

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

PALM SUNDAY

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TO THE KING

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



WHILE THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK BREAD, SAID THE BLESSING, BROKE IT, AND GIVING IT TO HIS DISCIPLES SAID, "TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY BODY."



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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Chrism Mass
March 30
11:00 am with
Archbishop McGovern



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



Confession

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

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	March 28	
7:30 am	Rita Bastian +	
5:30 pm	Charles Mitchell + (B)	Fr. Hans
Sunday	March 29	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Shirley Uhing +	Archbishop
Monday	March 30	
11:00 am	Chrism Mass	
Tuesday	March 31	
11:15 am	Peter Palmesano +	
Wednesday	April 1	
11:15 am	Mr. Matio +	
Thursday	April 2 Holy Thursday	
11:15 am	No Mass	
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Archbishop
Friday	April 3 Good Friday	
11:15 am	No Mass	
Saturday	April 4 Easter Saturday	
7:30 am	No Mass	
8:30 pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Archbishop
Sunday	April 5 Easter Sunday	
8:30 am	Mary Kay Gerken + (B)	
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	



Holy Thursday Mass
 April 2
 11:00 am with
 Archbishop McGovern



Easter Vigil Mass
 April 4
 8:30 pm with (Note the time change)
 Archbishop McGovern



Eucharistic Adoration
 Holy Thursday after Mass
 to Midnight [April 2]



Easter Sunday Masses
 April 5
 8:30 am and 10:30 am



Stations of the Cross
 Good Friday Noon



Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 April 3
 7:00 pm with
 Archbishop McGovern

Campus Events

Saturday TBD	March 28 Cathedral Basketball Tournament	GYM
Sunday TBD	March 29 Cathedral Basketball Tournament	GYM
Monday 11:00 am	March 30 Chrism Mass	NAVE
Wednesday 7:00 pm	April 1 Parish Council Meeting	RECTORY
Thursday 7:00 pm 8:30 pm	April 2 Holy Thursday Mass Eucharistic Adoration	NAVE NAVE
Friday Noon 7:00 pm	April 3 Stations of the Cross Liturgy of Good Friday	NAVE NAVE
Saturday 8:30 pm	April 4 Easter Vigil Mass (note time change)	NAVE
Sunday 8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	April 5 Easter Mass Baptism: Charlotte Kucera Easter Mass	NAVE NAVE NAVE

Holy Week at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Palm Sunday [March 28/29]

Holy Mass: 5:30 pm, 8:30 am, 10:30 am with Archbishop McGovern (livestreamed)

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before He was crucified. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey to praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of Him as a sign of homage.

Chrism Mass [March 30]

11:00 am with Archbishop McGovern (livestreamed)

Archbishop McGovern and the priests of the Archdiocese gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. The bishop blesses three oils - the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm, and holy chrism - which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout year. All are invited.

Holy Thursday [April 2]

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm with Archbishop McGovern (livestreamed)

Adoration follows Mass until Midnight

With this Mass the Church begins the sacred Easter Triduum and devotes herself to the remembrance of the Last Supper. This Mass is, first of all, the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist, that is, of the memorial of the Lord's Passover, by which under sacramental signs He perpetuated among us the sacrifice of the New Law. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is also the memorial of the institution of the priesthood, by which Christ's mission and sacrifice are perpetuated in the world.

Good Friday [April 3]

Stations of the Cross: Noon

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:

7:00 pm with Archbishop McGovern (livestreamed)

Good Friday is the most solemn day of the Christian year. It is the day our Savior died for us. It is the day we were redeemed from our sins by the voluntary death of God Himself at the hands of man. This day of penance is observed as an obligation through abstinence and fasting.

Holy Saturday [April 4]

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:30 pm with Archbishop McGovern (livestreamed)

The Easter Vigil is the greatest liturgy of the entire year in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, referred to as the "mother of all vigils" (St. Augustine). Christ is seen throughout in amazing grandeur. Important elements of the Easter Vigil are fire, beautiful music, abundant proclamation of the Word of God, blessing of baptismal water, celebration of the sacraments of initiation, and renewing our own promises.

Easter Sunday [April 5]

Holy Mass: 8:30 am and 10:30 am (livestreamed)

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following His crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

MISSION



Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion during which we commemorate Christ's entry into Jerusalem for the completion of the Paschal Mystery. The Palm Sunday procession is formed of Christians who, in the "fullness of faith," make their own the gesture of the Jews and endow it with its full significance. Following the Jews' example we proclaim Christ as a Victor... Hosanna to the Son of David! **Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.** But by our faith we know, as they did not, all that His triumph stands for. He is the Messiah, the Son of David and the Son of God. He is the sign of contradiction, acclaimed by some and reviled by others. Sent into this world to wrest us from sin and the power of Satan, He underwent His Passion, the punishment for our sins, but issues forth triumphant from the tomb, the victor over death, making our peace with God and taking us with Him into the kingdom of His Father in heaven.

