



# ST. MARGARET MARY *Catholic Parish and School*

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The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."  
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:  
You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve."

— Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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## MASS TIMES

Family of Parishes, St. Margaret Mary and St. Cecilia Cathedral

Monday–Friday:

St. Margaret Mary	6:30 AM
St. Cecilia Cathedral	11:15 AM

Saturday:

St. Margaret Mary	8:30 AM, 5:00 PM
St. Cecilia Cathedral	7:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Sunday:

St. Margaret Mary	7:30 AM, 10:00 AM
St. Cecilia Cathedral	8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

## Vision

St. Margaret Mary is a Catholic community blessed by God, inspired to be alive in the Risen Christ, reflecting His heart and love to the world by living the Word through dynamic worship and life-changing service to advance the Kingdom.

## Mission

St. Margaret Mary is a Catholic community rooted in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, ignited through the Word, sacrament, and service.

MARCH 9, 2025  
First Sunday of Lent

## Reconciliation

Monday–Friday:	7:00–7:20 AM
Saturday:	8:00–8:20 AM 3:30–4:30 PM

## Sick Calls / Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of serious illness or a hospitalization. Call the parish office to make an appointment.

## Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday:	9:00 AM–Noon 12:30–5:00 PM
Friday:	8:00 AM–1:00 PM

## Baptisms

Please make arrangements with the parish office.

## Weddings

Wedding dates need to be set at least 6 months in advance. To begin the process for wedding preparation, please contact the parish office.

## Sacrament of Holy Orders

Those discerning a call to the priesthood should contact their parish priest or the Omaha Archdiocese at (402) 558-3100 for more information.

## New to SMM? Welcome!

Register online, scan this QR code, or stop in the parish office and we'll assist you.



## Fully Alive in the Sacred Heart of the Risen Christ

## Support SMM!

Donate



*Prayer, participation,  
generosity*

## Daily Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 10:** First Sunday of Lent  
6:30 am † Harold Conzett

**Tuesday, March 11**  
6:30 am † Robert Guinan

**Wednesday, March 12**  
6:30 am † Alma Nestlebusch

**Thursday, March 13**  
6:30 am † Steve & † Colleen Blaes

**Friday, March 14**  
6:30 am † Vern

**Saturday, March 15**  
8:30 am † Jerry Golmanavich  
5:00 pm † Thurman Ballard

**Sunday, March 16:** Second Sunday of Lent  
7:30 am SMM Parish  
10:00 am † Theresa Gotch

### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Pope Francis's prayer intention for the month of March is for families in crisis.

"Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences."



## Prayer Requests

Mary Beck  
Andrea Brelje  
Xavier Cannon  
LeRoy Crosby  
Dcn. Tom Fitzgerald  
Rene Garvey  
Greg Gurnon  
Gretchen O. Haahr  
Kathy Henvey  
Matt Hinkin  
Sylvia Kaiser

Don Kopecky  
Robbie L.  
Ryan Lavanger  
Morgan Mancuso  
Rowdy Meier  
Shauna Mennem  
Megan Meyer  
Mary Mlinek  
Cecelia Nagle  
Ellen Pagett  
John Ray & family

Mary Pat Roy  
Christina Scolzo  
Ken Schmit  
Judy Skinner  
Carole Sopcich  
Anne Townsend  
Bob Wachter  
Sebastian Youde

This current list of prayer intentions lasts for one month. If you or your loved one should need to be listed for a longer period of time or you would like to add someone, please email [bulletin@smmomaha.org](mailto:bulletin@smmomaha.org).

### Pray for Our Active Military

Ensign Philip Bilden  
LT. Brianna Bilunas  
LT. Kyle Briggs  
AWO1 Gustav Dworak  
PO2 Ben Fuerstenau  
SSgt. Christopher Herndon

Capt. Anthony Lupo  
Maj. Steve Massara  
Pvt. Rebecca Mockchew  
LT. Alec Rynaski  
PFC Nicholas Shanahan  
Maj. Aaron Shramek

LT. Adam Shramek  
SSgt. Kyle Stanley  
SSgt. Jason Tabor  
Ensign James Ryan Vinall  
Capt. Michael Welch

### We pray for the deceased and his family:

#### † John Bartek\*

father of Cece Bartek & Maggie McCaslin;  
grandfather of Clarice, Margaret, Evelyn, MaryRose, John & Joe

***Eternal rest grant unto him  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.***

\*Our apologies to the family for the incorrect information that was published in the February 23 bulletin.

