

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feb 2026

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701 N 40th Street, Omaha NE 68131 | [StCeciliaCathedral.org](http://StCeciliaCathedral.org)

Weekend Holy Mass: Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am & 5:30 pm vigil Saturday



YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE  
BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY  
MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS  
AND GLORIFY YOUR  
HEAVENLY FATHER.



## Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

**Most Rev. Michael McGovern**  
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The Cathedral is open for visits/personal prayer:

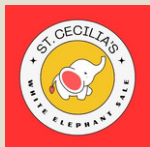
Sundays 7:30 am to 5:30 pm  
Saturdays 7:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Weekdays 8:00 am to 5:30 pm



## Join Us for Breakfast

Join us at our monthly parish breakfast in the Cathedral Cafeteria on **Sunday, February 8**, after the 8:30 am & 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.

These breakfasts are sponsored, prepared, and served by our Knights of Columbus.



Drop off your CathedralFest  
White Elephant donations  
at the breakfast.

## Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Holy Mass is the center of all we do at Cathedral.



Share the grace, the gratitude, the glory of Cathedral!

## Masses and Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 7:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>February 7</b> Claire Meredith + Mary Kay Gerken +
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>February 8</b> Hilda and Cyril Schulte Saint Cecilia Parishioners
<b>Monday</b> 11:15 am	<b>February 9</b> Mattin Minh Nguyen
<b>Tuesday</b> 11:15 am	<b>February 10</b> Terry Finney +
<b>Wednesday</b> 11:15 am	<b>February 11</b> Sonja Heng +
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am 11:15 am	<b>February 12</b> School Mass / Brian Vamosi + Patricia Pupkes family
<b>Friday</b> 11:15 am	<b>February 13</b> Maria Lanh Nguyen +
<b>Saturday</b> 7:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>February 14</b> Peter Palmesano + Ed Warin +
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>February 15</b> Saint Cecilia Parishioners Patricia Gallant +

# February Devotion

The month of February is dedicated to the **Holy Family**. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: the Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."



## Prepare to Prepare: Lent 2026

What are your priorities in life right now?

Lent is an invitation to set your priorities—to focus on what matters most and leave behind what matters least.

Lent is the season where the Church prepares for Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, Lent spans 40+ days until Holy Thursday. In the fourth chapter of Matthew, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert, fasting, praying, and preparing for his mission. Lent is your opportunity for that same focus.

Lent is your invitation to take your spiritual life seriously.

Lent is the perfect time to form life-giving habits and abandon self-destructive habits.

Lent is your chance to discover the abundant life Jesus invites us to at Easter.

Take those 40 days to explore God's dream for your life and it will change everything. Are you ready?

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18.**

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

## Intentional Giving

### Tithing: January 25

Budget \$21,568

Actual \$29,174

Difference \$7,606

Revised Offertory Goal for FY 2025-26

\$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual

\$544,117

### 2025 Tax Statements

Please contact Development Director

Theresa Lehn at 402-551-2313 or

tlehn@stceciliacathedral.org.

## Campus Events

### Sunday

9:15 am

### February 8

Parish Breakfast

CAFE

### Tuesday

7:00 pm

### February 10

School Board Meeting

SCHOOL

### Wednesday

7:00 pm

### February 11

Mary Our Queen/St. John

Vianney Confirmation

NAVE

### Thursday

Noon

6:30 pm

### February 12

Eucharistic Adoration

Faith Formation Classes

OLNC

SCHOOL

### Friday

7:30 pm

### February 13

VENI Holy Hour

NAVE

### Sunday

Noon

### February 15

Catholic Daughters Meeting

PCCR



# 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.

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

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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

## Inspired by our Faith Community

No other Parish in the Archdiocese of Omaha possesses the gifts that we, the Cathedral Parish of Saint Cecilia, have. We celebrate the sacraments in an amazing, inspiring edifice, conceived as a towering example of the glory and promise of faith.

