

Cathedral Community Catalog

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“As I have done, so you must also do.”

These were Christ's words after He washed His apostles' feet at the Last Supper. In this moment, Jesus called His followers to a life of humility and service. We too are called to seek ways to serve our families, parish, and community at large.

Each of us at Cathedral is called to cultivate intentionally our God-given gifts in three ways:

Time

Through giving of our time in prayer and worship, with friends and family, and volunteering in the parish and community.

Talent

Each talent and skill given to us by God is intentional and a beautiful opportunity to give back to Him in ways that bring us joy (which, in turn, pleases God).

Treasure

In giving of our treasure, we help our parish fulfill its mission while proclaiming trust in God's greater generosity and goodness.

Using this Cathedral Community Catalog

Here, you will find many ways to give of your time and talent. We are confident and bold in our commitment to this most important work God has chosen for us. Will you join us in committing yourself to becoming a dynamic part of the Cathedral community?

1. Consider your own skills, talents, and passions.
2. List the ministries and volunteer opportunities in this catalog that align with what you considered in point #1.
3. Bring your list to prayer and ask God to reveal to you in which of those He is calling you to take part. We should not “do for the sake of doing,” but rather to glorify God.
4. Take your final list from point #3 and reach out to the contacts listed for those groups and ministries.
5. Continue to live out intentionally your stewardship in all three areas of time, talent, and treasure.

What return can I make to the Lord for all He has given to me? Basic human observation reveals that the Church is not merely duty-driven and cannot be fully alive unless She is lifted up by the generosity of Her faithful! Indeed, to our amazement, God has placed such confidence in us as to make the Church and Her growth contingent on our generous response!



Corpus Christi Procession, 2026.

Parish Support

Finance Committee members are appointed by the pastor to advise him through the use of their expertise. The committee collaborates with the pastor to formulate budgets for all Cathedral entities, and advises him on major financial decisions. The Finance Committee helps communicate the financial situation of the parish to its members. *Contact: Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or cpohlen@crchrist-parish.org.*

Pastoral Council is a consultative and collaborative body designed to assist the pastor in making decisions regarding both spiritual and temporal matters. It is made up of nine elected members. Each June three new members are elected to serve for a three-year term. *Contact: Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or CRCPastoralCouncil@gmail.com.*

School Support

Cathedral of the Risen Christ School, Kindergarten-8th grade: Our primary purpose is to assist in the formation of students who will ultimately possess strong religious values, academic integrity, individual responsibility, and a clear sense of citizenship. *Contact: School Office, 402-489-9621 or cathedral-info@cdolinc.net.*



Parish May Crowning, Olivia Dougherty, 2026.



Epiphany Sunday and close of the Jubilee Year of Hope, © Southern Nebraska Register, 2026.

Eaglet Preschool: Home to our Cathedral Preschool program, our Eaglet Preschool includes a nationally certified Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom. Our dynamic approach focuses on the development of the whole child: socially, emotionally, spiritually, academically, and physically. Cathedral Eaglet Preschool program is for 3, 4 and 5 year olds. *Contact: School Office, 402-489-9621 or cathedral-info@cdolinc.net.*

Parishioner & School Family Opportunities

Campus Cleanup: Outdoor cleanups occur three times a year. In the fall and spring volunteers gather on a Saturday to partake in a much-needed cleanup of our grounds. On Earth Day in April, volunteers are needed to clean, spread mulch, and plant flowers on our school grounds. *Contact: Dr. Melissa Whelan, melissa-whelan@cdolinc.net.*

Lunchroom Volunteers help supervise and talk with students while they are in the school cafeteria. Volunteers can help younger students with opening milk and condiments, and cleaning between groups when spills occur. *Contact: cathedral-info@cdolinc.net.*

Reading with Students: Children often need an adult to listen to them practice reading. If you are interested in listening to a child read, *contact: cathedral-info@cdolinc.net.*

Sacramental Preparation: As students prepare to receive a sacrament at Cathedral there is specific knowledge they need. Teachers need help with asking students the 92 questions. *Contact: Kori Kowalewski, kori-kowalewski@cdolinc.net.*

SOAR Cathedral Auction & Dinner is a fundraising event for Cathedral of the Risen Christ School. The evening of fellowship includes a catered meal and a silent and live auction. All adult parishioners, school parents, alumni, and community members are invited to attend and/or volunteer. Volunteers are critical to the success of the evening, for securing auction items, setting up the school gym, helping serve food, run games, and clean up. *Contact: SOARcathedral@gmail.com.*

School Parent Opportunities

Eagle Family Association (EFA) offers parents the opportunity to provide input in Cathedral School's educational programs; creates a partnership structure between home and school; offers parents the opportunity to learn more about creating and maintaining a strong Catholic identity at home; and oversees the structured and dynamic volunteer program. *Contact: EFA@gmail.com.*

Classroom Parent: Every classroom at Cathedral has a class parent that helps to organize parties, special events, and teacher appreciation week. *Contact: EFA@gmail.com.*

Trunk or Treat is a yearly event typically held the Friday before Halloween. The Cathedral parking lot is filled with decorated cars and kids can get candy. If you are interested in helping organize the event, creating a themed trunk, or donating candy, *contact: CRCTrunkorTreat@gmail.com.*



Kindergarten-5th Grade Christmas Concert, 2025.



