

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



May 2026

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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



I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, SAYS THE LORD;
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER, EXCEPT THROUGH ME.



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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May: Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Catholic tradition, May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God.

May presents the opportunity to celebrate our love and reverence for the Blessed Mother through feasts, processions, and song.

One well-loved Marian hymn refers to Our Lady as "Queen of the May."

Due to Mary's vocation as the Mother of God, she has been given a special place of honor in Heaven and, as many saints have attested, Her requests are never refused. This is most advantageous for the faithful because from the cross Our Lord gave His Mother to us as our own. Mary has a maternal love for us and as our Mother, She is concerned with our well-being and spiritual progress. We are filled with humble gratitude to Jesus for giving us His Mother and to Mary for Her loving solicitude.

Some notable Marian feast days in May:

Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)

Mary, Help of Christians (May 24)

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31)

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	May 2	
7:30 am	Mr. Henry +	
5:30 pm	Mary Wetering +	Fr. Sokpo
Sunday	May 3	
8:30 am	Janet Shada + (B)	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
Monday	May 4	
11:15 am	Phil Sauvageau +	
Tuesday	May 5	
11:15 am	Joan Davis Hill +	
Wednesday	May 6	
11:15 am	Phyllis Etringer +	
Thursday	May 7	
11:15 am	Loretta Albrecht +	
Friday	May 8	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Saturday	May 9	
7:30 am	Fr. Jack Denning	
5:30 pm	Claire Meredith +	Fr. Eischeid
Sunday	May 10	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Morin-Medlin family	Fr. Eischeid



First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism & Confirmation) which complete an individual's membership to the Catholic Community. The Eucharist Sacrament, commonly called First Holy Communion, celebrates the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. We celebrate this as a parish!!

Home School Students
Rose Hayes
Maximilian Worthing

Faith Formation Students

David Bhe
 David Boe
 Michael Bwehn
 Amelia Davis
 Jensen Hsae
 Henry Lingard
 Emma Olvera
 Rosie Oo

Finn Pretz
 Augustine Reh
 Francis Reh
 Taw Reh
 Marko Kay Reh Hitway
 Maria Ria
 Jackson Soe

School Students

Daniel Andrew
Cecilia Bett
Huxley Boonie
Desmond DeBoer
Lawrence Dentlinger
Bryan Dimayuga-Marcial
Camille Drake-Bakhit
Henry Grace
Violet Hare
Ginevieve Larson
Millie Lehn

Sebastian Louie
Carolyn Mullaney
Charlie Myszkowski
Jadra Palma-Rodriguez
Kinsley Rosenthal
Alexander Samano
Milo Santamaria
Carter Solsky
Emanuel Trejo-Hernandez
Evelyn Tucksen
Mikey Vaccaro



Sacramental Celebrations

Wedding

This weekend we celebrate the wedding of
Bryan Berry & Jennifer Kennedy.
 May they be witnesses of God's love to the world.

Graduation Mass

Our 8th grade school students will be celebrating their graduation at a special Mass on May 12. We pray for these students and their families at this transitional time for them:

Gracious and caring God, our source of light, we ask for your almighty hand to be upon these graduates as we send them forward.



Sunday 11:30 am 1:00 pm	May 3 Vestments Tour First Communion Mass	NAVE NAVE
Tuesday 7:30 pm	May 5 Knights Member Meeting	LAC
Wednesday 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	May 6 Vestments Tour Parish Council Meeting	NAVE RECTORY
Thursday Noon 6:30 pm	May 7 Eucharistic Adoration Faith Formation Classes	OLNC SCHOOL
Friday TBD 7:30 pm	May 8 Songfest VENI Holy Hour & Social	GYM NAVE
Saturday 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	May 9 Wedding: Austin Sharon & Jasmine Medina Graduation Banquet	NAVE PCDR
Sunday 9:15 am 9:15 am Noon	May 10 Parish Breakfast White Elephant Popup Sale Karenni Mass	CAFE CAFE NAVE

Welcome



We welcome **Deacon Jack Miller** back to Saint Cecilia Cathedral. He was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Omaha in 2009. His first 5 years of service were at St. Robert parish followed by 5 years here at St. Cecilia Cathedral. These past 6 years he has served the people of St. Wenceslaus parish.

