MASSES 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
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 siron@cathedralstl.org
Dear Parishioners,

We are now within the Easter Season, and the Cathedral is a busy place, mainly on the weekends as we host the Sacrament of Confirmation for the parishes of the Archdiocese. This is quite an undertaking, and I am so grateful to the many volunteers from the Cathedral parish who assist as ushers. There is truly no way we could welcome so many without their help. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please call the rectory. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Annual Catholic Appeal has one primary goal – proclaim the Gospel. Often it is seen as a collection or fundraising appeal. The Appeal does raise money, but only so that the Catholic community has the resources to announce the Gospel. How? Principally by loving others, showing compassion and care for the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the imprisoned, the sick and dying, the naked. Thank you for your generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The 4th Sunday of Easter is affectionately called Good Shepherd Sunday. Our gospel this week reports the second part of the passionate speech with which Jesus presents himself as the "good shepherd." He also uses the image of the gate where the sheep he gathers, guides and defends even at the cost of his own life. He clarifies: "The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep."

In a time full of wolves who kidnap and destroy and of hired hands - among them the false prophets who deceive so many people in the world - together with the great mass of indifferent people, the Lord asks of us a new passion: to be with him "shepherds" of the crowds of our time. We come up with excuses, perhaps saying that we are only "sheep" ourselves.

The Gospel tells us that the shepherd is a sheep who has learned how to love, who has begun to have Jesus' same feelings. That is why Jesus says to the disciples: "I send you like lambs among wolves." And the lambs are softened sheep who have widened their hearts, who see beyond their own habits, their own closures and who, together with Jesus, also say: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Monsignor Henry Breier
We need to recognize and choose to follow the voice of Jesus

The more we listen to Jesus, the more we can share the richness of His voice with others

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The sheep follow Him because they recognize his voice. (John 10:4)

Throughout this week we have repeated references to the word of God: hearing the word, following the word, preaching the word.

We often take that notion for granted: “the word.” But we shouldn’t! It offers us crucial insights into what discipleship means and what evangelization requires.

Let’s think about this for a moment: What voices do we hear? There are many voices that speak to us and in us: the news media, advertising and “influencers”; friends and family; conscience and ego; the enemy of human nature; and the Holy Spirit.

The crucial question is: Which of those voices do we follow?

Jesus heard many voices: friends, culture, the law and prophets, Satan. But amidst all the competing voices, He recognized and chose to follow the voice of the Father. Similarly, amidst all the voices we hear, we need to recognize and choose to follow the voice of Jesus. How do we recognize His voice?

In terms of human listening, we know what the voice of our mother or father sounds like. We know the voice of a beloved friend. We know the voice of our child. And what we’re listening for is not only the words they say but their tone, their body language and their facial expressions as they speak. All of those things convey the meaning of their words to us. (Perhaps that helps to explain how Mary Magdalene recognized the resurrected Jesus, in the Gospel of John, when He simply called her by name. She knew that voice!)

Spiritual listening is even richer than human listening. But, because it’s richer, it also requires closer attention.

So, for example, we may think that our sense of determination is rooted in listening to Jesus. But, is it determination with patience or determination with impatience? We may think that our service work comes from listening to Jesus. But is it service with resentment or service with joy? Is it service waiting for praise or service that’s content with a pure gift of self? We may think that our hard work comes from listening to Jesus. But is our hard work done alone, or with God? Does it result in a sense of isolation for ourselves and others, or does it draw people together?

Provocatively, we celebrate the feast of St. Mark this week (April 25). Isn’t it interesting that the Church has maintained the fourfold Gospel throughout the ages? We might have harmonized all the Gospels into a single narrative. Some tried! But the Church has maintained that there’s something important about having the different Gospels. They tell a single overarching truth. But each captures something essential about the voice of Jesus. We have to learn to hear the quality of His voice through them.

