

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

SEPTEMBER
2026
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INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC



26TH 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.

HAVE MERCY

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself." - the closing prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

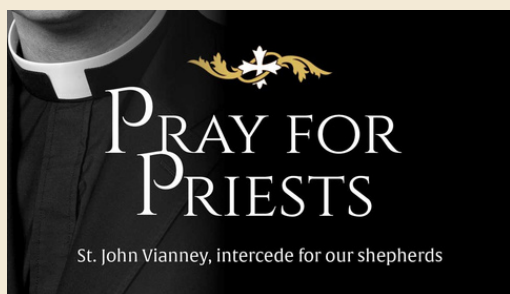
Mercy is the unmerited, unwarranted love which is poured out regardless of whether or not it is accepted. This love is perfected and continuously given to humanity through God, who is love. All of salvation history is the story of God showering mercy on humanity even in the face of rejection, and showing that there are no limits to the mercy offered—to the point of sending His only begotten Son to die on the cross for us. This mercy which is "endless" and "inexhaustible", as St. Faustina describes, invites us to not only receive the fullness of it, but to allow mercy to overflow out of us and into others. When we receive God's mercy, the only response we can have is to share it with others, and this is done through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.



WE LIVE JESUS' MERCY

TODAY IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside in the United States to honor the priesthood and recognize the dedicated service of priests in the Church. It is part of the US Council of Serra International's efforts to foster vocations and show appreciation for clergy.



The Purpose of Priesthood Sunday

- To encourage Catholics to express gratitude for their priests through prayers, letters, parish events, and acts of appreciation.
- To remind the faithful of the gift of the priesthood in the celebration of the Eucharist, the sacraments, and pastoral care.
- To inspire young people to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

What Must We Do for Our Priests?

Our beloved priests are chosen by God to guide souls, offer sacrifice, and serve the Church with love and dedication. In these challenging times, we are called to support them with unwavering faith and devotion.

Offer Holy Mass and Pray the Rosary for Priests — Every Day

The Holy Eucharist and the Rosary are the most powerful spiritual weapons. By offering them daily for our priests, we strengthen their mission and surround them with divine protection and grace.

Live in Holiness and Humility

Let us stop sinning and choose the narrow path of virtue. By leading a quiet life, rooted in humility, we become living examples of Christ's peace and purity. Our holiness uplifts our priests.

Trust in God's Faithfulness

He who called them will never abandon them. Christ Himself helps them carry their cross. But we are called to help too—through our encouraging words, acts of kindness, and by living a life that inspires hope.

"The priest is called to be a living image of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest."

MASSSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 7:30 am 5:30 pm	September 26 Maria Lanh Nguyen + Joan Mount + Fr. Hans
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	September 27 Kay Davis + Saint Cecilia Parishioners Fr. Sokpo Fr. Hans
Monday 11:15 am	September 28 Jeffrey Baron
Tuesday 11:15 am	September 29 James Laakso +
Wednesday 11:15 am	September 30 Leo Heng +
Thursday 11:15 am	October 1 Maria Lanh Nguyen +
Friday 11:15 am	October 2 Ray Swiercek +

CORNERSTONE MASS

The Cornerstone of the Cathedral was laid in on October 6, 1907, by Bishop Richard Scannell. We remember this each year with a blessing of the cornerstone. The **10:30 Mass next Sunday** will be our cornerstone Mass. We will start outside on the plaza in front of the Cathedral for the blessing and incensation of the cornerstone. Please join us.

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

The liturgy celebrates September 29 as the feast of the three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person.

Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

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EXPECT



INTENTIONAL GIVING

Offertory: September 13

Weekly Goal \$20,660 Actual \$15,564
Difference (\$5,096)

Offertory Goal for FY 2026-27 \$1,053,660

Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual \$195,104

SACRISTANS

We are blessed to have dedicated parishioners who serve as sacristans for our Masses:

John Buda, Jerri DeBolt, Terry Feldman, Geoff Thiele, Sue Wilwerding, Dan Hahn, Mark Kresl, Deb Larson, Therese Safranek, Maria Carlson, Angela Gomez, James Pieper, Sara Williams, Joe Zaborowski, Joe Worthing, Patti Fleming, Mo Belling, Chris Wiehl, and Ron Bailey. Nancy Gonzales is our head sacristan.

Being a sacristan is a very beneficial way to serve your church community, and an active way to participate in Mass. The starting point for all sacristans is a deep love for the Eucharist. Under the general direction of the clergy, the sacristan undertakes the overall preparation for liturgical celebrations.

Specific duties include:

- Preparing the Holy Eucharist for the celebration of the Mass. This includes readying the wine, water and bread and putting them in place before the start of Mass.
- Setting up the altar. Sacristans may also arrange the Lectionary and lector notebooks.
- Assisting the altar servers and other liturgical ministers with directions or questions. Sacristans ensure that all liturgical positions are filled for the Mass.
- Cleaning the holy materials after Mass. The holy containers for the water, body and blood are cleaned and stored in the sacristy.
- Everything is set back in place before sacristans leave the church.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Sunday 11:30 am	September 27 Baptisms: Chet Reed and Ian Niebrugge	NAVE
Thursday Noon 6:30 pm	October 1 Eucharistic Adoration Faith Formation Classes	OLNC SCHOOL
Friday 11:15 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	October 2 First Friday Mass Adoration Holy Hour CathedralFest Events	OLNC OLNC CAMPUS
Saturday 9:00 am	October 3 CathedralFest Events	CAMPUS
Sunday 10:30 am 11:30 am Noon	October 4 Cornerstone Mass Baptism: Mason Schnitker CathedralFest Events	NAVE NAVE CAMPUS

No daily Masses Oct 6 & 7 due to clergy conference.

BAPTISM

This weekend we celebrate the baptisms of **Chet Reed and Ian Niebrugge**.
May they grow in the love and grace of Christ.



SYMPHONY CONCERT

The Omaha Symphony in collaboration with Saint Cecilia Cathedral, proudly presents Symphony Cathedral Baroque: **Handel's Water Music**. Held in the Cathedral. An abundance of music by England's favorite adopted composer, George Frideric Handel, flows throughout this program anchored by selections from all three Water Music suites. In between, thrill to the splendor of St. Cecilia Cathedral's Pasi Organ and the "velvet-toned" baritone Edward Vogel (BBC Music Magazine), performing powerful arias from Agrippina, Jeptha, and Messiah.

Susanna Perry Gilmore: Leader, Artistic Director

Edward Vogel: Pasi Organ

Marie Rubis Bauer: Continuo & Soloist

Saturday, October 10 | 8:00 pm

Sunday, October 11 | 4:00 pm

Buy tickets from the symphony's website or through this code:





INVITE



BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew this year in the Parish Center Conference Room starting at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings beginning **Monday, October 12**, and going for 16 weeks. We will finish each Monday at approximately 8:15 pm. All materials will be furnished for you except a Bible.

All are welcome. Prior study of the Bible is not necessary. We have a very lively group of committed studiers but are going to increase the group size this year.

Anyone with questions feel free to call Michaela Doyle at 402-659-3167 or email to blujuz@cox.net. Knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of God.

PARISH APOSTOLATE SAINT CECILIA GRADE SCHOOL

Jessie Stoffel, Principal

3869 Webster Street Omaha, NE 68131

stcecilia.net | 402-556-665



At Saint 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 School Involves Our Families

St. Cecilia's academic strength is built on strong parent involvement and a dedicated faculty. Our goal is to work with you to provide your child an education of the highest quality and to build a strong foundation for success in high school and beyond. We support you in your duty as the primary educators of your child. We welcome your involvement as an promoter of student success.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Classes for our Grades 1-8/Confirmation Faith Formation Program started on Thursday, September 24, at 6:30 in the school. There is still time to register your children. For more information, please contact Kija Meduna, program coordinator, at kmeduna@stceciliacathedral.org.



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Let Omaha know that pro-life is pro-love, pro-woman, and pro-information! Join in the Life Chain on **Sunday, October 4**, 2:00-3:00 pm. Our parish will be standing on both sides of Dodge between 75th and 82nd Streets. Signs will be available for you.

FUNERAL WORKSHOP

Catholic Cemeteries is hosting a Pre-Planning and Funeral Rites workshop on **Saturday, October 10**, at 10:30 am in our Calvary Cemetery office 7710 W. Center Rd. This workshop will demonstrate how faith, liturgy and practical cemetery planning can assist you in the immediacy of death of a loved one. To register or to receive more information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.





PARTICIPATE

TAKE A CHANCE

Call the Administration Office to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win a \$2000 prize.
402-551-2313

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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 / JSJBBSASKSS@AOL.COM



"SWEET SHOPPE STUFF" NEEDED

WE ASK ALL CATHEDRAL BAKERS TO MAKE SOME "SWEET STUFF" FOR THE "SWEET SHOPPE" FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON. WE WELCOME WRAPPED AND READY-TO-SELL GOODIES SUCH AS COOKIES, BAR COOKIES, BROWNIES, CUPCAKES, PIES, BREADS, CANDIES.

CAKES CAN BE MADE FOR THE CAKE WALK BOOTH.

GOODIES CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE GYM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, BETWEEN 10:00 AND 11:30 AM AND ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, STARTING AT 10:00 AM.

CONTACT MARIA BLAIOTTA OBEIN2002@GMAIL.COM

LET THE FUN BEGIN!



CELEBRATING ALL THINGS CATHEDRAL!

OCT 2 - 4
ON THE
CATHEDRAL CAMPUS



SUPPORT
SAINT CECILIA
CATHEDRAL!!

FRIDAY: PRAY, PLAY, & PARTY KNIGHT

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR LADY OF NEBRASKA CHAPEL 5:00 - 6:00 PM

"FLAVORS AROUND THE WORLD" CELEBRATION OF FOOD 6:00 PM (21+ ONLY)

BEER BREW OFF CONTEST (21+ ONLY)

ENTERTAINMENT 6:30 - 9:30 PM

SATURDAY: RUN DAY/FUN DAY 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

CATHEDRAL COLOR FUN RUN 9:00 AM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:00 - 11:30 AM

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 10:30 AM

HOLY MASS 5:30 PM

SPAGHETTI DINNER 6:30 - 8:00 PM

BEER/POP GARDEN 6:30 - 10:00 PM

STREET DANCE 7:30 - 10:00 PM

SUNDAY: FESTIVAL DAY NOON - 6:00 PM

UNDER THE BIG TOP TENT

FOOD COURT BEER/POP GARDEN WHEEL O' MEAT! (CASH ONLY)

CATHEDRAL CAFETERIA

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

CATHEDRAL GYM

CAKE SPIN SWEET SHOPPE SILENT AUCTION

CATHEDRAL CAMPUS

GAAMES INFLATABLES HISTORIC HOBBY HORSE

RAFFLE DRAWING AT 6:00 PM



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



START THE CATHEDRALFEST WEEKEND

WITH A HOLY HOUR ON FRIDAY

FROM 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

IN OUR LADY OF NEBRASKA CHAPEL.

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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