THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 22, 2023

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
LiveStreaming of Sunday Mass and daily Mass offered at 8:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
7:00 am (Mon-Fri)
8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

OPEN WEEKDAYS
6:30 am – 5:00 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)

OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY
7:00 am – 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS
7:30–8:00 am
(Monday through Friday)
3:30–4:50 pm (Sat)
9:00–9:50 am (Sun)
11:00–11:50 am (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
Following 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mass (Tues)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(Every First Friday)
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.

Cathedral Tours
Tours of our beautiful church are once again being offered at various times by appointment 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.
Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, the Archdiocese of St. Louis begins the annual celebration of Catholic Schools. This annual celebration calls to mind the incredible gift that Catholic education is to society.

The history of this nation includes many examples of the Church’s commitment in this regard. You will find in the South Dome area of the Basilica several mosaics dedicated to the story of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The Catholic Church in the United States has in fact, made education one of its highest priorities. This undertaking has not come without great sacrifice. Towering figures, like Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and other founders and foundresses, with great tenacity and foresight, laid the foundations of what is today a remarkable network of parochial schools contributing to the spiritual well-being of the Church and the nation.

Some, like Saint Katharine Drexel, devoted their lives to educating those whom others had neglected – in her case, African Americans and Native Americans. We of course, cannot help but recall our own Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, who desired to work with the Potawatomi tribe children by founding a school for them in Kansas. In addition, countless dedicated Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests, together with selfless parents, have, through Catholic schools, helped generations of immigrants to rise from poverty and take their place in mainstream society.

Some today question the Church’s involvement in education, wondering whether her resources might be better placed elsewhere. Certainly, in a nation such as this, the State provides ample opportunities for education and attracts committed and generous men and women to this honorable profession. It is timely, then, to reflect on what is particular to our Catholic institutions. Catholic schools week provides this opportunity and reminds us all of our mission to educate and draw young men and women to Christ and His Church.

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Evangelization is a key part of the Church’s succession plan

A succession plan is one key component to the All Things New strategic pastoral planning initiative

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan. 25. After his conversion, as we know from his letters, he engaged in extensive ministry, ending with his martyrdom in Rome. The question becomes — and it’s one that everyone in ministry knows — Who will take over when he’s gone? St. Paul needed a succession plan.

Happily, we celebrate the feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus — two of the successors of St. Paul — the very next day (Jan. 26). And the interesting thing is, not only does St. Paul appoint them as successors to his missionary labors, he tells them to appoint successors so that the Gospel can continue to spread. He says to Timothy: “What you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well” (2 Timothy 2:2). And he says to Titus: “For this reason I left you in Crete, so that you might set right what remains to be done, and appoint presbyters in every town, as I directed you” (Titus 1:5). St. Paul had a succession plan!

We also hear a couple of parables from Jesus this week. Sometimes, when Jesus tells parables, we also learn of His succession plan for teaching because the Gospel writers tell us: “With many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables He did not speak to them, but to His own disciples He explained everything in private” (Mark 4: 33-34).

Jesus knows that people aren’t ready to have everything explained to them. We’ve all had that experience of watching people’s eyes glaze over as we explain too much! So Jesus tells parables that are short, interesting and instructive. He knows those parables will raise further questions that need to be answered, so He equips His disciples to answer those questions when He is gone. Jesus had a succession plan.

I mention all of that not only because it comes up in this week’s readings, but also because it’s a significant component of All Things New.

For a long time, in the Church, our succession plan has been to have children. We increased because of our birth rate. And that was good!

But that was never meant to be the whole plan. We were always meant to increase by evangelization as well. Demographic trends these days are forcing us to realize that. But we also need to make a conscious choice: We need to learn to grow by evangelization, too.

On one level, the things we’ll be doing in terms of parish reconfiguration simply need to happen at the level of operations. But, at a deeper level, they’re meant to consolidate our strength for the purpose of evangelization.

Reconfiguring parishes won’t, by itself, result in evangelization. We know that! But the next phase — and we’re very much already working on this! — is to help people learn how to evangelize. That’s why we’re planning a series of “Evangelization 101” workshops in every planning area this spring, to begin that process of learning.

Jesus had a succession plan. St. Paul had a succession plan. We need to have a succession plan. That’s one significant component of what we’re doing with All Things New.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for January 21 & 22 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXr
Fishers of Men

Today’s Gospel from Matthew describes the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (also known as the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus’ public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and his retreat into the desert where he was tempted by the devil for a period of forty days. Following his return from the desert, Jesus learns of John the Baptist’s arrest by Herod.

