THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 18, 2021

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)

EUCARISTIC 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.

Small public tours of the Cathedral led by volunteer guides are available by appointment, as is access to the Cathedral Gift Shop. Large public tours are not currently available, due to the difficulty of being able to adequately social distance larger groups.

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

Gift Shop & Tours (by appointment only)
314.373.8205

Mass Intentions

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

Mass Intentions
Sun., April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. - Helen Aubermann
10:00 a.m. - Gloria Meza Delgado
12:00 p.m. - For the Parish Family
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., April 19 – Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Mary Agnes Weber
8:00 a.m. - Andrew Kruep
12:05 p.m. - Clare Cribben

Tues., April 20 – Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. - Martin & Caroline Kerckhoff
12:05 p.m. - Kristi Weiland

Wed., April 21 – St. Anselm
7:00 a.m. - Gerald Marie Phung N. Quan
8:00 a.m. - Jerry Powers
12:05 p.m. - Charles E. Whitten

Thur., April 22 – Easter Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Sr. Karen Krahenbuhl
8:00 a.m. - Hank Evy
12:05 p.m. - Al & Sandy Koller

Fri., April 23 – St. George
7:00 a.m. - Vocations to the Church
8:00 a.m. - Anne Marie Nguyen K. Nhuong
12:05 p.m. - Betty Owens Ward & Family

Sat., April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
8:00 p.m. - John & Pat Bacheldor
5:00 p.m. - Melvin Paul Jenkins

Sun., April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
10:00 a.m. - Jim Sullentrop
12:00 p.m. - Patricia Adler
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

If you were able to make it to Mass or visit the Basilica during the day this past week, you would have seen a lone worker in the All Souls Chapel, restoring the mosaic art that a water leak had damaged. A closer examination shows that there had been a much earlier repair to the chapel’s mosaic art probably about 20 years ago. The current restoration of this chapel started a little over a year ago when the scaffolding was installed. The project was put on hold for several months as we awaited the mosaic tiles to be imported from Italy, which was for many months under lockdown and delayed the completion of the project.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Cathedral for making this restoration possible. At present, we have a little over 60 members of our John L. May Society, a group comprised of men and women who have committed to giving $1,000 per year to support the upkeep of the art and architecture of the Cathedral Basilica. This is an addition to over 120 members of the Friends of the Cathedral who also make contributions annually to support the Cathedral Basilica preservation.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of the Cathedral, or in supporting the Cathedral preservation more strongly, please contact Chrissy Chapo in the rectory office for more information. Also, please mark your calendar for the Cathedral Gala on Saturday, August 21, 2021. This is our largest fundraiser of the year that directly supports the preservation of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

The Gospel we hear this Sunday brings us back to the evening of Easter. It is the last page of the Gospel of Luke. The two disciples of Emmaus return with haste to Jerusalem and tell the disciples what happened to them.

That first evening of Easter Day Jesus entered behind closed doors and placed himself in the midst of the disciples. They were frightened to see him. They were talking about him and yet they did not recognize him. Jesus immediately gave them peace. They were confused, doubtful, incredulous, stubbornly attached to their convictions.

Before bidding them farewell, Jesus says to them: "You are witnesses of these things." This is the first time that the Gospel of Luke uses the term "witnesses" in relation to the disciples. The experience of Easter has transformed them into disciples who hope and believe that death is conquered and that every wound can be healed. It is the testimony that the Church hands down from generation to generation, and that it is also entrusted to us. The Risen Lord wants us to be passionate witnesses and not uncertain and prudent officials; he wants us joyful witnesses and not fearful disciples protected by closed doors; witnesses who live what they communicate and who learn to live it by communicating.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Like the parable of the sower, we’re called to spread the Good News

People will receive the message in different ways, while we are free from the need to manage their responses

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We read a beautiful sequence from the Acts of the Apostles this week, while also walking slowly through the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Together, these readings teach us something important about proclaiming the Gospel.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we first hear about St. Stephen. He proclaims the truth about Jesus, and he’s stoned for it.

Next we hear about St. Philip. He proclaims the truth about Jesus, and his proclamation is received with great joy.

Finally we hear about St. Paul and his radical opposition to the Gospel. Then we hear about how, after encountering Jesus on the road to Damascus, he’s converted.

