SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
Live Streaming
Sunday Mass at 10 am
Daily Mass at 8 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)
Welcome to Our Visitors

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 Concerts
314.533.7662

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.

Cathedral 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 s irons@cathedralstl.org
Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, we enter into the Season of Lent. It is a period that leads us to the celebration of Holy Easter, and is a most valuable and important liturgical time. It is a time in which enter a season of special commitment in the spiritual battle to oppose the evil that is present in the world, in each one of us, and around us. It means looking evil in the face and being ready to fight its effects and especially its causes, even its primary cause which is Satan.

It means not off-loading the problem of evil onto others, onto society, or onto God, but rather recognizing one's own responsibility and assuming it with awareness. In this regard, Jesus' invitation to each one of us Christians to take up our "cross" and follow him with humility and trust (cf. Mt 16: 24) is particularly pressing. Although the "cross" may be heavy, it is not synonymous with misfortune, with disgrace, or to be avoided on all accounts.

This provides for us an opportunity to follow Jesus and thereby to acquire strength in the fight against sin and evil. Thus, entering Lent means renewing the personal and community decision to face evil together with Christ. The way of the Cross is in fact the only way that leads to the victory of love over hatred, of sharing over selfishness, of peace over violence. Seen in this light, Lent is truly an opportunity for a strong ascetic and spiritual commitment based on Christ's grace.

Make plans during this Lenten Season to join your fellow parishioners for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. We will also have virtual Stations of the Cross available on our website. Father Povis will offer a weekly column, which will include a reflection on a work of Sacred Art that we will feature in our All Saints Chapel. You are invited to come by each week to use this image for your prayer and meditation.

Also, perhaps God is calling you to spend time with him in private prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Saturday, following the at 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm when we conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction. Even if you can’t make it to Eucharistic Adoration if have only 5 minutes, stop by and pray with our Lord.

Thus, we embark on a journey of a personal encounter with our Redeemer through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In this journey, let us follow Christ more authentically. Let us entrust ourselves to the Virgin Mary, who generated the Word of God in faith and in the flesh so that we might immerse ourselves—just as she did—in the death and resurrection of Jesus and posses eternal life.

Monsignor Breier
If we love someone, we need to open the door to heaven for them

The world is going a different direction than the Church when it comes to love.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Well, it’s finally happened: Ash Wednesday and Valentine’s Day fall on the same day this year.

On one level, that’s funny! On another, it’s symbolic: The Church and the world are going in different directions when it comes to love.

The world proposes that all our desires are basically good. If that’s true, then promoting love means following our desires unreservedly. Honestly, that hasn’t led to greater happiness.

The Gospel proposes that sin also dwells in us. If that’s true, then promoting love includes disciplining our desires. Honestly, that leads to the Cross.

God is love. And Jesus is God in the flesh. That means Jesus is love incarnate. And love incarnate says: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”

We hear that reading this week! Jesus shows us what love looks like and tells us what love requires.

Does the Gospel promote love? Yes! And therefore, so does the Church. But it’s becoming increasingly clear that what the world means by love and what the Gospel means by love are on different tracks. This year, that difference comes to a symbolic head. So, Feb. 14 is a great time to ask ourselves: What do we mean by love, and what does love entail?

Speaking of Ash Wednesday, are you looking for something more creative to do this Lent? Let me suggest something that builds on the “Disciples Make Disciples” document that I recently released.

We can take our lead from Psalm 119, which we read on Monday of this week. Psalm 119 is the longest psalm because it devotes eight verses to every letter of the Hebrew alphabet. But here’s the key: Every one of those verses, in one way or another, finds a way to mention and praise God’s law.

What if we were that deliberate? What if, on each of the 40 days of Lent, we found at least one occasion to mention and praise God, or Jesus, or the Bible, or Church, or something connected with the life of faith?

The Boy Scout slogan is “Do a good turn daily.” What if we set ourselves a task for Lent: Open the door for someone every day — the door of faith!

Disciples make disciples by opening the door of faith for people over and over. We aren’t forcing anyone through that door — that would be contrary to the nature of faith, which is always free. But we need to open the door.

Jesus says: “I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.” In other words, He is the door to heaven. If we love people, we need to open that door for them.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for February 10-11 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35EjOXr
CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Experience Great Music in a Great Space!
Join us for the second half of our 2023 - 2024 Season

Missouri State University Chorale
Cameron LaBarr, Director
Friday, January 12, 2024 8:00pm
Tickets: $20

North City Deanery Choir
Simeon A. Layne, Jr., Director
Friday, February 2, 2024 8:00pm
Welcomed by Coldwell Banker Realty - Gundaker and Paul & Amy Mittelstadt
FREE No Tickets Required

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra & Chorus
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:00pm
Presented by BSI Constructors
Stéphanie Denève, conductor
Brenda Rae, soprano
Davône Tines, bass-baritone
St. Louis Symphony Chorus - Erin Freeman, Guest Chorus Director
GABRIEL FAURÉ Pavane, op. 50
CHARLES KOECHLIN Choral sur le nom de Fauré
LILI BOULANGER Pie Jesu
MAURICE RAVEL Pavane pour une infante défunte (Pavane for a Dead Princess)
GABRIEL FAURÉ Requiem, op. 48
Tickets: $60, $45, $30

