

Mother Church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha

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# SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC



June 2026  
28

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

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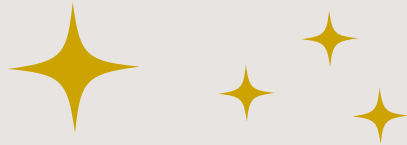
Weekend Holy Mass: Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am & 5:30 pm vigil Saturday



WHOEVER RECEIVES A RIGHTEOUS  
MAN BECAUSE HE IS A RIGHTEOUS  
MAN WILL RECEIVE A RIGHTEOUS  
MAN'S REWARD.



Independence Day Mass 9:00 am  
Saint Cecilia Cathedral



## Catholic View of Patriotism

The Catholic Church has always taught that to be a good Christian one must also be a good and loyal citizen to one's country.

Pope Leo XIII, in his Encyclical Sapientiae Christianae, explained that patriotism is a matter of justice because it is a moral obligation of God's Natural Law: The natural law enjoins us to love devotedly and to defend the country in which we had birth and in which we were reared, so that every good citizen hesitates not to face death for his native land.

Patriotism is a fundamental principle that knits human society together: This loyalty—this patriotism—this love of country—involves a triple affection. It embraces an affection for familiar places, an affection for familiar persons, and an affection for familiar ideas. One's 'country' connotes all of these: the land itself, the persons on it, and the traditions associated with it.

One's 'native land' . . . is a link between generations, between families and friends, between common experience of the past and that of the present and future... **Patriotism is not merely passive loyalty to country. It is active love of country.** But true patriotism, like any true love, is cherished in humility, not in pride. ~Catholic Organization for Peace

## Saint Cecilia Cathedral Spiritual Leadership

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## Masses and Intentions

<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	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Cynthia Morin +	Fr. Sokpo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 29</b>	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 30</b>	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 1</b>	
11:15 am	Ray Swiercek +	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 2</b>	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 3</b>	
11:15 am	Howard Schutte +	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 4 Note the time change</b>	
9:00 am	Deacon John Zak +	
5:30 pm	Barbara Heikel + (B)	Fr. Figura
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 5</b>	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Morin-Medlin family	Fr. Figura

# Welcome to Saint Cecilia Cathedral

## Fr. Andy Phan

We welcome Fr. Phan to Saint Cecilia as our new associate pastor. He comes to us from his assignment as senior associate pastor at St. Patrick Parish, Elkhorn. Prior to that he served as the associate pastor at All Saints Parish, Cedar County, Holy Family Parish, Cedar County, and St. Andrew Parish, Bloomfield.



## Fr. Michael Figura

Fr. Figura was ordained to the Priesthood here on June 6. He has been assigned to Cathedral for July and August, assisting with Mass, the celebration of the sacraments, and sick visits. "While I will be with you only for a short while, I'm really looking forward to the summer. Know of my prayers and please keep me in yours!"





## CATHEDRALFEST



### SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

(NEW) ARTWORK, JEWELRY, RE-GIFTS, WINE, FANCY GLASSWARE, GIFT CARDS & THEMED GIFT BASKETS  
 DROP OFF AT THE CATHEDRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, SCHOOL, OR THE CLEMENS HOME.  
 CONTACT MARY CLEMENS  
 402-651-6206 / MARYCLARE7@GMAIL.COM



## CATHEDRALFEST



### GAME BOOTH CAPTAINS NEEDED

COORDINATE ONE OF OUR GAME BOOTHS FOR SUNDAY:  
 SETUP, WORK GAME NOON-6 PM, CLEANUP  
 CONTACT JEAN BATENHORST-SMITH  
 402-516-4210 / JSJBBSASKSSS@AOL.COM



## Campus Events

<b>Saturday</b> 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>June 27</b> Wedding: Molly Grewe and Ryan Gelinas Kickball Family Fun Event	NAVE CAMPUS
<b>Sunday</b> 11:30 am Noon	<b>June 28</b> Baptism: Dean & Reese Andrews Catholic Daughters Meeting	NAVE PCCR
<b>Thursday</b> Noon	<b>July 2</b> Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 am	<b>July 4</b> Independence Day Mass	OLNC
<b>Sunday</b> 11:30 am	<b>July 5</b> Baptism: Grace Foster and Sade Sutton	NAVE

# MISSION



## Summer Projects

Our School's Activities Booster Club is taking on some exciting (well, needed) projects this summer. According to ABC president Tony Vaccaro, "We have completed the closet renovation project in the grade school, so we were looking for the next space that needed attention and we chose the **stage and gym floors**. Money was raised from our usual fundraising efforts in concession stand sales during volleyball and basketball games, as well as the Cathedral basketball tournament and spring plant sale. The cost will be about \$8000 for a full sand and refinish of the stage (\$5000) along with a buff and seal on the gym floor (\$3000). Work will be done by Egan Supply Company. Teachers volunteered in cleaning the stage area and clearing out things that needed to be tossed Members from ABC assisted with the removal and re-installing of stage padding and curtains for the workers. I think it has been 30 years since the stage has been refinished."



