SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

NOVEMBER
2026
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INTENTIONALLY CATHOLIC



33RD 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.



CONFIRMATION DAY AT CATHEDRAL

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witness of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. Through Confirmation, our personal relationship with Christ is strengthened. We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy SPirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.

The Holy Spirit bestows **seven gifts--wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord**--to assis us in our mission and witness. The impact of these gives accompanies us in the various stages of our spiritual development.

When we are responsive to the grace of Confirmation and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, we begin to bear the fruits of the Spirit. The tradition of the Church names **twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentlenss, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.**

School Students

Felicity Anderson "St. Perptua & St. Felicity"
Ryan Awoute "St. Philip Neri"
Brenda Aye "St. Rose of Lima"
Armando Gomez "St. Luigi Scrosoppi"
Hailey Hahn "S. Philip Neri"
Pablo Hernandez "St. Michael the Archangel"
Rosemary JueJue "St. Terese of Lisieux"
Remy Kaslon "St. Elizabeth of Hungary"
Henry Kittell "St. Joseph"
Rohan Lawse "St. Francis of Assisi"
Ann Lee "St. Francis of Assisi"
Caitlin Lyons "St. Madeline Sophie Barat"
Sara McChesney "St. Blaise"
Lauren Mlnarik "St. Madeline Sophie Barat"
Catherine Neuman "St. Rose Phillipine Duchesene"
April Pray "St. Maria Goretti"
Ezekiel Studnicka "St. Lawrence"
Gabriel Studnicka "St. Zeno"
Brandon Trejo "St. Ignatius of Loyola"
Nathaniel Watson "St. Michael the Archangel"
Mina Wright "St. Rose of Lima"



Faith Formation Students

Luis Angel Garcia Alvarez "Dymphna"
Tabitha Anderson "Peregrine"
Calistus Apio "Francis of Assisi"
Christopher Cardenas "Ezekiel"
Anleeya Dee "Sebastian"
Edmond Hayes "Peter"
Jackson Klaw "Sebastian"
Sara Ku "Angela Merici"
Kotimo Meh "Therese of Lisieux"
Ngay Meh "Elizabeth of Hungary"
Jaisy Mo "Catherine of Siena"
Jenny Mor "Mary Magdalene"
Daw Mi Ni "Sebastian"
Terra Oo "Agnes"
Ah Pae "Gregory"
Joshua Pettis "John Vianney"
Kay Reh "Sebastian"
Yu Dar Reh "Michael"
Dayvie Vie "John the Apostle"



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MASSES & INTENTIONS

Saturday	**November 14**	
7:30 am	Yoo family & St. Andrew Kim parish	
5:30 pm	Peter Larson +	Archbishop
Sunday	**November 15**	
8:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans
10:30 am	Margaret Morin +	Fr. Sokpo
Monday	**November 16**	
11:15 am	Ray Swiercek +	
Tuesday	**November 17**	
11:15 am	Mary Kay Gerken +	
Wednesday	**November 18**	
11:15 am	Hilda and Cyril Schulte	
Thursday	**November 19**	
11:15 am	Peter Palmesano +	
Friday	**November 20**	
11:15 am	God the Father / Santo Nino	
Saturday	**November 21**	
7:30 am	Delmon (Stu) Myers +	
5:30 pm	Frances Wright +	Fr. Phan
Sunday	**November 22**	
8:30 am	Duane Hannasch +	Fr. Phan
10:30 am	Saint Cecilia Parishioners	Fr. Hans



FROM ARCHBISHOP MCGOVERN

Dear Friends, As we move toward our national celebration of Thanksgiving, I am impressed by the tremendous amount of good works that take place in our area of Nebraska in November. The many food pantries putting food on the table for people in need, the distribution of clothing, the gift of a new winter coat for children, these are but a few examples of the quiet good that is happening in our parishes, schools and charitable organizations.

As your archbishop, I encourage each of us, clergy and lay faithful, to ask our Lord to open our eyes and hearts to those who are in need. In the coming weeks, can we each do something to make life better for a family member, neighbor or stranger who is in distress? Even a small act of kindness such as a phone call to a person who is feeling alone can go a long way in helping one another.