Chanticleer
Monday, April 8, 2024 8:00pm
“The world’s reigning male chorus”
– New Yorker
Welcomed by Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD
Tickets: $45, $30, $20

The Boston Camerata
Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00pm
Les Miracles de Notre Dame
Medieval Paris was not only a center of learning, debate, art, and architecture; it was also a capital of musical creation and innovation, the most important in Europe. You will hear the magnificent vocal music sung within the walls of the great cathedral, as well as miracle tales, student songs, and minstrel turns performed in Notre Dame’s shadow, on either bank of the steadily flowing Seine. A feast!
A commission of the French Consulate in Boston and premiered a few months after the 2019 fire which destroyed in part the Notre Dame cathedral, it was again performed in 2022, to public and critical acclaim.
Tickets: $45, $30, $20

Artists & Dates subject to change
CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662
A Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art

Sacred art is meant to assist in the raising of the mind and heart to God. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, “Images of beauty, in which the mystery of the invisible God becomes visible, are an essential part of Christian worship... The image of Christ and the images of the saints are not photographs. Their whole point is to lead us beyond what can be apprehended at the merely material level, to awaken new senses in us, and to teach us a new kind of seeing, which perceives the Invisible in the visible.” (The Spirit of the Liturgy).

To assist in our Lenten journey, a different piece of sacred art will be displayed each week in the All Saints chapel of the Cathedral Basilica. Please feel free to visit and pray with these images along with the reflections provided in the bulletin as we journey toward the celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection.

Found in the Cathedral Basilica

A good vantage point for viewing the south rose window (pictured to the right) is the main aisle beneath the central dome. Notice the Greek cross design in the window. Notice also the fine mosaics that surround it with the beautiful gold motif. The window rises above the rear gallery. This gallery, or triforium, runs completely around the entire Cathedral except for the north end, where the gallery space is occupied by the organ pipes.

Such a continuous gallery was custom in Byzantine churches, and since men and women were separated in the eastern liturgies, women participated in the liturgy from the gallery.

From this central vantage point, the beautiful majolica border (decorative terra cotta) that extends around the whole interior just above the striped marble can be best observed.

The south rose window was designed by Hildreth Meiere of New York.

Relic Tour

The Skull of St. Jean de Brébeuf

Missionary and Martyr

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Sunday, February 25th

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica at 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, and 5:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses on Ash Wednesday.

You are invited to bring your blessed palm from last year to be burned into ashes. Drop them off at the rectory office any time prior to Ash Wednesday. Baskets for dropping off blessed palm are also located at the doors of the church.

Women of the Cathedral

The Women of the Cathedral welcome you to join them this month.

Please note that our monthly meetings have moved to the FIRST Tuesday of every month with our next being on March 5th at 6:30 pm with Adoration at the Cathedral followed by fellowship and discussion in Boland Hall.

We hope you can join us!

For more information or to be added to our email list, please contact Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com.

Men of the Cathedral

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th. As we each begin our Lenten journey, we may wish to consider spending some quality time with Our Lord.

The MEN OF THE CATHEDRAL cordially invite all men and women (parishioners and visitors) to join them for the February Adoration scheduled on February 27th at 6 PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a joy beyond words, as we can come close to our Lord in a very special way. That joy and fulfillment is greatly enhanced when you share the experience of Adoration with others. We are blessed to have two Adorations during this Lenten season.

Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

Please plan to attend and invite your friends and family, as it is a tremendous way to come closer to Christ!

Following Adoration, all men are invited to Boland Hall for fellowship and dinners. An offering of $20 is suggested. Please RSVP by Monday, February 26th to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org to reserve your dinner spot!
Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”
- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “I’m I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

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!

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
February 11, 2024 through February 18, 2024

Monday: 335: Jas 1:1-11 ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75 -76 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: 336: Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94;12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: 219: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 220: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25
Friday: 221: Is 58:1-3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: 222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

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
Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Koverik
Janetta Williams
Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Therese Terri Svehla
**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, February 15th**. 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.

**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.

**Appointment with Fr. Marco**

Fr. Marco offers spiritual discussion and confession Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only. To schedule a time to meet with Fr. Marco, please call our office manager, Andrew, at 314-373-8202.

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**Let’s Keep in Touch**

Don’t miss out on the latest parish news. 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 or call the parish office to sign up today!

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**Catholic Charities**

**Lamp** is a ministry of Catholic Charities and is an acronym for Language, Access, Multicultural, People. LAMP breaks down linguistic and cultural barriers through language interpreting and translation services to assist people in our region. The language services help people access health care and legal aid and help them in having their basic needs met.

LAMP offers a free Community Interpreting Line for limited English-speakers in our community that is available 24/7 and 365 days a year. Call 1-888-260-3791 for assistance. If you have language skills and want to make a difference in your community, interpreting and translation work ensures life-giving services are accessible. More information can be found at www.lampinterpreters.org, or by contacting your Parish Ambassador Alisa Goessling at 314-367-5500.

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**A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life**

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life
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