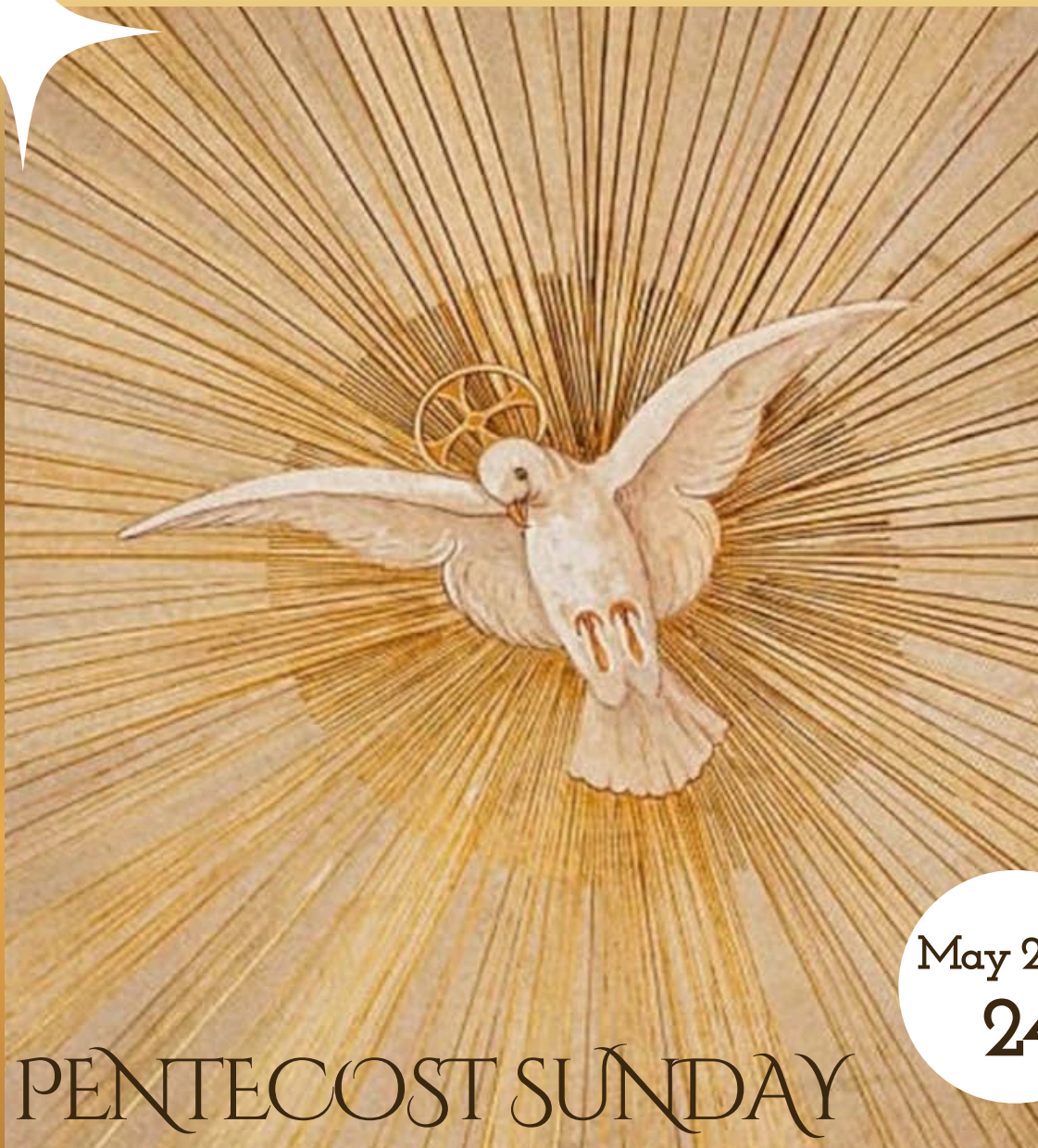


Mother Church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha

Where our mission is to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

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May 2026

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PENTECOST 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



JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN, "PEACE BE WITH YOU. AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU." AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE BREATHED ON THEM AND SAID TO THEM, "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.



