



# Saint Cecilia Cathedral

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Enjoy the 27th Annual Cathedral Flower Festival  
next weekend. The Preview Party is January 27  
and the Festival continues January 28 & 29, 2012.  
Sponsored by Cathedral Arts Project.

JANUARY 21/22 | THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Schedule

Daily: 7:00 am & 11:15 am  
Saturday: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,  
11:30 am & 5:30 pm

**Sung Vespers** Sunday 6:45 pm

## Reconciliation Times

Saturday 4:00—5:00 pm  
Monday-Friday 7:30—8:00 am

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## From Your Pastor . . .

The human heart yearns for harmony. The human mind responds to good order. Human growth and maturity require challenge, support and direction. All of these experiences together might be described as "life at its best".

We know that selecting those circumstances and opportunities that will result in "life at its best" is beyond our reach. Our grasp on harmony is fleeting, and our best efforts to sustain it does not last. We usually struggle with order in our daily schedules and while "multi-tasking" is considered a modern virtue, staying focused on the "here-and-now" can be frustrating.

When Jesus spoke to the apostles at length during the Last Supper, according to Saint John's Gospel, he prayed that "all might be one". From the earliest times this prayer of Jesus has been understood to mean the "unity" within the Body of Christ, the Church. Even in Saint John's life time the church community was stirred by great tension because of variant or false teaching about Jesus and about the way He should be followed. Over time there have been repeated internal tensions and disruptions in the life of the Church in just about every place on earth.

Jesus' prayer for "unity" became a priority cause for a man named Paul Wattson in the late 1890's in England. He was an Episcopalian minister. Along with an Episcopal "Sister" he established a week of public prayer for the unity of the churches. He selected the dates of January 18 through January 25. These days, and their place on the calendar, highlighted the symbol of unity in the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter and the missionary efforts of the Apostle Paul in evangelizing the nations.

Reverend Wattson would become a Catholic and then Father Wattson in 1909. He did not leave behind his burning desire for unity among the churches. He brought with him the week of prayer for unity and Pope Pius X blessed this apostolate. In 1916 Pope Benedict XV extended the prayer week for the unity of the Church to the universal church.

This prayer intention over an entire Week of Prayer for Church Unity is more than one hundred years old. The week began this past Wednesday and extends to Wednesday of this coming week, January 25 (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul).

Will you pray for the unity of the Body of Christ – the Church of the East with the Church of the West? Protestant Christian bodies and movements with the Roman Catholic Church? Lapsed Catholics, dis-connected or dis-affected Christians from any church community?

There is additional information and prayer resources at [www.weekofprayer2012.org](http://www.weekofprayer2012.org)

Our own daily and weekly "order" of life with the Lord, our own daily and weekly "harmony" with others for Christ's sake is a beginning for the way we make the prayer of Jesus practical and present in the world we live in. It is a prayer not to be limited to one week in January but a continuing prayer through the year ahead.

## Music Ministry

Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer  
402.553.5524



Lift your voices high! Through our baptism, we *all* join our voices with the saints and angels when we sing in the Choir of the Assembly at Mass! From January 18-February 1 there will be a "joining period" for the Cathedral Choir, Funeral Choir, and the Archdiocesan Children's Choir. Contact Marie at 402.553.5524 ext. 2 or e-mail [merubisbauer@archomaha.org](mailto:merubisbauer@archomaha.org).

## Liturgical/Sacramental Life

**For the Hearing Impaired:** Please ask an usher or greeter for a Hearing Assistance Unit.

**Baptismal Instruction:** The second Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration is required by calling the rectory at 402.551.2313.

**Marriage:** Parishioners, registered for a minimum of one year, are eligible to begin marriage preparation at the Cathedral. At least six months of preparation prior to your wedding is required by the Archdiocese.

## Sacrificial Giving: 1-15-12

<b>Weekly Offering Need</b>	<b>\$14,427</b>
Contribution Envelopes	
No. of envelopes issued	792
No. of envelopes received	235
<b>Envelope offering</b>	<b>\$15,805</b>
Direct Bank Withdrawals	
No. of parishioners enrolled	108
No. of bank withdrawals	48
<b>Direct withdrawal offering</b>	<b>\$2,688</b>
<b>Loose currency and coin</b>	<b>\$1,443</b>
<b>Children's collection</b>	<b>\$31</b>
<b>Total Offering Received</b>	<b>\$19,967</b>
Year-to-Date Offering Need	\$403,956
Year-to-Date Offering Received	\$416,402
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$12,446

## Gift Bearers

### Saturday, January 28

5:30 pm William & Debbie Appleby Family

### Sunday, January 29

7:30 am Pete & c. K. Duryea Family

9:30 am Alan & Sandy Thelan Family

11:30 am Hugh & Bridget Morton Family

5:30 pm Kim Stewart and Nick Sutton

Would you, your family or your group like to present the gifts? Call Kim at 402.905.8144.

