

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 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



DID I NOT TELL YOU
THAT IF YOU BELIEVE
YOU WILL SEE THE
GLORY OF GOD?



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

Most Rev. Michael McGovern
Archbishop

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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

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

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



Chrism Mass
March 30
11:00 am with
Archbishop McGovern



Masses and Intentions



Palm Sunday Masses
March 28/29
5:30 pm, 8:30 am,
10:30 am with Abp McGovern

Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	March 21 Ray Swiercek + Frank and Betty Wees +	Fr. Sokpo
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	March 22 Paul Halbur + Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Sokpo Fr. Hans
Monday 11:15 am	March 23 Mattin Minh Nguyen	
Tuesday 11:15 am	March 24 Terry Finney +	
Wednesday 11:15 am	March 25 Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
Thursday 11:15 am	March 26 Margaret M. Korth +	
Friday 11:15 am	March 27 Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	March 28 Rita Bastian + Charles Mitchell + (B)	Fr. Hans
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	March 29 Saint Cecilia Parishioners Shirley Uhing +	Fr. Sokpo Archbishop



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

Why Go to Confession?

Jesus gave us the sacrament of Confession when He breathed on the Apostles saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn 20:22-23).

This authority to forgive sins has been passed on from the apostles to the priests of our own time through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Confession is the only ordinary means of forgiveness for mortal sins committed after baptism.

Though other extraordinary means are possible, they are never guaranteed and should not be presumed upon.

As all sacraments do, it also bestows an increase of grace.



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 8:30 pm [April 4]
 Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am [April 5]

Confession

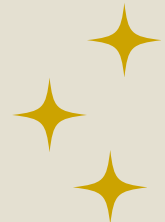
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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week
 5:00 to 6:00 pm [March 30 - April 1]
 Good Friday 12:45 pm [April 3]
 Holy Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm [April 4]

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Stations of the Cross

Friday 6:00 pm [March 27]
 Good Friday Noon [April 3]



Campus Events

Sunday 3:00 pm	March 22 Bach Concert	NAVE
Wednesday 1:30 pm 6:30 pm	March 25 Operetta Finance Council Meeting	GYM PCCR
Thursday Noon 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	March 26 Eucharistic Adoration Faith Formation Classes Operetta	OLNC SCHOOL GYM
Friday 10:30 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm TBD	March 27 Operetta Salmon Bake Stations of the Cross Cathedral Basketball Tournament	GYM CAFE NAVE GYM
Saturday TBD	March 28 Cathedral Basketball Tournament	GYM
Sunday TBD	March 29 Cathedral Basketball Tournament	GYM

Become a Parishioner!

Our parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. We minister to people throughout the Omaha area and beyond. As a Roman Catholic parish, our mission is to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ. The Cathedral parish consists of over 950 households. The heart of Saint Cecilia is the people. Every person in this parish is invited to become a part of the life of our parish through ministries, activities, and committees. We encounter Jesus!

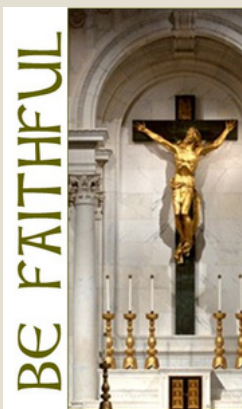
If you are interested in making Saint Cecilia Cathedral your parish home, contact Sheila Graham at the Cathedral Administration Office sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org or 402-551-2313 to start your registration process. We are happy to have you!!

Then consider how YOU fit in and participate in the life of your parish!

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 Saint Cecilia 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 or sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org.




Prayer for Priests

Lord, give us holy priests;
You Yourself maintain them in holiness.
O Divine and Great High Priest,
may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests.
May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.

MISSION

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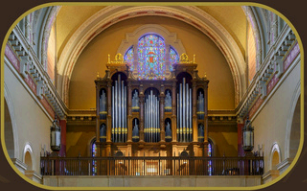
The Contemplative J.S. Bach

IN COUNTERPOINT WITH GOD

Featuring works by the great Baroque composer, with insightful introductory reflections from guest lecturer Dr. Michael Bauer, Emeritus Professor of Organ and Church Music at the University of Kansas.


