Saturday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Praying for Cathedral Ministries & Members

Join us on Thursdays 2:30-3:00 pm from
wherever you are to pray for the priests,
ministers, staff, and families of Cathedral.
May the Lord work through them to reach
those in need of His love. Contact Sheila
Graham to be added to the weekly email list
402-551-2313 / sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org.

Prayer for Priests

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom.

We pray that all those whom they seek to serve May see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, look tenderly upon your sons, our priests. St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us all.

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of Your Spirit and give power to the words of priests
so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord.

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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