

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

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 2026

UNITED WITH CHRIST IN SACRIFICE

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF SACRIFICE IN LENT

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



ONE DOES NOT LIVE
ON BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT
COMES FORTH FROM THE
MOUTH OF GOD.



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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Masses and Intentions

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
Monday 11:15 am	February 23 Sally Rosshaert Walsh
Tuesday 11:15 am	February 24 Helen Vana +
Wednesday 11:15 am	February 25 Florence Mitchell + (B)
Thursday 8:30 am 11:15 am	February 26 School Mass / Christine Worthing + Mary Koch +
Friday 11:15 am	February 27 Richard (Dick) Mitchell +
Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	February 28 Mary Barnes + (A) Patsy Gunia + (B) Fr. Hans
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	March 1 Saint Cecilia Parishioners Morin-Medlin family



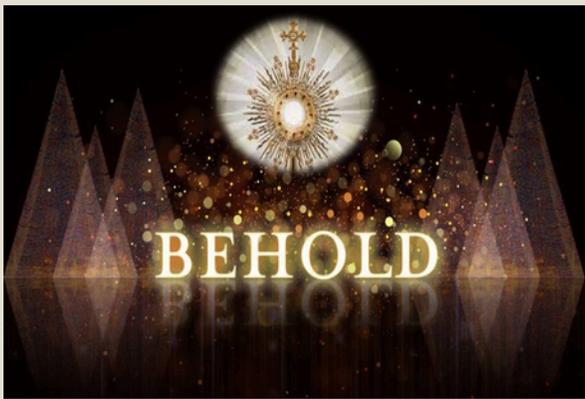
Dear St. Cecilia Family

We once again enter into this holy season of Lent. I know that I can sometimes approach Lent with a mild sense of dread. I can think it is just a time when I will not let myself enjoy certain things for 40 days. However, when I look deeper, I see Lent not as something distasteful, but as a great opportunity to draw closer to God. In Lent, we make extra little sacrifices to do things for others that increase our capacity to love. In Lent, we make sacrifices to put aside what is unimportant so that we can go deeper into the things that are important, so that we can go deeper into our relationship with Jesus. **Doing these things with our eyes fixed on Christ teaches us to love.** We voluntarily surrender lesser things in our lives so that we can open ourselves to the Lord's blessings. Sacrifices can be difficult, but because of love, sacrifices can become easy, even joyful. Take advantage of opportunities here at St. Cecilia Cathedral to encounter Jesus and fill your heart and soul with Him: Masses, Confession, Stations of the Cross, Adoration, the deep and beautiful liturgies of Holy Week. Pray together as a family. Fast from attachments that hinder you. Do almsgiving in being generous of giving your time and attention to someone who needs to feel God's love. **In doing these things we arrive at Easter as a little bit better persons and more closely united to the Heart of Christ.** Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us in completely giving Himself on the cross, showing us the greatest act of love ever known. This Lent, may we respond more deeply to that love in giving ourselves as gift, and in doing so, receive all the blessings our Lord wants to give us. A holy and blessed Lent to you, Fr. Jeremy Hans, pastor



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



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm
 Holy Thursday after Mass to
 Midnight [April 2]

Holy Land Art

See the hand-carved olive wood religious items from
 the Holy Land in the west entry of the Cathedral
 after the Masses on February 28 and March 1.



Lent at Cathedral

Holy Mass

Saturdays 5:30 pm (vigil)
 Sundays 8:30 am and 10:30 am (choir)
 Weekdays 11:15 am
 Saturdays 7:30 am
 Palm Sunday 5:30 pm, 8:30 am and 10:30 am with
 Archbishop McGovern [March 28/29]
 Chrism Mass 11:00 am with Abp McGovern [March 30]
 Holy Thursday 7:00 pm with Archbishop McGovern
 [April 2]
 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm with Abp McGovern
 [April 3]
 Easter Vigil with Archbishop McGovern (time TBD)
 [April 4]
 Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am [April 5]

Confessions

Weekdays 11:50 am to 12:10 pm [February 19 - April 1]
 Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm [February 21 - April 4]
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week
 5:00 to 6:00 pm [March 30 - April 1]
 Good Friday 12:45 pm [April 3]
 Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm [April 4]

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays Noon to 6:00 pm [Feb 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26]
 Holy Thursday after Mass to Midnight [April 2]

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6:00 pm [February 20 - March 27]
 Good Friday Noon [April 3]

Campus Events

Sunday	February 22	
2:00 pm	Poetry Reading	PCDR
2:00 pm	Rite of Election	NAVE
5:00 pm	Rite of Election	NAVE
Tuesday	February 24	
8:30 am	School Stations of the Cross	NAVE
Thursday	February 26	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL
6:30 pm	Finance Council Meeting	PCCR
Friday	February 27	
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	NAVE

MISSION



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Apostolate

Saint Cecilia Grade School

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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.

