

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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7TH 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



GIVE GLORY TO YOUR SON,
SO THAT YOUR SON MAY
GLORIFY YOU.



Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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Clergy Change

Our associate pastor, **Fr. Zach Eischeid**, has been assigned to St. Columbkille parish to begin this summer. His replacement will be **Fr. Andy Phan**. Fr. Phan is currently serving St. Patrick parish in Elkhorn. His assignment will be similar to Fr. Eischeid's of serving both St. Margaret Mary and St. Cecilia parishes.




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.

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	May 16	
7:30 am	Christine Worthing +	
5:30 pm	Ed Warin +	Fr. Hans
Sunday	May 17	
8:30 am	Hilda and Cyril Schulte	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
Monday	May 18	
11:15 am	Mary Kay Gerken +	
Tuesday	May 19	
11:15 am	Julie Livingston Barnes + (A)	
Wednesday	May 20	
11:15 am	Duane Hannasch + (A)	
Thursday	May 21	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Friday	May 22	
11:15 am	Marie Larson +	
Saturday	May 23	
7:30 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
5:30 pm	Teddy Swagerty +	Fr. Hunke
Sunday	May 24 Pentecost Sunday	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Margaret Morin + (B)	Fr. Sokpo

You are cordially invited to a curated celebration to honor the impact of
BR. WILLIAM WOEGER, F.S.C.



**Saturday,
MAY 23RD, 2026**
 In the Cathedral Cultural Center,
 on the campus of St. Cecilia Cathedral
 701 N. 40TH ST., OMAHA,
 NEBRASKA, 68131.

Benefitting the "Complete the Vision"
 Cathedral Plaza Project
 And to initiate a permanent fund
 to Restore, Repair, and Enhance
 the Cathedral of St. Cecilia.


SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ◊ Cathedral Tours, including:
 - Selections from the Liturgical Vestment Archives
 - The Spanish Colonial Devotional Art collection
- ◊ Afternoon Reception
- ◊ Dedication of a memorial to Br. William to be mounted in the cathedral
- ◊ Curated auction items
- ◊ Cocktail reception
- ◊ Gourmet dinner and entertainment
- ◊ Post-Event "Roast" to share stories about our favorite Christian Brother!

LIMITED SEATING
 SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Scan this QR Code to:

- Attend or Reserve a Table
- Sponsor the event or Underwrite costs
- Donate Auction Items
- Advertise in the Program or at the Event



**Adoration of the Lord
in the Eucharist**



You are welcome to join us

May Adoration Notes
 May 21:
 Adoration will end at 5:00 pm.
 May 28:
 There will be no Adoration
 due to the ordination.

Receive Our Communications

Sheila Graham, Communications Director | 402-551-2313

Every Wednesday we 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. 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.



Sacramental Celebrations

Wedding

This weekend we celebrate
 the wedding of

Jim Hansen and Sarah Stepanek

May they be witnesses of God's love to the world.



Monday, May 25, 9:00 am
 Saint Cecilia Cathedral
Memorial Day Mass

Campus Events

Saturday May 16

2:00 pm Wedding: Sarah Stepanek & Jim Hansen NAVE

Sunday May 17

Noon Catholic Daughters Meeting PCCR
 2:00 pm Poetry Reading OLH

Tuesday May 19

7:00 pm School Board Meeting SCHOOL

Thursday May 21

Noon Eucharistic Adoration OLNC
 5:30 pm Archbishop's Circle Vespers NAVE
 6:00 pm Archbishop's Circle Event PCDR

Saturday May 23

2:00 pm Wedding: Sam Heimerman & Gabrielle Leiferman NAVE
 2:00 pm "A Place for Everyone" Reception PCDR
 6:00 pm "A Place for Everyone" Dinner GYM

Sunday May 24

11:30 am Baptism: Margot Lacy NAVE
 6:00 pm Concert for Dr. Rubis-Bauer NAVE
 7:00 pm Reception for Dr. Rubis-Bauer GALLERY

Development Notes

Theresa Lehn, Development Director

Updates on the monies raised in April and so far in May: we met the Easter goal of \$35,000--thank you! Preliminary gross numbers for Comedy & Cuisine are at \$310,000--WOW! And the Nebraska Day of Giving that is rolling into our Spring Appeal has the goal of 1/3 of parishioners participating at any amount. Monies raised will go to pay for the sinkhole repair, replacement of the sidewalks and boiler electrical parts. This appeal will run through June 30. Thank you to all who have given so generously of their treasure, time and talents this spring. We are doing more together!

Intentional Giving

Offertory: May 3

Weekly Goal \$21,568

Actual \$17,468

Difference (\$4,100)

Revised Offertory Goal
for FY 2025-26

\$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June)

Actual

\$790,949

Finance Update

Dear St. Cecilia Family, We are still tracking to run a deficit of about \$250,000 for the current fiscal year ending June 30. Our spring appeal currently in progress will help close this gap. Approaching our offertory giving goal of \$1,100,000 will also help in this regard. For the longer term, as we have previously communicated, we will be developing a strategic plan for our school and parish to optimize our operations. We are currently in the work of selecting a professional from outside our parish to lead our strategic planning process. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Saint Cecilia Cathedral parish. Together, we will continue to do great things. ~ Fr. Hans



Alumni Association

Congratulations to the St. Cecilia Cathedral Class of 2026! You have done the hard work, you have sung in your last Songfest, you've been celebrated at the eighth-grade banquet. You are spreading out across the metro to continue your education, and this parish couldn't be more proud of you.

