**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
**MAY 5, 2024**

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**OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY**

| 7:00 am – 6:30 pm |
Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski and the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis welcome you and hope that your time in our Mother Church may be an opportunity to share our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to the glory of God and built for the inspiration of all who enter. Public tours of the Cathedral led by volunteer guides are available most weekdays, call for availability.

All visitors who are not of the Catholic faith are welcome to join us in prayer, but not to receive Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith and full membership in the Catholic community. Together let us pray for the eventual unity of all believers.

If you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church or to become a member of the Cathedral Basilica Parish, please complete a registration card, available at the entrances the church.

All contributions to the Cathedral Basilica parish, ministries, and maintenance are sincerely appreciated.

Cathedral Tours
314.373.8205

Mass Intentions
Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Requests for Mass intentions may be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

Catholic Tours
Tours of our beautiful church are available during the week (pending other events). To book a tour, please visit our website to submit a “tour inquiry” form (https://cathedralstl.org/tour-info) or contact Susie Irons at 314-373-8205.

If you are interested in volunteering as a docent, please contact Susie siron@cathedralstl.org
Dear Parishioners,

In Rome, near the Colosseum, stands the Church San Clemente, and its apse has one of the most interesting mosaics. It centers on a cross with a most prominent feature of a vast vine studded with figures of lords and stewards, Doctors of the Church, and peasants. The mosaic is meant to mix the iconography of paradise with images of the Church in the contemporary world. The vine is identified as the Church by a Latin inscription that translated reads: "We have likened the Church of Christ to this vine; the Law made it wither but the Cross made it bloom. In the body of Christ above this inscription rest [some] wood from the Cross, a tooth of James, and of Ignatius."

The vine grows out of the tree at the base of the cross, from which flow the four rivers of Eden. The two deer drinking there allude to Ps. 42:1, "As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God." This mosaic is the inspiration for the one located behind the High Altar, which has two deer drinking from the flowing water stream.

In this time of Easter, the Liturgy invites us to meditate on Jesus' speech to the disciples at the Last Supper as reported by John. It is the longest of the Gospel speeches. And, in this time, the Church, in order to keep alive in us the power of the mystery of Easter, breaks it and proposes it again. Jesus continues the allegory of the vine and the branches and thus indicates to the disciples the quality of the relationship they must have with him: "I am the vine and you are the branches." And he adds: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

This is the type of love with which Jesus loves us. And he repeats to us that he does it first, even without our merit. His love is free. John himself reminds us of this in his First Letter: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 Jn 4:10).

This is the love in which we are called. In order to make us understand it well, Jesus reduces it to one: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Love among the disciples is the only commandment. This is the love with which the Father loves the Son and the Son loves the disciples. As his disciples, it is our only commandment.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Shifting to a ‘we’ mentality might deepen the harmony of parish life

While we all have individual responsibilities, our experiences can be richer when operate as members of one body

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We.

It’s the first word of the first reading this week — one of the famous “we” passages from the Acts of the Apostles. (The simplest explanation is that St. Luke was probably traveling with St. Paul at these points.) “We” or “us” comes up seven times in that reading — as though it’s meant to be noticed.

It makes me think about how we sit when we come into church: we tend to sit as individuals — as far apart as possible. Family members — who think in terms of “we” — sit right next to each other. Isolated individuals don’t.

While that’s understandable, it’s also too bad. There are some things that a parish can only do when people learn to act as “we” rather than as individuals.

Think of musical harmonies: They only happen when individuals work together — each singing their specific part, but closely coordinated with each other. Think of how teams work: a sports team, or a construction team or a theater company. All of them only come alive when they work in coordination.

Great shows like “Riverdance” and “Hamilton” and “Les Miserables”; great buildings like the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis and the Arch; great teams like the Super Bowl and Stanley Cup champions; all require a “we” mentality.

