CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

MASS 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**

Sun. Feb. 18th - First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Robert “Bob” Matteoni
10:00 a.m. Joseph Olivastro
12:00 p.m. Ryan & Nishal Monteiro
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. Feb. 19th - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Leon Mitchison, Jr.

Tues. Feb. 20th - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Kathleen M.
8:00 a.m. Joanie Wright
12:05 p.m. Fr. Richard J. Schili

Wed. Feb. 21st - St. Peter Damian
7:00 a.m. Thomas Daniels
8:00 a.m. Robert Hodapp
12:05 p.m. Teresa Resendiz

Thur. Feb. 22nd - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
7:00 a.m. Sr. Marysia Weber, RSM
8:00 a.m. Thomas Kubat
12:05 p.m. Lenny Schutz

Fri. Feb. 23rd - St. Polycarp
7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Jonathan Jurgensmeyer
12:05 p.m. Adam John Beevar

Sat. Feb. 24th - Lenten Weekday
8:00 a.m. Victor Stuart
5:00 p.m. Francis Sokolowski

Sun. Feb. 25th - Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Kevin Reese
10:00 a.m. Elaine Love
12:00 p.m. Teresa Resendiz
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

We have entered Lent. This season is many things, but one thing it calls us to do is to simplify our lives. It is a time to refocus. It is a time to get back to basics. It is a time, especially considering everything that we have had to deal with in this last year, where perhaps we’ve allowed different habits to develop, Lent takes us back to what really matters in life.

To make Lent a special time we need to do things differently. In all our lives, we know if we want to change something, then we need to change our routine and habits. That is why there is fasting and days of abstinence in Lent. We change our regular eating habits to be more mindful of sacrifice and repentance. After all, repentance is the bottom line purpose of Lent - “Reform your lives and believe in the gospel,” as Jesus says.

Lent’s refocusing includes prayer. That is essential. If our prayer routines have waned during the past year, Lent is the perfect time to help us put that priority back into place. This Lent, we will continue to have our Lenten Stations of the Cross and our Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art series. I am very grateful to Father Povis for preparing the various works of art for reflection each week. To assist you in deepening your prayer this lent, he parish has also provided copies of the Lenten Companion available at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

Besides prayer and fasting, our refocusing efforts for a good Lent calls us to go outside ourselves. That means using our time, talent and treasure for others. While “almsgiving” is the traditional term used for this component of Lent, what is behind this is our concerns for our brothers and sisters, especially those who are in need and less fortunate than we are. One example of this is the Rice Bowl project, which we take home and fill up through the season with our coins and dollars, then return at the end of Lent to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services, helping those in need throughout the country and our world.

You also check out Cross Catholic Outreach, which is a Catholic ministry that partners with bishops, priests, sisters, and religious and lay workers to provide food, water, housing, education, support for orphans and vulnerable children, health care, disaster relief, and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ to the poorest of the poor in over 30 countries around the world. Crosscatholic.org

Recently, I came across this quote: “A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there.” I think that’s an appropriate description for a good Lent - to get out of our comfort zone and grow closer to the Lord.

May this Lent be that special time for us.

Monsignor Henry Breier
It’s important to receive, share the Word of God with great ardor

We must give our attention to the fervor with which we share the Good News

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week’s readings focus our attention on the Word of God.

We hear from the Gospel of John: “Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.”

We hear from the prophet Isaiah: “Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful … So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void.”

We hear from the Gospel of Matthew: “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

Jesus gives us the Our Father so that we can pray with the very words He gave us.

We hear from the prophet Jonah: “The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.”

Finally, twice at the end of the week, we hear Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount speak as the living Word of God: “You have heard that it was said … But I say to you …” Reflecting on this the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: “In Jesus, the same Word of God, that had resounded on Mount Sinai to give the written law to Moses, made itself heard anew on the Mount of the Beatitudes” (CCC 581).

The readings for the week are very clear in focusing our attention on the Word of God, and I’d like to draw out two aspects of that focus in conjunction with our “Disciples Make Disciples” vision for evangelization.

First, it’s important for us to receive the Word of God with new ardor. When someone talks over our favorite song or a movie we’re watching, we tell them to keep quiet! Do we have that same ardor for listening to the Word of God, or do we let other things in our lives “talk over” our attentiveness to the Word? Discovering a new ardor for receiving the Word of God is important because He’s the key to our eternal life! We can start to receive that life, even now, more deeply — but we have to want it.

Second, It’s important for us to share the Word of God with others with new ardor. The Word of God, dwelling in heaven from all eternity, didn’t stay there! He longed to communicate Himself to the world and therefore came into the world as the Word incarnate. That same Word of God now dwells in us and doesn’t want to stay there! He longs to go forth again — but now to go forth from us as the Word spoken and shared in our words.