Advocates of St. Angela Merici, 2025.

School Student Opportunities

If your student is interested in getting involved in any of these clubs, please reach out to their classroom teacher or the school front office, 402-489-9621 or cathedral-info@cdolinc.net.

Advocates of St. Angela Merici is a prayer group of Cathedral School 7th and 8th grade girls who meet on a regular basis during and/or after school. The Advocates meet for prayer and work together to create and put up the school's main bulletin board located near the school office. In addition to their gatherings, members of the group volunteer to lead the all-school rosaries, and participate in opportunities to help teach younger children.

Band: Sponsored by Pius X High School, students in 5th – 8th grade are given the opportunity to take music lessons during the school day and can partake in two concerts during the school year.

Boys Athletics: Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field, and Trap (Pius X) are open to 7th and 8th grade boys. Information is sent home at the beginning of the year.

Cathedral Student Leadership Team (CSLT) works to build leadership skills in our Junior High Cathedral Eagles with lessons in fundamental leadership skills and student-led community projects & events, all with a strong servant-minded faith foundation. Applications for CSLT are accepted at the end of each first semester.

Girls Athletics: Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Field, and Trap (Pius X) are open to 7th and 8th grade girls. Information is sent home at the beginning of the year.

Junior Achievement: Cathedral of the Risen Christ is a Junior Achievement School, with all classes participating in the JA programs taught by volunteers. In 2015 Cathedral was recognized by Junior Achievement as a Superstar School and the junior high capstone project was recognized with the Bronze Leadership Award. Eighth grade students can participate in an after-school program with Junior Achievement. Students create a business and then sell their product to the students, staff, and parishioners.

MATHCOUNTS® is a program for 6th – 8th grade students in which math skills are practiced and problems are tackled under the guidance of a coach and instructors. Students are engaged in fun and challenging math work that caters to their level. All are welcome to take part and the top Mathletes® will compete against area schools.

Music & Choir: Besides the traditional music classes, students in 6th – 8th grade have the opportunity to participate in youth music and choir programs. Students in choir perform two concerts a year and have other special opportunities throughout the year.

National Junior Honor Society: The Cathedral of the Risen Christ School is proud to be the only school in Lincoln to sponsor a chapter of National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Membership in NJHS celebrates the ideals of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character, and is intended to represent the pinnacle of achievement at Cathedral and in the community. Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher during their Jr. High years (6th– 8th grade) will be invited to apply for NJHS each January.



Soldiers of St. Sebastian, 2025.

Page One Reading is a Lincoln Diocesan Catholic Literary Program dedicated to providing students with rich literature, invigorating activities, and an environment that encourages reading for enjoyment. Participants are invited to read the books on the book list throughout the summer and school year. Page One ends with individual and team competitions over the content of the books. For more information on this program go to <https://nepageone.org>.

Principal Projects: Is there something you are interested in or something you would like to start at Cathedral? *Please contact our Principal Dr. Melissa Whelan (melissa-whelan@cdolinc.net) with your ideas!*

Soldiers of St. Sebastian consists of Cathedral School 7th and 8th graders who serve at our school's daily Masses. The group plays a prominent role in parish liturgies such as funerals, First Friday devotions, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and the May Crowning procession. The 7th and 8th grade students who are soldiers are promising to be a soldier for Jesus.



CSLT serving food for Grandfriends Day, 2026.



First Day of School Mass, 2026.

