

CATHEDRAL  
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 12, 2023

**MASSSES 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)

**EUCCHARISTIC  
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 sirons@cathedralstl.org](mailto:Susie_sirons@cathedralstl.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sun. Mar. 12th - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel  
10:00 a.m. Br. Richard Hermann, CM  
12:00 p.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner  
5:00 pm Nick Theiss

### Mon. Mar. 13th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family  
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whiteen  
12:05 p.m. Penelope Coombs

### Tues. Mar. 14th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Larry & Jacquie Shetter  
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel  
12:05 p.m. Michael Page

### Wed. Mar. 15th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Agnes Marie Parasiewicz  
8:00 a.m. John Alphonsus Dowling  
12:05 p.m. Charles Catarina

### Thur. Mar. 16th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Phylis Smith  
8:00 a.m. Carmen Alatorre-Martin  
12:05 p.m. James Brennan

### Fri. Mar. 17th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Trish Alatorre-Ridings  
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel  
12:05 p.m. Alice & Eugene Owens, Sr. & Family

### Sat. Mar. 18th - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 p.m. Gerardo & Ilda Ventura  
5:00 p.m. Michael Goyda

### Sun. Mar. 19th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Al Marmino  
10:00 a.m. Thomas Kubat  
12:00 p.m. Josephine Fralick  
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss



## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This third Sunday of Lent is characterized by Jesus' famous conversation with the Samaritan woman, recounted by the Evangelist John. The woman went every day to draw water from an ancient well that dated back to the Patriarch Jacob, and on that day, she found Jesus sitting beside the well, "wearied from his journey." Jesus' weariness, a sign of his true humanity, can be seen as a prelude to the Passion, with which he brought to fulfillment the work of our redemption.

In the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, the topic of Christ's "thirst" stands out in particular. It culminated in his cry on the Cross, "I thirst" (Jn 19:28). This thirst, like his weariness, had a physical basis. Yet Jesus, as St Augustine says, "thirsted for the faith of that woman", as he thirsted for the faith of us all.

This very scene repeats every day. When we get close to the well of the Word of God, we find Jesus waiting there for us and he asks us, "Give me to drink." Jesus wants our heart, our love, and our affection. This is what he is thirsty for: friendship. And we, too, like that woman, may reject this request for love and company. It is striking that Jesus loved that woman when she was still far from him, but she did not realize it.

Jesus helped her to come to her senses: he did not attack or humiliate her with an embarrassing description of her sin or her history with so many sought and betrayed loves. Instead, he understood her. This really surprised the woman: being understood, known for what she was, and being loved still! It is not a law or a judgment that changes hearts, but the long and persistent encounter with that man who spoke to her with freedom and love.

Each one of us can identify himself with the Samaritan woman: Jesus is waiting for us, especially in this Season of Lent, to speak to our hearts, to my heart. Let us pause in silence in our room, a church, or a separate place. Let us listen to his voice which tells us "'I am he, the one speaking with you.'...". May the Virgin Mary help us not to miss this appointment, on which our true happiness depends.

**Monsignor Henry Breier**

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## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

## Faithfulness to God's law is a powerful witness

As we hear about in the readings this week, fidelity to God's law is an opportunity for evangelization

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The readings this week point very clearly to a link between faithfulness to God's law and evangelization — the proclamation of Good News to others.

For example, we hear how Naaman the Syrian — an outsider to Israel — came to the prophet Elisha to be cured of leprosy. Elisha asked Naaman for a very simple act: that he wash in the Jordan River seven times. Naaman almost stormed away in protest. "What could possibly be special about this river and this land? Aren't the rivers in my home country cleaner and better?"

On a human level, his objection was perfectly reasonable. There seemed no good reason why this land, and this river, should be any better than any other. But when he was cured, he realized that there's something special about this place! God dwells here, in this land, in a way that He doesn't dwell anywhere else. That brought Naaman to worship the one true God.

Naaman's objection sounds a lot like a common objection we hear today: "Why should I pray in a church? Can't I pray anywhere else just as well? What's so special about this building?" Our answer can echo the answer Elisha gave to Naaman: There's something different about this place. Try it out, and see for yourself. But to make that invitation credible, we have to be faithful to it first!