This is a conversion we need. Catholics coming to Mass tend to think of themselves with an “I” mentality, as individuals fulfilling a duty. And there’s truth to that! There is a duty that each of us has to fulfill. But we tend to stop there, and that’s what needs deeper conversion. There’s so much more for us!

For one thing, frankly, it doesn’t make for an very effective proclamation to others who don’t come to Mass. “You have to fulfill your duty” is true; but it isn’t bearing much fruit.

What would happen if we had a “we” mentality — where we needed others and others needed us? Our experience of the “harmony” of parish life might be deeper. It could certainly reshape our proclamation to others: “Hey, we missed you. The team just wasn’t the same without you. We couldn’t make the same harmonies! And: Didn’t you miss making those harmonies with us?” I think that might bear more fruit!

At the Ascension, Jesus changed His way of being present to us. As St. Leo memorably says: “He now began to be indescribably more present in His divinity to those from whom He was further removed in His humanity.” That change was needed!

When he moved from Athens to Corinth, St. Paul changed his way of proclaiming the Gospel. In Athens, he gave a highly cultured proclamation and won few converts. In Corinth, he boldly proclaimed the cross, and many came to believe. That change was needed!

As we prepare to celebrate the Ascension and then get ready for Pentecost, I propose that we need a change, too: a change in our mode of thinking about parish life. Let’s look for opportunities, both large and small, to shift from an “I” mentality to a “we” mentality.

We’re capable of great things. But to do those great things we have to think and move deliberately as “we.”

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 4-5 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXR
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  Reserve for Unpaid Pledges..........................$935,000
  Archdiocesan Services................................$465,000

2024 Appeal Goal: $15,500,000

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The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friend if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called your friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I whose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This is my command: love one another.”

John 15:9-17

Love One Another

We are familiar with the Creation Story that God created human beings on the sixth day and that God created humans in His own image and likeness. What is God’s image and likeness? We hear in the second reading today from the First Letter of John that God is love. That means that we are made for loving; to love and to be loved. It is not difficult for us humans to recognize real love. We feel it and we experience it everyday.

In today’s Gospel reading from John Jesus said: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” We think of God’s love when Jesus gave up his life on the Cross to save us. Laying down one’s life for one’s friends is one part of the definition of love in the Bible. Jesus also says in the Gospel reading: “As the Father loves me, so I love you. Remain in my love.” We as humans are able to love because we are loved. The second reading says: “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.” We each have love to give to others because we have been loved first. Happiness comes in giving away such things as love as a gift because we have received such great things. Jesus reminds us for a second time at the end of the Gospel reading: “This is my command: love one another.”

The second reading for today builds on the definition of love: “...everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without loves does not know God, for God is love.” There is another consideration in this reading apart from the Gospel. Real love always has a cost. Warm feelings, deep emotions, and sentimentality are not the essence of love. Real love involves giving away something that is dear to us, and giving it to another person because they are dear to us. The cost can be anything: your time, money, or any other precious thing in your life. It might even cost your friendships or reputation when you stand for things that are morally just yet unpopular in the eyes of society. However, God gives us this command to focus on what is good. When we extend true love to our neighbor, we keep his command and enter into the realm of God and we get to know God as he truly is because God is love.
Men of the Cathedral

The Men of the Cathedral cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to attend Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, May 28th at 6 PM.

What a great way to draw ourselves closer to Christ and our Eternal Home in Heaven as we prepare for our summer activities. Please consider taking this opportunity for personal prayer and meditation.

Adoration will begin promptly at 6 PM. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. The men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. An offering of $20 is suggested.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314-914-2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Friday, May 24th.

Women of the Cathedral

Christus Resurrexit (Christ is Risen)! Please join us on May 7th for our next monthly meeting. We meet for Adoration and Benediction from 6:30-7:00 pm followed by food, fellowship and faith in Boland Hall. Nursing babies are always welcome!

