

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

AUGUST
2026
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INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC



22ND 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.



EXPECT to see Jesus in your life.

INVITE Jesus into your life.

PARTICIPATE in Jesus' plan for your life.

FOR ALL OF ITS GRAND ARCHITECTURE AND DECORATION AND HISTORY, THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL IS THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITHIN THE CATHOLIC FAITH.



CATHEDRAL FEATURES

Windows

Much of the beauty of the Cathedral can be enjoyed by the play of light from over 50 gem-like stained-glass windows. The windows, with much of the glass imported from England and Scotland, range in art designs from 16th century originals to very contemporary styles

Bishop Windows

Five windows in the Cathedral depict the patron saints of the five prelates who inspired and directed the building of Saint Cecilia Cathedral:

St. James the Greater is in honor of Most Reverend James Ryan.

St. Joseph is in honor of Most Reverend Joseph Rummell.

St. Richard is in honor of Rt. Reverend Richar Scannell.

St. Jeremiah is in honor of Most Reverend Jeremiah Harty.

Saints Gerald and Thomas window is in honor of Most Reverend Gerald Thomas Bergan.

PLAZA PROJECT

You may have noticed that our new, ADA-compliant accessibility ramp, Phase I of our Cathedral Plaza Project, briefly had the temporary handrails removed and a guard rail installed only to be replaced by the temporary railings again. Unfortunately, during the installation of the permanent guard rails, damage was done to the stone. The extent of this damage was a problem, and there were some aesthetic issues with the guard rail itself, so it was removed.

To remedy this situation, our team of consultants and architects has met with the general contractor and the railing manufacturer to review potential solutions to these issues. We are in the process of selecting the course of action that will get our beautiful guard rails installed and best meet the high standards required for our historic cathedral.

Thank you for your patience and prayers. We will keep you updated as things progress.



MASSSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday August 29
7:30 am Gary McChesney
5:30 pm Leo & Marlene Wilwerding + Fr. Figura

Sunday August 30
8:30 am Peter Palmesano + Fr. Figura
10:30 am Saint Cecilia Parishioners Fr. Hans

Monday August 31
11:15 am Dale Widhalm +

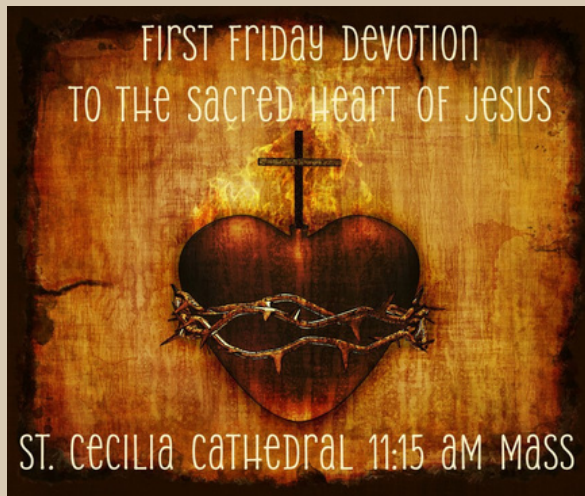
Tuesday September 1
11:15 am Richard (Dick) Mitchell +

Wednesday September 2
11:15 am Don Wall

Thursday September 3
11:15 am Ray Swiercek +

Friday September 4
11:15 am Fr. Jack Denning

Saturday September 5
7:30 am Jeffrey Baron



Join us Friday, September 4.

FIRST FRIDAYS DEVOTION

First Fridays devotion is a practice of honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month. It's part of a broader devotion to the Sacred Heart, which has been a significant part of Catholic spirituality for centuries. The devotion itself comes with a promise made by Jesus Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the late 17th century. Jesus revealed to St. Margaret Mary the immense love He has for humanity, especially through His Sacred Heart. He promised that those who make a sincere effort to honor His Sacred Heart, particularly through the First Friday devotion, will experience special graces and spiritual benefits. This devotion to the Sacred Heart has been fully approved by the Catholic Church, and Christ gave a 'Great Promise' of final repentance to those who faithfully practice the First Fridays Devotion.



Sacramental Celebrations

WEDDING

This weekend we celebrate
the wedding of

Mauricio Hernandez & Alexis Robles.

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

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Most Rev. Michael McGovern, Archbishop

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EXPECT



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration for our Grades 1-8/Confirmation Faith Formation Program will be **Thursday, September 17**, at 6:30 pm in the school. Cost is \$50 per student. Classes will begin **Thursday, September 24**, at 6:30 in the school. For more information, please contact Kija Meduna, program director, at kmeduna@stceciliacathedral.org.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Circle of Grace is the children's safety curriculum of the Archdiocese of Omaha. It serves the dual purpose of prevention/safety education and informing children and youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others. Through Circle of Grace, adults assist children and youth in recognizing that each of us lives within a Circle of Grace that holds our very essence in body, mind, heart, soul and sexuality. Children and youth are taught to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual boundaries; recognize when boundary violations are about to occur; and demonstrate how to take action when boundaries are threatened or violated. Circle of Grace is clinically sound and grounded in the Catholic tradition. Its strong parent component means parents can actively participate in their children's education and formation.