This week we also hear Azariah's prayer in the furnace. (The Israelites named Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah are better known by their Babylonian names: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.) After his prayer, God sent an angel to protect the three from the flames of the furnace. As a result, the Babylonian king — an outsider — declared: "There is no other God who can rescue like this!" The unwavering fidelity of Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah became an opportunity to give witness to the truth about God to an outsider.

Along similar lines, we hear Moses tell the Israelites: If

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SERVE THE LORD  
WITH GLADNESS



you are faithful to God's law, you will give evidence to other nations of who and how good God is. This is the same thing we hear about the work of college missionaries. People see the intentional and joyful way they live and ask: "How do I get some of that?" The answer is: Follow Jesus, and you can share that joy.

All of this converges on a question for us: Do we take fidelity to God's law, as articulated in the teachings of the Church, as an opportunity for evangelization? Or do we compromise Church teaching because we're afraid of how people will react?

If we're honest with ourselves, we have to admit that we suffer from two prominent kinds of failure. Sometimes we actively promote the social teachings of the Church, while disowning the doctrinal teachings of the Church. Other times we actively promote the doctrinal teachings of the Church, while disowning the social teachings of the Church. Both are failures of fidelity. Both also miss the opportunity for evangelization. And the result of a lack of evangelization is always the same: a lack of growth.

Here's a good mantra: When we have both, it leads to growth.

It wasn't easy for the Israelites to be faithful to all of God's law. But when they were, it gave powerful witness to the nations. The same is true for us. It isn't easy to be faithful to all of the Church's teachings. But when we are, it gives a powerful witness — and a powerful invitation — to the world.

*Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for March 11 & 12 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>*



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## Men of the Cathedral March Adoration

The MEN OF THE CATHEDRAL cordially invite *all* parishioners and visitors to join them for them with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, march 28th at 6 PM.

What a great way to draw ourselves closer to Christ and our Eternal home in Heaven during this Lenten season. Please consider taking this opportunity for personal prayer and meditation during this holy season.

Adoration will begin promptly at 6 PM. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. The men are invited to drinks, dinner, and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration.

Please consider making this prayerful evening a family event. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Christ through Adoration.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, March 27th.

## Women of the Cathedral

### Women of the Cathedral– April 1, 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 gather in the name of Jesus and He promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

At our last gathering the ladies shared their awareness of the Holy Spirit in people of other faith traditions who they encountered in their lives. It is the role of the Holy Spirit to unite people in the Divine Presence. It is the desire of God the Father to unite all people in His Son Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our next is on **Sunday, April 1, 2023**. We will begin with 8 AM Mass in the Cathedral, and then go 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 AM. An ongoing highlight is “Ask Msgr. Mikesch Time.”

To learn more and RSVP for breakfast, contact Barbara Murray at 314-974-6900 or email murraybj@swbell.net by March 29, 2023. Please send your questions for “Ask Msgr. Time” when you RSVP.

In Celebration of St. Joseph Day

*Cathedral Spring Parish*

*Dinner*

Sunday, March 19, 2023

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Boland Hall

Menu:

Pasta, Salad, Bread, Dessert,  
Soft Drinks & Wine

There is no cost for the dinner.  
Cookie donations are appreciated.

To RSVP please visit the  
Cathedral website at  
cathedralstl.org/parish-dinner






**A Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art**  
**Week 3: St. Francis of Assisi**  
 (Located in the All Saint Chapel)

The painting featured this week is another work of Cathedral Basilica parishioner George Capps and his sister Polly, who together are the founders of Goretti Fine Art, LLC. We find depicted here St. Francis of Assisi surrounded by a group of large mammals. The artists say the following about this piece:

[This] depiction offers a fresh and arresting take on the familiar motif of Francis preaching to the animals, retaining a monumental dignity where so many previous portrayals of

the subject have descended into shallow sentimentality. The saint's profound sense of interconnectedness with the natural world is powerfully evoked, but so is its often-overlooked source in his detachment from material goods. His gaze rests not on the imposing wildlife but on the austere sticks of wood in his hand, reminding the viewer that all these seemingly contradictory aspects of his spirituality – from the warmth of his fraternal affections to the intensity of his asceticism – find their meaning in the Cross.