Faith

Liturgy Ministries

Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): These ministries are a means for men to offer service at Mass both at the altar and in the distribution of Holy Communion; as well as taking Holy Communion to the infirm or homebound who are unable to attend Sunday Mass. Men are approached and asked by the pastor of the Cathedral to prayerfully consider becoming an acolyte. A series of preparatory classes is then required. Acolytes are installed at a special diocesan Mass celebrated by the bishop in the spring of each year. Every acolyte is strongly encouraged to serve as an EMHC. EMHCs take our Lord in Holy Communion to the infirm, homebound, and institution-bound parishioners on Sunday mornings. *Contact: Al, 402-423-2627 or ALZach@windstream.net.*

Altar Servers: This ministry offers an opportunity for boys in 5th grade through high school to play an integral role in the celebration of the Mass. General training begins after Confirmation. Altar servers at Cathedral additionally have opportunities to serve at Pontifical Masses (serving for the bishop), weddings, and funerals. *Contact: Tim, timbix78@yahoo.com.*

Lectors & Readers: This ministry is a means for men and women to offer service at Mass (weekends, Holy Days, funerals, diocesan Masses) by reading Scripture and prayers of the faithful. To become a reader or installed lector, one must attend formal, hands-on training. Lectors are installed at a special Mass celebrated by the bishop in the spring. *Contact: Tim, 402-770-3295 or timothyjidean95@gmail.com.*

Offertory Gifts: Couples and families can participate in the Mass by carrying the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the Offertory at the Sunday 9am and 11am Masses. *Contact: Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or CRC@crchrist-parish.org.*

Ushers welcome individuals to Cathedral, assist with seating, assign a family or couple to take up the gifts, hand out bulletins, straighten up the church following Masses, and other duties as needed, including special celebrations by the bishop. *Contact: Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or CRC@crchrist-parish.org.*

Music Ministries

One of the Church's greatest treasures is sacred music, from chant to hymns to choral music of both the past and present. At Cathedral, choir members, cantors, and organists give generously of their time and talent to glorify the Lord in Mass each Sunday and at special diocesan liturgies throughout the year. New voices are always needed: if you love music and are curious about getting involved, please reach out. *Contact: Amy, 402-440-7170, music@crchrist-parish.org, or fill out the interest form: www.cathedraloftherisenchrist.org/musicinterest*

- **Cathedral Choir** welcomes ages high school and up. Rehearsals (September through Pentecost) are on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm. The choir sings weekly at the 9:00am Sunday Mass and at Christmas, Holy Week, and at other special occasions, including leading and welcoming singers for Diocesan Choir events.
- **Children's Choir** welcomes all children in the parish from 2nd-8th grade. Rehearsals are weekly (September-April), and singing for Mass is once a month. Children also have the chance to cantor and play instruments for this Mass.

- **Diocesan Choir** welcomes those who would like to participate in Diocesan liturgies such as Chrism Mass and Ordinations. This is an option for those who want to use their musical talents without the extensive commitment for weekly choir. Invitations are sent out prior to each event for anyone to join as their schedule allows.
- **Cantors & Organists:** In the absence of the choir, cantors help lead our community in prayer and worship at Holy Mass. New cantors, high school and older, are welcome. The Cathedral is fortunate to have the Casavant pipe organ—one of the finest organs in Lincoln. Organists accompany the congregational and choral singing and provide instrumental pieces before and after Sunday Masses. An audition is required for cantors and organists.

Prayer Ministry

Perpetual Adoration began at Cathedral in 1959. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, someone is praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Bishop's Chapel. That's 168 hours of Adoration every week. Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love." Feel free to visit the chapel anytime. Use the QR code to sign up for a weekly hour, sign up to share a weekly hour, or sign up as a substitute. We are always looking for more substitutes who can step in when a regular adorer is unable to make their hour. *Contact: Cody, 402-525-1171 or the Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or crc@crchrist-parish.org.*



Diocesan Choir, © Southern Nebraska Register, 2025.

Formation

Youth Formation

CCD provides students who attend Kindergarten-8th grade at a non-Catholic school or in a homeschool setting with a formal education in the fundamentals of the Catholic faith. Classes meet on Wednesdays, September-May in the Cathedral School building. CCD teachers are volunteers who see this as an opportunity to be involved in the efforts of the Church to spread the Catholic faith to our youth. Volunteers are always needed. *Contact: Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or CRC@crchrist-parish.org.*

Godteens is a four-year program for students in 9th-12th grade. The primary purpose is to allow high schoolers to deepen, explore, and share their Catholic faith. Weekly meetings are held in the homes of parish families. Topics range from Scripture to morality to everyday issues teens face. Students have an opportunity to discuss these issues and to learn the Catholic Church's teaching in these areas. Students also have the opportunity to go on an annual Godteens retreat in the fall and serve at various service opportunities throughout the year in conjunction with this program. To learn more, *contact: Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or CRC@crchrist-parish.org.*

Totus Tuus is a summer catechetical program for youth entering 1st-8th grade and high school students entering 9th-12th grade. *Contact: Parish Office, 402-488-0948 or CRC@crchrist-parish.org.*



Newly baptized and confirmed Catholics, © Southern Nebraska Register, Easter Vigil 2026.

Adult Formation

Arise is a ministry that creates opportunities for women to encounter the Risen Christ in communion with each other. We invite women of the parish to large group parish events, an annual retreat, and small groups.