Deacon Miller has a full time business job in Omaha and will serve us outside of those duties. He looks forward to being part of the Cathedral team and helping our priests and the Archbishop with Masses and other sacraments.

Devotions at Cathedral

- Daily Mass
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Rosary Prayed Before Mass
- First Friday Devotion
- Mass on First Saturday
- Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
- VENI Holy Hour
- Praying for Our Ministers/Ministries

Cathedral Celebrations:

April 2026

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Parish Breakfast
- Finance Council Meeting
- Parish Council Meeting
- Board of Education Meeting
- Catholic Daughters Meeting
- Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Women's Guild Pickleball
- VENI Holy Hour & Gathering
- New Parishioner Event
- School Masses
- Cathedral Tours
- Karenni & Sudanese Masses
- School Soccer Games
- Holy Week & Triduum Liturgies
- CAP Young Artists Concert
- Comedy & Cuisine
- 2 Weddings & 3 Baptisms

Now THAT is Classic Cathedral!



Campus Garden Volunteers Needed

Faith can move mountains - of mulch!
Saint Fiacre is the patron saint of gardeners. Born in Ireland, he moved to France seeking solitude, and was granted land by the Bishop of Meaux to build a hermitage. Legend says the bishop offered him as much land as he could entrench in a single day. Fiacre used his staff to drag a line on the ground, and the earth miraculously opened into a trench, toppling trees and clearing weeds instantly. This is known as the Miracle of the Shovel. If only it were that easy.

Our Cathedral community owes so much to **Kathy Dietsch**, our own Patroness of the Garden, who almost singlehandedly plants, tends, waters, and weeds our flower beds and plants around campus.

We are reviving our ministry to manage our exterior floral gardens. If you have a green thumb, and want to contribute your horticultural skills to help beautify the grounds of the Cathedral, please contact Kathy Kietsch at k_dietsch@hotmail.com to put your name on the list. We will hold an initial meeting soon!

MISSION



Development Notes

Theresa Lehn, Development Director

As I read last week's bulletin, I noted all the **gratitude, the focus on good works and ways in which we are welcoming**. I also noted more asks and the weekly email included an additional one. I acknowledge that we present many ways in which our community can participate.

Their variety of asks is important! If you have a green thumb, there was the plant sale (you can still volunteer for it). Love to golf? There is the childcare golf tournament. (You may consider sponsoring a portion of it and get your business in front of a different audience.) Hopefully you saw that the Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving is May 6 and we will roll that into a month-long appeal. Though the funds raised will be used for our past fall construction-fest (the sinkhole, sidewalk repairs...), the focus is on the number of households participating. **That is the goal of it all: participation. Choose what area speaks to you.** That may mean you focus on the good works of the Catholic Daughters or the Knights of Columbus. It may mean contributing to the Church or Education Endowments for a gift that gives in perpetuity. It may mean underwriting our parish festival, CathedralFest. (That active gathering of generations of this faith community will be here soon!) Or simply buying a plant.

Please contact me at [tlehn@stceciliacathedral.org](mailto:tleh@stceciliacathedral.org), or 402-551-2313 if you want help in taking action and participating.

NebraskaCatholicDayofGiving.org



SAVE THE DATE



LINCOLN Archdiocese of Omaha GRAND ISLAND

This year our Catholic Day of Giving will be a kickoff to a month-long appeal to pay for these **unforeseen repairs: \$36,535.05 for the sinkhole; \$33,781.60 for sidewalk repairs; \$12,591.00 for the boiler; and \$999.35 for the removal of a tree.** The combined total for just these items is over \$80,000.

Use this code to give:



VISION



Join us!