Comedy & Cuisine School Fund Raiser

Support Our Mission: Academic Excellence & Enriched Learning

Fund classroom supplies, technology upgrades, and educational programs that help our students excel academically. Support art, music, and extracurricular activities that develop well-rounded students and foster creativity. Scan the QR code to donate instantly through Venmo. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. Learn more about the event and how to join us April 18: StCeciliaCathedral.org.



OCIA Rite of Election

Today we host two celebrations of the Rite of Election for the Archdiocese of Omaha. We pray that our elect may always remember this day of their election and be grateful for the blessings they have received from heaven.

The Rite of Election is an important celebration in the process of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). The OCIA is a formal process of evangelization and catechetical instruction, ascetically practice (prayer and spirituality), and liturgies whereby adults – called catechumens – are formally admitted into the Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. During the course of the OCIA process, the individual follows a spiritual journey of “steps” accomplished through defined periods punctuated with formal rites. The Rite of Election closes the Period of the Catechumenate. This rite normally coincides with the first Sunday of Lent. At this rite, upon the testimony of sponsors and catechists and the catechumens’ affirmation of their intention to join the Church, the Church makes its “election” of these catechumens to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

When the catechumens inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of fidelity, the Archbishop, as shepherd of the archdiocese, declares them “the elect” (the chosen ones). They now begin a Period of Purification and Enlightenment – the final, intense preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation. On the next five Sundays of Lent, three scrutinies (rites for self-searching and repentance) and the presentations of the Creed and Lord’s Prayer take place. This period concludes with the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

After the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized and confirmed members of the Church (technically called neophytes) enter the Period of Postbaptismal Catechesis or Mystagogy. The neophytes grow in their understanding of the mysteries of the faith and strengthen their bonding with the rest of the faithful. They should enter more fully into the life and unity of the Church. This period normally ends around Pentecost. The OCIA is a spiritually moving process beneficial to each individual parish community and the Archdiocese as a whole.

Mass Ministers: EMHCs



A lay person can be trained and commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for distributing Holy Communion.

The person selected to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion must be an active member of the parish, be a fully initiated Catholic, i.e., received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, be at least 16 years of age, and regularly attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

EMHCs will get trained and mandated to serve at Cathedral.

You would generally get scheduled 2-3 times per month, depending on the number of ministers signed up for your Mass time.

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

Mass Ministers: Sacristans



The sacristan sets out the bread, wine, vessels and books, and other duties that the priest or deacon needs done. After Mass the sacristan will return all vessels and books to the Sacristy and see to it that everything is ready for the next Eucharistic celebration.

Sacristans will get trained and be able to shadow experienced sacristans at the Mass time the new sacristan attends.

You would generally get scheduled 1 time per month, depending on the number of sacristans signed up for your Mass time.

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

VISION



Intentional Giving

Tithing: February 8

Budget \$21,568

Actual \$17,215

Difference (\$4,353)

Revised Offertory Goal for FY 2025-26

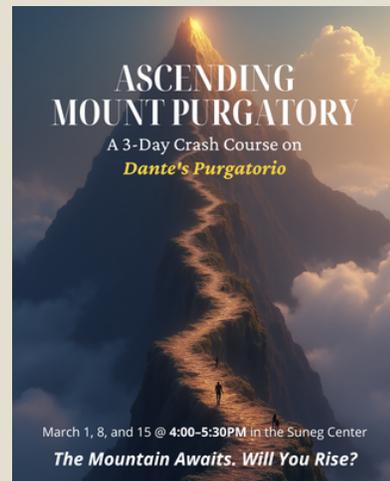
\$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual

\$589,260

2025 Tax Statements

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



Dante's Purgatorio Crash Course

No prior reading needed! Join Fr. Eischeid as we Ascend Mount Purgatory and follow Dante's roadmap to heaven this Lent.

Sundays, **March 1, 8, & 15** (4:00-5:30 pm)
Suneg Center at St. Margaret Mary Church



Parish Membership: February 2026



1 year
Johnny Chavez & Nydya Sanchez
Ti Moe
Nikki Zabawa

10 years
Charles Adams
Omjuma Dut
Andres & Carmela Salgado

20 years
Jim & Paula Richstein

25 years
John Daly
Brian & Dani Ohlman

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!!

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

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
throw your mantle of purity
over our priests.

Protect them, guide them,
and keep them in your heart.

Be a Mother to them,
especially in times of
discouragement and loneliness.

Love them and keep them
belonging completely to Jesus.
Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons,
so keep their hearts
pure and virginal.

Keep their minds filled with Jesus,
and put Jesus always on their lips,
so that He is the one they offer
to sinners and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
be their Mother,
loving them and
bringing them joy.



Stations of the Cross

Beginning Wednesday, **February 25**, Catholic Cemeteries invite you to
pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm in Holy Angels Mausoleum in
Resurrection Cemetery. This vigil is a remembrance for those who have
travelled this journey before us and are still very much a part of who we
are today. This reflection of our respective journeys leads us to the joy of
resurrection that awaits each of us. We will have Good Friday Stations of
the Cross, April 3, at 3:00 pm in Calvary Cemetery.

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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