All of our school and faith formation children at Saint Cecilia Cathedral go through this program every year.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

O God our Father, You promised "I will appoint shepherds for My sheep who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble: an none shall be missing." (Jer. 23:4-5). Hear the prayers of Your flock. Through the intercession of Your beloved priest, Saint John Vianney, we beg You to call to the sacramental priesthood generous men who will desire nothing more than to serve You in imitation of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

And after You call them, we pray that You sustain the doubtful, console the discouraged, and strengthen the weak as they start the long and demanding preparation for the priesthood.

Mary, Mother of priests, and example of faithful, humble, and joyful acceptance of God's will, help all those who are called to the priesthood to open their ears and hearts to the gentle call of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OCIA CLASSES

Are you or someone you know interested in exploring the Catholic faith, receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist), or returning to full communion with the Church? Our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) sessions begin on **Monday, September 14**, at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. For details or to register, contact the St. Margaret Mary parish office at 402-551-2313 or use the QR code.





INVITE



PARISH APOSTOLATE SAINT CECILIA GRADE SCHOOL

Principal: Jessie Stoffel
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At St. Cecilia Cathedral Grade School we provide a faith-based education for your child and are committed to fostering a Christian learning environment and proclaiming and modeling faith, worship, service and prayer. As an apostolate of St. Cecilia Cathedral Parish, it is our pleasure to help your child grow in and outside of the classroom both spiritually and intellectually. Join us!

Our Mission

Teach and live the Catholic Faith within
a nurturing, family-like community
Teach reverence for life and respect for all
Foster each student's full academic potential

DEVELOPMENT NOTES

Students are back in classes, youth sports have started on the court and field, CathedralFest preparations are in full swing, Cathedral Arts Project has started its season...though many of our ministries, councils and the child care center kept to their regular schedule, this campus is hopping now!

As many of us settle into a groove, I want to direct our attention to our apostolate, the school. The school brings activity and unabashed laughter (and the sound of recorders) to campus. In so many ways, it helps build community and form future adult parishioners.

To keep the school strong, and to meet the rising costs of everything, we raised school tuition. This action and higher enrollment put us on better footing.

What is the actual cost to educate each student? There are 300 students this year and taking into consideration teacher salaries, utilities, maintenance and service contracts, we find that it costs \$7,522 a year to educate one student. In-parish tuition is \$4,300 per student making the gap \$3,222. The gap between in-parish tuition and the cost to educate a student is approximately 43% and is subsidized by funds raised by Comedy & Cuisine, the Education Endowment and the parish.

When you donate to our Bridge the Gap fund (QR code), it offsets the cost of educating each student, nurtures the growth of our outstanding Catholic education and enriches academic programs, all while strengthening and celebrating our shared Catholic faith. We do this together.



WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

A missional community is a stable eucharistic group of disciples of Jesus, under the leadership of a pastor, formed within the community to accept the great commission of Jesus and equipped by the Holy Spirit to witness the Gospel to their neighbors. We work to make the Saint Cecilia Cathedral community a missional community through our liturgies, ministries, apostolates, and the faith formation of all of our members. There is a parish ministry or activity where your time and talents will make a difference. Consider how YOU fit in and participate in the life of our community in these ways!

INTENTIONAL GIVING

Offertory: August 16
Weekly Goal \$20,660
Actual \$43,556
Difference \$22,896

Offertory Goal
for FY 2026-27
\$1,053,660
Year-to-Date (July-June)
Actual \$142,140



CAMPUS EVENTS

Saturday 2:00 pm	August 29 Wedding: Mauricio Hernandez & Alexis Robles	NAVE
Tuesday 7:30 pm	September 1 Knights Member Meeting	LAC
Wednesday 7:00 pm	September 2 Parish Council Meeting	RDR
Thursday Noon	September 3 Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
Friday 11:15 am	September 4 First Friday Mass	OLNC



PARTICIPATE



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL
BLESSING OF THE animals
SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL FRONT STEPS

PLAN TO PARTICIPATE

CathedralFest is our annual three-day parish festival, alumni homecoming, and community event. Every year hundreds of parishioners, alumni, school and childcare families, neighbors, and friends gather to celebrate with us. This is also an important fundraiser. Watch for volunteer opportunities!!



FRIDAY FUN!



CHEFS NEEDED FOR THIS NEW EVENT:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, AT 6:00 PM. ADULT NIGHT:

FLAVORS AROUND THE WORLD,

a CELEBRATION OF THE RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY

THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY SO SPECIAL.

CONTACT US TO BE PART OF THIS EVENT

BY ADDING TO THE TABLE!

ERIN PETERS eebmeier2@gmail.com



CathedralFest raffle 2026

DRAWING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 6:00 PM

GRAND PRIZE: \$2,000 TWO 2ND PRIZES OF \$100 each

SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5 PER CHANCE. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.



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 8:15 am and 5:00 pm (vigil)
Holy Days 6:30 am, Noon, and 5:30 pm
Confession Monday - Friday 7:00 - 7:20 am
Saturday 7:30 - 8:05 am, 3:30 - 4:30 pm



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