SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

NOVEMBER
2026
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32ND 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.

DEVELOPMENT NOTES:

REFLECT ON IMPACT MADE

We are in the fourth quarter of the calendar year. This past week we celebrated Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day, making it feel like a mini holiday rush. With an extra hour of sleep from a return to Standard Time, and a lull between sport seasons, let us use this time to start reflecting on this past year.

In the church, in your email inboxes and on the parish website, you will find the Annual Report. This is a look back at our fiscal year and highlights what we have accomplished as a community. The report shows numbers and capital improvements on campus. The photos in the report show parish and school life, sacraments, and celebrations. It reminds us how your support for this parish supports the mission.

The Annual Report represents many things, but it does not show, for example, the planned and spontaneous reunions held at CathedralFest, or the number of happily exhausted children tired out from bouncing and climbing in inflatables. These experiences are also important and happened because people showed up.

The Annual Report does not capture all the assistance our parishioners give beyond the campus. Currently the Knights of Columbus have their Winter Coat Drive, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a Food Drive. When you donate items, you help provide physical relief. These collections help us live the Corporal Works of Mercy.

In big and small ways, what you do matters. When you show up matters. In the next couple of months, not only will we look back, but we will also look forward. Though we have under two months left of 2026, we are only one quarter into our fiscal year. May we make it more than just about the numbers.

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS OF NEBRASKA

FEDERAL TAX CREDIT

We want you to know of an **exciting new way to support our students and our grade school.**

There is a new federal tax credit to fund scholarships called the **Education Freedom Tax Credit**. Using this tax credit, starting January 1, 2027, taxpayers can receive a credit of up to $1,700 (or $3,400 for joint filers) for contributions made to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) that would otherwise have been owed to the government in Federal income taxes. A tax credit reduces the amount of Federal income tax owed dollar-for-dollar (unlike a deduction, which decreases taxable income).

With this tax credit, you can provide tuition relief at our school. Through the primary SGO in Nebraska, Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska, you will be able to designate a significant portion of your contribution to benefit kids who choose the school that matters most to you. Taxpayers cannot, however, designate a specific beneficiary with their contribution.

Visit https://www.nebraskaopportunity.org for more information.

MASSES & INTENTIONS

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
Monday	**November 9**	
11:15 am	Peter Larson +	
Tuesday	**November 10**	
11:15 am	Ray Swiercek + (B)	
Wednesday	**November 11**	
11:15 am	Leo Heng +	
Thursday	**November 12**	
11:15 am	Robert Lippire +	
Friday	**November 13**	
11:15 am	Dr. Rudolf Kotula +	
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

SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Most Rev. Michael McGovern
Archbishop

Rev. Jeremy Hans
Parish Pastor/Cathedral Rector
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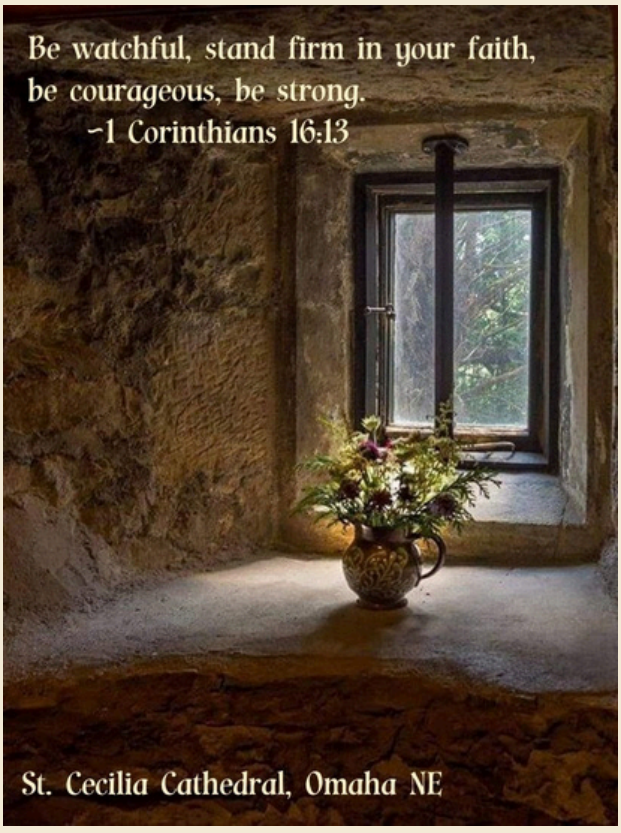
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CATHOLIC RESOURCES

We produce and provide many brochures and cards for our parishioners and visitors to teach about being a Catholic. See them in the brochure racks at the back of each side aisle and take home the adult and child resources for yourself or to share.

