

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

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 2026

UNITED WITH CHRIST IN SACRIFICE

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF SACRIFICE IN LENT

Mar 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



THEN FROM THE CLOUD
CAME A VOICE THAT SAID,
"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON,
WITH WHOM I AM WELL
PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM."



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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March is Dedicated to Saint Joseph

The principal feast of Saint Joseph being celebrated on March 19, chosen to honor and commemorate his role as the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. It provides an opportunity to consider and embrace the sacrifice and suffering of Saint Joseph as he lived each moment in God's will and anticipated the inevitable passion of his beloved foster Son. The Church encourages believers to reflect on his virtues, seek his intercession, and deepen their understanding of his significance in salvation history.



Masses and Intentions

Saturday
7:30 am
5:30 pm

Sunday
8:30 am
10:30 am

Monday
11:15 am

Tuesday
11:15 am

Wednesday
11:15 am

Thursday
11:15 am

Friday
11:15 am

Saturday
7:30 am
5:30 pm

Sunday
8:30 am
10:30 am

February 28
Mary Barnes + (A)
Patsy Gunia + (B)

March 1
Saint Cecilia Parishioners
Morin-Medlin family

March 2
Ray Swiercek +

March 3
Frank Fong + (B)

March 4
Richard (Dick) Mitchell +

March 5
Claire Meredith +

March 6
Helen Vana +

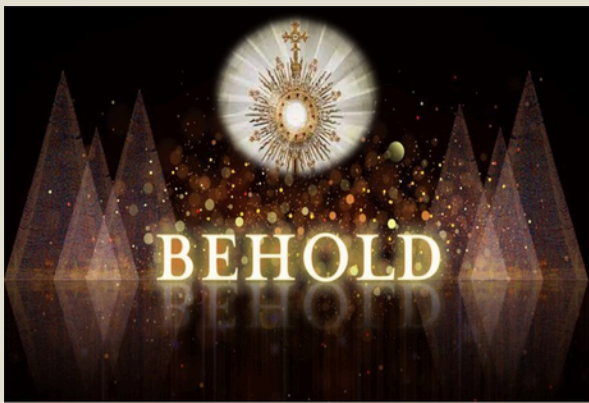
March 7
Maria Lanh Nguyen +
Saint Cecilia Parishioners

March 8
Fred Barnes + (A)
James Chamberlain + (B)



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]



Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6:00 pm
 Good Friday Noon

Lent at Cathedral

Holy Mass

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 [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]

The Cathedral is open for visits/personal prayer

Sundays 7:30 am to 5:30 pm
 Saturdays 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
 Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Campus Events

Tuesday	March 3	
6:30 pm	Knights Member Meeting	LAC
Thursday	March 5	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL
6:30 pm	Faith Formation 1 st Confession	NAVE
Friday	March 6	
11:15 am	First Friday Mass	OLNC
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	NAVE
Sunday	March 8	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	CAFE
9:15 am	Catholic Daughters Bake Sale	CAFE

MISSION



Join Us for Breakfast

Join us at our monthly parish breakfast in the Cathedral Cafeteria on **Sunday, March 8**, 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. These breakfasts are sponsored, prepared, and served by our Knights of Columbus.

Don't forget to stop by the **bake sale** at the breakfast sponsored by our Catholic Daughters court.



Drop off your CathedralFest **White Elephant** donations at the breakfast.



Cathedral Celebrations: February 2026

- 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
- Bible Study
- School Masses
- School Stations of the Cross
- Karenni Community Mass
- Ash Wednesday Masses
- Stations of the Cross
- Poetry Reading
- Rite of Election
- 1 Funeral

Now THAT is Classic Cathedral!

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Apostolates

Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal | jstoffel@stcecilia.net | 402-556-6655 | 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. Our students attend an all-school Mass and there is a class Mass each week. During Lent they pray before the Blessed Sacrament and attend the Stations of the Cross.

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.

Intentional Giving

Tithing: February 15

Budget \$21,568

Actual \$23,404

Difference \$1,836

Revised Offertory Goal for FY 2025-26

\$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual

\$612,664

2025 Tax Statements

Please contact Development Director

Theresa Lehn at 402-551-2313 or

tlehn@stceciliacathedral.org.

Mass Ministers: Gift Bearers

Gift bearers are representing the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us. The unleavened bread and wine that you carry will be consecrated to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Treat it with reverence and respect. There should be at least two bearers: one for the bread and one for the wine. If a family is serving, the other members can walk reverently with the gift bearers.

