

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



June 2026

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## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



EVERYONE WHO ACKNOWLEDGES  
ME BEFORE OTHERS  
I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE  
MY HEAVENLY FATHER.



## God, Our Father

By calling God "Father", the language of faith indicates two main things: that God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority; and that He is at the same time goodness and loving care for all His children. God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood, which emphasizes God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. The language of faith thus draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. But this experience also tells us that human parents are fallible and can disfigure the face of fatherhood and motherhood. We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: He is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although He is their origin and standard: no one is father as God is Father.

~ Fr. John Bartunek, LC

God the Father does resemble our earthly fathers in certain ways: He protects us, provides for us, leads us, and fixes things. God's fatherhood goes far beyond the "dad stereotypes" we find in popular culture, and it is quite unfair to our heavenly Father to let our perceptions of earthly fatherhood (good or bad) limit or taint His identity as our Father. The heart of God reaches far beyond our traditional notions of manhood and masculinity, yet there is something very special and perhaps even necessary about the children of God relating to Him as Father. That's why Jesus taught us to call God "Father" in the Lord's prayer and why Christ gave men the gift of priesthood, so they might reflect God's divine Fatherhood in this world.

~Nick Bernard

## Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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## Masses and Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 20</b>	
7:30 am	Rita Bastian +	
5:30 pm	Richard Wright +	Fr. Sokpo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 21</b>	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Rose Cutshall + (WA)	Fr. Sokpo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 22</b>	
11:15 am	Mick & Marge Shannon (WA)	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 23</b>	
11:15 am	Ray Swiercek +	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 24</b>	
11:15 am	Loretta Albrecht +	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 25</b>	
11:15 am	Mattin Minh Nguyen	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 26</b>	
11:15 am	Br. William Woeger +	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 27</b>	
7:30 am	Ray Swiercek +	
5:30 pm	Anna Vaccaro +	Fr. Hans
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 28</b>	
8:30 am	Cynthia Morin +	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans



## Catholic Family life at Saint Cecilia Parish

**Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish is truly a family community due, in no small part, to families like yours.**

We welcome you and your children into this holy home where our mission is to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.

At and in the Cathedral there are many ways for families to see the beauty, learn the truth, and feel the joy of Christ.

Our **priests** engage with parents and children as part of their ministry here. They are so happy to meet you and your children, hear your stories, and celebrate the Catholic milestones and sacraments with you.

Our **school and faith formation teachers** are eager to help you and your children learn about the Catholic faith and experience the goodness of God through their lessons and activities.

Our **parishioners** are excited to see our parish membership grow with the inclusion of your family. What joy they feel as they watch you lovingly attend to your children at Mass and pass on your devotion to God.

Our **parish and school volunteers** provide activities and events on campus for our families and children that foster a sense of family and fun as part of life in the parish.

Our **staff** are dedicated to making Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish a place that grows as you grow, that thrives as you thrive, that provides you with the love of God as you do so with your children.



### PICKUP KICKBALL

Please join us for a fun night of parish kickball! All ages and experience levels invited.

Saturday, June 27th  
Open lot southeast of Child Care Center  
7:00 p.m. (following 5:30 p.m. Mass)

#### Fun for Everyone

Join us for this fun time for parishioners to get together. Kids and adults are invited to play or cheer each other on.



## Campus Events

<b>Saturday</b> 2:00 pm	<b>June 20</b> Wedding: Gino Coppola & Anna Wooldrik	NAVE
<b>Sunday</b> 11:30 am	<b>June 21</b> Baptism: Vivienne Levine	NAVE
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:30 pm	<b>June 24</b> Finance Council Meeting	PCCR
<b>Thursday</b> Noon	<b>June 25</b> Eucharistic Adoration	NAVE
<b>Saturday</b> 2:00 pm	<b>June 27</b> Wedding: Molly Grewe & Ryan Gelinas	NAVE
<b>Sunday</b> 11:30 am Noon	<b>June 28</b> Baptism: Dean & Reese Andrews Catholic Daughters Meeting	NAVE PCCR

# MISSION

## We Pray for Each Other

Peggy Thompson, Ted S, Annelies Anderson, Tyler Anthofer, Gary McChesney, John Halley, David Doyle, Celia Rasico, Richard Johnson, Patrick McIntosh, Rod Jewell, 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, Vic Smith, Jeannie Lucke, Brad Poeckes, Rena Odens, Paige Franzluebbbers, Carol Sperry-Vaughan, 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, Makayla Abney, Nancy Ruiz Guzman, 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, Maurine Shepherd, Wallace family, Graham family, Allen family, Jasper, Maureen Allen, Noah Gingrich, Jan Farha, Henry B, Kevin Jackson, Hitosis family, Mary B, Terri Hennig, Jim Martin, Jaime Olbertz, 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.



