

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

AUGUST
2026
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INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC



19TH 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.

MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
 for He has looked with favor
 on His lowly servant.
 From this day all generations
 will call me blessed:
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is His Name.
 He has mercy on those who fear him
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of His arm,
 He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich He has sent away empty.
 He has come to the help of His servant Israel
 for He remembered His promise of mercy,
 the promise He made to our fathers,
 to Abraham and his children forever.



EXPECT to see Jesus in your life.

INVITE Jesus into your life.

PARTICIPATE in Jesus' plan for your life.

CATHEDRAL FEATURES

Eucharistic Imagery in the Cathedral

In Saint Cecilia Cathedral, we are blessed to be surrounded by images of faith with many themes. These items present our Lord Jesus Christ through beautiful artwork rich with symbolism.

The Altar Rail

Pelican - Mural

Pange Lingua - Singing Window

Eucharistic Congress - Commemorative Shield

St. Clare of Assisi - Window

Sangre de Cristo - Painting

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne - Painting

Tabernacle - Center of the High Altar

John the Apostle - Altar Statue

Te Deum - Singing Window

Bishop Miege, SJ, - Commemorative Shield

The Virgin Immaculata - Painting

St. Dominic Savio - Window

St. Clare of Assisi - Altar Screen

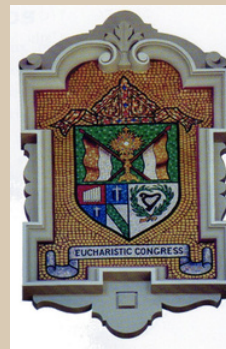
Priesthood - Windows

Faith, Hope, and Charity - Window

Coronation of the Virgin - Painting

Our Lady of Lourdes - Window

The Altar Medallion of the Blessed Sacrament Host



MASSSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	August 8 Marie & Peter Larson + Ed Warin +	Fr. Figura
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	August 9 Saint Cecilia Parishioners Helen Vana +	Fr. Hans Fr. Figura
Monday 11:15 am	August 10 Meredith Bacon +	
Tuesday 11:15 am	August 11 Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
Wednesday 11:15 am	August 12 William Scanlin +	
Thursday 11:15 am	August 13 Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Friday 11:15 am	August 14 Marie & Peter Larson +	
Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	August 15 Ray Swiercek + Christine Worthing +	Fr. Hans
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	August 16 Marie Larson + Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Figura Fr. Hans

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for your interest in Saint Cecilia Cathedral. Look around. It is a teaching space about our Catholic Faith. It is an experience of grace and glory. It is a stunning portrayal of the love of God. It is also a home to many people. Consider joining us.

One of the things that draws people into Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the beauty and grandeur of the building itself. Visitors are drawn to the towers on the hill and the amazing architecture; those gathered for liturgies or Archdiocesan events are engulfed within in the beauty of the religious symbols, art, and sculpture. These elements tell the story of our faith, and the history of Catholics in Nebraska. This lure of beauty, when earnestly engaged, leads us to the truth of our faith. And yet, the truth remains that there is nothing more beautiful than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that happen here every day.

Guests come for the beauty; they stay for the truth.

THIS is Cathedral.



Classic.

Catholic.

CHRIST-CENTERED.

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EXPECT



WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE LITTLE KIDS TO MASS

Going to Mass with your kids isn't always the easiest thing to do. Prying the children away from their Sunday morning play is often a 30-minute affair, one where the race to put shoes on children's feet functions as a replacement for any planned weekend cardio.

Once one walks through the doors of the church, the work is not over. The youngest children will want to take regular pilgrimages around the church building instead of remaining trapped in a pew. There will be violence among the children, since kids intuitively know that any quiet space is improved through piercing cries of toddler tantrums.

Even devout parents occasionally wonder to themselves, "What am I doing? Why do I endure this circus from week to week?" In the midst of the current scandals of the Church, I'm sure many parents have thought to themselves at least once or twice, "Will I really be missed?"

The answer is yes. At each Catholic Mass, the priest prays a Eucharistic Prayer. Many of us know that during this prayer, the bread and wine become Christ's body and blood. Jesus Christ becomes sacramentally present among us, feeding us with the fullness of love.

But the Eucharistic Prayer does more than this. During the prayer, the Church and all her members are offered to God. The priest, and thus the entire People of God, pray, "Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice which you yourself have provided for your Church, and grant in your loving kindness to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory" (Eucharistic Prayer IV).

In our celebration of the Mass, men and women in the parish become one body in Christ. We become the communion of love that is made present in the Eucharist, the love of Christ uniting us together. And having become this communion of love, having become the Church, we offer ourselves back to the Father.

Skipping Mass therefore is not just about breaking an obligation. Instead, the Church suffers when her absent members, the sons and daughters of the living God, are not present to offer the sacrifice of their lives for the redemption of the world.

Going to Mass is thus not reducible to an experience of being alone with Jesus. It's not a time for our private spiritual needs to be met. Instead, it is the time when the Church, in all of her messiness, remembers her deepest identity – she is made for love unto the end.

For all those families who have a hard time getting out the door, who have to endure screaming and kicking from tired kids, the Church needs you. The sacrifice of praise, of your very lives that you offer by bringing your kids and yourself to Mass, has a sanctifying effect in the world.

