



# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 26, 2020

# MASSES ON THE LORD'S DAY

5:00 pm Sat (vigil) 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

#### **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)

# WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson 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 are available with volunteer guides Monday through Friday. Tours are also available Sundays after 1:00 pm, unless pre-empted by an afternoon event.

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 ministries and maintenance are sincerely appreciated. Gift Shop and Museum open 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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**GIFT SHOP** 314.373.8243

# **Mass Intentions**

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

### MASS INTENTIONS

### Sun., January 26–3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - Paul O'Toole

10:00 a.m. - Nick Theiss

12:00 p.m. - William Guyol

5:00 p.m. - For the Parish Family

### Mon., January 27-St. Angela Merici

7:00 a.m. - Margaret Dunn

8:00 a.m. - Patrick Moran

12:05 p.m. - Bridget Dawson

### Tues., January 28–St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 a.m. - Lemoine and Grizelda Skinner

8:00 a.m. - Sir Daniel Ferray Jr., KGCHS

12:05 p.m. - Jerry Stoverink

### Wed., January 29- Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

8:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

### Thurs., January 30– Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III

12:05 p.m. - Catherine Q. Gummersbach

### Fri., January 31-St. John Bosco

7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family

8:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

12:05 p.m. - Priest's Intention

### Sat., February 1- Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - Nicholas Weber

5:00 p.m. - James Mukkadan

### Sun., February 2- The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. - Patricia Voegelie

10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family

12:00 p.m. - Robin Charles

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



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### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It was very busy at the Cathedral Basilica last weekend, which began on Saturday when we hosted the Annual Respect Life Mass on the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Decision. Father Noah Waldman was the main celebrant and led everyone in the Rosary and procession to the Planned Parenthood.

On Sunday we welcomed not only faithful throughout the Archdiocese, but also members of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, as we prayed for the preservation of peace and honored Dr. Martin Luther King. Without a doubt, we need to continue our prayers for peace and the end of racism in the metropolitan area of St. Louis. Father Cavitt's words in his homily were very apropos, and if you would like to watch it, simply visit the cathedral website and click on the red "Livestream" bar. You will see the Mass for Preservation of Peace archived on that page.

For the last few weeks we have been focusing on Stewardship in our parish, which is truly about giving back to God in thankfulness for all the good He has done for us. This past week I gave a tour to a group of 5th graders and was able to have them view one of the many treasures of our Cathedral, the Saint



John's Bible. Several times a week we have volunteers, who may or may not be parishioners, that give of their time to spread the Gospel by talking about the Bible. It is in moments like these that we truly fulfill our mission to evangelize.

The Parish Council has been hard at work over the past few months and a large part of that discussion was focused on the Mission and Vision of our Parish. To better understand our mission, they wish to make it known they have shortened the parish mission statement a bit and have added a vision statement (see below). Over the next few weeks you will hear more about this and how it will impact the life of the parish.

### **Parish Mission Statement**

With God's grace, the Cathedral Basilica Parish endeavors to nourish the spiritual life of its parishioners, neighbors, and visitors. As the liturgical heart of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, the Cathedral Basilica gathers clergy, religious, and lay faithful for sacramental celebrations. We extend the hand of Christ to all who come to encounter His merciful love in this sacred house of worship.

**Monsignor Henry Breier** 

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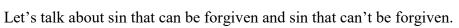
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### ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

# BEFORE THE CROSS | Acceptance of God's mercy requires acknowledging our need for forgiveness

Denying that our actions are sinful is 'the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit' mentioned by Christ



This week's readings focus on David. He's made king over Israel. He makes Jerusalem his capital city. He brings the ark into Jerusalem. God gives him an eternal covenant. In response, David commits adultery and murder. Then the prophet Nathan pronounces God's judgment on David's sin.

David's story is sobering. It's an exploration of how deeply human beings sin, even after God gives them every possible gift. In many ways, that's the story of Israel all through the Old Testament, and the story of every one of us.