The story of St. Francis – like many of the saints, perhaps – is one that is so familiar to many of us that we might be tempted to treat it as nothing more than a nice bedtime story or fairy tale; to treat it with the shallow sentimentality that the artists refer to. The challenge is to take a step back and remind ourselves that these are real stories about real people just like you and I, who, by the grace of God, were enabled to live lives of profound holiness and heroic virtue.

St. Francis of Assisi was not just a nice man who liked animals. He was a saint who lived in profound harmony with the natural world precisely because his attention was so regularly fixed on the One who is its Author. He was a saint who, through maintaining a right relationship with the Creator, was able to navigate creation in such a way as to enjoy a special connection with the goods of the created world while at the same time resisting the temptation to make illicit use of them for ends that were selfish, wasteful, or immoral.

In a powerful way, the life of St. Francis of Assisi exemplifies what it means for us to live the Gospel call to be “in the world, but not of the world.” We notice in this depiction the way that St. Francis’ gaze is not fixed on any of the worldly things or creatures that surround him, but that it is rather riveted to the Cross. In the same way, especially during this Lenten season, this is meant to be where our gaze continually returns. We are invited to turn away from the things of creation – even some of those which are perfectly legitimate and good – in order to more frequently and intentionally turn toward the Creator. Just as St. Francis contemplates the Cross in

this depiction, so are we meant to look upon the Cross during this season: both the Cross which Jesus bore for us as well as the crosses which we ourselves carry in the midst of our striving to be His disciples. So often the temptation is to avoid the Cross, to run away from the Cross, to wrestle ourselves free of it as quickly as possible. In a particular way during Lent, our Lord invites us to rest there for a while. We are invited not to ignore the Cross, but to talk to Him about it; not to cast the Cross away, but to ask Him to show us how to carry it; not to fear the Cross, but to ask for the faith and hope by which to recognize it as the instrument of our salvation.

Whatever form the Cross may be taking for you at this time in your life, consider making time to bring it intentionally to the center of your prayer, just as we find St. Francis doing here, so that in taking up our Cross and following Jesus we may follow Him ultimately to the joy of Resurrection.





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## Easter Memorial Flowers

The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our church are a special part of the celebration of Easter at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We invite parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift - to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance. The names of all those being remembered will be printed in the parish bulletin on Easter Sunday and the week following Easter.

Please indicate in whose memory, or in whose honor, you wish the flowers to be dedicated. Completed forms and payment may be placed in an envelope and dropped into the weekend offertory baskets, OR mailed to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, c/o Memorial Lilies, 4431 Lindell Blvd, Saint Louis, MO, 63108.



Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of      OR      \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of (those still living):

Name of person/family being honored:

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Total number of remembrances \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to the  
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis*

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Deadline: Monday, April 1st**



## A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life”

(The Gospel of Life 28).

## 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 15

“Born of the Virgin Mary”

## 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 March 12, 2023 through March 19, 2023

Sunday: 28 Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4 Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: 238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25: 4-9 Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: 239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 1—20 Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: 241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: 242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab Lk 18:9-14  
Sunday: 31:1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## 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



## STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

## 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

## 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!

## 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, March 16th**. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 5:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Followed by Mass at 6:30pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/4/2023-3/5/2023

Offertory	\$13,064.00
Loose	\$3,139.18
Online Giving	\$5,171.17
Cathedral Candles	\$654.41
Cathedral Landscaping	\$131.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$0.00
Catholic Education	\$341.00
Central & Eastern Europe Church	\$35.00
Ash Wednesday	\$60.00

## Weekly Thoughts on Giving

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. "John 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 18 &amp; 19, 2023

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
<b>5:00 p.m. (Sat)</b> <b>No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend</b>	Barb Murray Doug Weber		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Chris Newgent
<b>8:00 am</b>	Phoebe del Castillo Erin Heathman	Burmester, Taylor, Gregory	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder
<b>10:00 am</b>	George Capps Patricia Rice		TBD	Barb Murray Susan Metheny Jerry Danekas
<b>12 Noon</b>	Mary Ann Cheng David Parr		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason Barb Murray
<b>5:00 pm</b>	John Willard Mark Burmester		Brak Welby	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann

## 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](http://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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