When we have good news about the Chiefs or the Cardinals or the Blues we can’t wait to share it with someone. That’s good! But it’s time for us to discover a new ardor — no less than our ardor for sports — for sharing the Word of God.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for February 17-18 and may be read in the print edition or at https://tinyurl.com/35ejOXr
Experience Great Music in a Great Space!  
Join us for the remaining concerts of our 2023 - 2024 Season

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra & Chorus  
**Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:00pm**
Presented by BSI Constructors  
Stéphane Denève, conductor  
Brenda Rae, soprano  
Davone Tines, baritone  
St. Louis Symphony Chorus – Erin Freeman, Guest Chorus Director  

- **GABRIEL FAURE** Pavane, op. 50  
- **CHARLES KOECHLIN** Choral sur le nom de Faust  
- **LILI BOULANGER** Pie Jesu  
- **MAURICE RAVEL** Pavane pour une infante défunte (Pavane for a Dead Princess)  
- **GABRIEL FAURE** 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 Faithman, 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

Week 1: Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden,
by Johann Wenzel Peter
(Located in the All Saints chapel)

We begin our Lenten journey with this image which depicts the very moments before the initiation of God’s great rescue mission for the human race. The artist, Peter Wenzel, produced several paintings of animals in the late 1700s and Pope Gregory XVI furnished the papal apartments with 20 of them during his pontificate. This painting is the artist’s interpretation of the earthly paradise which was God’s initial intention for creation before the first humans introduced disharmony into it through their free choice to sin. We find here animals and humans living in harmony with one another without fear or shame: all in healthy relationship with one another and with God. We also find the Evil One, imaged in the Book of Genesis as a serpent, suggesting to Adam and Eve that something even greater than paradise is available to them if they turn away from God and attempt to grasp after happiness for themselves in the form of the fruit which God forbade them to eat.

The entire event of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection which we will commemorate at the end of our Lenten journey was necessitated by our first parents’ choice to believe this lie; to believe the lie that God isn’t as good and as generous as He reveals Himself to be, but that God was somehow holding out on them. Even in the midst of paradise in which God availed every legitimate earthly delight to them, Adam and Eve were deceived into believing that God didn’t have their best interest in mind. They were deceived into believing that they’d somehow miss out on something that makes life truly great and fulfilling if they obeyed God and trusted Him to provide for them.

We live very far from paradise, and so this temptation is all the more powerful for each one of us. Day in and day out the world, the flesh, and the devil try to convince us to grasp after happiness and fulfillment for ourselves. We are constantly fed the lie that what God wants for us might not be all that great, and so we’d better grab ahold of as much pleasure, power, wealth, fame, and success as we possibly can for ourselves. The Evil One is very unoriginal in his strategies and in the lies he suggests to us, and because we humans are weak and easily confused, we keep falling for them.

Lent is an opportunity to declutter our lives and our hearts so that we might examine what lies may have slowly made their way into our subconscious. We fast in order to detach ourselves from earthly pleasures and satisfaction. We give alms to detach ourselves from earthly wealth. We pray in order to turn our hearts and minds away from things of the world and make more space for God. As we make this sacred time and space in our lives for God, consider asking Him to reveal to you which version of the Evil One’s lie has made its way into your heart. Where am I slow to believe that God really wants what is best for me? What earthly thing or experience or pleasure has the most power over me; what do I tend to grasp after most frequently and how does God wish to heal the distrust in my heart which underlies this?

Though the sin of Adam and Eve cast us out of paradise, in 6 short weeks we will proclaim, “O happy fault! O truly necessary sin of Adam… that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!” God is powerful enough to bring good out of evil on the cosmic level and at the level of our own individual lives. May this holy season be a time of transformation for all of us in which we detach ourselves from the things of earth so as to be more completely attached to the things of heaven.
Women of the Cathedral
Spring Events
Please come say hi after the 8am and 10am Masses as we are hosting Donut Sunday and would love to meet you!

1. Join us the FIRST Tuesday of every month, March 5th is our next meeting, beginning at 6:30pm with Benediction and Adoration at the Cathedral for 30 minutes followed by food, fellowship and discussion in Boland Hall. We will discuss our upcoming service project and how to Live the Liturgical Season of Holy Week and Easter.

2. A weekly Women’s Bible Study on Ephesians has started on Mondays at 6:30pm. Please email Antoinetta.aa@protonmail.com for more information and to join.

3. Join us for a Spring Wreath Class with Lucy Willis of Lucy Willis Interior Design on Sunday, March 17th after the 10am Mass. This is a great activity for young and old, mothers and daughters welcome! $40 per wreath. Please email Lucy at lopenlander@yahoo.com to register and pay. Pre-registration required by March 10th.

4. A Book Study on Catherine of Siena’s The Dialogue will start mid-March. Please email Patricia Argotte for information and to sign up by March 10th: playhousehf@yahoo.com

To be added to the email list or to find out anything about the Women of the Cathedral email Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com

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.

Men of the Cathedral
Lent began on Wednesday, 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
“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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 21st
I Believe in 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
February 18, 2024 through February 25, 2024

Wednesday: 226: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Friday: 228: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: 229: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

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 Kovarik
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 22nd**. 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.
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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2024

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