Marie Rubis Bauer (organ)
Lisamarie Vana (violin)
Michael Bauer (organ)
on the Op. 14 Dual Temperament Organ by Martin Pasi

Free Concert on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 3:00 PM in St. Cecilia Cathedral



Cathedral Arts Project

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



Traditional English Teas

Back for a limited engagement! Join us for a delightful interlude filled with conversation, delicious treats, and a hot cup of tea.

Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays
Noon to 4 p.m.
- Only through April 1st -
Saint Cecilia Cultural Center



Returning for a limited time by popular demand.

Reservations recommended: 402-551-4888

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Apostolate

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.

CATHEDRAL CAMPUS FUN!



Join the fun at our next
Ladies Learn to Play Night
Tuesday, April 7, 6 - 8 pm
Cathedral gym

Come see if this is right for you!!!

Must RSVP 24 hours ahead of time.
Text Jean Batenhorst-Smith
402-516-4210 so we have
enough equipment and
teachers for you.

Sponsored by Saint Cecilia
Cathedral Pickleball Guild Fellowship

School Operetta



Disney HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

Wednesday March 25 | 1:30
Thursday March 26 | 7:00
Friday March 27 | Grandparent's Day | 10:30
\$7.00 Admission

Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets



Getcha Head In the Game... and buy your tickets!

VISION

Core Beliefs of the Catholic Faith

The core beliefs of the Catholic faith are found in the Nicene Creed.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Mission & ministry

Serving My Parish



~Ina Marie Louie

As a mother of three children, Mia, Sebastian and Lana, all under the age of ten, my days are full – full of noise, movement, responsibility, and love. In the middle of this beautiful and busy season, I feel a quiet but persistent desire to serve as a Eucharistic Minister.

For me, this desire is not about adding one more commitment. **It is about staying rooted in Christ.** The Eucharist is the center of our faith, and serving in this way would help anchor my heart in reverence and gratitude, especially during a season of life that can feel overwhelming.

I also feel called to model faith in action for my children. I want them to see that loving Jesus means serving Him and His people.

I hope that by witnessing their mother approach the altar with humility and devotion, they will grow in understanding the sacredness of the Mass and the beauty of giving of oneself.

Motherhood is my primary vocation, and I cherish it deeply. Serving as a Eucharistic Minister would not take away from that calling – it would deepen it. It would be a way of saying yes to God in this season, trusting that even in the busyness of raising young children, there is still room to serve with love and reverence.

Pro Life Volunteer Opportunities

Nebraskans Embracing Life always needs volunteers to help with various teams. Our volunteers save lives! You really can save a life today! Please contact us if you have a heart to defend life with us in any of these areas: 402-399-0299 or email us at engage@nebraskanembracinglife.org

Education: Maintain network of pro life teams at the church and parish level. Organize educational booths at church festivals, community events, more. Promote pro life education to the community.

Youth Outreach: Support network of youth in schools and churches, helping them with resources and information to evangelize the life issues.

Minority Outreach: Develop business, community, and church contacts to reach exploited minorities with the truth about all of the life issues.

Spiritual Events: Organize year round prayer events such as 40 Days for Life, Life Chain, National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, Christmas Caroling at the manger, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, and more.

VALUES

Intentional Giving

Offertory: March 8
Weekly Goal \$21,568
Actual \$34,595
Difference \$13,027

Revised Offertory Goal
for FY 2025-26
\$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual
\$675,455

Family Salmon Bake

Friday, March 27 | 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Cathedral Cafeteria



\$25 Salmon on Cedar Plank with Rice Pilaf



\$25 Shrimp Scampi
\$5 Mac & Cheese



Bring the whole family.
Take outs available.



Knights of Columbus®

Father Flanagan of Boys Town Council #652
Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Omaha NE

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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