The first part of today’s Gospel is a flashback to Jesus’ public ministry as prophesied through the writings of the prophet Isaiah. Matthew uses this context to show the reader that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies that were given to the people of Israel. As such, Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his public ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles, rather than in his homeland of Nazareth. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy and; thus, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus calls his first disciples, the Gospel of Matthew tells us that Peter, Andrew, James and John, who were all ordinary fishermen, dropped their nets (which is their very means of livelihood) to follow Jesus without hesitation. Interestingly, Matthew does not tell us almost anything about these men’s prior knowledge of Jesus. That begs the question: did they know this man at all? Furthermore, had they ever heard him preach? Even so, what kind of man must Jesus have been in order to solicit such a dramatic and immediate response that these four men would drop everything and follow him so completely? We can imagine that Jesus must have had a powerful presence that drew Peter, Andrew, James and John to him so that they knew immediately that he was the Messiah that had long been prophesied.

The Gospel concludes by offering the reader a small glimpse into the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work by teaching in the synagogue, proclaiming the kingdom and curing people of diseases and illnesses.
Your Caution is Requested

A necessary caution is directed to all who visit the Cathedral Basilica: carefully avoid leaving purses, packages, computers, and other valuables on the car seats or otherwise in plain view when parked on the lot or surrounding streets, even for short periods. Lock belongings in the trunk out of sight. Everyone should exercise prudent responsibility.

Women of the Cathedral

Women of the Cathedral– February 4, 2023

Dear Ladies of the Cathedral Parish,

Come grow in faith and fellowship with other ladies in the parish at the monthly gatherings of the Women of the Cathedral.

We will gather next on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

We will begin with 8am Mass in the Cathedral, and then move over to Boland Hall for a light breakfast. After brief introductions and social time, an informative program is led by Msgr. Mikesch, our spiritual director, with closing prayer at 10am. A popular highlight is “Ask Msgr. Mikesch Time.”

At our last gathering the ladies shared with each other their heartfelt hopes for the new year.

To learn more, and RSV for breakfast, please contact Barbara Murray at 314-974-6900 or email murraybj@swbell.net by February 1, 2023. Please send your questions for “Ask Msgr. Time” when you RSVP.

Sunday of the Word of God

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis declared that “The Third Sunday in Ordinary time is devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity...A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word to break bread in the community of believers.”

Motu Proprio of 30 September 2019, Apertuit illis
Experience Great Music in a Great Space
during the second half of our 2022 - 2023 Season

Nordic Choir
Luther College
In memory of Dennis Flatness
Friday, January 27, 2023 8:00pm

Septura
Brass Septet
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:00pm

Tenebrae
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:00pm
Welcome by Coldwell Banker Realty - Gundaker and Paul & Amy Mittelstadt

Msgr. James Telthorst
Memorial Concert
with Scott Kennebeck, tenor; John Powel Walsh, organ;
& Madeline Moylan, flute
RESCHEDULED DATE Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:30pm
Welcome by Michael Bavisik & Kathleen Skelly

The Tallis Scholars
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:00pm
Welcome by Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD

Dates and Artists Subject to Change

CathedralConcerts.org  314-533-7662
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB

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

February 1
“And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord” (part 2)

February 15
“Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit”

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
January 22, 2023 through January 29, 2023

Sunday: 67: Is 8:23–9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Tuesday: 318: Heb 10: 1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10-11
Thursday: 520: 2 tm 1:1-8 Ps 96: 1-3, 7-8, 10 320: Mk 4: 21-25
Saturday: 322: Heb: 11: 1-2, 8-19 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4: 35-41
Sunday: 70: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

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.

Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Jennifer Jaswal
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Willa Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley

Vivian Rachel Rossen
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Richard Franklin
Roslie Mullins
**Why A Registered Parishioner**

Due to the number of requests for baptisms and weddings, the Cathedral Parish adopted a policy years ago that generally requires parents to be registered parishioners of the parish before their infant may be baptized here, or for an engaged person to be a registered parishioner and practicing Catholic for a minimum of one year for preferred dates and for a more modest stipend. Non-parishioners must be registered in a Catholic parish somewhere and will need to secure their pastor’s permission to be baptized or married outside of their proper parish before we can schedule any ceremony. If you attend Mass at the Cathedral regularly but have not yet registered, register online at [https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life](https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life) or call the parish office for more info!

**Let’s Keep in Touch**

Don’t miss out on the latest parish news this summer! Flocknotes is a fast and easy email distribution platform used by the Cathedral Basilica to keep in touch with our parishioners. Text CATHEDRALSTL to 84576, logon to [cathedralstl.flocknote.com](http://cathedralstl.flocknote.com), or call the parish office to sign up today!

**Weekly Thoughts on Giving**

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

**Offertory Collection for The Weekend of 1/14/2023-1/15/2023**

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Join Christians from many traditions in prayer for unity on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church located at 12934 Marine Avenue Creve Coeur, Missouri 63146

**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, January 26**. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 6:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Afterward we will gather for dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please email us at AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com.

**Have You Considered Online Giving**

Online Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, laptop, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral website ([www.cathedralstl.org](http://www.cathedralstl.org)) and click on the ONLINE GIVING button on the home page. Watch the 5 minute “Watch Help Video” and follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and
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.

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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 at 314-792-6460.

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