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

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

Purchase an item from the Amazon Wish List for the Silent Auction:



School Fundrasier: Comedy & Cuisine

We are a month and a half away from the largest fundraising event on campus! Comedy & Cuisine 2026 takes place on Saturday, April 18.

This year, we have an additional perk for our sponsors: your logo on a banner that will be hung in the gym until March 2027. You will have continuous recognition for your generous support.

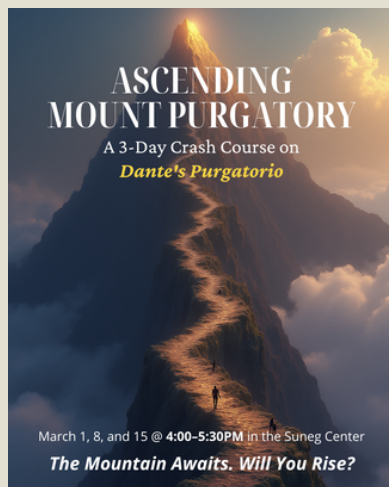
As a community, we will celebrate our school. We will honor **Jay and Christine Koehn** as our Honorary Chairs; **Julie Swartz and Danny Begley** as our Distinguished Alumni; and **Maria Anderson** as our Volunteer of the Year.

Invitations will be mailed shortly. You may visit ComedyAndCuisine.com to purchase tickets, let us know you are interested in sponsoring the event, or to donate in support of our school, the teachers and students.

Venmo a donation:



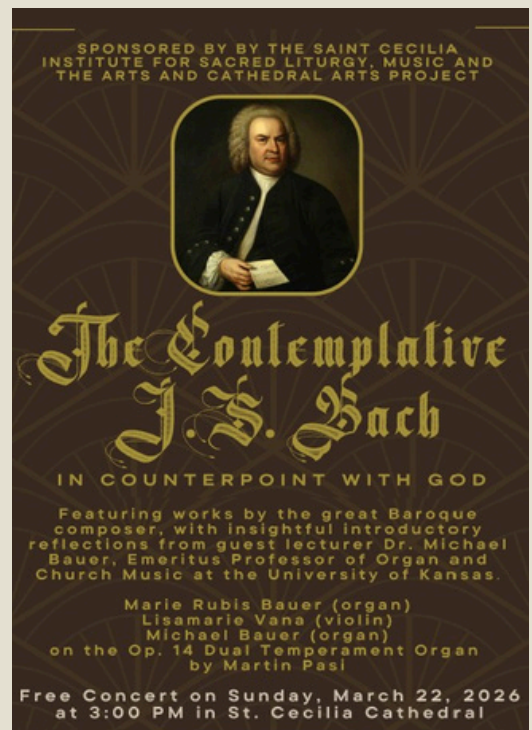
VISION



Dante's Purgatorio

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



We Pray for Our Students

We pray for our Faith Formation students who are preparing for the sacrament of First Confession. They will receive this sacrament on March 5.

Heavenly Father, we lift up to You these precious children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confession for the first time. Fill their hearts with Your peace and love as they take this important step in their journey of faith. Guide their minds and hearts as they examine their conscience. Grant them the courage to be honest and the humility to seek forgiveness. Strengthen them with the grace of this sacrament, that they may grow closer to You and strive to live a life of goodness and virtue. Bless their families and catechists who have supported and prepared them for this sacred moment. May they continue to nurture these young souls in faith, hope, and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer Ministry

Aaron and Erin Favara, Michael Bauer, Jane Stumm Cuva, 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, Darlene Koley, Chris Peasley

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, Tom Jacobson family, Dan Boeckman

Mark McNamara, David P, Chuk R, Casey, Mariann, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Don Wall, Rita Wall, Don Cutshall, Peter Rinn, Sara Hopp, Rhonda Bohaty, Makayla Abney, Nancy Ruiz Guzman, Adrian Smoot, Jesse Edwards, Hallie Neill, Steven Schultze

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, Wallace family, Graham family, Allen family, Jasper, Steve Caldwell, Maureen Allen, Noah Gingrich, Jan Farha, Edward I. Powell

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

VALUES

Prayer

Personal Prayer Time

The Cathedral is open for individual prayer:

Sundays 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturdays 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8:00 am to 5:30 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

Praying for Cathedral Ministries & Members

Join us on Thursdays 2:30 to 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@stceiliacathedral.org.



Family Honored

The **David and Michaela Doyle** family were honored as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Month for February.

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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