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Pentecost: What & Why?

Pentecost is a Christian celebration that commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus Christ: **And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting (Acts 2:2).** And "tongues as of fire" came to rest on each of them (Acts 2:3). The apostles began speaking in various languages, proclaiming the gospel to Jews of every nation, who gathered in Jerusalem for the feast.

Additionally, this miraculous event marked the beginning of the apostles' public ministry, and thus the beginning of the Church's "making disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:18-20).

For Catholics, Pentecost Sunday is not merely a historical commemoration. It's a great liturgical celebration, memorializing the day on which Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to inaugurate and ignite the Church's public mission: **"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8).**

Furthermore, Pentecost marks the day the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to act boldly in Jesus' name.

Liturgically, it also concludes the Easter season. During Pentecost Mass, the Church celebrates with rich substance and symbolism. For example, when the sacrament of confirmation is conferred, it strengthens today's disciples in the present day to bear faithful witness. Additionally, priests wear red vestments to recall the tongues of fire that rested on the apostles. Moreover, the Church prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be poured out once again. In some Catholic traditions, rose petals even fall from the ceiling to represent the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Masses and Intentions

Saturday	May 23	
7:30 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
5:30 pm	Teddy Swagerty +	Fr. Hunke
Sunday	May 24	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Margaret Morin + (B)	Fr. Sokpo
Monday	May 25 Memorial Day	
9:00 am	Dan Speicher	
Tuesday	May 26	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
Wednesday	May 27	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Thursday	May 28 (note time change)	
7:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	
Friday	May 29	
11:15 am	Ray Swiercek +	
Saturday	May 30	
7:30 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
5:30 pm	Art and Millie Gorup +	Fr. Hans
Sunday	May 31	
8:30 am	James Medlin +	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans



Thank You to Dr. Rubis Bauer

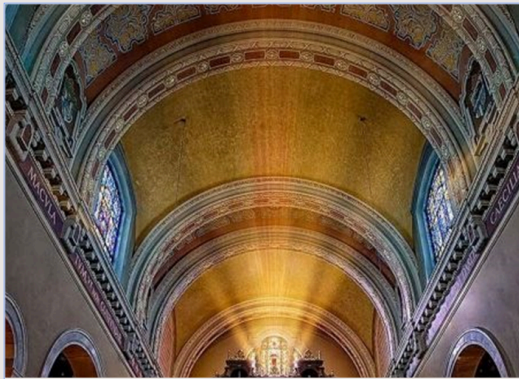
On Sunday, **May 24**, at 6:00 pm you are invited to a **concert** at St. Cecilia Cathedral celebrating the music ministry of Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer. She will be completing her time as Archdiocesan Director of Music and Cathedral Organist at St. Cecilia in June of this year. She began as Cathedral Organist in 2003 with the inauguration of the Martin Pasi, Opus 14 dual temperament organ. Come share music and friendship with one another and with Marie. There will be a **reception** following the concert at the Cathedral Cultural Center.



Intentional Giving

Offertory: May 12
 Weekly Goal \$21,568
 Actual \$20,941
 Difference \$(627)

Revised Offertory Goal
 for FY 2025-26 \$1,100,000
 Year-to-Date (July-June)
 Actual \$811,890



Sacramental Celebrations

Wedding

This weekend we celebrate
the wedding of

Sam Heimerman & Gabrielle Leiferman.

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

Baptism

This weekend we celebrate
the baptism of

Margot Kathleen Lacy.

May she continually grow
in the love and grace of Christ.