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## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent  
7 p.m. in the church  
March 7 - April 11

*Please Join Us*

### LIVE LENT TOGETHER

Gather with friends and neighbors during Lent for a simple step toward a deeper encounter with the Lord. Live Lent Together (LLT) is a 6-week small group experience centered around the Word of God. Create your own group of 6-8 people (friends, neighbors, family), commit to a weekly time determined by the group, and use one of our Scripture resource options to guide you through your time together.

Resource options include:

- *Our Journey into Mystery*, daily reflections from All Saints Press
- *Praying with the Sunday Gospels*, LLT Archdiocesan booklet
- *Mercy*, LLT Archdiocesan booklet
- *On Hope* by Pope Francis, book from Loyola Press

For further information and links to the resources, contact Jenni Vankat, Pastoral Minister, [jvankat@smmomaha.org](mailto:jvankat@smmomaha.org) or 402-558-2255 press #6.



**LIVE**  
*Lent*  
**TOGETHER**

### STEWARDSHIP

#### Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Please make a prayerful consideration for the Archbishop Annual Appeal (AAA), which provides for our church and school. Envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church. Thank you to those who have already made a generous donation. Every gift matters. Gifts may also be made at [archomaha.org/appeal/](http://archomaha.org/appeal/).

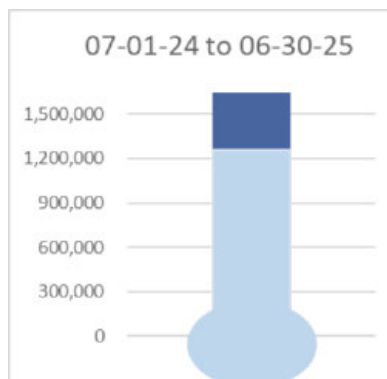
SMM gift total: \$144,516  
SMM goal: \$180,679

#### Sunday Giving: Feb 26–Mar 4

Budget: \$32,174  
Actual: \$41,982  
Difference: \$9,808

#### YTD

Annual Budget: \$1,645,499  
YTD Actual: \$1,257,048  
YTD Last year: \$1,301,926



Engage with the parish family, be enriched spiritually, and contribute to the vibrant tapestry of our community.



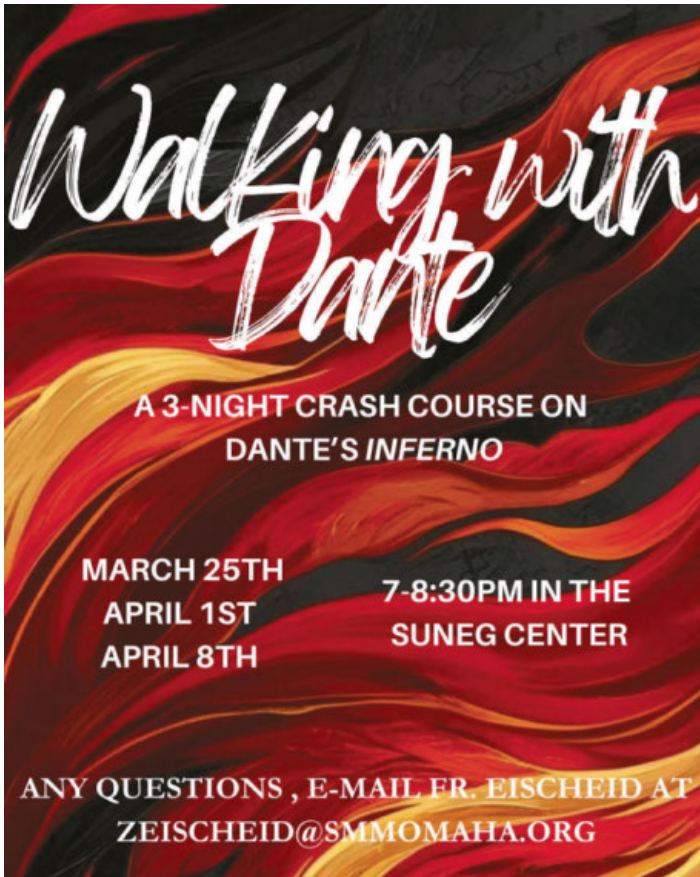
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## Parish Updates

