

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

April 2026

19



WERE NOT OUR HEARTS  
BURNING WITHIN US  
WHILE HE SPOKE TO US  
ON THE WAY AND  
OPENED THE SCRIPTURES TO US?



# Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

**Most Rev. Michael McGovern**  
Archbishop

**Rev. Jeremy Hans**  
Parish Pastor/Cathedral Rector  
jjhans@archomaha.org

**Rev. Zach Eischeid**, Associate Pastor  
zpeischeid@archomaha.org

**Rev. Georges Sokpo**, Associate Pastor  
gksokpo@archomaha.org

**Tim Bloomingdale**, Deacon  
timbloomingdale@skuttcatholic.com



By wisdom a house is built,  
by understanding it is established;  
And by knowledge its rooms are filled  
with every precious and pleasing possession.  
~Proverbs 24:3-4

## Masses and Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	
7:30 am	Ray Swiercek +	
5:30 pm	Ed Warin +	Fr. Hans
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19</b>	
8:30 am	Mrs. Mu Pan +	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 20</b>	
11:15 am	Pamela Hoback +	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 21</b>	
11:15 am	Barnes family	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 22</b>	
11:15 am	Claire Meredith +	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 23</b>	
11:15 am	Phyllis Etringer +	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 24</b>	
11:15 am	Br. William Woeger +	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 25</b>	
7:30 am	Bailey Mathis +	
5:30 pm	Jennie Dugan-Hinrichs + (A)	Fr. Sokpo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 26</b>	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Rose Cutshall + (A)	Fr. Sokpo

# Receive Our Communications



Sheila Graham, Communications Director | 402-551-2313

Every Wednesday we produce and send a **"Big Picture"** email that includes any special notifications, interesting news, upcoming event reminders, fun campus pictures, inspirational items, alumni notes, and spiritual events throughout the Archdiocese.

On Thursdays there is a special **prayer email** sent to our parishioners, school & childcare families, and staff members to pray for the ministers and ministries of Cathedral.

Every Friday the bulletin is sent in the **"Tower Talk"** email which is filled with information for the weekend, special notifications, interesting news, upcoming event reminders, and anything that is Cathedral related.

We email to inform you of **Cathedral funerals**.

If you do not receive these emails and wish to, you may contact Sheila Graham, Communications Director, at the Administration Office: [sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org) or 402-551-2313.

If you would like to receive our **bulletins mailed** to you each week, we are happy to accommodate you. Contact Sheila to be put on our mailing list.

When you are not able to attend Sunday Mass, we offer our 10:30 am **Mass live streamed** on our YouTube channel: Omaha Cathedral. Special events and liturgies are also live streamed.

The Cathedral **website** is filled with information on current events and activities, history of the Cathedral, parish organizations and ministries, gift opportunities, and more: [StCeciliaCathedral.org](http://StCeciliaCathedral.org).

## Intentional Giving

Offertory: Easter

Goal \$35,000 Actual \$35,216



## Finance Council

Recap of the Finance Council - March Meeting

- Considered a funding request from the school board to update the reading curriculum
- Discussed the next steps in moving forward with a strategic plan for the school and parish
- Reviewed the current financial position and the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the 2026 - 2027 budget

## Catholic Daughters

Meeting Topics: April 19

- Reports on Golden Manor new pillows collection, Easter Vigil reception for OCIA, March bake sale
- Guest Speaker on topic "Catholic Education" Saint Cecilia Grade School Principal, Jessie Stoffel
- Non-profit organization selection for donation at the All City Catholic Daughter's Sunday Mass, lunch, speaker event held on our campus October 18, 2026
- Updates on our National Convention in Coralville, IA July 22-26, 2026



## Campus Events

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 18</b>	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Macey Gyhra and James Broadhead	NAVE
5:00 pm	Comedy & Cuisine	GYM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19</b>	
9:30 am	Baptism: Lucian Ashby	NAVE
11:30 am	Baptism: Amelia Davis	NAVE
Noon	Catholic Daughters Meeting	PCCR
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 22</b>	
6:30 pm	Finance Council Meeting	PCCR
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 23</b>	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 25</b>	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Jocelyn Belcastro and Sebastian Ruccolo	NAVE

# MISSION

## Spiritual Home for Worship

Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the spiritual home for the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha (currently led by Bishop Michael McGovern the place where the Archbishop has his Chair (cathedra), and where major celebrations of the Catholic faith take place.