Contact: AriseCRC@gmail.com or Parish Office, 402-488-0948.

Forged is the Cathedral parish weekly men's formation group. The ministry reaches men of all ages from new college grads to retirees, helping them to grow as husbands, dads, grandfathers, and members of the parish community in our Catholic faith. Our curriculum this year will include a mix of several short video series, small group discussions, live speakers, prayer, occasional retreats, and Eucharistic adoration. We meet at 6:00 AM on Thursdays in Rector Hall during the school year, with a full breakfast provided. We hope Forged can be an avenue for men of the parish to meet and form friendships with other men of conviction, centered on our shared Catholic faith. Contact: Mike, Michael.J.Riordan@outlook.com.

OCIA/Adult Faith Formation: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a process by which adults are formed in discipleship and baptized into the Catholic Church. Classes touch on topics including prayer, Scripture, Tradition, Magisterial teachings, and practices of the Catholic faith. All Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome and encouraged to attend each week for catechesis, prayer formation, and fellowship. We meet on Monday evenings beginning in September and running through the Solemnity of Pentecost. Scheduling and details are publicized in the bulletin. If you or someone you know is interested in entering the Catholic Church, contact: ocia@crchrist-parish.org or Parish Office, 402-488-0948.

Fellowship & Service

Community

Fish Fry: The three-fold purpose of Cathedral's Fish Fry is stewardship, evangelization, and fundraising to support special projects on the Cathedral campus. The Fish Fry takes place at Cathedral every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday, providing a space for fellowship that is open to all. It takes over 100 volunteers each week to make the event successful! Prayerfully consider sharing your gifts by filling roles like: serving, clean-up, greeters, etc. Contact: CathedralFishFry@gmail.com.

Men's Golf League begins the first Monday in April and concludes in mid-August. Men play golf on Mondays at Pioneers Golf Course. At the end of league play and play-offs, there is an optional golf outing and a banquet for golf league members and their guest.

Contact: Bob, blaporta@windstream.net.

Chapters

American Heritage Girls (ages 5-18) is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. Girls participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. Bishop Conley supports American Heritage Girls and sits on the National Catholic Committee. He encourages this ministry as an alternative to Girl Scouts. AHG meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 6:15pm-7:45pm. They are always looking for adult volunteers! Learn more at www.americanheritagegirls.org. Contact: AHGTroop2017@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus at Confirmation, 2026.

Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic fraternal service organization that has a tradition of protection. Founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Blessed Michael J. McGivney. They support the church, religious, community, family, and youth activities through volunteerism and charitable contributions. They provide programs of support for Brother Knights as well as the disabled, sick, and those in need. Putting their faith into action, the Knights help with many parish and school events, assist in taking care of the parish grounds, and support pro-life activities throughout the year. In addition, they sponsor parish breakfasts twice a year. The Cathedral Council (#9563) meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All men 18 & older are invited to join. For more information, visit the parish website or email: crcknights@gmail.com.

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) also known as the Altar Society: The mission of the PCCW/Altar Society is to unite all women of the parish by bringing them closer to Jesus through fellowship! Their mission statement is: "Pray like Mary and Work like Martha!" They do this through various fun activities/fundraisers throughout the year to serve the parish. They also assist the pastor in the care of the altar and sanctuary. PCCW consists of individual circles with members ranging from 20 to 90+ years of age. They invite you to join them in serving our Lord. And remember, you are a Pretty Cool Catholic Woman! Contact: CRCPCCW@gmail.com.

Apostolates of our PCCW:

- **Funeral Luncheons:** Cathedral provides a luncheon following funerals. Volunteers are needed to bring side dishes and desserts, set up, and clean up. Contact: Geri, 402-840-7685.
- **Sacristan Ministry:** This ministry diligently oversees the cleaning, maintenance and care of items in the Sacristy that are necessary for the celebration of Mass. Contact: CRCPCCW@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP): As part of an international Catholic lay organization, we are inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ and are deeply committed to serving our neighbors in need. Through direct service to our neighbors, our members strive for both personal and spiritual growth. The SVdP Cathedral Conference brings together parishioners from the Cathedral of the Risen Christ and Blessed Sacrament parishes, carrying on a proud tradition within the Lincoln Diocese for over 40 years. The SVdP assists families and individuals in the Lincoln area with household bills, furniture, food, gas and other vehicle needs, clothing, school supplies, and other essential goods and services. YOU can help, too. Contact: Julie, JulsKirk.svd@gmail.com or 402-405-1754.



Women of PCCW preparing for the Easter Vigil reception, Tricia Florea, 2024.

“As I have
done, so you
must also do.”

John 13:15

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