In 1903, our visionary Bishop Richard Scannell, rowing against the prevailing trend of locating Cathedrals in the city's central business district, announced that the new Omaha Cathedral would be built at the western edge of an expanding city, on one of the highest points in the county. It remains a defining part of the landscape and character of Omaha. Kimball's Spanish Renaissance Revival design, again rowing against the current of the favored Gothic style of the period, seems at first austere, yet as is becomes understood, silently manifests as reservedly and timelessly grand.

**How blessed are we to belong to this parish?**

**How lucky are we to get to worship here?**

As we grow in faith and community at Saint Cecilia,  
we actively live our mission to **bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.**  
And by living our mission, we will achieve our vision: *Inspiring.Faith.Community.*

## Black History Poetry



Read your original poetry or works from your favorite poet at our poetry reading

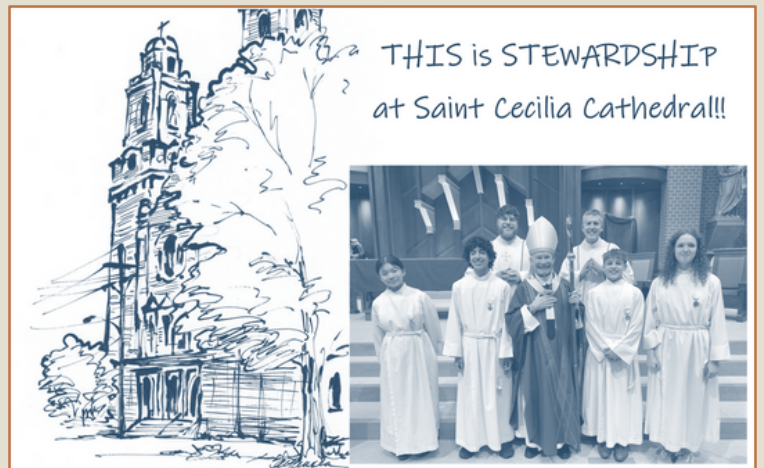
**Sunday, February 22**

**2:00-4:00 pm**

Cathedral Parish Center | 39th & Burt St

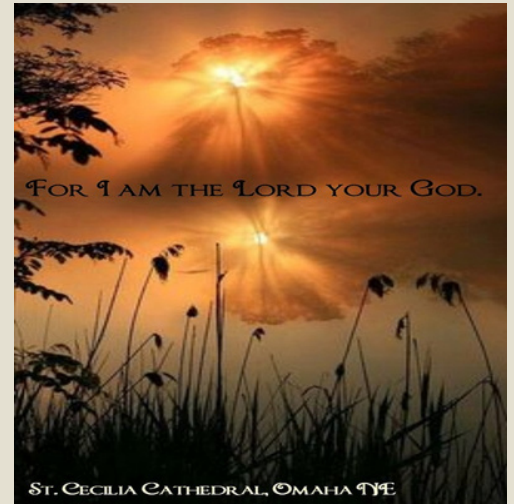
All are welcome to come and listen!!

Contact Marc Talkington at 531-777-2665 or poetsbuddy@gmail.com.



# Safe Environment at Cathedral

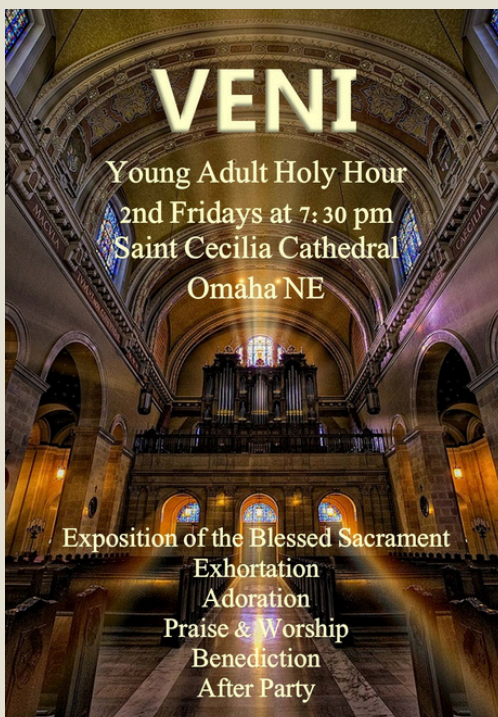
The Archdiocese of Omaha Safe Environment mission is to ensure all children/youth and vulnerable adults will experience a welcoming, safe, and caring environment that allows them to embrace their faith and engage in healthy relationships. Our Safe Environment program is in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. These efforts include Safe Environment Adult Certification (training, background check, code of conduct) for all who have contact with children/youth, Circle of Grace yearly training for children and youth, Safe Environment Coordinators in parishes/ schools and ongoing parish/school audits. Our goal is to provide a strong safety net for our children/youth and vulnerable adults by having all those who are safe environment certified be our "eyes and ears" to protect them. **Saint Cecilia parish, school, and childcare staff are all certified.**