Thanksgiving is a time for expressing our gratitude to God for the blessings we have received. Together let us lift up our grateful hearts to God in prayer and share our blessings with those in need of a caring heart and a helping hand. May our Lord Jesus bless you and your loved ones each day.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Michael McGovern, Archbishop of Omaha

SCHEDULING A MASS INTENTION

Mass intentions may be requested for a deceased or living person, a family, a special occasion for Sundays, most holidays, and weekdays throughout the year. All requests will be honored in the order in which they are received at the Administration Office. You may make your request by calling the office (402-551-2313) , stopping by the office, emailing or mailing it to the coordinator. A Mass can be scheduled for an individual a maximum of once per month.

EXPECT



Catholic Family Life at Saint Cecilia Parish

We are a family community because of families like yours!

CATHOLIC PARENTING OF ADULT CHILDREN

When Your Adult Child Chooses a Different Path (Second in a Series)
(Excerpts from the article by Mark Gray, CARA, and Gregory Popcak, The Peyton Institute)



Research indicates that family life is crucial to creating the next generation of adult Catholic worshippers. **Raising children who happily embrace the Catholic faith as adults is no easy task.** According to research, 85 percent of young people turn away from the Church when they get older. So waht makes the remaining 15 percent stay and find fulfilment with their faith as they age?

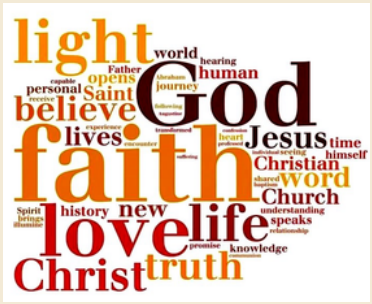
A study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate commissioned by the Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life has identified key traits for successfully raising children committed to being Catholics when they grow up. Not surprisingly, the data shows that **supportive family life plays a crucial role in helping youngsters remain faithful** to the Church as adults.

Research focused on successful families and how they helped their children become fully invested in their faith. Loving parents who demonstrate to their youngsters the importance of prayer and other Catholic rituals within the family were more likely to pass on their belief structure.

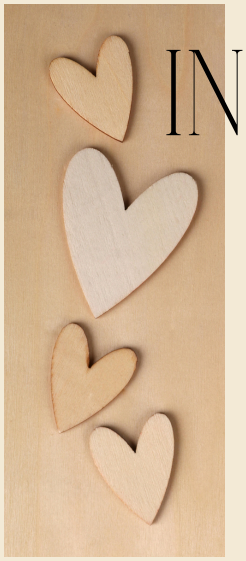
The study identified specific family practices that helped families pass the faith on to their adult children. These included:

- Prioritizing family time and being careful to not let extracurricular activities crowd out family activities and rituals
- Generous, healthy affection between parents and children
- A gentler approach to discipline that focused on teaching good behavior and virtue instead of punishment
- Stron family rituals that enabled the family to regularly work, play, talk, and pray together, often daily
- The rituals included regular Mass attendance and regular family prayer, especially the Rosary
- Teaching good manners in and outside the home
- Parents encouraged children to discuss personal and/or faith struggles freely and openly without fear of receiving lectures or negative judgments
- Families regularly discussed ways to take better care of each other
- Families regularly discussed ways they could care for others, including simple things like being polite to strangers and more involved in things like family service projects, family charitable giving, and hospitality.

Dr. Popcak and Dr. Mark M. Gray have written a special report about the CARA study, entitled "Future Faithful Families Project: Successfully Raising Catholic Children to be Active Catholic Adults." It includes detailed data on how the research was conducted and interpretive analysis of what the information means.



Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of my children. Each one is a gift from You to me. I know that they are Your children whom You have entrusted into my care. Please help me to teach them well, set a good example, and watch out for them as best as I humanly can. I ask You to guide them, protect them, watch over them, and walk beside them in their lives. May You keep them safe from harm-both physical and spiritual. May they grow in faith and love for You and know Your strength inside of themselves. May they turn back to You when they have strayed from You and have an even stronger faith, hope, and trust in You. Thank You for guiding and helping them plan their futures, ones filled with hope and love for You. Thank You for being with them in their struggles, helping, loving, and guiding them. May You help them to keep their belief in You strong and renew a strong belief in You when they turn back to You after times of doubt. May they grow to know, love, serve, and believe more and more in You throughout their lives. Amen.