We don’t hesitate to attend a two-hour concert, movie or sports game. Do yourself a favor: Take two hours and read or listen to or watch a dramatic performance of the Gospel of Mark in its entirety. It will help you listen more richly to the voice of Jesus, and therefore recognize it more readily. And the more deeply we learn to recognize the voice of Jesus, the more we can share all its richness with others.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 20-21 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35cjOXr
How Your Gift is Used

**SERVING OUR PARISHES DIRECTLY**...
- Elementary School Assistance: $2,000,000
- Stewardship and Development Support for Parishes, Schools and Agencies: $425,000
- Office of Peace and Justice: $140,000
- Parish Emergency Assistance Fund: $100,000
- Parish Food Pantries: $75,000
- Basilica of St. Louis, King of France: $50,000
- Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis: $50,000

**SERVING OUR YOUTH**...
- Archdiocesan & Parochial High Schools: $1,416,000
- Archdiocesan Seminary: $500,000
- Vocation Programs: $380,000
- Newman Centers on College Campuses: $265,000
- One Classroom: $210,000
- Religious Formation: $200,000
- Special Education: $200,000
- Today and Tomorrow Educational Fund: $150,000
- High School Stewardship Essay Program: $55,000
- Office of Youth Ministry: $40,000

**SERVING THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES**...
- Respect Life Apostolate: $450,000
- Evangelization and Discipleship: $400,000
- Adult Faith Formation: $370,000
- Natural Family Planning: $271,000
- Hispanic Ministry: $200,000
- Office of Racial Harmony: $130,000
- Catholic Deaf Ministry: $112,000
- Catholic St. Louis Magazine: $80,000
- Catholic Renewal Center: $77,000
- Elementary Teachers Educational Fund: $75,000
- St. Charles Lwanga Centers: $25,000

**SERVING THOSE IN NEED**...
- Catholic Charities: $1,650,000
- Rural Parish Clinic: $325,000
- Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service: $155,000
- Criminal Justice Ministry: $75,000
- Immigrant and Refugee Ministry: $60,000
- Bridge of Hope Lincoln County: $50,000
- Rural Parish Workers: $50,000
- Archbishop’s Charity Fund: $320,000
- Messengers of Peace Mission Work: $25,000
- Meals Program at Sts. Peter & Paul Church: $15,000

**SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US**...
- Care for Active and Retired Priests: $974,000
- Regina Cleri Priests Retirement Home: $370,000
- Continuing Formation for Priests: $280,000
- Permanent Diaconate: $100,000
- Support for Religious Orders: $50,000

**OTHER**...
- Annual Catholic Appeal Expenses: $1,500,000
- Reserve for Unpaid Pledges: $93,000
- Archdiocesan Services: $465,000

**2024 Appeal Goal**: $15,500,000

*None of the money raised by the Annual Catholic Appeal is used to defend or settle criminal or civil lawsuits related to the clergy abuse scandal.*

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The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd and know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep who do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down for my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

John 10:11-18

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In all three of the lectionary cycles (a, b & c) our Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to John. This year, Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of the tenth Chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John’s Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement that Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between the good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect the sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus’ teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of the good shepherd for his sheep is the very role or job of the shepherd. However, Jesus states that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and; therefore, acts out love for the sheep and their wellbeing. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

The work of the Good Shepherd is carried on today through the Church, especially Pope Francis who is called the supreme shepherd. However, at a more local level, the care of the Good Shepherd is brought to you and your families through the parish and the priests throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For instance, whenever a child is baptized– it is Jesus who baptizes them. And whenever the sick are visited and anointed, it is truly Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who is caring for our loved ones. The Risen Lord is always close to us.
Men of the Cathedral

The Men of the Cathedral cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to attend Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, April 30th at 6 PM.

We will have just celebrated the passion, death, and rising from the dead of our Lord. What a terrific way to continue to honor the ultimate sacrifice he gave to offer us salvation!

Adoration will begin promptly at 6 PM. Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. In anticipation of Cinco de Mayo, we will have a Mexican feast! A suggested donation of $20 is appreciated.

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 314-914-2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, April 29th.

Women of the Cathedral

Christus Resurrexit (Christ is Risen)! Please join us on May 7th for our next monthly meeting. We meet for Adoration and Benediction from 6:30-7:00 pm followed by food, fellowship and faith in Boland Hall. Nursing babies are always welcome!

A monthly LADIES LUNCHEON will begin on the first Wednesday of every month starting on May 8th at Chris’ Pancakes from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. You do not need to attend the monthly meeting to attend this, it is open to all ladies of the parish and please bring your friends! This is a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners. Nursing babies and/or children are welcome! RSVP to Suzanne by May 1st at: suzjbef@netzero.com RSVP is required for this event by the deadline.

Please email Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com with any questions and for email notifications with events, service opportunities at the parish and updates.
Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.”

- John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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

May 1
The Forgiveness of Sins

May 15
The Resurrection of the Body

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 21, 2024 through April 28, 2024

Wednesday: 281: Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 555: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

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
Doreen Kelly
Linda Baldwin
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams
Aisha Mitchell
Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Therese Terri Svehla
Deborah Lee
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic”
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.