

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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

701 N 40th Street, Omaha NE 68131 | StCeciliaCathedral.org

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

April 2026

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THESE ARE WRITTEN THAT YOU
MAY COME TO BELIEVE
THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT
THROUGH THIS BELIEF YOU MAY
HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME.



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina – nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter^[1]. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

[~thedinemercy.org](http://thedinemercy.org)

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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Masses and Intentions

Saturday	April 11	
7:30 am	Mattin Minh Nguyen	
5:30 pm	Vito Caroselli +	Fr. Sokpo
Sunday	April 12	
8:30 am	Morin-Medlin family	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
Monday	April 13	
11:15 am	Ray Swiercek +	
Tuesday	April 14	
11:15 am	Dr Richard Kijowski +	
Wednesday	April 15	
11:15 am	Helen Vana +	
Thursday	April 16	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Friday	April 17	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
Saturday	April 18	
7:30 am	Ray Swiercek +	
5:30 pm	Ed Warin +	Fr. Hans
Sunday	April 19	
8:30 am	Mrs. Mu Pan +	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans

Parish Membership: April 2026

1 year

Luper & Brittanie Akough
Sara Grinbergs
Marina Hardy
George Pena & Dayana Galvez
Julia Russolillo
Beto Valadez & Noemy Becerra
Sarah Wright

5 years

Erich and Maureen Bauermeister
Mike Belling and Kelly Spaan
Michael Hoggatt
Martin Le and Lina Bui
Pye Reh and Poe Meh

20 years

Ben & Nancy Gonzales

25 years

Ryan & Katrina Conway

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!!

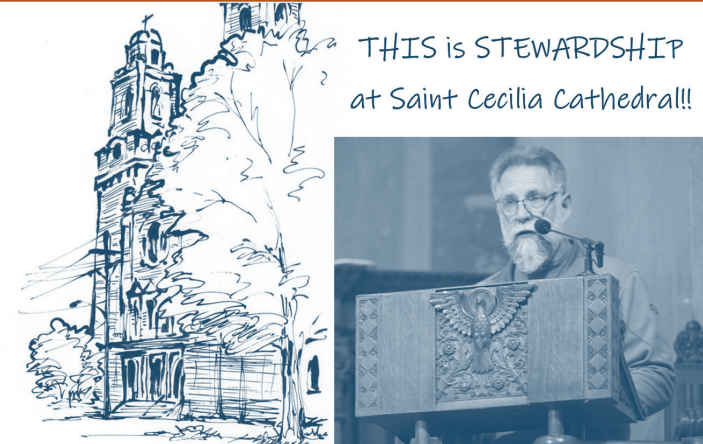
join us!



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Join us at our monthly breakfast in the Cathedral Cafeteria Sunday, April 12, after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses.



THIS is STEWARDSHIP at Saint Cecilia Cathedral!!



EASTERTIDE VESTMENTS & LITURGICAL IMPLEMENTS
AMID THE SPANISH COLONIAL COLLECTION

LIMITED TIME SHOWING
Sundays at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
April 5, 19, 26 + May 3, 17, 24, 31
Wednesdays 1-4 pm
April 8, 15, 22, 29 + May 6, 13, 20, 27

A selection of spectacular white Eastertide vestments & liturgical implements on display throughout the Spanish Colonial collection.

Discounts will be available for questions.
All vestments have information placards.





THESE CENTURIES OF DEVOTIONAL AND LITURGICAL ARTISTRY

Campus Events

Sunday	April 12	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	CAFE
9:30 am	New Parishioner Gathering	PCDR
Noon	Karenni Mass	NAVE
2:00 pm	Eagle Scout Court of Honor	PCDR
Tuesday	April 14	
7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting	SCHOOL
Thursday	April 16	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL
Saturday	April 18	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Macey Gyhra and James Broadhead	NAVE
5:00 pm	Comedy & Cuisine	GYM
Sunday	April 19	
9:30 am	Baptism: Lucian Ashby	NAVE
11:30 am	Baptism: Amelia Davis	NAVE
Noon	Catholic Daughters Meeting	PCCR

MISSION

Join the fun April 18!

At Comedy & Cuisine we celebrate our community's accomplishments and raise funds to keep tuition affordable, keep teacher salaries competitive, and enhance our campus facilities.

It is a time to recognize those who dedicate and share their talent, time, and treasure in helping make Saint Cecilia Cathedral Grade School what it is today.