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

Intentional Giving

Offertory: April 19
 Weekly Goal \$21,568
 Actual \$26,130
 Difference \$4,562

Revised Offertory Goal for FY 2025-26
 \$1,100,000
 Year-to-Date (July-June)
 Actual \$787,497

UPCOMING POP-UP SALES IN THE CAFETERIA

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 10 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
 GET MOM WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS--A MORNING OF BROWSING OUR TREASURES!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY SUNDAY, JULY 12 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
 GET A HEAD START ON HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND DECORATIONS!

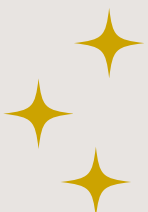
ST. CECILIA CHILD CARE CENTER'S
SECOND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER
 SWINGING4THEPLAYGROUND
 REGISTER NOW SPACE IS LIMITED

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026
 WHISPERING WOODS GOLF CLUB
 COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
 Check-in: 8:30 am
 Shotgun starts 10:00 a.m.

\$550.00 A FOURSOME
 ADMISSION INCLUDES
 A ROUND OF GOLF,
 BREAKFAST AND
 LUNCH

All proceeds will go towards the resurfacing of the Childcare Center playground.

* Putting Tee-rific Smiles on the Green*



VALUES

Woman of the Year

The Omaha Urban Council of Catholic Women (OUCCW) Woman of the Year St. Cecilia honoree is **Sue Wilwerding**.

Sue is a sacristan and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for our weekend Masses. She is a dedicated member of our funeral lunch team. Each week she serves us as a money counter. In her fun way she keeps her fellow money counters (a captive audience) entertained with her stories about Creighton basketball, bowling, and golf, not to mention her grandkids Jake & Emma. Sue loves her fancy Starbucks coffees and makes a mean Texas sheet cake and delicious Christmas sugar cookies.

Sue has made a name for herself at Cathedral as a woman of faith and generosity. A woman of grace and strength. A woman of honor and gratitude. Sue has become someone who truly represents the standards of excellence that we at Saint Cecilia Cathedral have. And she does everything with style and a smile. Congratulations Sue!

The Woman of the Year luncheon is **May 6**. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, please check with Pat Meyer at 402-558-6073.



The heart of Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the people. Every person in this diverse and interesting community is invited to become a part of the life of Cathedral through ministries, activities, and committees. It is through the Gospel that we are reminded that every baptized person has a special role in their faith community.

There is a **parish ministry or activity** where your time and talents will make a difference. Consider how YOU fit in and participate in the life of our community in these ways!

Mass Ministry:

Sheila Graham 402-551-2313 sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org
Serve the parish and the Cathedral community through a ministry at Mass. If you would like to be a lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, sacristan, altar server, or greeter, contact us.

Spiritual Life Ministry:

Sheila Graham / 402-551-2313
sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org
As part of our effort to become a missional parish, we work to teach and provide experiences for our parishioners to grow in their faith. We plan events and gifts to promote our mission to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.

Parish Council

Meeting Topics: May 6

- Vote for new officers
- Onboard new council members
- Evangelization Coordinator position discussion
- Policies for events in the Parish Center
- Welcoming efforts for new parishioners

Cathedral Campus

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701 N 40th St, Omaha NE 68131
StCeciliaCathedral.org

Saint Cecilia Grade School 402-556-6655
3869 Webster St, Omaha NE 68131
StCecilia.net

Saint Cecilia Childcare 402-553-1708
3869 Webster St, Omaha NE 68131

Saint Cecilia Institute for Sacred Liturgy,
Music, and the Arts 402-553-5524
3900 Webster St, Omaha, NE 68131
StCeciliaCathedralMusic.org

Cathedral Arts Project 402-551-4888
3900 Webster St, Omaha, NE 68131
CathedralArtsProject.org

Cathedral Cultural Center Art Gallery,
Gift Shop, History Museum 402-551-4888
3900 Webster St, Omaha, NE 68131
Saturday - Sunday: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm
Tuesday - Friday: Noon to 4:00 pm

Music in Catholic Schools 402-557-5600
3900 Webster St, Omaha, NE 68131

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, 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



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