For all of its grand architecture and decoration and history, the primary purpose of Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the worship of God within the Catholic faith.

The sacramental and devotional life of the parish, as well as the official liturgies and functions of the Archbishop throughout the year, never cease to manifest the spiritual and religious purpose of this edifice. "The beautiful towers drew me to the Cathedral. Then I found so much more than just a building. It is sacred and beautiful."

Shining in the LIGHT of Jesus!



Saint Cecilia Cathedral  
Omaha NE

## Development Notes: Comedy & Cuisine

Theresa Lehn, Development Director

We have come to the weekend of Comedy & Cuisine 2026! The chairs worked diligently for months to bring this special evening to campus. These dedicated volunteers, along with new and seasoned volunteers, worked on macro and micro aspects to make it a memorable night. From **Liz McGuire**, who worked on table seating, to **Mary Clemens** and **Judy Wees**, who made the silent auction look so good; to **Heather Gomes** and the flocking crew, who moved signs from yard to yard for weeks, to **Emily Treude**, **Sherri Heimerman**, **Winnie Hawkins** and the rest of the volunteers who led the classes in their art projects: this event does not occur without you! Please, thank the donors of the silent and live auction items. Check into the businesses who sponsored and advertised with us. We have good people supporting us! A shout out goes to our **custodial staff** who worked around and with C&C for months, and helped set up the event for success. Thank you all for believing in our mission and seeing it through faithfully.

### Event Sponsors:

Queen's Court: \$10,000+

**Majors** Plastics, Inc.  
**The Retirement Guys**

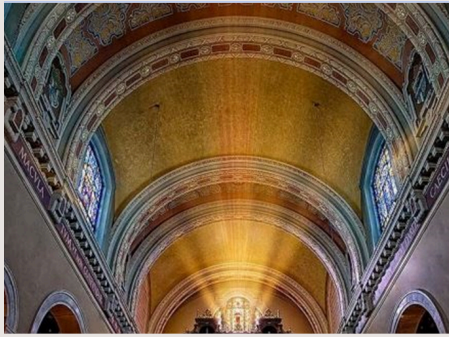
Mad Hatter: \$7,500  
SES

White Rabbit: \$5,000  
**Ebmeier Engineering**

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

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





## Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend we celebrate:

Baptisms:

**Lucian Ashby**

**Amelia Davis**

Wedding:

**Macey Gyhra and James Broadhead**



## Family Honored

The **Tony & Shannon Vaccaro** family was honored as the Knights of Columbus April Family of the Month.

## Know Our Parish

Saint Cecilia parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. This is a unique parish. **We are EVERYONE's parish** throughout the Archdiocese!

Our parish consists of over 950 registered households. Our Mass attendees number many more than only our families. Our famous church towers beckon visitors from all over to come to know God in the Mass at this beautiful church. All of us play a role in sharing God's message with these visitors as we encounter them. We must and do share the grace of God in all our liturgies and ministries. **Join us in our mission from God!**

Our parish cannot exist and grow as a separate entity without the active ongoing relationship among those who compose it. When registering with a parish, a person is entering into a live faith community and like any other relationships, if it is to be viable and healthy and participatory, there must be mutual commitment with its members.

We say that our heart is where our hope is. Then **the hope for our beloved parish is in the heart of each one of us.** In some way we each use that hope to make this a sacred, honored home for Our Lord where He is loved, worshipped and witnessed to. We thank you for that.

## Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Apostolates

### Saint Cecilia Grade School

Jessie Stoffel, Principal

[jstoffel@stcecilia.net](mailto:jstoffel@stcecilia.net) | 402-556-6655 | [StCecilia.net](http://StCecilia.net)

**Archbishop McGovern: Catholic schools have a purpose to educate our young people to grow closer to the Lord and grow in faith, hope, and love each and every day.** 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 are individual class Masses each week.

### Saint Cecilia Childcare Center

Denise Leibert, Director

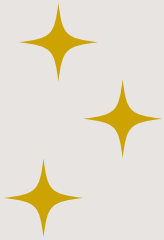
[dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org) | 402-553-1708

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.