The Safe Environment safety net consists of several parts:

- Victim Assistance Coordination. Ensures that victims of abuse receive thorough and caring assistance in a safe environment where they can feel comfortable.
- Policy Development. Codes of Conduct and specific policies covering relationships, boundaries, communications, and the obligations of archdiocesan clergy, employees and volunteers.
- Safe Environment Coordinators. Coordinators are in parishes and schools to assist in the implementation of safe environment efforts.
- Parish/School Audits. Conducted on a 5-year cycle to educate, support and ensure compliance with the Charter.
- Circle of Grace Safety Curriculum. The Circle of Grace concept teaches young people that God gives us all our own Circle of Grace to help us be safe. Developed by the Archdiocese of Omaha, this curriculum has been adopted by more than 68 dioceses and is used in hundreds of schools nationwide.
- Safe Environment Certification. For archdiocesan clergy, employees, and volunteers which includes training, successful background checks and acknowledged code of conduct.
- A Review Board. To assist the Archbishop in his responsibilities for the protection of youth.
- A Ministerial Conduct Board. The Board serves the Archbishop who refers alleged clergy misconduct concerns, not involving minors, for consultation.

# VISION



We are a community for young adults in the Archdiocese of Omaha age 21-39.

The mission of Arch O Young Adults is based on the vision of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

**One Church** - All Catholic young adults will have a community, a place of belonging in the Archdiocese, and know they are a beloved child of the Father.

**Encountering Jesus** - Young adults will meet Jesus through prayer and relationships with other young adults.

**Equipping Disciples** - Young adults will be accompanied in their growing relationship with Jesus and be given the tools they need to make disciples of all nations.

**Living Mercy** - Young adults will have the opportunity to discern their personal call to holiness with the Holy Spirit and will be supported in their mission.

Learn more at [archyoungadults.org](http://archyoungadults.org).

# 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.

"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus."

~ St Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist

Some Tremendous Benefits of and Reasons for Increasing Adoration Include:

1. It helps us to avoid sin
2. It helps us to learn the art of prayer
3. It improves our reception of the Eucharist
4. It helps us to avoid mediocrity
5. Prayer sets our hearts on fire
6. It helps us to overcome bad habits
7. It blesses our families
8. It gives us an interior peace in our soul
9. It helps towards the salvation of souls
10. Mary and Jesus rejoice
11. Visit with Jesus face to face
12. A better awareness of God's love
13. Gain more awareness of the gifts you have been given
14. Gain knowledge through spiritual reading
15. Deepen your relationship with God
16. Experience increased spiritual strength
17. Desire to set aside a special hour to be with Jesus
18. Receive an increase in charity, love for others
19. Gain an enhanced understanding of the Catholic faith
20. A greater insight into your role and purpose in life

~perpetualeucharisticadoration.com

VALUES

## Prayer for Priests

May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.

May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of your grace in the sacraments.

May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry.



## Cloisters on the Platte

Five Ways to Find What You're Looking for at the Cloisters:

1. Sign up for a retreat weekend.
2. If you're already signed up for a retreat, protect it.
3. Visit the Stations of the Cross. Starting on Ash Wednesday, the Stations are open every Wednesday and Sunday.
4. If you don't live near the Cloisters, download the Cloisters Ignatian prayer app.
5. Whether you're experiencing the Cloisters in-person or online, let go of our human desire to control. Give it to God and delight in His work.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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