These episodes, taken together, are a living illustration of the parable of the sower. Sometimes the proclamation of the Gospel is met with flat-out rejection. Sometimes it’s received immediately with great joy. And sometimes it overcomes opposition and brings about conversion.

The Bread of Life discourse in John 6 is one of several extended discourses in John’s Gospel, and we can’t read it without thinking of the others. In all of them, Jesus invites His hearers to grasp the truth about His identity. The invitations have different outcomes.

When Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4, there’s a lot of back and forth! But the Samaritan woman stays with Jesus through the conversation. By the end she’s converted, and leading others to belief.

When Jesus talks with Nicodemus in John 3, there’s also a lot of back and forth. Nicodemus leaves that conversation as he came: in the dark. Still, the conversation must have continued to rattle around in Nicodemus’ heart and mind because, when he shows up again in John 7, he draws a little closer to Jesus, and when he shows up in John 19, he’s all in. The conversion of the Samaritan woman was immediate. With Nicodemus it was slower.

When Jesus initiates a similar conversation with Pontius Pilate in John 18, Pilate simply refuses to follow. He dismisses Jesus’ invitation with a throwaway line: “What is truth?”

The Bread of Life discourse, for its part, ends in division. Confronted with a hard word, some people stay with Jesus and some people leave Him.

All of these contain an important point for our reflection. Our commission is to proclaim the Gospel — to “go out to all the world and tell the Good News.” Our commission is not to go out to all the world and manage people’s reactions to the Good News. Sometimes we spend a little too much time and energy on the second. Jesus didn’t try to manage everyone’s reactions to the Gospel. He proclaimed it, in word and deed. How people responded was up to them. When Jesus says, at the end of the Bread of Life discourse, “No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father” part of what He’s saying is: “I am utterly free from the need to manage people’s reaction to this invitation.” We need to own that freedom, too.

As we hear the readings this week, may the Lord grant us greater freedom: freedom for proclaiming the Good News, and freedom from the compulsion to manage people’s reactions to it.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 19-April 25 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35ejOXR.
**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.

Vivian Chemelkow
Joe Dubuque
Wayne Eultgen
Breanna Evans
Joel Evans
Lenore Molloy

Janice Noack
Dorothy Quinn
Richelle Weisbrud
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina

**A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life**

“Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40).”

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**Pro-Life Mass**

Remember to join us at the Cathedral Basilica on the third Saturday of each month for a pro-life Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed with a rosary procession to Planned Parenthood at Boyle and Forest Park. The next Mass is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15**.

**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 attend 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 Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism or to register for baptismal preparation class.

**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**

_April 18, 2021 through April 25, 2021_

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9
1 Jn 2:1-5  Lk 24:35-48

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15  Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51–8:1  Ps 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21
Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1-8  Ps 66:1-3, 4-7  Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40  Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20  Ps 117:1-2  Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42  Ps 116:12-17  Jn 6:60-69
Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
Jn 3:1-2  Jn 10:11-18

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

Next **Sunday, April 25**, marks the 58th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

“God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”
Mother’s Day Rose Sale
The Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry will be selling roses to benefit Birthright on Mothers' Day weekend, May 8-9. Volunteers will be available on the front plaza of the Cathedral before and after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, and for each of the morning Masses on Sunday (8 am, 10am, and noon). Roses will sell for $3 per stem (cash or check only), with all revenue being donated to Birthright.

Walk-up sales will be available at a table near the front steps of the Cathedral, but if you would like to reserve a rose, please contact the Pro-Life Ministry chairperson at bryankirchoff@att.net.

Matthew 25 Come Alive
Often we find ourselves approached on the street with requests for assistance for food or a bus pass. In order to live Matthew 25, parishioners should considering carrying fast food gift cards and a book of bus tickets. That way, you can provide substantive assistance when asked, without resorting to cash. Also, encourage those seeking assistance to call 2-1-1, United Way's assistance hotline, or the Cathedral’s SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288.

