SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19, 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 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.
Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday, we enter into the Season of Lent. But what does "entering Lent" mean? It means we enter a season of special commitment in the spiritual battle to oppose the evil 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.

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm. Make plans during this Lenten Season to join your fellow parishioners for the Stations of the Cross on the Friday’s of Lent at 7:00 pm. Perhaps God is calling you to attend daily Mass at 7:00 am, 8:00 am or 12:05 pm. Don’t forget that even if you only 5 minutes, stop by and pray with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

To help you enter more fully into the Lenten Season, we are providing to our parishioners The Magnificat Lenten Companion, which is designed in a convenient, easy-to-use format with inspiring daily reflections, prayers, and faith-filled essays. By taking a few moments each day to meditate on the daily reflections and short prayers that follow, you will accompany Jesus through his Passion and Death, emerging on Easter Sunday to the overflowing joy of His Resurrection. You will find these companions located at the main entrance to the Basilica.

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.

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
Take time to pause and reset for new habits

Lent presents the challenge and opportunity to witness to the Gospel truth that we are all sinners in need of a savior.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you ever seen a commercial or a movie where they hit the “pause” button — then all the people and action freeze, while one character moves about in the frozen frame?

Lent and Easter are like that. This week we begin the 7th week of Ordinary Time. Then Lent starts, and the Church pushes the “pause” button. Forty days of Lent are followed by 50 days of Easter. Then, after 90 days, the Church pushes “play” again, and we pick up with the 8th week of Ordinary Time.

The Church pushes the “pause” button to give us time to establish some new habits. Contemporary psychologists say that it takes roughly 90 days to build a new habit. So, here’s our chance! If you could push “pause,” take 90 days to acquire a new habit and then reenter your life with that habit in place, what would it be? Make that your Lenten plan!

Of course not! He told us to let our light shine before others. What He’s saying is: when you carry out good spiritual actions make sure your intentions are in the right place as well.

So, what’s our intention when we wear ashes in public? We’re not doing it “to win the praise of others.” Our intention is to give witness to the Gospel truth that we’re sinners in need of a savior. When we do that we pose a question and issue an invitation: “Are you a sinner in need of a savior, too? Join us!”

Repent

Affirmation is a natural developmental need, but at some point in our lives, everyone needs to be challenged, too.

A perfect example of this is the call of Matthew (Levi), which we read as Lent begins. Matthew is a tax collector — the prototype of a sinner! Jesus didn’t simply affirm him: “Matthew, I know you’re trying as hard as you can. I accept you just as you are.” No, Jesus called him: “Matthew, I want more for you. But it’s going to require more from you. Will you follow me?”

It’s ennobling to know that someone sees more in us and wants more for us. It’s dignifying to be invited to rise to the challenge. But, then, the decision is ours: Will we walk into the challenge, or walk away from it?

Matthew followed Jesus. The fruit of his decision was to give hope to other sinners — who then joined Matthew and Jesus for dinner!

Lent presents that same challenge and opportunity to each of us. How will we respond?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for February 18 & 19 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ciOXr
Men of the Cathedral
   February Adoration
Lent beings on Wednesday, February 22nd. 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 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a joy beyond worlds, as we can come close to Our Lord in a very special way. That joy and fulfillment is greatly enhanced when your 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 in Boland Hall for fellowship and dinner. An offering of $20 is suggested. Please RSVP by Monday, February 27th to Michael Weisbrod at michael.wesibrod@rcfstl.org to reserve your dinner spot!

Women of the Cathedral
   Women of the Cathedral– March 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. It’s been a delight to have new ladies join each time.

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

We will begin with 8 a.m. 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 10 a.m. A popular highlight is “Ask Msgr. Mikesch Time.”

At our last gathering the ladies shared their own stories of being light to others often with great personal sacrifice. Some also shared when an unknown person unexpectedly became alight uplifting them from grief and sorrow.

To learn more, and RSVP for breakfast, please contact Barbara Murray at 314-974-6900 or email murraybj@swbell.net by March 1, 2023.

Please send your questions for “Ask Msgr. Time” when you RSVP.

Donut Sunday
TODAY!
Enjoy coffee and donuts Following the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses.
Hosted by The Ministers of Care
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

My friend, Father Keller and I will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 7 - 17, 2023. Father Keller is the pastor of Assumption Parish in South County and over the years we have led many pilgrimages together and we hope that you can join us for this one.

This pilgrimage is intended for “First-Time Pilgrims” to the Holy Land. We will travel throughout Israel and Palestine visiting the places that are linked to the life of Jesus. The trip is a “pilgrimage” because it will be more than just tour-guides and ancient ruins, we will take time for daily Mass and have time for prayer and reflection at the locations where Christ Himself lived, preached, healed, and redeemed.

We will visit the great churches commemorating the Annunciation in Nazareth and the Nativity in Bethlehem. We will see Capharnaum, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Jericho, Mount Beatitude, Bethany, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, the Jordan River, and other places associated with public ministry of Christ. We will visit Mount Carmel, a place associated with both the Blessed Mother and the Prophet Elijah. In Jerusalem we will see the site of the lost Jewish Temple and we will visit the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary and the Empty Tomb within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place of the Ascension, and the site of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. We hope the Bible will come alive after you have been to the Holy Land.

FOR MORE INFORMATION from TravelTyme Pilgrimages go to traveltyme.com to make reservations call 636-391-1000 or email george.hudson@traveltyme.com
The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: “You have heard it said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.”

You have heard it said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But is a to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”
**A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life**

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility… If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you… God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”

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**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**

**March 1**
“Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit”

**March 15**
“Born of the Virgin Mary”

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**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 19, 2023 through February 26, 2023**

**Sunday:**
79: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

**Monday:**
341: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**
219: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 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 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:**
222: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:**
22 Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

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**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
Ben Janson
Jennifer Jaswal
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley

Vivian Rachel Rossen
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Durie Shiebler
Permanent Diaconate Information Night

Do you feel called to serve the church in a special way? Is so, a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate might be something that God is calling you to. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of the upcoming information nights on either Monday, March 13, 2023 or Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Wives of interested men are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot in the meeting, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 314.792.7433.

Catholic Charities– St. Patrick Center

St. Patrick Center is a ministry of Catholic Charities and needs breakfast items to help their unhoused clients this winter. Please help by dropping off any of the following items during February:

- Instant oatmeal cups, toaster pastries, granola/protein bars, bottled water, and coffee, creamer, and sugar.

A box marked St Patrick Center Breakfast Donations will be in the back of the Cathedral Basilica.

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 23. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 5:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

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, or call the parish office to sign up today!

Offertory Collection for the Weekend of 2/11/2023-2/12/2023

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Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you…” MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy.” When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.
Parish Information

Registration in Parish
To join our parish, please register online at [https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life](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 at 314-792-6460.

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