David's story is also deeply consoling, because God forgives him. If even these great sins can be forgiven, there's hope for all of us! Sin still has consequences, but it doesn't close the door on David's relationship with God, or ours.

Jesus, however, gives us a warning. He tells us that there is a sin that can't be forgiven: the sin against the Holy Spirit. What exactly is this sin, and why is it so much worse than David's adultery and murder?

St. John Paul II explained it this way: "In Jesus Christ, God bends down over man to hold out a hand to him, to raise him up ... Man cannot get back onto his feet unaided: He needs the help of the Holy Spirit. If he refuses this help, he commits what Christ called 'the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit,' the sin which 'will not be forgiven.' Why will it not be forgiven? Because it means there is no desire for pardon. Man refuses the love and mercy of God."

In other words, the problem isn't on God's side of the relationship. From God's side, every sin can be forgiven. The problem, rather, is on our side of the relationship. God offers mercy; we refuse the offer. There is no cure for that because God won't force us to love Him.

Would anyone ever really refuse God's offer of forgiveness?

This is where David comes back into the picture. When the prophet Nathan confronted David with his double sin of adultery and murder, what did David do? He repented. The content and tone of his repentance is beautifully captured in Psalm 51.

When people today are confronted with their sins how do they respond? As often as not the response is not repentance. "Don't be so judgmental!" "It's my life, don't tell me how to live it." "The Church needs to get with the times." In short, in one way or another, the response is to deny that there's any sin at all.

That's the sin against the Holy Spirit. It's the refusal to accept God's offer of forgiveness, because we claim there's nothing to forgive. The acceptance of God's mercy carries a price. The price is the painful recognition and admission that we have done wrong and need forgiveness.

God never turns His back on us. But we can turn our backs on Him. That's the key difference between sin that can be forgiven and sin that can't.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Jan. 27-Feb. 2 and may be read in the print edition or at <a href="https://bit.ly/35ejOXr">https://bit.ly/35ejOXr</a>.





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#### STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

## Coffee and Donuts

The Cathedral Parish Coffee and Donuts gathering is held each Sunday in Boland Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship today!

Offertory					
Sunday Collection	01/19/2020				
Offertory	\$31,590.00				
Loose	2,713.00				
Maintenance	35.00				
St. Louis Review Subscription	1,038.00				
Other Misc. Collections	132.00				

# Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Mt 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. Everything from 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.

# For the Poor

On the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods (non-perishable items only, please!) for delivery to food pantries in the area. Our next parish food drive will be held next Sunday, February 2.

# **Eyeglass Drive**

"The Respectacle Project", an eyeglass recycling program, facilitates the redistribution of quality used eyeglasses to those in need both locally and abroad. Donations are typically accepted on the first Sunday of every month. Our next eyeglass drive will be held next Sunday, February 2.

### Men of the Cathedral

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb 4:16) What better way to begin the New Year, a new decade and live your faith by joining the Men of the Cathedral for Adoration and Dinner?

Our first evening of Adoration and Dinner in 2020 will be held on **Tuesday**, **January 28**, beginning with Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM in Boland Hall.

You are cordially invited to join this group of Catholic Men interested in deepening their faith with our Lord and their friendships with other like-minded men. Please encourage your friends and family members to join you. Please contact Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by January 27 to confirm your reservation! The suggested offering is \$20 per person and includes dinner and drinks.

# Anima Christi Young Adults

All young adults interested in growing the fellowship of our young adult community are invited to the next young adult gathering scheduled for **Thursday**, **January 30**. We begin with dinner at 6 pm in Boland Hall, followed by Holy Hour and confessions in the church at 7 pm (enter through the west door by the playground), and concluding back in Boland Hall with dessert and fellowship at 8 pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For more information, please e-mail **AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com**.

# St. Vincent de Paul Membership

Members of the Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Society meet in the Rectory every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. Members are committed to aiding fellow parishioners and neighbors with necessities such as food, clothing, utilities, and rent—all in the context of the Christian imperative. If interested in becoming a member or in learning more about the Society and our Conference, please leave a message on the SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288.