Campus Events

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
Wednesday	May 27	
6:30 pm	Finance Council Meeting	PCCR
Thursday	May 28	
10:00 am	Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary Ordination	NAVE
Friday	May 29	
7:00 pm	Transitional Deacon Ordination	NAVE

MISSION



Ordinations at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Seminarian **Caleb Kosch** will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on **May 29**. He was in formation at Saint John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

Rev. Mr. Michael Figura will be ordained to the Priesthood on **June 6**. Seminarian Michael Figura was ordained a transitional deacon at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome in 2025. Deacon Figura has Omaha roots, growing up in St. Stephen the Martyr Parish, attending V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School and living at the St. John Paul II Newman Center, before discerning the priesthood. He studied at St. John Vianney Seminary and graduated from St. Thomas University, both in St. Paul, Minnesota, before continuing his studies at the Pontifical North American College. **He will join us at Saint Cecilia for the summer months.**



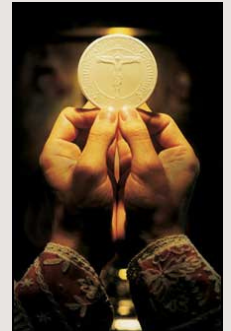
Seminarian **Thomas Matya** is scheduled for ordination to the transitional diaconate in Rome this fall.

Be sure to join us as we pray for these men.

Mission of Priests

The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of His Divine Majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls.

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori



Priest Titles and Responsibilities

The title of Pastor, which is Latin for "shepherd," is given to a priest to whom a parish has been entrusted. It belongs to the Pastor to, teach, sanctify, and govern the parishioners entrusted to his care as he seeks to lead them to heaven. He does this under the authority of the Bishop and, sometimes, with the assistance of other priests. The office of teaching includes work in Catholic schools, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, answering questions about the faith, etc.

The office of sanctifying includes the administration of the Sacraments, as well as praying for the parishioners and helping them to pray. The office of governing includes the temporal affairs of the parish (insurance, payroll, physical plant, keeping the parish archive and Sacramental records, etc.).

A priest whose task it is to assist a pastor is called **Associate Pastor**, who becomes, in a certain sense, the voice of the pastor. "As co-workers with the pastor and sharers in his solicitude, they are to offer service in the pastoral ministry by common counsel and effort with the pastor and under his authority."

The title of **Rector** is given to a priest to whom the care of a particular sacred building is entrusted, such as a Shrine or a Cathedral.

The title of **Pastor Emeritus** is given to a priest who has retired and who still resides within the boundary of the last parish of which he served as the pastor.

More than serving to establish a ranking among priests, these different titles help to describe the sacred tasks entrusted to individual priests so that the work of the Church is more fruitfully carried out.

Become a Parishioner!

Our parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. We minister to people throughout the Omaha area and beyond. As a Roman Catholic parish, our mission is to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ. The Cathedral parish consists of over 960 households. The heart of Saint Cecilia is the people. Every person in this parish is invited to become a part of the life of our parish through ministries, activities, and committees. We encounter Jesus!

If you are interested in making Saint Cecilia Cathedral your parish home, contact Sheila Graham at the Cathedral Administration Office sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org or 402-551-2313 to start your registration process. We are happy to have you!!

Then consider how YOU fit in and participate in the life of your parish!



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



Monday, May 25, 9:00 am
Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Memorial Day Mass

There will be no 11:15 am Mass that day.

Plaza Project

John Wees, Plaza Development Officer

A quarter million here, a quarter million there, pretty soon you're talking real money. In late 2024, we had a generous anonymous donor pledge of \$250,000 in matching donations for any St. Cecilia parish member who pledged or donated \$1000 or more to the Complete the Vision plaza project. The idea was to spur members of our parish family to make a more significant donation than they may have done without such a challenge match. I am delighted to announce that we have now received \$253,363 in those donations, and this week we received a check for \$250,000 from that donor couple to fulfill that challenge pledge. We thank them and all our donors for their commitment to making St. Cecilia Cathedral a welcoming and evangelical place for everyone.

Also, we have commenced a fundraising initiative to generate support for the project from parishes outside of our own. All pastors in the Archdiocese have been asked to make a commitment to take action in their parishes to fund the Plaza. We have already had nearly a quarter million dollars targeted to be raised from those parishes, and we're just getting started. Stay tuned to this space for more news about the Plaza!