### WALKING WITH DANTE

Join Fr. Eischeid for a three-part crash course on Dante's Inferno this Lent! From 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., we'll journey through the depths of Hell as Dante envisioned it, exploring its rich symbolism, theology, and relevance for our spiritual lives today. No prior knowledge of the poem is needed—just curiosity and a willingness to dive into one of the greatest works of Christian literature.



## This Week at SMM

### Sunday, March 9

7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Rosary  
10:00 am Mass, CLOW  
11:00 am Baptisms; SVdP  
8:00 pm Men's pickup basketball;  
Legion of Mary Aux.

### Monday, March 10

6:30 am Mass\*  
6:00 pm OCIA

### Tuesday, March 11

5:45 am Running toward Christ  
6:30 am Mass\*  
9:00 am Legion of Mary  
12:00 pm Circle 5/7

### Wednesday, March 12

6:30 am Mass\*  
8:15 am Women's Guild Exec.  
2:00 pm Women's Prayer Group  
6:30 pm Rosary

### Thursday, March 13

6:30 am Mass\*  
12:00 pm Senior Saints  
5:00 pm Music Ministry  
7:00 pm Circle 6; School Board; Respect Life

### Friday, March 14

6:30 am Mass\*  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 15

8:30 am Mass\*  
5:00 pm Mass\*  
6:00 pm Adult Happy Hour

### Sunday, March 16

~Donut Sunday after Masses  
7:30 am Mass  
9:30 am Rosary  
10:00 am Mass, CLOW  
8:00 pm Men's pickup basketball;  
Legion of Mary Aux.

\*Reconciliation is offered after 6:30 am daily Mass and Saturdays at 8 am and 3:30 pm.

# Adult Happy Hour



**SATURDAY, MARCH 15  
6:00 PM, SUNEG CENTER**

**Adults ages 21+**

**Join us for appetizers and fellowship!**

Sponsored by the Community Life Committee

## Lenten Pasta Dinner

**Friday, March 28th**

**5pm - 8pm, Raynor Center**

**Adults & Kids (Ages 6 & Up): \$15**

**Kids 5 & Under: Free**

Meal Includes: Pasta of your choice, salad, & dinner roll.

Desserts will be sold separately for \$1 apiece.

Beer, wine, and margaritas also sold separately.

*Hosted by SMM Guild and Circle 8*

**Advance Tickets**

**On Sale Now!** →



**BLACK AND INDIAN**  
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### SPECIAL COLLECTION

#### Black and Indian Mission

A special collection will be taken for the Black and Indian Mission at Masses this weekend, March 8 & 9.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. For more information please visit: <https://blackandindianmission.org/>

### RICE BOWLS

#### Catholic Relief Services

The 50th anniversary of CRS Rice Bowl offers us an opportunity to renew our commitment to ending global hunger. Pick up a rice bowl at the front of the church to participate. Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> for more information.

## Reveal the Gift

A WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH LISA COTTER

April 5, 2025

*Saint Margaret Mary Church*

9:00 AM-3:30 PM, half day options available



**BRING THIS BULLETIN IN TO  
THE DELL & 10% OF YOUR  
BILL WILL BE DONATED  
BACK TO SMM!**





## School & Youth Updates

### 8TH GRADE PAL BASKETBALL 1ST AND 2ND PLACE TOURNAMENT WINNERS



The boys' B basketball team won their PAL A division championship game!  
Team players: (back) Tommy M, Vaughn J, Gavin S, Ari G, Camden S, Patrick G (front) Henry E, Philip S



The boys' A basketball team took 2nd place in their PAL AA division championship game!  
Team players: Paul M, Ryan S, Max R, Matt M, Chase S, Peter L, George A, Jude H

### QUIZ BOWL DOUBLE WINNERS!

St. Margaret Mary once again swept first and second place at a local Quiz Bowl event! Two of the four SMM teams met in the championship match of the Trinity Brain Teaser event on Saturday, March 1 at Trinity Lutheran in Fremont.