Some of the brochures are:

Eucharistic Adoration
How to Make a Holy Hour
Catholic Devotions
Keep Me Catholic
House Blessings
Finding Hope at Cathedral
Planning a Funeral at Saint Cecilia Cathedral
How to Make a Good Confession
Confession for Children
Catholic Family Life at Cathedral
Kids Pray Too: Through Art
Kids Pray Too: Through Music
Kids Pray Too: Rosary for Children
Kids Pray Too: Teaching Kids to Pray

EXPECT



Catholic Family Life at Saint Cecilia Parish

We are a family community because of families like yours!

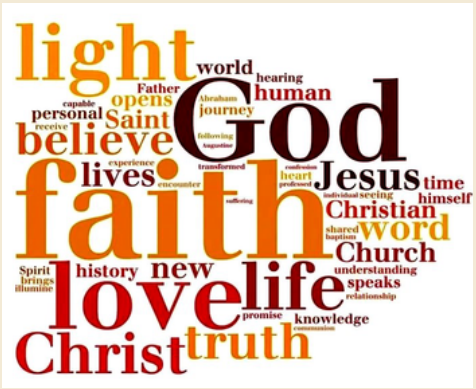
Catholic Parenting of Adult Children

When Your Adult Child Chooses a Different Path (First in a Series)
(Excerpts from the article by Theresa Cotter, St. Anthony Messenger)



Is there anyone more idealistic than the parents of a newborn? We looked at that baby in endless fascination, overcome with awe and with fear: awe at the mystery of life and this creation that we held in our hands and fear of the responsibility for raising this child to adulthood. At some point in this mixture of emotion we promised to that child and to ourselves that we would be perfect--or near perfect--parents. **We were determined to pass on to this child all the values that are most important to us, including our Catholic faith.** Then we believed (that) when our child reached adulthood, our parenting responsibilities would be completed. We would reap our just rewards and, with humble gratitude, receive the honor and adulation of family and friends.

But then, as one parent described it, "Life banged us up against mystery." We learned very soon of our own imperfections and limitations and of the definite personality of our child. Now, instead of the realization of our dreams, we are confronted with crisis.



Despite our efforts and our waiting times of faith, despite years of words and example and prayers, we are in a situation that we never envision. **We are heartbroken. We feel both guilty and betrayed. Our pain is deep.** We struggle with knowing how to respond. How do we sustain a relationship with our child? Or should we? When we parents are confronted with an adult child who decides to go in a different direction, we are often glibly told, "Let go!" But let go of what? The relationship? Dreams? Guild? Love? Embarrassment? The desire to be friends with our child? Anger? Feelings of failure? Disappointment? Our values? Communication? The pain? Our integrity? The memories? Our hopes? Resentment? Everything?

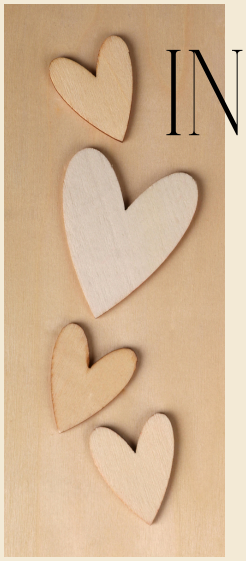
Intellectually, we know that parenting is the vocation of weaning a child to independence--physical, psychological, spiritual. However, there also comes a time when we need to ween ourselves, not only from our desire to control, but also from feelings of responsibility, from guilt and embarrassment, from resentment and anger. We are not to let go of parenting, which has merely shifted into another phase, one as important as all the preceding phases. Our parenting continues through the example of our actions: To our child, we remain the prime example of love, of faith in God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Often we do not let go until we have exhausted all other actions and in absolute desperation cry out, "I surrender! I don't know what else to do. I give my child back to You, God!"

Note from Father Jeremy Hans

This is a topic that is on the hearts of many Catholic parents. We want our children to be happy, health, and have good things. The best thing they can have is a loving relationship with Jesus. When they struggle on that path, that can cause parents great pain and concern. This is the first of a series of articles that addresses the issue of "how do we respond to our adult children not living the faith, or how can we effectively pass this faith on to our children?" In all this, we remember that Jesus loves them, too, even more than we do.

How do we define success in parenting?

Our worth as a person is not dependent upon our child's accomplishments; our identity as a person is not dependent upon our "success" as a parent. We are of value not because of our achievements or those of our child; we are of value because we are God's creatures, created in the image and likeness of God, totally loved by God. All else is secondary!



