

CATHEDRAL  
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 19, 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 [SusieIrons@cathedralstl.org](mailto:SusieIrons@cathedralstl.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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 pm Nick Theiss

### Mon. Mar. 20th - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family  
8:00 a.m. Bertha Bader  
12:05 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

### Tues. Mar. 21st - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Craig Weber  
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten  
12:05 p.m. Marian Williams

### Wed. Mar. 22nd - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Sr. Marysia Weber  
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel  
12:05 p.m. John Brennan

### Thur. Mar. 23rd - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Bob Kilgore  
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel  
12:05 p.m. John A. Brennan, Jr.

### Fri. Mar. 24th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Teresa Farrow  
8:00 a.m. Teresa Farrow  
12:05 p.m. Lyn Holmes

### Sat. Mar. 25th - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 p.m. Ralph Specht  
5:00 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

### Sun. Mar. 26th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Maria del Rosario Rico Bustos  
10:00 a.m. Betty Owens Ward & Family  
12:00 p.m. Patricia Human  
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss



## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

From the first word of the entrance antiphon of the liturgy we gain an insight into what this Sunday is to be about, which is called Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday. It is an invitation to interrupt for a moment the severity of Lent.

The joy suggested to us does not come from the conditions of the world. It is difficult to find reasons to rejoice: how many conflicts still fill the earth with blood! How many poor are abandoned! The reason for joy does not come from the world but the getting close to Easter, which transforms death into victory, and sadness into joy.



The joy of the man born blind whom we encounter in our Gospel this Sunday sees again. We find in him the joy for which the liturgy asks of us. He was blind from birth and stayed on the margins of the street to ask for alms. It was a fixed destiny, as people say. Jesus stopped as soon as he saw him. The disciples asked him: "Rabbi, who sinned, him or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus looks at the blind man with eyes of the heart and answers: "Neither he nor his parents sinned." Jesus shows how we need to look at that blind man, at all the poor, the suffering, and the sick: look at them with compassion.

Jesus looks at him, is moved and he gets close, and touches him with a thoughtful gesture, not a distracted one. He bends and takes the dust and after wetting it with his saliva he spreads it on the man's eyes. Remember that it is the hand of God that formed man and woman from creation, and which continues to renew us. In this reading I see a connection with the those ashes, that dust with which we began Lent.

The Lord loves us because we are weak, because we are dust. And when Jesus tells the blind man to wash in the pool of Shiloh without hesitation, he goes to the pool to wash. With very quick summary, the evangelist writes: "he went, he washed himself and when he returned he could see." The miracle was not a magical act: it was done through that gesture of tenderness of Jesus' hand together with the obedience of that blind man to the word which was uttered to him.

**Monsignor Henry Breier**

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## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

## God has chosen a mission requiring our human cooperation

The lives of Mary and Joseph can inspire us to cooperate in Jesus' mission, even when it is difficult or unexpected

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week begins with St. Joseph, whose solemnity is celebrated on March 20 this year, and ends with Mary with the solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25. I'd like to propose two ways that Joseph and Mary can help our approach to the All Things New strategic planning initiative.

The first is the astonishing fact that Jesus, although He was God, needed human support when He came in the flesh. Both Mary and Joseph — each in their own way — provided support for His physical body and therefore ultimately for His saving mission. It could have been otherwise. He didn't have to come into the world this way — in a way that made Him depend on human support. But He willed it to be so. And both Mary and Joseph gave Him the support He needed from them.

How does that relate to All Things New? Simply this: Jesus still needs human support — ours! Jesus didn't have to make the presence of His sacramental body, in the Eucharist, depend on human priests. But He did. He didn't have to make the presence of His mystical body, the Church, depend on all of us. But He did. It could have been otherwise. But He willed it to be this way. The question is: Will we lend Him our support — like Mary and Joseph — or will we turn away when it gets hard?

That leads to the second point of reflection: The lives of Joseph and Mary weren't easy! In fact, they were harder precisely because God chose them to be so closely associated with His saving mission.

## ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI

### SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



Think about Mary's pregnancy: It was quite unexpected for her and quite troubling for Joseph. And that was just the beginning! Think about their journey to Bethlehem: It wasn't part of their plan, but it was part of God's plan. The same goes for their flight to Egypt. At each turn, the support Joseph and Mary needed to give Jesus was unexpected, got harder and required more creativity. We might have expected that their path would be easier because they were specially chosen by God. But God is no "lawn-mower" parent, making everything smoother for His chosen people. Quite the opposite: God actually asks more from His chosen people than He does from others. The deeper their mission, the deeper the suffering they undergo.

How does that relate to All Things New? It's important to understand that this pattern applies to us, as well. God has chosen us for a mission. Now, like Mary and Joseph, we're realizing: That makes things harder, not easier!

