

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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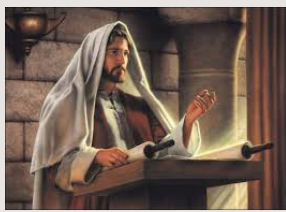
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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

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

May 2026

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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."



The Holy Trinity

The Catholic Church teaches that the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith. Where does the word "Trinity" come from? It comes from the Latin word "trinitas," which means "three" or "triad." When was the word first used? The first surviving use of the term was about 170 AD by Theophilus of Antioch, who wrote: "In like manner also the three days which were before the luminaries are types of the Trinity, of God, and His Word, and His wisdom. And the fourth is the type of man, who needs light, that so there may be God, the Word, wisdom, man."

What is the Trinity? The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

How can the Trinity be proved? The Trinity can only be proved through the divine revelation that Jesus brought us. It cannot be proved by natural reason or from the Old Testament alone. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "God has left some traces of His trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but His inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries"

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Masses and Intentions

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
Monday	June 1	
11:15 am	Chastity Martin + (A)	
Tuesday	June 2	
11:15 am	Janet Shada + (A)	
Wednesday	June 3	
11:15 am	Marie & Peter Larson +	
Thursday	June 4	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Friday	June 5	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
Saturday	June 6	
7:30 am	Christine Worthing +	
5:30 pm	Ed Warin +	Fr. Sokpo
Sunday	June 7	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Morin-Medlin family	Fr. Sokpo

Consecration to the Sacred Heart

As the United States of America commemorates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the USSCB joins this celebration by lifting up the contributions of Catholics and the impact of our faith on the history of this country. In a historic moment, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on **June 11** and invite all parishes to join in this consecration.

Saint Cecilia Cathedral will participate in this national consecration:

Daily Mass Prayers

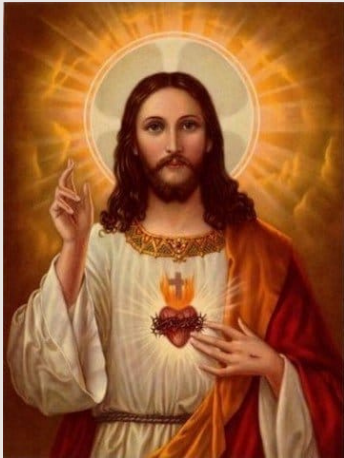
250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy

Novena June 3-11 (Emails will be sent; brochures are on the church entry tables.)

Day of Consecration: 11:15 am Mass; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Eucharistic procession; 6:00 pm Mass.

Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

You know the longings of our hearts, and You desire that we enjoy friendship with You. From Your pierced side, You have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with You. We celebrate the abundant gifts You have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed. May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Mission & Ministry

Knights of Columbus

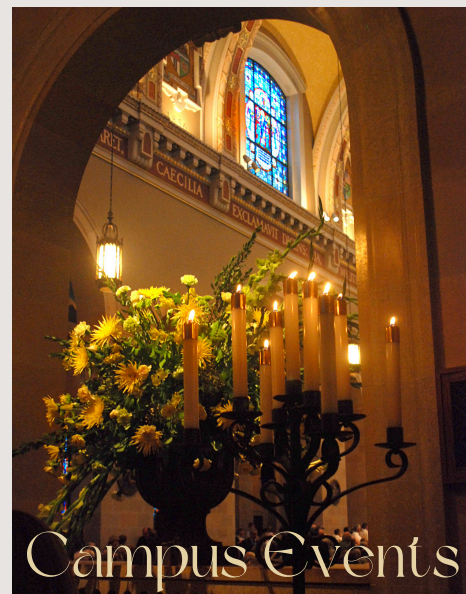
Meeting Topics: June 2

- Fr. Flanagan League
- Sisters Appreciation Luncheon
- Meals for the Homeless
- Parish Breakfast
- One Rose One Life Collection
- Guiding Grace Partnership
- White Elephant Sale Help
- LAC Renovation
- Sienna Francis House

Parish Council

Meeting Topics: June 3

- Welcome to New Council Member
- Policies for Events in the Parish Center
- Welcoming Event for New Parishioners
- Visit Your Cathedral Project
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Election of Officers



Campus Events

Tuesday	June 2	
7:30 pm	Knights Member Meeting	LAC
Thursday	June 4	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
Saturday	June 6	
10:00 am	Priesthood Ordination	NAVE
Noon	Ordination Reception	CAFE

MISSION

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.

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

Saint Cecilia Childcare

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.

LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME . . .



FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE.



JOIN THE SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL FAMILY!

Learn more: STCECILIA.NET

HOW TO DISCARD A SACRAMENTAL (THE RIGHT WAY)

Many Catholics have asked this question at some point:
What do I do with a blessed item when it is old, broken, or no longer usable?

A rosary snaps. A scapular wears out. A crucifix breaks.
A medal fades.

The Church has two traditional, reverent ways:

1. BURNING FOR ITEMS THAT CAN BURN

- ✓ Rosaries (cord or wood)
- ✓ Scapulars
- ✓ Prayer cards
- ✓ Palm leaves

- ✓ Burn reverently
- ✓ Ashes should be buried

BURYING FOR MOST SACRAMENTALS

- ✓ Broken rosaries
- ✓ Crucifixes
- ✓ Medals
- ✓ Statues

- ✓ Bury directly in the ground
Preferably in a respectful place

Do not throw • Do not treat like ordinary waste

RETURN TO GOD WITH REVERENCE

What has been blessed should never be discarded carelessly . . . but returned to God with reverence.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Archdiocese of Omaha Safe Environment mission is to ensure all children/youth and vulnerable adults will experience a welcoming, safe, and caring environment that allows them to embrace their faith and engage in healthy relationships. Our Safe Environment program is in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. These efforts include Safe Environment Adult Certification (training, background check, code of conduct) for all who have contact with children/youth, Circle of Grace yearly training for children and youth, Safe Environment Coordinators in parishes/ schools and ongoing parish/school audits.