Catholic Radio
Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. It is an entire season, 50 days of rejoicing in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can always count on Covenant Network to present the very best in Catholic programming to keep you focused with inspirational and devotional programming. Tune in to KHOJ (AM 1460 or 92.7 FM) on the radio, or listen on the Covenant Network app on your phone or on our website: OurCatholicRadio.org.
**Stewardship Alive!**

**Anima Christi Young Adults**

All young adults interested in growing the fellowship of our young adult community are invited to the next young adult gathering scheduled for **Thursday, April 22.** We begin with Adoration and confessions in the church at 6:30 pm (*enter through the west door by the playground*), followed by dinner in Bolland Hall at 7:30 p.m. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please e-mail the group at AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com.

**Weekly Thoughts on Giving**

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened…”* - Lk 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

**Eucharistic Exposition**

The Blessed Sacrament, the very presence of Christ’s body and blood in the Eucharist, is reserved in the tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the east of the main sanctuary. At all hours the Cathedral is open, people may be found praying there before the Lord "face to face." **Each Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 p.m., the Eucharist is displayed for prayer and adoration in public exposition in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a holy hour.** Following this holy hour, the Evening Prayer of the Church with Benediction is celebrated.

Additionally, the **Blessed Sacrament is displayed for public adoration and prayer on the First Friday of the month.** First Friday Adoration begins at approximately 8:30 a.m., following the completion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and concludes with Benediction at 11:45 a.m. Our next First Friday Adoration will be held **Friday, May 7.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Membership**

Members of the Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Society meet weekly. Members are committed to aiding fellow parishioners and neighbors with necessities such as food, clothing, utilities, and rent—all in the context of the Christian imperative. If interested in becoming a member or in learning more about the Society and our Conference, please leave a message on the SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288.

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**Offertory Collection for The Weekend of 04/11/2021**

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**Spiritual Heartburn and Typology**

The disciples recounted how their hearts were burning within them when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them. One of the many beautiful elements of the Faith is Biblical typology, the fulfillment of elements of the Old Testament in the New Testament. Common examples are Noah’s ark prefurging the Church, the Flood prefurging Baptism, and Moses prefurging Jesus Christ. As we rejoice throughout this blessed Easter Season, let us pray with the Old Testament and see how Christ fulfills what is found in it. St. Augustine wrote, “In the Old Testament the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament the Old Testament is revealed." Through typology we can experience spiritual heartburn, the best kind, and more fully appreciate God’s plan in salvation history. Visit [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic) for more info.
ECHO WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING
ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN
In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales’ Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES BY BISHOP ROBERT
In this brilliant talk, Bishop Barron uses Dante’s Divine Comedy to show how we combat sin through the cultivation of virtue. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness, and holiness.

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Thy Will Be Done

This week’s scripture again proves that God’s wisdom extends far beyond man’s comprehension. God’s will goes beyond tomorrow, beyond our mortal understanding. But God’s love and mercy forgives our shortsightedness. His son, the Risen Christ, “is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His commandments.” (1 John 2:1-5a)

The world changes and generations pass, but God’s wisdom is enduring, and His will guides us throughout the ages. He is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob and the God of our fathers. And in His wisdom, his grace is boundless. Though we so often fall short of His will, He understands and forgives. Through His infinite perspective, He gave His son to the world, knowing they would abandon Jesus to Pilate to be crucified. But this sacrifice was the ultimate act of forgiveness, demonstrating there is no end to His love and mercy.

That virtue of sacrifice, of giving of ourselves to serve those who need God’s abundant love the most, is at the heart of the Annual Catholic Appeal. And over the past year, we have seen the impact the Appeal can have on our entire community when help is needed most — thanks to your prayers and generosity, the Appeal was able to provide necessary funding for the PPE and sanitation supplies that would allow our parishes to reopen for public worship in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the help of your continued generous support of the Appeal, we can come together as one Church and proclaim with one voice, Thy Will Be Done.

Pledge information for this year’s appeal was recently mailed to parishioners. You are asked to prayerfully consider a pledge. If you did not receive a mailing, or if you have questions, you are encouraged to call the parish office at 314-373-8202. Or, if you prefer, take a few minutes and watch the ACA video at www.archstl.org/aca and make a pledge online.
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 contact the office at 314-373-8202.

**ON LINE GIVING** is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralstl.org), click on the bright red DONATE button, and 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 Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**
For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish 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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