## Prayer for Priests

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, look tenderly upon your sons, our priests.

## Saint Cecilia Cathedral Parish Apostolate

SaintSaint 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.

### Admission Process

To complete the admission process for St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School, parents must complete the following:

- Parents of students in Grades 1 - 8 must schedule a tour with Mrs. Stoffel by completing the form on our website.
- The following documents must be on file in the school office: original birth certificate, original baptismal certificate (if Catholic), up-to-date health and immunization records.
- If transferring from another school, a copy of all student records must be sent to St. Cecilia prior to full acceptance



# Parish Membership

## A Series Looking at Purpose, Benefits, Responsibilities

The responsibilities of church membership are important as well, and again there are many things that we note during our membership process. All the responsibilities of church membership can be summed up: "In loving obedience, do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of this church, promising to seek the peace, purity, and prosperity of this congregation as long as you are a member of it?" It is this mutual commitment between members that forms the foundation for a strong church body. And it is to this biblical calling that all Christians are beckoned to upon conversion.



Many people balk in determining how much they can donate to their parish. Most parishes ask that people tithe at least five, if not 10, percent of their income. The tithes help pay the parish's utility bills and the salaries of people who work there. The Church, for its part, requires pastors to have a founded hope and trust that those seeking the sacraments are practicing Catholics in good standing and open to growth.

The same is true when parents present their children for the sacraments. Pastors are to have a founded hope that the children will be raised in the Catholic faith. We, therefore, invite you to become an active member of our church and establish a nourishing home parish.

## Become a Parishioner

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!

## Intentional Giving

**Offertory: June 14**

Weekly Goal \$21,568

Actual \$14,720 Difference (\$6,848)

Revised Offertory Goal

for FY 2025-26 \$1,100,000

Year-to-Date (July-June)

Actual (\$61,950)



Sacramental Celebrations

## Wedding

This weekend we celebrate the wedding of **Ryan Gelinas & Molly Grewe.**

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

## Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of **Dean & Reese Andrews.**

May they grow in the love and grace of Christ.



## Finance Council

May Meeting Topics Covered

- Reviewed the 2025-2026 YTD Financial Position
- Reviewed the 2026-2027 Budget
- Interviewed Two Strategic Planning Consultants

## Parish Council

Thank you to our outgoing members:

**Sara Kleinsasser, Mary Hoggatt, Jeff Hoffman, and Jeff Hinrichs.**

## Student Honors

Skutt Catholic High School

Semester 2 Honor Roll:

Saint Cecilia Grade School

graduate student:

Academic Honor Roll:

**Patrick McGuire**



VISION



# VALUES



## 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 pm until 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](mailto:sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org)

**CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE AT  
SAINT CECILIA PARISH**  
WE ARE A FAMILY COMMUNITY  
BECAUSE OF FAMILIES  
LIKE YOURS!



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

### Teaching the Catholic Faith at Saint Cecilia

Saint Cecilia Grade School

Faith Formation Program

Pre-Marriage Ministry

Baptism Preparation Classes

Bible Study

Adoration (Children are Welcome)

Opportunities to Attend Major Celebrations  
with the Archbishop

Brochures for Children

Brochures for Catholic Parents

Brochures for Catholic Families

Bulletin articles on Catholic Parenting

Catholic Coloring Pictures for Children

## Plaza Project

Here's a quick update on the progress of the Cathedral Plaza Project.

**Support from across the Archdiocese of Omaha:** We have reached out to parishes throughout the Archdiocese to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be a "Cathedral Builder." Pastors are adopting a wide range of actions to help raise funds for their Mother Church. Some are making announcements and sharing information about the plaza in bulletins and email announcements; other Pastors have committed to specific activities with targeted donors, and have committed to raising as much as \$150,000 from their own parishioners in support of the Plaza. We thank these Pastors and their congregations for their support!

**Br. William Woeger is still having an impact on Saint Cecilia!** On May 23, we held a fundraising event, "A Place for Everyone" to honor his contributions and leadership, and to raise funds for the Plaza. Through underwriting for the event costs, sponsorships, a silent auction, and by "Raising the Paddle," we grossed over \$105,000! Thank you to all who donated, attended, and especially volunteered to make the event successful.

Finally, by the time you read this, the final elements of the **accessibility ramp**, our safety railings and handrails, will be installed. We will schedule a blessing and dedication event for the ramp soon to celebrate the completion of Phase I of the project!

## 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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