A monthly LADIES LUNCHEON will begin on the first Wednesday of every month starting on May 8th at Chris’ Pancakes from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. You do not need to attend the monthly meeting to attend this, it is open to all ladies of the parish and please bring your friends! This is a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners. Nursing babies and/or children are welcome! RSVP to Suzanne by May 1st at: suzbjef@netzero.com RSVP is required for this event by the deadline.

Please email Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com with any questions and for email notifications with events, service opportunities at the parish and updates.

Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry presents

Mother’s Day Rose Sale
Single Stem Roses, $3 each
(Cash Only, no checks please)
All proceeds to benefit Birthright
Saturday, May 11
5 pm Mass
Sunday, May 12
8am, 10am, and 12noon Masses
Cathedral Basilica, Front Plaza
Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

What Catholics Believe

Join us at the Cathedral Basilica two Wednesdays a month, when Fr. Povis will present an in-depth theological reflection on the articles of the Apostles’ Creed.
-6:30pm in Boland Hall
-50 minute presentation followed by social
-Feel free to bring food and drink
-Designed for adults, but all are welcome!

Next Session
May 15
The Resurrection of the Body

Daily Readings for the Week...
The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week
May 5, 2024 through May 12, 2024

Monday: 291: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: 292: acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Friday: 295: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23a

PRAY FOR THE SICK
It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Roxanne Ali  Aisha Mitchell
Doreen Kelly  Guy Thomas
Linda Baldwin  Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Barbara Beckemeyer  Nicole Pace
Edwin Ayala Padilla  Resy Sanchez
Pauline Price  Mary Anne Work
David Washington  Betty Ytzaina
Dorothy Quinn  Sharon Kay Moore
Mary Leah Kovarik  Therese Terri Svehla
Janetta Williams  Deborah Lee
Anima Christi Young Adults
Anyone between the ages of 18 and 39 is invited to join in prayer and fellowship with the young adult community of the Cathedral Basilica on Thursday, May 9th. Our gathering begins with Holy Hour at 6:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Afterward there will be dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

Appointment with Fr. Marco
Fr. Marco is available for confession and spiritual discussion. To make an appointment to meet with Fr. Marco, please call Andrew at 314-373-8202. Thank you!

Welcome New Parishioners
A very special welcome to our new parishioners! We have been blessed with many families joining the Cathedral Basilica parish this month. The Cathedral clergy, rectory staff, and your fellow parishioners joyfully welcome you and pray for you and your families.

If you are interested in ways that you can become involved at the Cathedral, please contact Andrew at 314-373-8202.

Catholic Charities
For over 110 years, Catholic Charities of St. Louis has been bringing the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate and caring presence. Catholic Charities helps change lives through the work of nine ministries which are: Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, LAMP, Marygrove, Queen of Peace Center, Saint Louis Counseling, Saint Martha’s, St. Francis Senior Services, and St. Patrick Center.

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis has earned a special designation as a Catholic Charities Ambassador Parish. Ambassadors are generous volunteers who share their knowledge and passion for Catholic Charities mission. They help parishioners understand how to access our services and help facilitate service projects, donation drives, speaker events, and other support opportunities.

Infant Baptism
According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth, or even before it, parents should request the sacrament for their child and are to be properly instructed in preparation for it. Godparents are also encouraged to have baptismal preparation before the child is born.

If you are a registered parishioner who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism.


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A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life
“The Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”
Parish Information

Registration in Parish
To join our parish, please register online at https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life or call the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Online Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or laptop, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral website (www.cathedralstl.org) and go to Parish Online Giving under the “GIVE” tab. Then follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and authorize your contributions to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you specify.

Baptism of Infants
Parents requesting Baptism should be registered members of the parish. To schedule baptisms or register for baptismal preparation classes for parents or godparents, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the rectory at 314-373-8202.

Vocations to Christian Marriage
Couples planning to marry at the Cathedral Basilica may contact Mary Ann Fox at 314-373-8208.

Vocations to Holy Orders and Consecrated Life
Those who feel called to this life are invited to call the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations