SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

NOVEMBER
2026
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INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Monday, November 2
11:15 am and 5:30 pm (Requiem Mass)

NOVEMBER DEDICATION

The month of November is dedicated to the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.
The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

-Excerpted from Liturgical Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic

Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies according to the sentence pronounced at each particular judgment. It may be prolonged for centuries in the case of the more guilty souls, or of those who, being excluded from the Catholic communion, are deprived of the suffrages of the Church, although by the divine mercy they have escaped hell. But the end of the world, which will be also the end of time, will close for ever the place of temporary expiation. God will know how to reconcile His justice and His goodness in the purification of the last members of the human race, and to supply by the intensity of the expiatory suffering what may be wanting in duration. But, whereas a favourable sentence at the particular judgment admits of eternal beatitude being suspended and postponed, and leaves the bodies of the elect to the same fate as those of the reprobate; at the universal judgment, every sentence, whether for heaven or for hell, will be absolute, and will be executed immediately and completely.

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Dear St. Cecilia Cathedral family,
As we look back on the past fiscal year, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant faith, generosity, and commitment of our parish community. Our shared mission—to bring all to the beauty, truth and joy of Christ — remains the heartbeat of everything we do. **This annual report is not just a summary of numbers, but a testament to how your stewardship fuels that mission.**

Financially, our final numbers for the past fiscal year show a small operating deficit. This is a significant improvement over last year's numbers. We were greatly helped by large, one-time bequests. We also benefitted from your generous stewardship. Thank you for your faithful support.

This report is also an opportunity to remember all the good things that are going on here at St. Cecilia's that benefit so many and create a great community. All these things would not be possible without the sacrifice, generosity and love of so many people. An incredibly grateful "thank you" to all of you. I look forward to our continued growth as a parish rooted in prayer, service, and sacramental life. I invite each of you to remain engaged, through ministry, prayer, volunteering, participating in our liturgies and events, and your ongoing sacrificial giving. The life of our parish depends upon God's grace and your generosity. May the Lord continue to bless St. Cecilia Cathedral parish abundantly.

Find copies of the report on the church entry tables and our website.

- Fr. Jeremy Hans, pastor

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday	**October 31**	
7:30 am	Yoo family & St. Andrew Kim parish	
5:30 pm	Ted Sabata +	Fr. Phan
Sunday	**November 1**	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Morin-Medlin family	Fr. Sokpo
Monday	**November 2**	
11:15 am	Maria Lanh Nguyen +	
5:30 pm	All Souls Day Mass	
Tuesday	**November 3**	
11:15 am	Gary McChesney +	
Wednesday	**November 4**	
11:15 am	Richard (Dick) Mitchell +	
Thursday	**November 5**	
11:15 am	Jeffrey Baron	
Friday	**November 6**	
11:15 am	Deacon John Zak +	
Saturday	**November 7**	
7:30 am	Marie & Peter Larson +	
5:30 pm	Ed Warin +	Fr. Hans
Sunday	**November 8**	
8:30 am	Hilda and Cyril Schulte	Fr. Sokpo
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans

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FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP



As Catholics, our baptismal commitment to bear public witness to the values of Jesus Christ requires our active participation in political life, keeping in mind the common good. And as Americans, we treasure our right to political participation and also have a civic obligation to vote and participate in public life.

As a Catholic, you have the benefit of the Church's teaching authority or Magisterium endowed upon her by Christ. **The Magisterium assists you and all people of good will in understanding the natural moral law** as it relates to specific issues. As a Catholic, you have the obligation to be correctly informed and normed by the teaching of the Church's Magisterium.

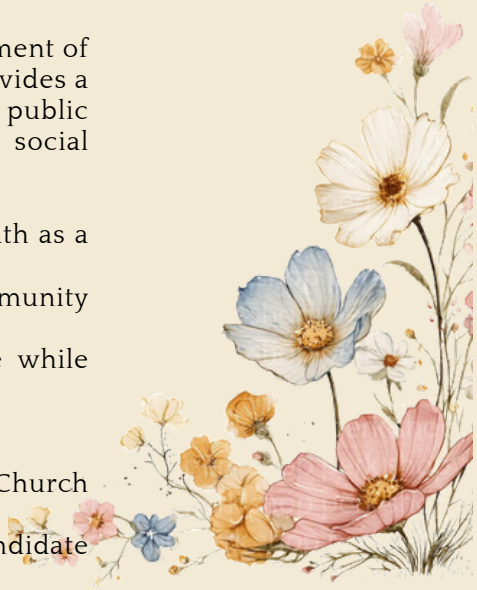
Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is the official teaching document of the U.S. Catholic Bishops on the political responsibility of Catholics. It provides a moral framework to help the faithful form their consciences, engage in public life, and evaluate candidates and policies through the lens of Catholic social teaching rather than partisan politics.

Core Principles

- Human Dignity: Protecting human life from conception to natural death as a foundational requirement.
- The Common Good: Working to ensure that every person and community can thrive.
- Solidarity and Subsidiarity: Standing with the poor and vulnerable while supporting local and community action.
- Civility: Encouraging respectful and constructive public dialogue.

Key Guidance for Voters

- Conscience Formation: Catholics are urged to study Scripture, Church tradition, and moral teachings to shape their political views.
- Prudential Judgment: Voters must weigh various issues and candidate integrity prayerfully when making civic choices.