A team composed of 7th graders Cooper S., James O., Thomas D., and Thomas H. won first place.

Second place went to 8th graders Bri. H., Claire G., Colin M., Evelyn R., and Jacob M.

Congratulations to the St. Thomas Aquinas Quiz Bowl team for another outstanding competition!



### FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT Sunday, April 26, 9–11:30 a.m.



- 9:00 a.m.—First Communicants should be in the Suneg Center
- 11:00 a.m.—Prayer in church with families
- 11:30 a.m.—Dismissal
- Adult volunteers needed 8:30 a.m.–noon
- Scan for the retreat volunteer Sign Up Genius to see how you can help!



### RE THIS WEEK

There will be no Religious Education classes on Wednesday, March 12. Enjoy your spring break!

### SMM SCHOOL CAREER OPPORTUNITY

#### Now Hiring for TA Positions!

We currently have part-time (up to 29 hrs.) positions open for kindergarten, 2nd grade, 5th/6th grade, and 7th/8th grade teacher assistants. *We are flexible with hours and how many days an interested candidate can/wants to work. Perfect for parents looking for a rewarding part-time job that aligns with the school year schedule!* Please contact Mary Simerly—[msimerly@smmomaha.org](mailto:msimerly@smmomaha.org) if interested.

## Parish Updates



### VENI: YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

Friday, March 14, 7:30–11:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia's Cathedral

VENI is held on the second Friday of the month at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Young adults ages 21–39 are invited to gather for an exhortation, confession, and praise and worship during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After Adoration, stick around for drinks and pizza.

### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

March is National Nutrition Month, and here are a few simple ways to increase healthy fats in your diet.



### FOUR WAYS TO GET /GOOD FATS/

Replace saturated fats with unsaturated fats as part of a healthy eating pattern. Unsaturated fats can help lower bad cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and they provide essential nutrients your body needs. Here are four easy and delicious ways to get more of the good fats.



#### /GO FISH

Eat at least 8 ounces of non-fried fish each week, which may be divided over two 3.5- to 4-ounce servings. Choose fatty or oily fish like albacore tuna, herring, lake trout, mackerel, sardines and salmon to get essential omega-3 fatty acids.

#### /BE NUTTY

Munch on a small handful (about 1 oz.) of unsalted nuts and seeds for good fats, energy, protein and fiber. Good choices include almonds, hazelnuts, peanuts, pistachios, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds and walnuts.



#### /ADD AVOCADO

Snack, cook and bake with avocado to add healthy fats, fiber and essential vitamins and minerals.

#### /CHECK THE OILS

Use cooking and dressing oils that are lower in saturated fat. Good choices include avocado, canola, corn, grapeseed, olive, peanut, safflower, sesame, soybean and sunflower oils.



EAT SMART MORE MORE BE WELL

Learn more at [HEART.ORG/HEALTHYFORGOOD](http://HEART.ORG/HEALTHYFORGOOD)

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## Catholic Quiz

- What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water, and salt?
  - Goldfish
  - Pretzels
  - Pringles
  - Ruffles. The ridges represent waves of water.
- Where do our ashes come from for Ash Wednesday?
  - The fire department.
  - We burn last year's missals.
  - We burn last year's Palm Sunday palms.
  - We burn the school scrap paper.
- Lent is actually 46 days. So why do we refer to Lent as having 40 days?
  - We round down.
  - We don't count the Sundays.
  - It's Gale Sayer's jersey number.
  - Moses was on Mt. Sinai with God for 40 days.

- Who led Jesus into the desert where he would stay for 40 days?
  - The Holy Spirit
  - The devil
  - Elijah
  - St. Michael
- In the desert, Satan tries to detour Jesus from a path of suffering to instead pursue earthly power. His third and final temptation in today's gospel takes him to what location?
  - New York City
  - Jerusalem
  - Rome
  - Mt Sinai
- How long did Jesus fast in the desert?
  - 46 days
  - 7 days
  - 3 days
  - 40 days

The quiz is created each week by the SMM Faith Formation and Education Committee.