~Preparing for Easter by Clifford Howell

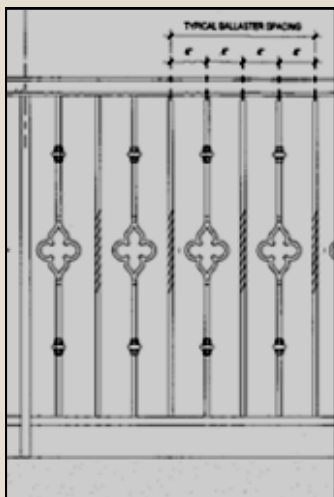
Plaza Project

As you probably know by now, our accessibility **ramp is now useable!** Though it is not completely finished. We are awaiting two pieces of limestone that will lie at the junction of the ramp structure and the Cathedral on either side of the landing just outside the door. These pieces will serve as part of the connection of the aesthetic of the Cathedral and the ramp, and will also help protect some of the underlying original stonework of the Cathedral.

Once those are in place, installation of the guard rails and handrails can be completed. See the included drawing for a glimpse of what the guard rails will look like.

Let there be light! In the meantime, the first of the wrought iron historic lighting elements have been manufactured and installed, and the lighting fixtures for the walkway of the ramp have been energized, and are now providing light from dusk until dawn.

VISION



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



Marriage Retreat

A retreat for couples at every stage of their marital journey. "Blessed are the Merciful for they shall obtain mercy!" Join Sharon and Steve Doran on this Divine Mercy weekend to contemplate the necessity of mercy in marriage. How do two broken, wounded, people devote their lives to helping one another heal? We will review some practical Ignatian discernment rules for married couples as well as the power of forgiveness. Come and see how God has entrusted you and your spouse to be part of His own redemptive plan through your gift of marriage!

St. Benedict Center, Schuyler NE

Friday, April 10, 7:30 pm to Saturday, April 11, 4:45 pm. Divine Mercy Vigil Mass on Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Register: <https://sbc.retreatportal.com/events> or call 402-352-8819.

VALUES



Faith Resources

We have many resources for you and your family to grow in and understand your Catholic faith. Check the brochure racks in the back of the church:

- Catholic Devotions
- Planning a Funeral at Saint Cecilia
- How to Make a Good Confession
- House Blessings
- Teaching Kids to Pray
- How to Be a Good Catholic Mom/Dad/Family plus information about
- Pro Life
- Knights of Columbus
- Catholic Daughters
- Cathedral Organ
- Cathedral Ministries
- The Beauty of the Cathedral
- The History of the Cathedral
- and much more!

Prayer for Priests

God, please give to your Church today many more priests after your own heart. 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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Protecting Your Children From Online Pressure



One of the first steps to protecting your children is to make sure the doors to inappropriate content are closed in your home. Parents need to make sure that the internet is not accessing content that can be stumbled upon on smart tvs, video game systems, computers, phones, or tablets that are connected to the home wifi network. Our teens are certainly at risk these days and are feeling the pressure to measure up. Many teens are becoming depressed due to comparisons on social media and feeling they are not good enough. However, social media is not the only way they may be getting inappropriate content and messaging. Texting, Google chat and the voice and text chat options available through many game consoles are other ways they stay connected and receive messages about their worth. Every internet capable device can very easily become a tool used to groom children and lead them to doing things that parents would not approve of. There are "games" that teens and pre-teens are fooled into playing/participating in that include bad behavior and even to taking their own lives. This being the case, parents must be even more vigilant about setting the parental controls and restrictions on phones and tablets. Oftentimes inappropriate content is accessed through apps like X, Tumbler, and Instagram. Knowing which apps are on your child's device and controlling when they are downloaded is key. Fortunately there are services and software that will alert parents to anything suspicious that pops up on their kids' phones: Bark, Covenant Eyes, Disney Circle, and iOS Screen Time to name a few. Parents will need to learn how to set restrictions on devices and within web browsers to restrict internet searches and YouTube content.

Priests, teachers, counselors, coaches, and other parents are good sources of encouragement and advice about how to handle the situation in your family. Keep teens/pre-teens involved at church, school, and good activities with good friends. And **always pray for and with your children** for their growth in faith and confidence.

Intentional Giving

Offertory: March 15
Weekly Goal \$21,568
Actual \$17,007
Difference (\$4,561)

Revised Offertory Goal for FY 2025-26
\$1,100,000
Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual
\$692,461



Mission & ministry

Pastoral Council

Meeting Topics: April 1

- Evangelization Coordinator & Facilities Director hiring update
- Policies for events in the Parish Center
- Welcoming efforts for new members

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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