## 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.

William H. Bachmann
Linda Baldwin
Sandy Dubuque
Alvin Griffin
Alexander Hacker

Linus Pottebaum
Dorothy Quinn
Teresita Sanchez
Sr. Patricia Sevik
Rose Teran

Linda McGinnis Willa Washington Lenore Molloy Richelle Weisbrod Janice Noack Mary Anne Work

# A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

Abortion affects countless marriages, more than many people recognize. But God's grace can bring true healing in relationships. Learn more at respect-life.org/healing-in-marriage.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Healing Within Marriage from an Abortion"

# **Infant Baptism**

According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. If you are a registered parishioner who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, please contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism or to register for our next baptismal preparation class. The next class will be held at the rectory on **Tuesday**, **January 28**, at 7:00 p.m.

# **Subscription Sunday**

The St. Louis Review, your faithful source for Catholic News, is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For \$35.00 a year, your weekly copy of the Review will keep you in touch with the Church in St. Louis, across the nation, and around the world. Please use the subscription renewal envelope in your January envelope packet (or write your check for \$35.00 to the parish, mark it "Review", and include your name and mailing address) and return it in any Sunday collection.

# 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 26, 2020 through February 3, 2020

Sunday: 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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19 (or Wis 7:7-10, 15-16)

Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35 (or Mt 23:8-12)

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-5, 11-14

Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17 (or Phil 4:4-9)

Ps 51:3-7, 10-11

Mk 4:26-34 (or Mt 18:1-5)

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 **or** 2:22-32

# **Eucharistic Exposition**

The Blessed Sacrament, the very presence of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist, is reserved in the tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the east of the main sanctuary. At all hours the Cathedral is open, people may be found praying there before the Lord "face to face." Each Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 p.m., the Eucharist is displayed for prayer and adoration in public exposition in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a holy hour. Following this holy hour, the Evening Prayer of the Church with Benediction is celebrated.

Additionally, the Blessed Sacrament is displayed for public adoration and prayer on the First Friday of the month. First Friday Adoration begins at approximately 8:30 a.m., following the completion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and concludes with Benediction at 11:45 a.m. Our next First Friday Adoration will be held on Friday, February 7.



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### Presentation of the Lord

On Sunday, February 2, the Church observes the feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorating the moment on the fortieth day after the birth of Jesus that Mary and Joseph brought Him to the temple to present Him to the Lord in observance of the Law of Moses. This Gospel event was first observed as a liturgical feast in the Eastern Church as "the Encounter," but in the sixth century it began to be observed in the West: in Rome, with a more penitential character, and in France with solemn blessing and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity, and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point towards Easter. Please join us for Mass according to the regular Sunday Mass schedule on this special day of Candlemas.

# **Blessing of Throats**

The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian, and is ordinarily given on **February 3**, the Memorial of St. Blaise. The Blessing of Throats will be offered following each Mass on Monday, February 3.

### Catholic Radio

Does your faith influence the way you live your life? The year 2020 is a great time to focus on the purpose of your life. Resolve to listen to Catholic radio in the New Year to be reminded of the importance of faith in your daily journey. Listen to the Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary daily. Participate in live call-in shows such as Call to Communion, Open Line and Catholic Answers Live. Tune in to AM 1080 WRYT or 92.7 FM, download the free Covenant Network App, or listen on Our-CatholicRadio.org.

# A Lasting Gift

Looking for a special gift to memorialize a loved one, or celebrate a birth, wedding, or other important event? Consider a commemorative brick in the Cathedral Basilica Jubilee Prayer Garden! Contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 for more information.