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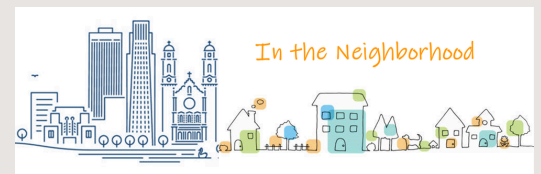


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Arch O Young Adults

PUBS Pick-up Bible Study

PUBS is an event held about every other Thursday at Christ the King Catholic Church. The event consists of a brief time of introductions, followed by breaking into small groups to pray with the following Sunday's Mass readings. The evening concludes with night prayer. No commitment necessary! Learn more: archyoungadults.org/events



Duchesne Partnership

We are happy to offer our soccer field for the Duchesne students to use for their practices this summer while construction is being done on their campus. Be sure to welcome them.

Learn About the Catholic Faith

Do you have a **friend who is interested** in learning about the Catholic faith and possibly even becoming Catholic? **Are you interested** in joining or returning to the Catholic Church, or just learning more about the Catholic faith? Consider joining our preparation and instruction for those interested in the Catholic Church, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). St. Cecilia Cathedral and St. Margaret Mary currently have a joint program. If you or a friend is interested, please contact Bob Miller, theking537@gmail.com, 402-616-9892, or Fr. Hans, jjhans@archomaha.org, 402-51-2313.

VALUES

Faith Testimonies from OCIA Members

Jordan Novotny - received Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil

I am choosing to enter the Catholic Church as an important step in both my personal faith journey and my family life. My husband is Catholic, and our two sons have been baptized in the Catholic faith, which has inspired me to join them fully and strengthen our unity as a family. I have grown closer to Jesus and continue to deepen my relationship with Him in a meaningful way. I am especially drawn to the rich traditions, teachings, and sense of continuity within the Catholic Church, which provide guidance, structure, and a strong spiritual foundation for my life.

David Root - received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil

My journey towards faith has been a long one. For the better part of three decades, I was skeptical of faith, not knowing what I believed or what my place in the world was. I have a great love of learning and eventually my curiosity led me to read about the Catholic faith. My baptism is only the beginning of a life of constant learning about that which truly matters - our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his Body here on Earth.

Caitlin Johnson - received Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil

I grew up Presbyterian and was deeply involved in my church, while also being exposed to Catholicism through my father and his family. After marrying my husband in the Catholic Church and raising our children in Catholic school, I felt called to become a stronger role model for them and better answer their questions about faith. I finally took the step to join OCIA, encouraged by my cousin Jordan, who shared this journey with me. Together, we deepened our faith.

Kimber Burt - received Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil

My husband and I started OCIA last fall after both growing up in the Christian faith but feeling called to go deeper. Through the process, we came to appreciate the structure, consistency, and truth we've found in the Catholic Church. OCIA taught us so much and had a real impact on our lives and our marriage, bringing us closer to Jesus. We came in with different levels of knowledge, but we both grew in meaningful ways. We especially appreciated the sense of community, which makes us excited to be part of the Catholic community here as we raise our kids in the Church.

Me Reh - received Confirmation at Easter Vigil

My faith journey deepened during a difficult time in my life. I work as a truck driver, carrying heavy loads over long distances. One day, while driving, a powerful wind pushed my truck off balance, damaging both the vehicle and everything inside. It could have ended much worse, but I walked away with only minor bruises on my neck. In that moment, I felt something beyond luck. It truly felt like a miracle. That experience made me reflect on my life and believe that I was being protected. Since then, my faith has grown stronger, and inspired or led me to get closer to God.

Ben Nollette - received Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Easter Vigil

I was born in Alliance, Nebraska and raised Presbyterian for my childhood but was always curious about the faith of my father's side of the family. I didn't get the chance to participate in my family's cultural history until I was encouraged by my girlfriend, who was raised Catholic. As a commitment to becoming a good boyfriend and one day husband, and for guidance in my career as a carpenter, I chose St. Joseph to be my patron saint.

Find HOPE at
Saint Cecilia
Cathedral!



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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