## Grief Workshop

Catholic Cemeteries is offering "The Way through Grief" consisting of six-two-hour sessions beginning at 10:30 am on Saturday **May 2 - June 13**. You will learn to journey in life from grief to the life our Lord wishes for you. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or [jtardy@catholiccem.com](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com).

VISION





# VALUES

## Prayer Time in the Cathedral

The Cathedral is open for visits/personal prayer:  
Sundays 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturdays 7:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 8:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

## Prayer for Seminarians

○ Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.  
Amen.



## Pray for Each Other

Paige Franzluebbbers, Carol Sperry-Vaughan, Dan Speicher, Tyler Sabel, Elena Grace Baxter, Michael Bauer, Jane Stumm Cuva, Barbara Bakhit, Reidun Nabity, John Ray, Dick Satiroff, Rose Davis, John Kennedy, Cindy Lopez, Pat Boganowski, David P, Chuck R, Casey, Mariann, Vito C, Virginia Higgins, Marilyn Knox, Don Wall, Rita Wall, Darlene Koley, Chris Peasley, Don Cutshall, Edward I. Powell, Peter Rinn, Sara Hopp, Rhonda Bohaty, Marie Bruno, Nina Holiday, Jen N, Mary Werner, Helen McGill, Sheryl G, Mark Morehouse, Nina, 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, Ron Baxter, Kathleen Schuler, Will Woleben, Josh Benk, Henry B, Kevin Jackson, Mark McNamara, Annelies Anderson, Tyler Anthofer, Gary McChesney, John Halley, David Doyle, Celia Rasico, Richard Johnson, Patrick McIntosh, Rod Jewell, Jeannie Lucke, Brad Poeckes, Makayla Abney, Nancy Ruiz Guzman, Tom Jacobson family, Dan Boeckman, Adrian Smoot, Jesse Edwards, Hallie Neill, Steven Schultze, Robbie Dylla, Patrick Moore, Noah Galley, Angela K. Hernandez, Andrea Enga, Minerva Salazar, Hitosis family, Mary B, Terri Hennig, Jim Martin, Jaime Olbertz, Maurine Shepherd, Wallace family, Graham family, Allen family, Jasper, Maureen Allen, Noah Gingrich, Jan Farha, Archbishop Michael McGovern, and our Saint Cecilia priests, deacons, parish, school, childcare staff, families, and friends.

Call Sheila Graham 402-551-2313 at the Cathedral Administration Office or email to [sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org) to get a name on/off of this list.

## Livestreamers Needed

Every Sunday we livestream our 10:30 am Mass. We also livestream special events that happen in the Cathedral, like our Holy Week liturgies, the Chrism Mass, etc. We currently have 4 members of this team and would like more.

If you are interested in serving in this ministry and learning how to run the cameras, please contact Sheila at the Administration Office 402-551-2313. Thank you!



## 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, 10:00 am, 5:30 pm

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



## Cathedral Administration 402-551-2313

**Rev. Jeremy Hans:** Parish Pastor/Cathedral Rector

**Gerard Alemdjrodo:** Campus Business Manager  
[gerardalem@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:gerardalem@stceciliacathedral.org)

**Jason Epperson:** Facilities Director  
[jepperson@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:jepperson@stceciliacathedral.org)

**Kay Garfield:** Sacraments/Scheduling/Business Office  
[kgarfield@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:kgarfield@stceciliacathedral.org)

**Sheila Graham:** Messaging/Membership/Ministry  
[sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org)

**Theresa Lehn:** Campus Development Director  
[tlehn@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:tlehrn@stceciliacathedral.org)

**Denise Leibert:** Childcare Director  
[dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:dleibert@stceciliacathedral.org)

**Kjia Meduna:** Children's Faith Formation Director  
[kmeduna@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:kmeduna@stceciliacathedral.org)

**Marie Rubis Bauer:** Music Director/Cathedral Organist  
[merubisbauer@archomaha.org](mailto:merubisbauer@archomaha.org)

**Jessie Stoffel:** Grade School Principal  
[jstoffel@stcecilia.net](mailto:jstoffel@stcecilia.net)