### **Annual Statements**

Individual contribution statements were mailed out recently. These statements reflect parish records of each individual parishioner's financial contributions over the past calendar year, and are intended for tax information. Any parishioner who has not received this mailing is urged to contact the parish office at 314-373-8202.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parishioners who made pledges toward the ACA, The Friends of the Cathedral, or through the Roman Catholic Foundation will receive statements directly from the organizations administering those programs. **No** reference to such pledges or contributions should appear on your parish statement. If the statement you received from the parish erroneously included such pledge amounts, please contact the parish business office for a corrected statement.

## **Eucharist: Metanoia**

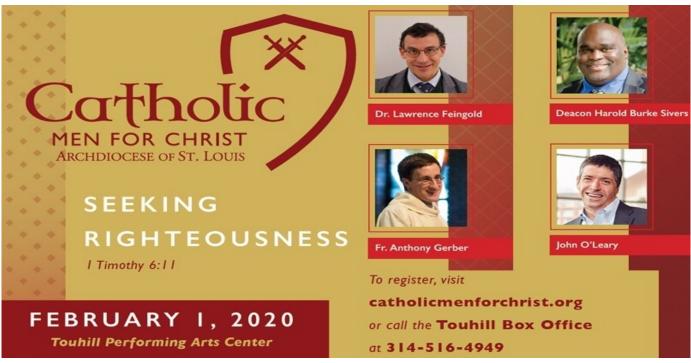
Jesus invites us to an experience of μετάνοια, a Greek word that refers to repentance or a conversion of heart and mind. This process of μετάνοια can occur every day of our lives as we week to more closely adhere to the Lord of our lives by praying for grace to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of God is present among us in the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Holy Eucharist, and when we engage in acts of charity and the works of mercy. We can encounter Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters in need. First, we must enter more deeply into prayer and encounter the Lord anew. Once our prayer matures, we can experience greater renewal and conversion.

For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

# Matthew 25 Come Alive

Often we find ourselves approached on the street with requests for assistance for food or a bus pass. In order to live Matthew 25, parishioners should considering carrying fast food gift cards and a book of bus tickets. That way, you can provide substantive assistance when asked, without resorting to cash. Also, encourage those seeking assistance to call 2-1-1, United Way's assistance hotline, or the Cathedral's **SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288**.

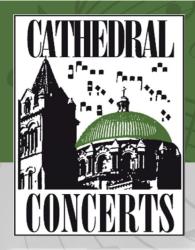








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North City Deanery Choir Friday, January 24, 2020 8 PM



The Sheldon's City of Music All-Star Chorus Friday, January **31**, 2020 **8** PM



New Sunny Mount Baptist Church Chancel Choir & The Gospel Symphonic Choir Friday, February 7, 2020 8 PM



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FEBRUARY 2-3, 2020							
5:00 p.m. (Sat)		George Capps Tracy Marklein		Doug Weber	Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Robert Sutter Luke Koebbe		
8:00 am	Luke Koebbe Pat Harper Phoebe Del Castillo Myra Ball	Luke Koebbe Myra Ball	Al Rheinnecker Luke Koebbe	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly Pat McAllister	Dave Meyer Michael Held Tom Doyle Frank Snyder		
10:00 am	Patricia Rice Sr. Marysia Mike Roth Donna Roth	Vito Alu Patricia Rice	Pat Harper	Simon Blanner John-Paul Blanner Joseph Brewer Matthew Brewer	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Ana Anita Atok Liz Ballman Susan Metheny		
12 Noon	John Willard Jerry Danekas David Parr Thomas Gregory	David Parr Thomas Gregory		George Lawrence Jack Ryan	Kenneth Brandl Rebecca Brandl LaWanda Reason Jerry Danekas		
5:00 pm	Skip Batchelor Nicki Batchelor	John Stith Kathleen Schmitz		Nicholas Kennebeck	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke		

# **Parish Information**

#### Registration in Parish

To join our parish, please fill out a registration card (found at entrances to church) or contact the parish rectory at 314-373-8202.

ON LINE GIVING is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralstl.org), click on the bright red DONATE button, and 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 Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202.

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish 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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