After you leave Mass, having offered yourself in love to the triune God, you go home. You go home to live out in your family, in your neighbor, and in your job the vocation you receive weekly at Mass – to become a sacrifice of love.

<https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/why-you-should-take-little-kids-to-mass/>



INVITE



QUIET TIME WITH GOD

The primary goal of a quiet time is to build an intimate relationship with God rather than just going through the motions of faith. It provides an opportunity to hear from God, pour out your heart, seek comfort, ask for guidance, and find peace.

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.

EXPERIENCE CATHEDRAL

Encountering Jesus:

What makes Saint Cecilia
a place that involves
all parishioners and visitors
in the mission of Jesus?

We offer a continual sacrifice
of thanks and praise to God.

We speak and witness to the Word of God.

We call forth the gifts of our parish
community in the service of others.

Consider how YOU can fit in and participate
in the life of our community in these ways!

Walk through the huge bronze doors
of the Cathedral

to a sacred space of worship.

Meet with our Cathedral priests and staff
who are dedicated to their faith.

Shop the gift shop and
view the history of Cathedral
in our unique and beautiful museum.

Tour the school and childcare center
to see the growing faith
of our Cathedral children.

We are an exemplary parish community
filled with eloquent and excited disciples
who live and share the mercy and love of Jesus!!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: AUGUST 2026

1 year

Jake Ashby

Isel Becerra

Matthew and Madeleine Gromowsky

Marcus Ingold and Sydney Leo

Dah Meh and Klaw Louispeh

Luka Per Reh and Luseya Reh

Melissa Pruss

Maria Santiago-Garcia

Patricia Sweeney

Zac Triemert and Jenny Jessen

Juan and Yaramy Vasquez

5 years

Brett and Kelly Detlefsen

Garret and Alexa Fosmer

John and Molly Kerkman

Elizabeth Schroeder

David SuReh and Catherine Neh Meh

Mary Wallerstedt

10 years

Justin and Mercy Andersson

Helen Grace

Robert Richtig

20 years

Morgan Helton and Erin Grace

25 years

Mark Kresl and Peggy Thompson

Kenneth and Jan Schnack



BECOME A PARISHIONER

If you are interested in making Saint
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!!



CAMPUS EVENTS

Sunday 9:15 am	August 9 Parish Breakfast	CAFE
Tuesday 7:00 pm	August 11 Board of Education Meeting	SCHOOL
Thursday Noon	August 13 Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
Friday 8:00 am 7:30 pm	August 14 St. Wenceslaus Staff Retreat VENI Holy Hour & Social	PCDR NAVE
Saturday 6:30 pm	August 15 CHS Class of 1976 Reunion	PCDR
Sunday 11:30 am Noon	August 16 Baptism: Jozlin Jacobo Catholic Daughters Meeting	NAVE PCCR

PARTICIPATE

HOLY DAY MASS

This **Saturday, August 15**, is solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

As it falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is dispensed with. All the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on this day but are not obliged.



JUST JOKING!

Who is the patron saint of copying emails?
St. Francis of a CC!!!!!!!

INTENTIONAL GIVING

Offertory: July 26
Weekly Goal \$20,660
Actual \$16,412
Difference (\$4,248)

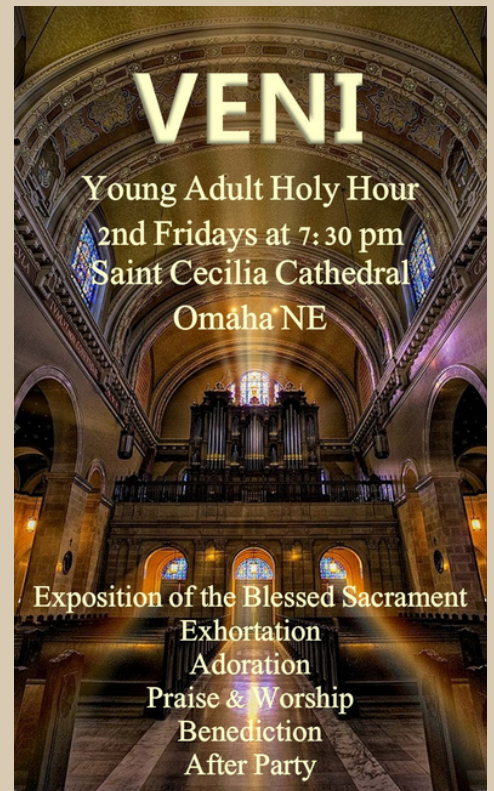
Offertory Goal for FY 2026-27
\$1,053,660
Year-to-Date (July-June)
Actual \$71,623



PARISH BREAKFAST

Join us at our Parish breakfast this **Sunday** in the Cathedral Cafeteria in the Msgr. Graham Building from 9:15 am to Noon. Enjoy delicious food prepared and served by our Knights of Columbus.

We will have a fun activity for our kids at the breakfast so be sure to bring the whole family.



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, Wednesday, Friday 6:30 am and 8:15 am
Tuesday and Thursday 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 - 8:00 am, 3:30 - 4:30 pm



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