Our goal is to provide a strong safety net for our children/youth and vulnerable adults by having all those who are safe environment certified be our "eyes and ears" to protect them.

All teachers, coaches, staff, and volunteers who have contact with children through Saint Cecilia Cathedral must be certified. Please contact Sheila Graham at the Cathedral Administration Office for information: 402-551-2313 or sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org.

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



Development Notes

Theresa Lehn, Development Director
Spring Appeal Update

The bulletin went to print early due to Memorial Day. As of May 22, we are at 13% of our goal participation rate for our Nebraska Day of Giving/Spring Appeal.

Though participation is the goal, please know that the funds raised will go towards unexpected repairs, like the sinkhole. The funds ultimately will help balance the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30.

We will run this Spring Appeal through the weekend of June 6/7. Please consider contributing any amount and help raise the participation rate. You may give online (stceciliacathedral.org/support-the-cathedral), through the QR code below or the envelopes supplied on the tables at the church entrances.



IN YOUR NEED . . .



If you or a loved one needs
anointing or last rites by a priest . . .

WE ARE HERE!

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Stop by or call us 402-551-2313

Summer at Saint Cecilia

Being With God in Summertime by Barbara Padolina
For many of us, summer is a time for rest and enjoyment, leisure, and easing up on the rushed pace of work and everyday life. Downtime, however, does not mean packing up God into a storage bin, as we would winter coats and boots, tucked away in the basement. Our lives are not compartmentalized, with segments of how we are when in church, when at work, when with friends, and when at home. There is one life we each have - this life is God-given. Put more succinctly - it is our Father God Who has given each of us our lives. Why would we shut Him out - our own Father? Any time and all the time are good "times" to be with our Father. Summertime presents a wonderful opportunity for precisely this. God is not a hindrance or bother during this season marked by opportunities for rest and relaxation. Rather, it is a chance to know Him better, deepen our faith, and rest in the warmth of His Love. How, you might ask? **Here are some summertime activities for connecting with God at Saint Cecilia:**

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| Eucharistic Adoration | CAP Art Walks |
| Daily Masses | Cathedral Tours |
| First Friday Masses | Personal Prayer in the Church |
| Baptisms & Weddings | Knights of Columbus Meetings |
| Karenni Masses | Catholic Daughters Meetings |
| Parish Breakfasts | St. Vincent de Paul Outreach |
| Class Reunions | VENI Holy Hour & Gatherings |

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VISION

VALUES



Keep Me Catholic

Have you had a discussion with your parents/children about their/your wishes to stay involved in the Catholic Church as life changes and moves toward death and hopefully Heaven?

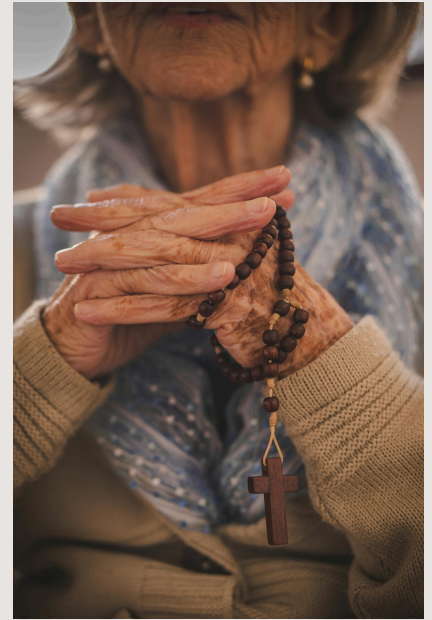
Once you are not able to easily attend Mass or receive the sacraments, you become reliant on others to keep that part of your life going. **You will not want to have your relationship with God end as a result of your life changes.**

Think about who can/will assist you in this when you need it. Be sure that those who are entrusted with your end-of-life (or changed life) care know your wishes. This may or may not be easy in your family. Writing down what you want to do or have help doing and talking frequently and openly about your needs and wishes is the best way.

In our culture, it can be very difficult to meet the needs of the elderly whom we love and care for. Even more challenging is meeting the spiritual needs of the Catholic elderly when children don't know or understand what their parents desire.

Some things to consider having a plan for: making sure an assisted living arrangement is at a place that is either Catholic or has a way for you to receive sacraments; having your tithing set up to continue at this stage; naming your parish in your will.

We will share some ways to tell your family "Keep Me Catholic"!



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.

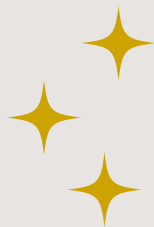
3900 Webster St, Omaha NE 68131 | cathedralartsproject.org | 402-551-4888

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

Support Local Pro Life Organization: Guiding Grace

Our mission is to dismantle barriers that keep families in poverty, homelessness, addiction, and instability, so parents can choose a healthy future and build long-term stability. We believe families thrive when they have consistent support, a clear path forward, and people who remain beside them when life becomes difficult. Our work is not a one-time service. It is a long-term commitment to lasting change. Donations/volunteers needed. Serve Once: Make an immediate impact through one-time opportunities. Join a monthly Giving Day to help create a welcoming, organized experience for families, or provide a Wednesday dinner to support families as they gather for classes and community. guidinggracenetwork.org.

Saint Cecilia Parish Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters support the mission of Guiding Grace.



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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