Answers: 1. B 2. C 3. B 4. A 5. B 6. D



## Parish Updates

smmguild.org



# DONUT SUNDAY



**JOIN US AFTER THE  
7:30 & 10:00 A.M. MASSES  
March 16, Suneg Center**

Coffee + Donuts + Fellowship



**NEW YEAR - 2025  
MORE TIMES TO JOIN!**

**SMM PARISH  
SUPPER  
CLUB**

Supper groups created at random for a potluck style meal in parishioners' homes.

**Next dinner: Sat. March 22**  
Sign up by March 10

Use the QR code or contact Eric at [supperclub@smmomaha.org](mailto:supperclub@smmomaha.org) to get involved.

Future dates:  
April 26



# COME TO ME

## HEALING RETREAT



*Isaiah 55*

Join us for this half-day healing retreat offered by the Archdiocese of Omaha for all who long for healing of past hurts and want to reclaim their identity as a son or daughter of the Father.

**COME TO ME 2025 HEALING RETREAT**

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**  
**12:30 pm - 5:00 pm**  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center  
5419 N. 114 Street • Omaha, NE 68164

**REGISTER BY  
MARCH 21, 2025**  
[bit.ly/3EmRbxj](https://bit.ly/3EmRbxj)



For more information, contact the Victim Outreach and Prevention Office: **402.827.3798**  
Fellowship will be offered after the retreat • Mass counts for Sunday obligation

**Archbishop George Lucas** will offer the opening prayer.

**Deacon Tim McNeil** will provide formation on God's gift of restoration and mercy through a relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. There will also be time for personal reflection and prayer.

**Fr. Andy Sohm** will offer Reconciliation, Sacrament of Healing, and Mass to embrace the graces of His merciful love for us!



# SMM TRIVIA NIGHT


HOSTED BY CIRCLE 3

April 12th Social 6pm Trivia 7pm	<b>THE RAYNOR CENTER</b>  Grab a group of 8! Purchase Tickets by April 1st! \$320 per table
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PRIZES AWAIT OUR WINNERS!







## SAINTS ABOVE & SINNERS BELOW:

*Mexican & Spanish Colonial Devotional Art*

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[FROM SUNDAY, MARCH 2—APRIL 20, 2025]


**ST. CECILIA CULTURAL CENTER**  
HOURS:  
TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 12–4  
SATURDAY—SUNDAY, 11:30–2:30

**TALKS: DR. KINGA NOVAK**  
FROM BARD EARLY COLLEGE, NEW YORK

THURSDAY, MARCH 13 AT 6:00 PM (ENGLISH)  
(RECEPTION TO FOLLOW)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 AT 10:00 AM (SPANISH)



 CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT  
OF ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025


# WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR


Join us for an evening of traditional  
**ENGLISH CHORAL MUSIC**

A rare and exciting opportunity to hear the celebrated choir of men and boys from London's Catholic Cathedral in a wide-ranging concert of their most popular repertory from their recent recordings. Experience the world-famous English choral tradition at its best.

*This is a ticketed event.*  
Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Cecilia Cathedral | 701 N 40th St. | Omaha, NE 68131



 CATHEDRAL ARTS PROJECT  
OF ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL

## Plaza and Garden Proposed at Saint Cecilia Cathedral

Parishioners across the Archdiocese of Omaha are invited to help create a new and welcoming plaza and garden at Saint Cecilia Cathedral, providing gathering spaces for prayer, welcome and reflection.

This \$8.2 million efforts helps complete the original vision of Cathedral architect Thomas Rogers Kimball and enhances the beauty and functionality of one of Omaha's most prized historical landmarks.

The expanded Cathedral gathering areas and garden, will foster deeper connections among parishioners, area Catholics and visitors, uniting all in a shared commitment to living and practicing their faith.

Nearly 40 percent of the funds needed for this project have been received or pledge and we welcome your financial support to reach our funding goal. For more information visit [www.stceciliacathedral.org](http://www.stceciliacathedral.org)



Scan the image below to view campaign materials, project budgets and ways you can help support this once in a generation project.





# FOUNDERS' DAY

## THANK YOU!

To our 2025 Chairs and Event Hosts,  
**Michaela and Bill McColgan & Michelle and Ed Chartrand**

To all the attendees and sponsors who made  
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Your support helps sustain our  
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