SAINT CECILIA GRADE SCHOOL

Jessie Stoffel, Principal | stcecilia.net | 402-556-6655



Exciting Reading & Hands On Projects Across the Grades

- PreK–2nd Grade: Students listened to Mr. Fox's Game of No! by David LaRochelle (illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka)—a fun, interactive picture book where readers must answer every single question with "NO" to win. To celebrate their victory, students illustrated their dream "winning" ice cream sundaes!
- 3rd & 4th Grade: Students stepped into mystery with Trouble at the Tangerine by Gillian McDunn. We met 11-year-old Simon Hyde, who is desperate to put down roots after moving 26 times with his digital-nomad parents and secretly plans to keep them at the Tangerine Pines apartments. Inspired by Simon's story, students reflected on what they would pack if they could only bring a single suitcase on a move.
- 5th Grade: Readers sampled the opening chapters of Anne Ursu's 2024 novel Not Quite a Ghost, following 11-year-old Violet as she moves into a creepy Victorian house, falls chronically ill, and suspects something supernatural in her room. Afterward, students created their own mysterious bedroom wallpaper designs.
- 6th Grade: Designers continued building 3D modeling skills using Tinkercad.
- 7th Grade: Researchers are wrapping up their "Dream Destination" projects.
- 8th Grade: Students began gathering research and outline material for their upcoming podcast projects.

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

HURTING & HEALING FROM FAMILY ESTRANGEMENT

Family estrangement is the end or reduction of contact between relatives, and a 2025 survey shows that 38% of U.S. adults are estranged from at least one family member. It can happen with parents, siblings, children, or grandparents. **This is happening at an alarming rate, even within Catholic families who are trying to "follow all the rules" of good parenting, open communication, following their Catholic faith, being supportive of all members of the family.**

Coping and Healing

- Seek support: Support groups help people share their stories without judgment.
- Use therapy: A good counselor helps process grief and decide if repair is safe.
- Evaluate safety: Not every relationship can/should be fixed, but safe spaces may allow for healing.
- **Pray for healing:** Praying for estranged family members brings peace to your heart and lifts broken bonds to God. You can surrender your pain, ask for healing, and seek the intercession of saints who understand family sorrow.

  Prayer to Jesus: "Lord Jesus, Your Heart is the source of all hope and peace. I offer up the pain of my longing for our restored relationship. Soften our hardened hearts, take away our pride, and replace it with Your grace. I surrender my family member into Your most merciful hands. Heal our wounds, Lord, and bring unity according to Your holy will. Amen."

  Intercessory Prayers

  St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine for patience and persistent hope: "Exemplary mother St. Monica, you pursued your son with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for me, that I may remain close in spirit and love to my estranged loved one, trusting in God's perfect timing and mercy. Amen."

  The Holy Family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph): Look to them for comfort when household bonds are fractured. "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, you know the deep sorrows of family life. Watch over my absent loved one, guard them from harm, and gently lead our hearts back toward one another in truth and charity. Amen."

  Daily Petitions

  For humility: "Lord, give me the grace to be an initiator of reconciliation, even when I feel hurt."

  For protection: "Jesus, cover my estranged family members with Your peace. Keep them safe in body and soul."

  For acceptance: "Father, grant me serenity to accept what I cannot change today, and hope for what You can do tomorrow."

INVITE





PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION

We pray for our Faith Formation & School students studying for Confirmation: Holy Spirit, strengthen our students with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ. Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within so that they can count on your guidance today and every day. Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.
Come, Holy Spirit! Come!



Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend we celebrate the wedding of **Adam Claudy & Maria Hruby.**

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

CAMPUS EVENTS

Monday	**November 2**	
11:15 am	All Souls Mass	NAVE
5:30 pm	All Souls Mass	NAVE
6:30 pm	Bible Study	PCCR
Tuesday	**November 3**	
7:30 pm	Knights Member Meeting	LAC
Wednesday	**November 4**	
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	RDR
Thursday	**November 5**	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL
Friday	**November 6**	
11:15 am	First Friday Mass	OLNC
Saturday	**November 7**	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Carl Gaspar & Dakota Girdley	NAVE
Sunday	**November 8**	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	CAFE



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

"I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment."
— Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

Join us for Mass at 11:15 am on November 6.

INTENTIONAL GIVING

Offertory: October 18
Weekly Goal $20,660
Actual $14,250
Difference ($6,410)

Offertory Goal for FY 2026-27
$1,053,660
Year-to-Date (July-June)
Actual $284,547





PARTICIPATE

OFRENDA

Beloved artists and historians, Linda and Jose Garcia have set up a community ofrenda in the North entrance of the Cathedral outside of the Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel for viewing through Monday, November 2.

The ofrenda commemorates the celebration of Día de los Muertos, a traditional Mexican holiday that honors and remembers our loved ones who have died.

This year's ofrenda reflects eleven years of a valued partnership between the Mexican American Historical Society, the Cathedral Arts Project, and St. Cecilia School.





CATHEDRAL CELEBRATIONS

October 2026
Eucharistic Adoration
Parish Breakfast
Finance Council Meeting
Board of Education Meeting
Catholic Daughters Meeting
Knights of Columbus Meeting
Women's Guild Pickleball
VENI Holy Hour & Gathering
Bible Study
Cornerstone Mass & CathedralFest
New Parishioner Gathering
Strategic Planning Meetings
Poetry Reading
Bingo Night
Catholic Daughters Event
Symphony Cathedral Concert
Diaper Drive & Winter Apparel Drive
CHS Class of 1976, CGS Class 1980 & 1986 Reunions
4 Weddings, 2 Baptisms, 3 Funerals
10 New Parishioner Households
Now THAT is Classic Cathedral!

NEWLY JOINED PARISHIONERS

October 2026
Martha Arroyo
Duilio Franco
Aaron Hansen
Mayra Jaimes
Dylan and Veronica Niloff
Elias and Maribel Orozco
James Perll
Marko Jay Reh and Joana Tor Meh
James and Marie Zemula
Dylan Zoucha



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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