## School News

**School**  
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### Spread the Good News About St. Cecilia School!

St. Cecilia Cathedral School is one of only four Archdiocesan metro elementary schools to be accredited by the North Central Association and AdvanceEd – an international accreditation organization. At the heart of our success is a phenomenal faculty averaging 20 years of experience at St. Cecilia. They offer an outstanding curriculum based on high expectations. Extra –curricular activities, from chess to robotics and performance arts to sports, are available. We also enjoy an involved and supportive parent base that is critical to student success.



**On January 30th, at 7:00 pm, we will have an evening information session/open house for prospective St. Cecilia families.** Please refer anyone you know to our outstanding school and the January open house.

## Eucharistic Adoration

“The Church and the world have great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go and meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith.... Let our adoration never cease.” *Pope John Paul II*

## Respect for Life

Sunday, January 22nd marks the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings (Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton) legalizing abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The U.S. Bishops have designated **Monday, January 23rd** as a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and for healing for all whose lives have been touched by abortion.

Weekly Vigil for Life: Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–11:00 am and Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am, Mission Ave. & Bert Murphy Boulevard, Bellevue.

Wednesday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm and Saturday, 9:30 am–10:30 am at 3105 North 93rd St., Omaha.

## Parish Life

### This Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

### 27th Annual Flower Festival Honors Mary Furay Lindsay

Ritual Garments are the inspiration for Omaha's finest floral designers at the 27th Annual Cathedral Flower Festival honoring Mary Furay Lindsay for a lifetime of service to Saint Cecilia Cathedral. You are invited to enjoy the flower festival during a special Candlelight Viewing and Patron Reception on Friday, January 27th with viewing in the Cathedral from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm and the reception in the Cultural Center from 7:30 pm–10:00 pm. Please send your \$75 check, payable to Cathedral Arts Project, to 100 North 62nd St., Omaha, NE 68132, by Monday, January 23rd. For credit card use of questions, call 402.827.3847.

Flower Festival week-end hours are Saturday, January 28th, 10:00 am–4:00 pm, and 7:00 pm–9:00 pm and Sunday, January 29th, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm. There is no charge on Saturday or Sunday, free will donations are accepted in support of Cathedral Arts Project.

### ABC & Girl Scout Troop 43243 Hosts Bagels & Donuts

Today, Sunday, January 22nd, 8:00 am–1:00 pm, everyone is invited to enjoy bagels, donuts, coffee and juice in the Parish Center Dining Room. A free will offering supports ABC sponsored school activities. Girl Scout cookies will be available for sale at \$3.50 per box.

### Cecilian Club Luncheon Is January 25th after 11:15 Mass

This group of adults meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month for fellowship, lunch, and entertainment in the Parish Center Dining Room. All adults interested in an enjoyable luncheon and the chance to make new friends are welcome. Reservations are needed by Monday, January 23rd to Lauren Bopp at 402.553.7163.

### Volunteer As An Usher for Flower Festival 2012

The Cathedral Arts Project is still in need of ushers during the Flower Festival for the following shifts. Saturday, January 28th: 11:00 am–2:00 pm, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm, 4:00 pm–7:00 pm, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm. Sunday, January 29th: 8:30 am–9:30 am, 10:30 am–11:30 am, 12:30 pm–3:00 pm, 3:00 pm–5:30 pm. To sign up for a shift please call Tim Lammers at 402.554.5609.

### January 27th 10:00 am School Mass is in St. Bernadette Hall

On Friday, January 27th only, the 10:00 am School Mass is in St. Bernadette Hall at the Grade School to accommodate preparations for the Flower Festival. The 11:15 am daily Mass will be in OLN Chapel.

### St. Vincent de Paul Parish Annual Trivia for Those In Need

On January 28th, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm, enjoy a fast-paced evening of Trivia for adults (alcohol served) and raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul parish outreach to people in need. For a ticket or to reserve a table of eight call Mike at 402.496.7988 or e-mail [poulinm@svdpomaha.org](mailto:poulinm@svdpomaha.org).