The question for us becomes: Will we continue to lend Jesus our support when the way becomes unexpectedly hard, requires greater sacrifice and demands deeper creativity? I think that's the point at which we can turn to Joseph and Mary, ponder their example, and ask for their prayers.

*Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for March 18 & 19 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](mailto: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](mailto:murraybj@swbell.net) by March 29, 2023. Please send your questions for “Ask Msgr. Time” when you RSVP.

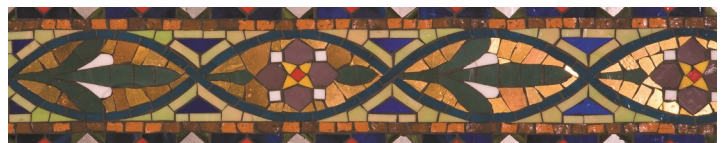
In Celebration of St. Joseph Day

*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](http://cathedralstl.org/parish-dinner)


**Donut  
Sunday  
TODAY!**

Enjoy coffee and donuts  
Following the 8:00 &  
10:00 a.m. Masses.

Hosted by  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Society



**A Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art**  
**Week 4: St. Clare of Assisi**  
 (Located in the All Saint Chapel)

This week we proceed from our reflection on the life of St. Francis of Assisi to a consideration of one of his most celebrated followers: St. Clare of Assisi. Our painting this week comes to us from Cathedral Basilica parishioner Maggie Jackson, whose passion for Christian sacred art has brought her under the tutelage of Aidan Hart, the director of The Prince's School of Traditional Arts, based in London. This painting represents the establishment of the order of "Poor Ladies of San Damiano," as it was known at the time of St. Clare, by Pope Innocent IV. The Holy Father was initially concerned that the absolute poverty which St. Clare insisted should be observed by the women of the order was too austere. After visiting the sisters, he allowed them to continue their observance of absolute poverty and two days before her death he gave official approval of the order's rule of life.



For our reflection, we might consider two aspects of the life of St. Clare: her relationship to St. Francis of Assisi and her embrace of poverty.

St. Clare felt deeply drawn by God to imitate the life of poverty she observed in the life of St. Francis. Significantly, the first time she heard St. Francis preach was during the season of Lent, and it was on Palm Sunday of 1212 that she met him in person and left behind all of her earthly possessions to imitate his life of poverty. While it was initially St. Francis' imitation of the poverty of our Lord Jesus that inspired St. Clare in the pursuit of her own religious vocation, the way that she lived this evangelical counsel did not exactly imitate that of St. Francis. While the Franciscan friars who followed St. Francis tended to move about from place to place and engage in preaching, the Poor Clares as they came later to be called, lived a conventual life in community, observing silence and engaging primarily in manual labor. In other words, St. Clare imitated the life of St. Francis without trying to copy it exactly. Our imitation of the saints will often be similar. It is the virtues and the devotion of the saints that we look to for example, while always bearing in mind that the virtues and the supernatural gifts by which we are equipped to pursue lives of holiness are always creative, and the ways in which God seeks to operate in us will always take into account our individuality and uniqueness. Who are the saints that you might look to during this season as guides to your own pursuit of holiness? What virtues do you see in them which you are trying to imitate?

Additionally, of course, during this season of Lent we are all invited to imitate in our own way and according to our own vocations the poverty exemplified in the life of St. Clare. In a particular way, our almsgiving during this holy season gives us the opportunity to practice in even small ways the detachment from earthly goods that characterized the life of our Lord Jesus Himself. While we may not be called to imitate Jesus in physical poverty in the way that St. Clare did, we are all called to a poverty of spirit which is a matter of seeking our ultimate fulfillment and happiness only in God, while at the same time recognizing our utter dependence upon God. During this season, we are each invited to examine what are the earthly things in our lives that most often pull us away from these spiritual attitudes. What are the things or pleasures of the world that I'm most often tempted to turn to in pursuit of happiness or satisfaction? What are the things of the world in which I'm most often tempted to seek stability or security? How might my almsgiving this season help me to detach from these worldly things so as to be more firmly attached to the only One in my ultimately satisfaction and security can be found?



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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

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ”

(The Gospel of Life 84).

## 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

## April 5

“Suffered Under Pontius Pilate, Part I”

## 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 19, 2023 through March 26, 2023

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
Monday:	237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	245: Ez 47: 1-9, 12 Ps:46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	34: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45

## 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 23rd**. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 6:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Followed by dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/11/2023-3/12/2023

Offertory	\$5,851.38
Loose	\$8,942.53
Online Giving	\$5,562.00
Cathedral Candles	\$678.23
Cathedral Landscaping	\$10.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$0.00
Eastern Church	\$1.00
Easter Flowers	\$121.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00

## 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 Mitch Smith	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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