Congratulations to our parishioners who are graduating from high schools and colleges this spring and to those entering the trades. These are big leaps in your journey. We recognize your continued hard work and celebrate your big dreams.

Dear Cardinals, we pray for all of you as you start spreading your wings even more. May you come back to sit in the pews that you have sat in for years and let them hold your trials and tribulations for a while. As you form new communities, remember you will always be a part of the Cathedral family. May you know God's grace, recognize the Holy Spirit working in your life, and know you are loved. We are so excited for you!

Please, come back and say hello. Update us on your life via an email (alumni@stcecilia.net) or through the alumni page on the school website (stcecilia.net/alumni) or by showing up at CathedralFest (always the first full weekend of October), for example. You will always be welcomed home.



MISSION



Knights of Columbus Family of the Month **Dan & Kathy Dietsch**



Knights of Columbus Brother of the Year **Joe Wilcox**

Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Apostolate

Saint Cecilia Grade School

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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.

See our website about enrollment for the 2026-27 school year.



Board of Education

Meeting Topics: May 19

- We are accepting applications for those interested in joining the board. Email Jessie Stoffel.
- We will be discussing the new reading curriculum that was approved by the Finance Council.
- We will do end of the year wrap up.
- Our next meeting is in August.

Why Are Some Saints Named in the Mass?



The Eucharistic Prayer with the lengthy list of saints is known as the First Eucharistic Prayer. Also called the Roman Canon because of its normative use in the Mass over the centuries, the prayer is perhaps the oldest continuously used Eucharistic Prayer in the Roman Church's liturgy. It dates to at least the Fourth Century, though it likely existed even earlier.

According to tradition, the essential elements of a Eucharistic prayer date to the apostles, but the prayers in use by the Church today developed over time. The First Eucharistic Prayer became the only Eucharistic prayer of the Latin Church for centuries, until the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council. Even today, the First Eucharistic Prayer enjoys a certain primacy in the Church. It is the longest of the four chief Eucharistic prayers and is often prayed on Sundays, feast days and solemnities.

We may ask **why the saints are mentioned** at all. The Eucharistic Prayers are directed to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. When the saints are called upon in the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray to God "in communion" with them. In the introduction to the second litany of saints, we ask for "some share and fellowship" with the apostles and martyrs. Their inclusion in the Eucharistic Prayer then reminds us of the teaching on the communion of saints: that whenever we pray, earth unites with heaven. The prayer of the Mass unites the divine, the saints and us in the one offering of Christ.

The inclusion of the saints in the First Eucharistic Prayer reminds us of our hope for fellowship with them in life eternal. The litany of saints, part of the development of the First Eucharistic Prayer through the Fourth Century, indicates that saintly intercession and the belief in the communion of saints was part of the earliest Christians' belief and practice.

~ Fr. David Endres

VISION



Thank You to Dr. Rubis Bauer

Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer will be completing her time as Archdiocesan Director of Music and Cathedral Organist at St. Cecilia in June of this year. She began as Cathedral Organist in 2003 with the inauguration of the Martin Pasi, Opus 14 dual temperament organ. Rubis Bauer has performed for and collaborated to host national conferences including AGO (organists), NPM (Roman Catholic), ALCM (Lutheran), Musforum (international women organists), FDLG (Liturgy), Society for Liturgy, Midwest Historical Keyboard Society, and collaborations with UNL, UNO, Westfield Center, and overseen the annual concert series in conjunction with the Cathedral Arts Project.

Marie's music has resounded through Saint Cecilia Cathedral, across the Archdiocese, and around the world!

You are invited to a **concert** on Sunday, **May 24**, at 6:00 pm in the Cathedral celebrating her music ministry. There will be a **reception** in the Cathedral Cultural Center following the concert. Come share music and friendship with one another and with Marie. We ask God's blessings on her as she begins this new chapter in her life.



VALUES



Praying in the Cathedral

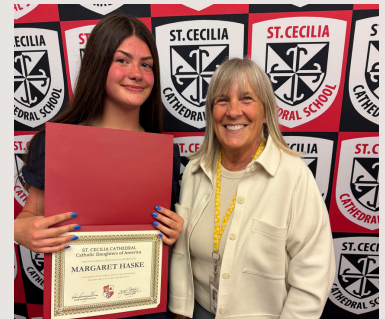
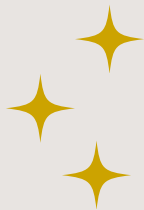
The Cathedral is open for visits/personal prayer:

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



CDA Scholarship Winner

Margo Haske, one of our 8th grade students, has received the Catholic Daughters Scholarship for a girl attending a Catholic high school in the fall.

Cathedral Arts Project

Cathedral Arts Project of Omaha (CAP) brings a diverse array of concerts, art exhibits, and lectures, as well as our signature Flower Festival to the Midlands region each year. In conjunction with Saint Cecilia Cathedral, CAP presents internationally-recognized performers, standout area artists, and engaging speakers in the acclaimed acoustics of Omaha's Cathedral church and in our professional galleries and gift shop.

3900 Webster St, Omaha NE 68131 | cathedralartsproject.org | 402-551-4888

Gift Shop, Gallery, Museum hours are Tuesday - Friday Noon - 4 pm and Saturday - Sunday 11:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Sacraments at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Holy Mass

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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 Church

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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