INVITE



ROSARY EVENT

Women of Saint Cecilia parish: you are invited to attend a special time of charity and unity sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

Sunday, November 15
12:30 pm Parish Center



You may attend the Catholic Daughters meeting from Noon to 12:30 pm to see what we do. At 12:30 pm we will pray the rosary together for pro-life intentions. Following prayer a light lunch will be served allowing us time to get to know each other. Contact Mary Wendl to RSVP and ask questions: marypuella@gmail.com.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Saturday	**November 7**	
2:00 pm	Wedding: Carl Gaspar & Dakota Girdley	NAVE
Sunday	**November 8**	
9:15 am	Parish Breakfast	CAFE
Monday	**November 9**	
6:30 pm	Bible Study	PCCR
Tuesday	**November 10**	
7:00 pm	School Board Meeting	SCHOOL
Thursday	**November 12**	
Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	OLNC
6:30 pm	Faith Formation Classes	SCHOOL
Friday	**November 13**	
7:30 pm	VENI Holy Hour & Social	NAVE
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

USHERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming an usher at our weekend Masses, contact Sheila at the Cathedral Administration Office (402-551-2313).



COMEDY & CUISINE
SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 17, 2027

2027 Comedy & Cuisine Chairs

Zach and Emily Schulz

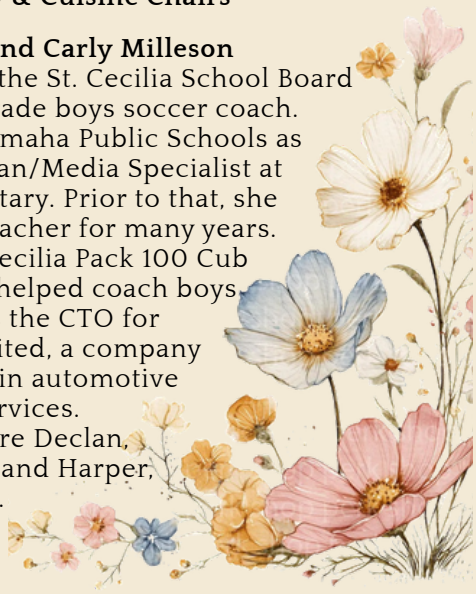
Emily Schulz is a proud St. Cecilia Cathedral School alumna (Class of 1998) and third-generation member of the Cathedral community. Her family has deep roots at Cathedral through the Vipond and Belling families. Emily spent many years teaching in Omaha Public Schools before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Her passion for education and commitment to Cathedral continue through her volunteer efforts, including serving as a room parent, supporting classroom activities, and currently serving as President of the Home and School Association.

Zach is a professional engineer and Department Leader at JEO Consulting Group, where he leads a team focused on water infrastructure engineering. Emily and Zach have three children: Henry is in fourth grade, Daniel is in second grade, and Mary Margaret currently attends preschool at Duchesne and will join her brothers at Cathedral next year.

Zach and Carly Milleson

Carly serves on the St. Cecilia School Board and is the 4th grade boys soccer coach. She works for Omaha Public Schools as a School Librarian/Media Specialist at Dundee Elementary. Prior to that, she was a 3 grade teacher for many years. Zach is the St. Cecilia Pack 100 Cub Master and has helped coach boys basketball. He is the CTO for Chameleon Limited, a company that specializes in automotive software and services.

Their children are Declan, a fourth grader, and Harper, a second grader.







PARTICIPATE

WINTER APPAREL DRIVE

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a drive for adults and children needing winter apparel. The collection bin is in the church north entry.



CONFIRMATION MASS

Our school and faith formation students will be confirmed at the **5:30 pm Mass next Saturday**.
Please pray for our Confirmation students.
We will livestream the Mass.
You can view it on our YouTube channel.
Use the QR code.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP: NOVEMBER 2026

1 year
Kyle Cope
Kyle and Michelle Lacy
Tommy Stoltenberg and Meredith Pawlowski

5 years
Htoo Kpaw
Jimmie and Kristine Pinkham

10 years
John Buda
Bya Reh and Madalayna Meh

20 years
Peter and Julie Guile

INTENTIONAL GIVING

Offertory: October 25
Weekly Goal $20,660 Actual $12,724
Difference ($7,936)
Offertory Goal for FY 2026-27 $1,053,660
Year-to-Date (July-June) Actual $297,271

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

This weekend we celebrate the wedding of
Carl Gaspar & Dakota Girdley.
May they be witnesses of God's love to the world.



STRATEGIC PLAN

We continue our work on a process to develop a strategic plan for St. Cecilia Cathedral Parish, including our school, childcare, and other apostolates and ministries. This strategic plan will help to shape the pastoral, educational, and spiritual future of our parish community, and it will be a roadmap for our parish's mission to bring all to the beauty, truth, and joy of Christ.

Mr. Chuck Chevalier, our plan coordinator, has met with 10 parish and school groups so far and has plans to meet with more to gather input and listen to their comments about the past, present, and future of Saint Cecilia Cathedral.

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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