

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

JULY 2026
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INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

701 N 40th Street, Omaha NE 68131 | StCeciliaCathedral.org
Weekend Holy Mass: Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am & 5:30 pm vigil Saturday

Mother Church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha

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

CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS

A Catholic devotion is a path to explore, maintain and advance in the Catholic faith. It is a way to encounter God through prayer. You can explore diverse types of Catholic devotions such as adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication to learn about the treasures of our Catholic faith. Praying a Catholic devotion is a great way, especially for children, to learn the importance of prayer in nurturing our faith. In prayer, you can be inspired by the Holy Spirit through ancient practices and gain a stronger relationship with God, just as the saints before us have done.

PRAYER & DEVOTIONS AT CATHEDRAL

Daily Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
Rosary Prayed Before Mass
First Friday Devotion
Mass on First Saturday
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
VENI Holy Hour
Stations of the Cross
Praying for Our Ministers/Ministries



EXPECT to see Jesus in your life.

INVITE Jesus into your life.

PARTICIPATE in Jesus' plan for your life.



NEW BROCHURE FOR CHILDREN: GOING TO CONFESSION

We have produced a new brochure for our families with children to help understand the sacrament of Confession. It includes a child's **examination of conscience** to prepare them for confession with such questions as Do I show my love and respect for God? Do I respect my parents, teachers, and others who have the care for me? Do I treat other people fairly and with kindness?

The actual **steps for your child to take** once in the confessional are included from making the Sign of the Cross to returning to the pew to pray their penance. Two Acts of Contrition options are provided for you and your child to select from.

An important part of this brochure is the section with basic **questions and concerns that children often have** about this sacrament. The first is an assurance that "Confession is God's gift to us, not a punishment." Also the recognition that "Sometimes it is hard to tell our sins, or even think about them; but it must be done to make things good with God." An important point we make to the children is "the priest gets a grace from God to not remember anything he hears in confession and is not ever allowed to tell anyone what he has heard." We explain that what they say "is actually just between them and God."

Find this and many other faith items for your children in the racks at the back of the church. **At and in the Cathedral there are many ways for families to see the beauty, learn the truth, and feel the joy of Christ.**

Adoration of the Lord in the Eucharist



You are welcome to join us
in prayer before our Lord
Thursdays Noon to 6 pm
Our Lady of Nebraska
Chapel

PRAYER TIME

We welcome you to join us in Adoration at Saint Cecilia Cathedral. You can stop in for prayer time or you can schedule a regular time of prayer by contacting Brenda Novak at brendaknovak@gmail.com.

MASSSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	July 25 Deacon John Zak + Ed Warin + Fr. Hans
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	July 26 Saint Cecilia Parishioners Helen Vana + Fr. Hans Missionary
Monday 11:15 am	July 27 Paul Duis +
Tuesday 11:15 am	July 28 Rena Odens
Wednesday 11:15 am	July 29 Sharon Matya + (B)
Thursday 11:15 am	July 30 Nick Behrens + (A)
Friday 11:15 am	July 31 Christine Worthing +
Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	August 1 Jeffrey Baron Sr. Duchesne Maxwell +



Sacramental Celebrations

BAPTISM

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of
Emmarie Contreras-Ortiz.
May she grow in the love and grace of Christ.

WEDDING

This weekend we celebrate the wedding of
Gregory Zoul & Maricela Paramo.
May they be a witness of God's love to the world.



SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

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EXPECT



OUR CATHEDRAL PRAYER

Father of holiness and power, we give You thanks and praise through Jesus Christ, Your son.
For You have blessed our parish community, and Your presence makes our church a house of prayer.
May all who gather in faith to listen to Your word and celebrate Your sacraments, experience the presence of Christ.

May our parish community joyfully go forth to love and serve You and to proclaim Christ's name to all those we encounter, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYING IN THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral is open
for 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.



FIND HOPE AT SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

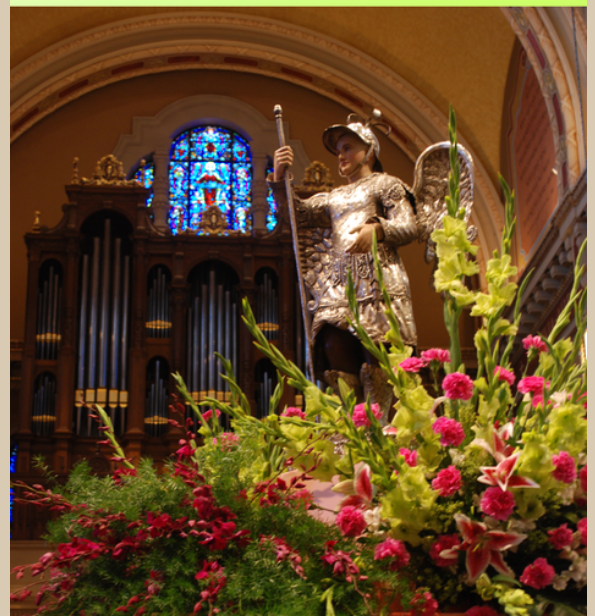
We offer and find HOPE at Saint Cecilia Cathedral:

Holy Mass
Confession
Sacraments and Celebrations
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Dedicated Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers
Teaching the Catholic Faith
Encountering Jesus
Special Devotions and Prayers
End of Life Assistance
Personal Contact with Our Priests
A Community of Faith-Filled People

We address and accomplish this through our MISSION to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.