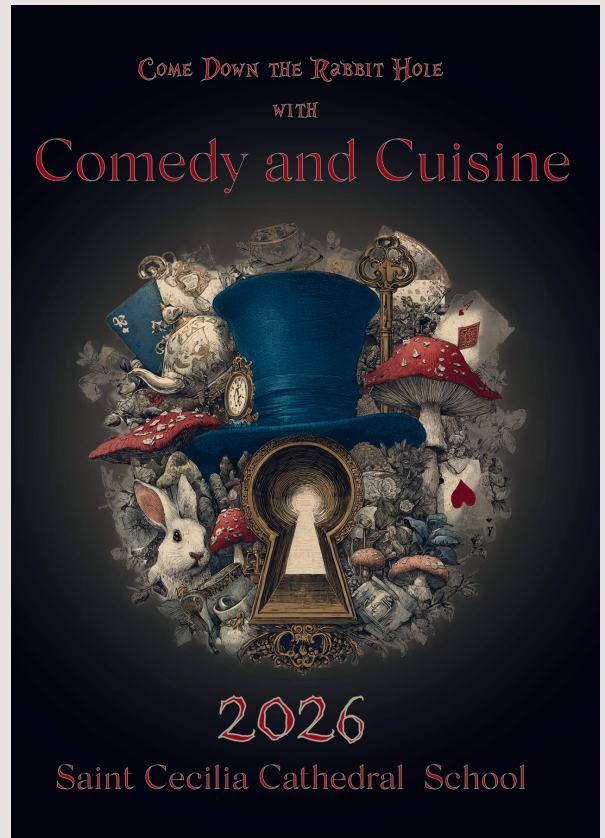


Event Chairs
Erin & Andrew Peters
Jason & Sammie Rodriguez

Honorary Chairs
Jay & Christine Koehn

Alumni Royalty
Danny Begley
Julie Swartz

Volunteer of the Year
Maria Anderson

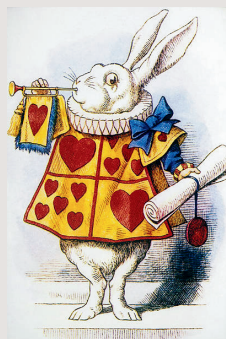


Event Sponsors
Queen's Court: \$10,000+
Majors Plastics, Inc.
The Retirement Guys

White Rabbit: \$5,000
Ebmeier Engineering

Cheshire Cat: \$3,000
Edward Jones - Gable Andrews

Tea Party Table Sponsor: \$1,000
CLS Realty Group - Crystal Santamaria
Boyd Jones Construction Company



To buy tickets, donate to Comedy & Cuisine, and see historical information, please visit comedyandcuisine.com or scan this QR code.





A Cathedral Warrior

We are so thankful to have **Don Cutshall** as a member of our parish and our Administration Office Volunteer Team. We celebrated with him his 99th birthday. Always a happy, faithful, and holy servant!!

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.

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.

News on Father Flanagan

From the Most Reverend Michael McGovern, Archbishop of Omaha

"I am overjoyed at the news that Pope Leo XIV has recognized the heroic virtues of the Servant of God **Father Edward J. Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town**. With the decree recognizing Father Flanagan's virtues, he receives the title **Venerable Servant of God** or Venerable. In this, the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities' founding in Omaha, it is fitting that Father Edward Flanagan, an Omaha priest and a model of Christian charity, be recognized by the Holy See. This is the next step in Father Flanagan's cause for sainthood, which began in 2012.

We continue to pray that he will one day be beatified and ultimately declared a saint. In the meantime, may we work to affirm the dignity of every person created in God's image by serving the poor, the abandoned and the vulnerable, especially at-risk youth. May Venerable Father Edward Flanagan's example inspire us to live the Lord's command: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'"

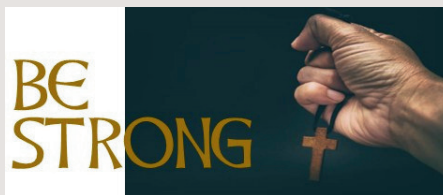
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VALUES



Prayer for Priests

○ Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted
and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially ...).
○ Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

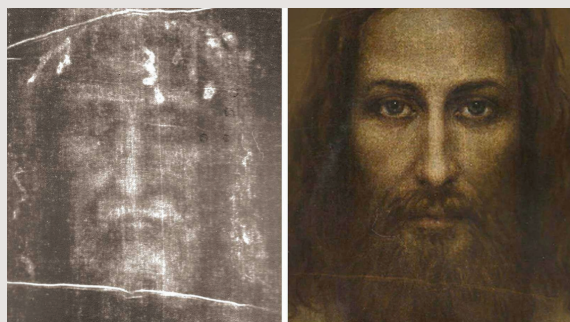


Prayer Time in the Cathedral

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

Shroud of Turin

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament will have an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time - The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. The Man of the Shroud exhibit will include 42 beautifully-designed panels on display as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whip, nails and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord. It is available two times in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center, 8200 N 30th. First is Sunday, **April 26**, 2 - 4 pm; second is Tuesday, **April 28**, at 7pm when Jim Bertrand will tell us about this amazing relic. Mr. Bertrand is Nebraska's local Shroud expert speaker.



Mass Intentions

The Church says the pastor must be the celebrant for the Masses said for "the parishioners." Since we take intention requests well ahead of time, we cannot know which of the Sunday Masses the pastor will be scheduled for. Therefore, any intention requested for a Sunday Mass will be scheduled for their intention, but we cannot say for sure which Mass that is until we get the monthly priest schedule. Watch the bulletin for which Mass time your intentions get scheduled for or you can call Sheila Graham to check: 402-551-2313. Thank you for your understanding.

Intentional Giving

Offertory: March 29
Weekly Goal \$21,568
Actual \$26,432
Difference \$4,864



Revised Offertory Goal
for FY 2025-26
\$1,100,000
Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual
\$753,598

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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