

St. Cecilia Cathedral

Confession Schedule

November 28 — December 24

Monday - Friday

7:30 am — 8:00 am Two priests will hear Confessions

5:30 pm — 6:00 pm Two priests will hear Confessions

All Saturdays through December 24

4:00 pm — 5:00 pm Three priests will hear Confessions

Mass Schedule for Nativity of Our Lord

Saturday, December 24, 2011

5:30 pm Mass is the Vigil of Christmas

12:00 Midnight Mass—Archbishop Lucas is the main celebrant

Christmas Day, December 25, 2011

Masses are at 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

At 9:30 am Mass Archbishop Lucas is the main celebrant

There is no 5:30 pm evening Mass or

6:45 pm Vespers on Christmas Day

Mass Schedule for Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2011

5:30 pm Mass is anticipatory Mass of January 1,
The Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

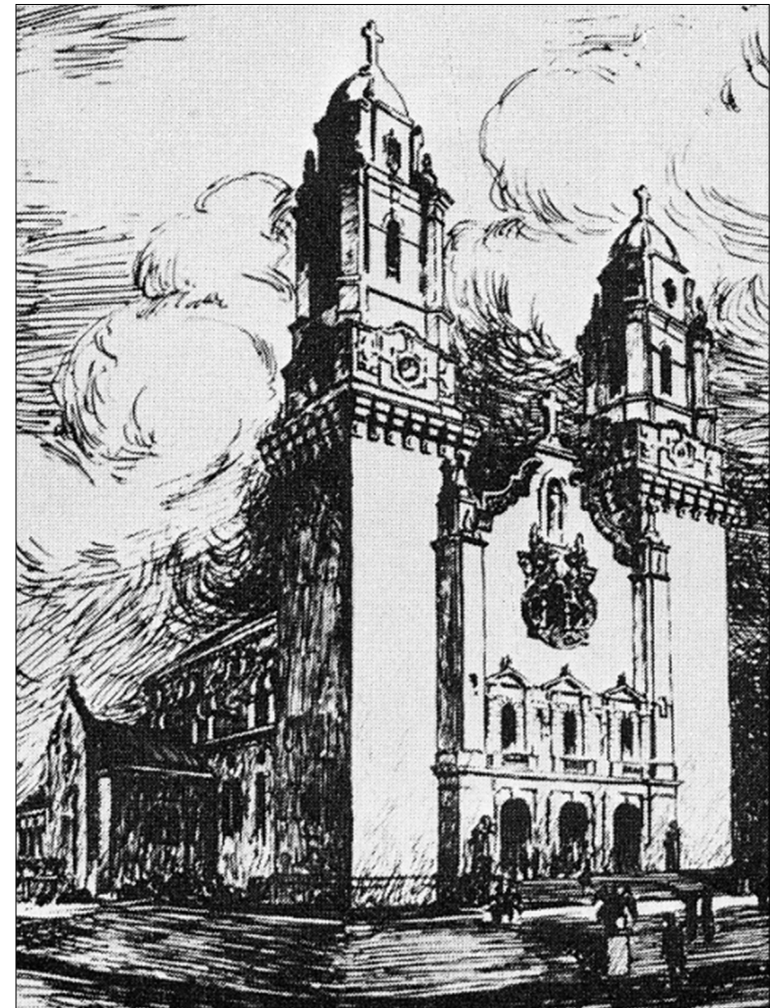
New Year's Day, January 1, 2012

Masses are at 7:30 am, 9:30 am,

11:30 am, and 5:30 pm

6:45 pm Vespers

Sacred Music by St. Cecilia Cathedral Choir



Advent Activities 2011

Adult Faith Formation: *The Eucharist*

During Advent participate in the educational and faith formation topic of *The Eucharist*, offered by our pastor, Fr. Michael Gutgsell. The two-session class includes study of Fr. Robert Barron's brief DVD presentations that incorporate Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, along with group sharing. Everyone high school age and older is welcome and encouraged to attend and deepen your understanding of the beauty and transformational nature of *Eucharist*.



Tuesday Evenings
7:00–8:30 pm

November 29
December 13

The two-session class is offered on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings, as shown. All classes will be held in the St. Cecilia Institute Room 209.

Saturday Mornings
10:00–11:30 am

December 3
December 17

Breakfast With St. Nicholas



On **December 4th** in the Parish Center Dining Room visit with St. Nicholas after the 9:30 am Mass until 12:00 noon. While Clement Moore's original story entitled, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," has etched in our culture the description of St. Nicholas as the one whom we call Santa Claus, the real St. Nicholas was anything but a jolly elf from the North Pole. Find out the true story behind this "Advent Saint". Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided.

All ages are welcome!

National Night of Prayer Holy Hour

On **Thursday, December 8th**, at 8:00 pm, in Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel, St. Cecilia Parish will observe The National Night of Prayer for Life, a pro-life prayer service to honor the dignity of life, from conception to natural death. Please join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, silent prayer and Benediction. Sponsored by the St. Cecilia Respect for Life Committee.



Advent Parish Breakfast

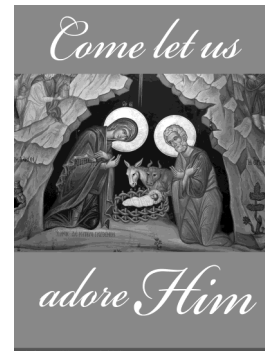
On Sunday, **December 11th** from 8:30 am–12:00 pm in the cafeteria, enjoy breakfast and Christmas music at the parish breakfast sponsored by Activities Booster Club (ABC). The breakfast bar includes scrambled eggs, toast, bacon, sausage, fruit and baked goods. Adults \$6, children \$3, or family \$25.

Parishioners participating in the Salvation Army Angel Tree project can drop off their gifts December 11th after all of the Masses at the west entrance of the Cathedral or at the parish breakfast in the cafeteria. The Salvation Army will distribute the gifts.



Oplatki Wafers for Family and Pets

What is the Christmas wafer known as the Oplatki?



On Sunday, **December 18th** after all of the Masses stop by the north entrance of the Cathedral and learn about the traditional Polish custom that celebrates unity of the family. Even your family pets participate in this tradition! It is the custom to share a pink wafer with the pets as, according to Polish tradition, they speak at midnight since they were the first to greet the Baby Jesus. To help bring this custom into your home on Christmas Eve, white and pink Oplatki wafers will be available.

Cathedral Arts Project Events

On Sunday, **December 4th** at 1:00 pm in the Cathedral Cultural Center Sunderland Art Gallery take in the opening of the exhibit entitled *Las Familias Artisticas Lopez y Lopez: Artists of Northern New Mexico*. The exhibit runs from December 4 – February 3, 2012.

On Tuesday, **December 13th** at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral, the Cathedral Arts Project presents 'How Sweet the Sound: An Evening of Gospel Music', featuring the music of Nola Jeanpierre and Family with Dr. Claudette Valentine as accompanist. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.