### 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 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](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.

### Saint Cecilia Parish

Saint Cecilia parish is the home, heart, and foundation of the Omaha Archdiocese. This is a unique parish. Our parish consists of over 960 registered households. 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.

# Parish Membership

## A Series Looking at Purpose, Benefits, Responsibilities

Practicing Catholics in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church and the Vatican are welcome to numerous entitlements. These privileges range from celebrating sacraments to having a priest or lay council intervene on their behalf during circumstances like annulment procedures. They are entitled to receive sacramental privileges, however. They can be baptized, receive the sacrament of reconciliation and Eucharist, be confirmed, get married, profess religious vows, and receive Extreme Unction if they are terminally ill or injured. To take advantage of these sacraments, people should be registered at a parish.



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The benefits of church membership have already been alluded to above, but it goes much deeper. Yes, Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd, but part of the way that He is good is that He provides "under-shepherds" - church leaders - to care for the very souls that He has redeemed. And in fact, He will call those under-shepherds to give an account for how they shepherded each and every soul. But this doesn't happen for a person apart from the church. Not even for the regular attender who has yet to make a formal commitment to a specific body of believers. God has built in "soul-care" for every believer - through church membership. Many Catholics also find that they enjoy better fellowship with other Catholics when they register at Catholic churches. They have the opportunity to make friends, volunteer, attend special functions like lectures and potluck dinners, and enjoy other benefits.

If you are interested in making St. Cecilia Cathedral your parish home, contact Sheila Graham at the Cathedral Administration Office 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!

## Catholic Daughters

Meeting Topics: June 28

- Election and Installation of new officers
- Report and Discussion on host planning for All City CDA Sunday October 18
- Plan schedule/activities for upcoming year

## Family Honored

The June Knights of Columbus Family of the Month is **Craig & Cathy Lyons**.



## Server Training

Any faith formation or school student who is a parishioner, has been baptized, and finished 5th - 8th grade or older is invited to a training to become an altar server for our weekend Masses.

**Wednesday, July 8**, in the church 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
(at least 1 parent should attend too)

We will have a picnic meal at 5:30 pm provided by our Catholic Daughters before the training session.

We ask our **current servers** to attend the picnic and get a refresher training.

Please contact Sheila Graham if your child/children are going to attend: 402-551-2313  
sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org

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Sacramental Celebrations

## Wedding

This weekend we celebrate the wedding of **Gino Coppola & Anna Wooldrik**.

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

## Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of **Vivienne Levine**.

May she grow in the love and grace of Christ.



# Keep Me Catholic

Here are some things to discuss and request from those who are or will be caring for you.

**How your parish can help you. How you as a parishioner can help others.** Parish clergy and parishioners are essential visitors to help elderly members stay connected. So what can the Church – the people of God – do to tend to its older members? Pay attention to them, because what matters to them is how they are made to feel. Do they feel ignored? Do they feel welcomed? Do they feel abandoned? Do they feel uncomfortable going to Mass because they use a walker? Are there spiritual enrichment programs they can attend with the help of ride? Helping the elderly stay connected to their Catholic faith involves ensuring access to sacraments, facilitating transportation to Mass, and providing community through your parish. Key efforts include arranging home visits from priests for sacraments and blessings, having someone help them view televised or online Masses, finding people who can offer rides to Mass, social events, or faith support groups, provide counseling services aimed at helping seniors navigate life's challenges.

Whether dealing with grief, family dynamics, or health issues, having access to compassionate counsel rooted in faith can promote healing and encourage deeper spiritual exploration. Knowing that they are not alone in their struggles fosters a sense of comfort.



## VALUES

### Development Notes

2026 Spring Appeal Update

Though you will not be hearing much more from us concerning our Spring Appeal, we are happy to accept gifts to the appeal through the end of the fiscal year. We will only update the results from now on.

The goal was to have 1/3 of the households in the parish participate. We achieved 20% of our goal. We received checks, dollar bills and coins, sometimes anonymously. One envelope had \$10 worth of dimes in it; it was an unexpected and entertaining way to receive a welcome gift in the middle of a workday!

You can still help us approach our goal. Thank you to everyone who joined in, who gave what they could, who gave generously, who gave just to participate. We do more together!

### Intentional Giving

**Offertory: June 7**

Weekly Goal \$21,568

Actual \$16,176

Difference (\$5,392)

Revised Offertory Goal  
for FY 2025-26

\$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June)

Actual \$860,245

### 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.

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

## 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](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 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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