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 23

7:00 am Fr. Gutgsell Dan Szalewski (B)  
 11:15 am Fr. Vasquez Louis & Mary Emily Batenhorst †  
 12:00 pm Fr. Gutgsell Fr. Russel Wright / NMC

### Tuesday, January 24

7:00 am Fr. Gutgsell Clem Redlinger †  
 11:15 am Fr. McKercher John Nabity †  
 12:00 pm Fr. Gutgsell MacKenzie Gieshrecht / NMC

### Wednesday, January 25

7:00 am Fr. Gutgsell Roger Vipond †  
 11:15 am Fr. Vasquez Abe Bakhit †

### Thursday, January 26

7:00 am Fr. Gutgsell Mary Shinerock  
 11:15 am Fr. McKercher The Kavanaugh Family  
 12:00 pm Fr. Vasquez Louis Ciochetto † / NMC

### Friday, January 27

7:00 am Fr. Gutgsell Roy Walker †  
 10:00 am Fr. Gutgsell Bernard C. Mills †  
 11:15 am Fr. Vasquez Catherine Sell  
 12:00 pm Fr. McKercher Bud Wright † / NMC

### Saturday, January 28

7:30 am Fr. Vasquez Linda Ciochetto  
 5:30 pm Fr. McKercher Nick Ryan †

### Sunday, January 29

7:30 am Fr. McKercher Our Parishioners  
 9:30 am Fr. Vasquez Margaret Hahn †  
 11:30 am Fr. Vasquez Ron Barnard †  
 5:30 pm Fr. Gutgsell John Nabity †

\*NMC indicates Masses at Nebraska Medical Center.

## Remember Your Loved Ones

### Prayer Line Requests

The names of people will be kept on the list for three weeks and then removed, unless otherwise specified.

Shirley Becker, Virginia Kresl, Margaret Brennan, Virginia Sommer, parishioners who are homebound and in nursing homes and all serving in the armed services.

Openings are available for Mass intentions. Call the rectory at 402.551.2313 to schedule a time.

### Vocations—Trust The Promise

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32). Consider your life committed to Christ as a priest, brother, sister, or deacon. For more information please contact Fr. Paul Hoelsing at 402.558.3100 or visit the website [www.archomaha.org](http://www.archomaha.org).



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 22

6:45 pm Vespers (OLN Chapel)

### Monday, January 23

5:30 pm Legion of Mary (SCI Room 207)

### Tuesday, January 24

### Wednesday, January 25

11:15 am Cecilian Club (Parish Center Dining Room)

6:15 pm Faith Formation Classes (SCI Rooms)

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

### Thursday, January 26

6:45 pm R.C.I.A. (Parish Center Dining Room)

### Friday, January 27

### Saturday, January 28

### Sunday, January 29

6:45 pm Vespers (OLN Chapel)

## Faith, Fellowship & Formation

### Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions for January

Victims of Natural Disasters: That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Dedication to Peace: That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

### The Spiritual Path of Friendship

The annual Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 4th, 9:15 am—1:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 114th & Fort Sts. will feature Dr. Wendy Wright, Ph.D. from Creighton University presenting "*The Spiritual Path of Friendship: Guidance from the Saints*". Dr. Wright will talk about the great friendship between two saints, St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. There is much we can also apply to our own lives and friendships. Fee is \$15. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am. Contact Jo at 402.572.0369 to register.

### Discernment Retreat I

On January 27th—29th, a retreat weekend with Teresa Monaghan, AO, Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB, Fr. Paul Coelho, SJ, and consecrated Life Members of the Omaha Archdiocese, will offer you, in the spirit of St. Benedict, the tools to help you discern daily life choices in a prayerful manner and will introduce you to the Rules of Discernment by St. Ignatius of Loyola. The retreat is at the Saint Benedict Center in Schuyler and begins Friday evening at 7:30 pm. For more information, please e-mail [Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com](mailto:Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com) or call 402.352.8819.

## Banns of Marriage

Banns II

Sarah Benck/James Tardy

## Cathedral Arts Project

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[www.cathedralartsproject.org](http://www.cathedralartsproject.org)

### Cultural Center, Gift Shop and Sunderland Gallery

The Gift Shop is open Tuesday through Friday 11:00 am–4:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am–1:00 pm and the third Sunday of each month from 10:30 am–4:00 pm.

You are invited to visit the Cultural Center and explore the history of the Cathedral and Omaha's religious heritage in the Sheehan Museum. Enjoy shopping in the museum gift shop and take in the current art exhibit *Artists of Northern New Mexico*, in the Sunderland Gallery. The Cultural Center is located in the building directly east of the Cathedral.

**Please remember Saint Cecilia Cathedral  
in your will.**

## Parish Life, Continued

### SVDP Society *Keep The Heat On Chili Cookoff*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold its Second Annual Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, January 29th, 4:00 pm–7:00 pm, at Creighton Prep High School, including hi-tech raffle items, games for the kids and special guest MC, Johnny Ray Gomez. You can vote for your favorite chili entry or try the "house" special! Proceeds support the work of The SVDP Society serving the poor in Omaha and surrounding areas.



### EMHC & Lector Schedules

EMHC and Lectors are asked to pick up their schedule in the sacristy after any of the Masses this weekend.