Like all cathedrals, Saint Cecilia Cathedral is called to be an exemplary model for the whole Diocesan Church of the on-going ministry of Jesus Christ through His people. Just as in the office of the Bishop is found the fullness of Christ's mission of Worship, Word and Service, so too, in the Bishop's Church one should experience the fullness of worship, prophetic preaching and service, all directed toward the sanctification of humanity. It is where the events of the day are reflected upon in the light of the Gospel. **It is a place where all are welcome. It is a sanctuary. The Cathedral is to be a "city set on a hill."**

Find HOPE at
Saint Cecilia
Cathedral!





INVITE



PLAZA PROJECT

Phase II – Restoration – Once you see it, you can't unsee it.

You don't really notice them until you see them. And then you see them all the time. No, not those popular internet memes, those missing chunks of limestone all around St. Cecilia Cathedral.

Bids are out for the primary restoration and repair phase of the Complete the Vision plaza project. Our granite entrance steps will be repaired, reset, and waterproofed. Cracking and spalling limestone façade stones will be repaired or replaced. Several local and regional restoration companies have responded to our Requests for Qualifications and Proposals. Our committee of architectural and construction consultants will be evaluating their proposals over the next few weeks.

We have executed repairs to the spalling limestone façade multiple times over the past few decades. The now 120-year-old iron anchors holding the stones onto the walls of the church are corroding and expanding behind the limestone, and causing the stones to spall, breaking off chunks of limestone. Several of these collected recently are shown below. A recent building conditions assessment has identified approximately 100 locations needing repair around the entire cathedral.

Once a qualified mason is engaged, we expect to see several months of activity, and will need to close off portions of the west entrance at times. We will keep you informed as to when these closures will affect cathedral access.

In the meantime, watch this space for updates, and watch out for falling rocks!



ARCH O YOUNG ADULTS

The mission of Arch O Young Adults is based on the vision of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Monthly Service Opportunities

Join other young adults in works of charity in the Omaha area. Typically, volunteer events are on the last Saturday of the month.

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!

archoyoungadults.org

CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT

Cathedral Cultural Center
3900 Webster St, Omaha NE 68131
cathedralartsproject.org
Call us for Cathedral tours:

402-551-4888

Gift Shop, Gallery,

Museum hours:

Tuesday - Friday

Noon - 4 pm

Saturday - Sunday

11:30 am - 2:30 pm



CAMPUS EVENTS

Saturday 9:30 am 1:00 pm	July 25 Funeral: Danielle Talkington Wedding: Gregory Zoul & Maricela Paramo	OLNC NAVE
Sunday 11:30 am	July 26 Baptism: Emmarie Contreras-Ortiz	NAVE
Tuesday 7:30 pm	July 28 CAP La Folia Concert	NAVE
Thursday Noon	July 30 Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
Friday 3:00 pm	July 31 Wedding: Joe Harmon & Elizabeth Sondag	NAVE
Saturday 2:00 pm	August 1 Wedding: Michael Petranick & Sara Grinbergs	NAVE



SEVEN SISTERS PRAYER GROUP

We are forming a Seven Sisters prayer group for our new associate priest, Fr. Andy Phan. If you would like to join the group and take one day each week to pray one hour for Fr. Andy, please let us know by contacting the Spiritual Life Team through Sheila in the Cathedral Administration Office 402-551-2313 or sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org. We also need 2 more women to join the prayer group for Fr. Georges Sokpo.



FINANCE COUNCIL

This council advises, counsels, and assists the pastor on the overall fiscal operations of the parish. Monitoring expenses and income, establishing a yearly budget and delivering the annual financial report to the parish while encouraging the stewardship way of life are among the duties of this council. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month. Members are appointed by the Pastor.



PARTICIPATE

CATHEDRAL FEATURES

Saint Cecilia Cathedral has a lot of phenomenal features that call the attention of architecture fans everywhere. From the outset, the plaza and front steps of the building draw the viewer into the facility.

Walking into the main entrance of the church, the narthex just inside the doors immediately branches into two unique spaces: On the right is a shrine honoring labor showing Saint Joseph with the boy Jesus, and windows showing the Saints James the Apostle and Joseph. On the left is the Christ the King Shrine and the Saints Richard and Jeremiah windows. Another shrine in the building honors Saint Jude.

The building has an alcove for Saint Anne, mother of the Blessed Mother, and child Mary. There are statues of Mary and Joseph, the Infant of Prague, Virgin of the Corn, Our Lady of Grace, and of the apostles. There are murals of the Blessed Felix De Andreis, Saint Frances Cabrini, Jesuit North American Martyrs, and Saint Philippine Duchesne. Other windows in the church show Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat, Saints Alphonsus Liguori and Ignatius Loyola, Saint Clare, Saints Benedict and Augustine, Saint Euphrasia Pelletier, Saints Francis of Assisi and Columban.

INTENTIONAL GIVING

Offertory: July 12
Weekly Goal \$20,660
Actual \$15,517
Difference (\$5,143)

Offertory Goal
for FY 2026-27
\$1,053,000
Year-to-Date (July-June)
Actual \$36,273



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 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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