INVITE



CAMPUS EVENTS

Saturday	**November 14**	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Tommy Stoltenberg & Meredith Pawlowski	NAVE
5:30 pm	Confirmation Mass	NAVE
Sunday	**November 15**	
Noon	Catholic Daughters Meeting	PCCR
12:30 pm	CDA Rosary & Lunch Event	PCCR
Monday	**November 16**	
6:30 pm	Bible Study	PCCR
Thursday	**November 19**	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL

GIVINGTUESDAY

This year, Giving Tuesday is on December 1. Fr. Hans and Theresa Lehn have decided to **direct donations to the new reading curriculum in the school**. Why does the school need a different curriculum right now? Nebraska Legislative Bill 1050 and the updated Nebraska Reading Improvement Act required new material and professional development for it. It requires evidence-based reading instruction, curriculum and materials.

Our principal and teachers chose the company Arts & Letters for their curriculum. It is a rigorous program that builds on learning from year to year; it provides materials from our kindergarten through eighth grade. The students have completed their first quarter with the curriculum, and teachers and parents are seeing a difference already.

After contributions from other funding, the cost of the curriculum is $18,278 a year for three years. Please consider giving to this specific need.

- $20 will provide a unit workbook for a student.
- $50 will provide books for a unit for a student.
- $332 for a teacher's resources and material.

You may scan the QR code to donate or send in a check noting the reading curriculum and Giving Tuesday. Together we will help provide the gift of reading!
Look at our Facebook page and parish communications during these coming weeks for updates from our students on the work they've been doing.

SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

Jessie Stoffel, Principal
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Music Notes

It is officially **Operetta** season! This tradition is a musical theater production that we put on each year and has been going on for over 100 years! This year we will be presenting **Matilda Jr.** All students in grades 3 through 8 are involved in the production. This is an important part of the music curriculum, and we will be working on it during our music class time. Students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to sign up to audition for stage roles or to be considered for stage crew. Thank you for your support in making this tradition a possibility and providing this opportunity for our students.



Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend we celebrate the wedding of **Tommy Stoltenberg and Meredith Pawlowski.** May they be witnesses of God's love to the world.







PARTICIPATE

The Pope's November Prayer Intention:
The proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Serve others through the good use of wealth: transform wealth into service. Wealth has enormous potential: it can either close the heart... or open it. We can choose. It's not about having a lot or a little, but about how we use what we possess and how our heart clings to or lets go of our possessions. At home, at work, in the Church, in society: may your possessions—material or spiritual—be means to serve your brothers and sisters. (Cf. Step 7, The Way of the Heart. Giving and self-giving.)

INTENTIONAL GIVING

Offertory: November 1
Weekly Goal $20,660
Actual $13,095 Difference ($7,565)
Offertory Goal for FY 2026-27 $1,053,660
Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual $310,366

DEVELOPMENT: PARISH STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Renewing your covenant with God: you are invited to generously share your time in prayer, participation in ministry, and generosity to support our parish, Church, and community.

Prayer is the first step toward a life of stewardship. In prayer, we encounter Jesus, grow in our relationship with Him and share Him with those we meet. See the ways that you can "be intentional" about offering your prayers.

Attend weekend Mass / Bring my children to Mass
Pray during our Thursday Eucharistic Adoration
Pray for our staff, teachers, and ministries
Pray at my/our family meals
Read and pray with Scripture
Attend daily Mass
Attend (and bring my children) to confession
Pray for our Archbishop, priests, deacons
Pray the Rosary
Pray for an end to abortion
Pray for vocations
Invite family/friends to join the parish

Participation in the life of our parish is an important way to share your gifts and talents with others. See the ways that you can "be intentional" about offering your participation:

Administration:
Board of Education
Finance Council
Office Volunteer
Parish Pastoral Council

Events & Fund Raisers:
CathedralFest
Comedy & Cuisine
Flower Festival
School Activities

Faith Formation:
Bible Study
Children's Teacher
Eucharistic Adoration
OCIA Team Member

Mass Ministry:
Choir/Music
Eucharistic Minister
Lector
Livestream Camera
Public Safety/Security
Sacristan
Usher/Greeter

Service Organizations:
Catholic Daughters
Flower Guild
Funeral Lunch Team
Knights of Columbus
St. Vincent de Paul
Visit Homebound
Women's Guild

Professional Skills You Have:
Architecture
Communications
Construction/Carpentry
Electrical
Engineering
Finance
Information Services
Landscaping/Gardening
Marketing/Sales
Mechanical/HVAC
Music/Arts
Non-Profit Fundraising
Photography
Plumbing
Security/Safety
Teacher

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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