FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024

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)
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
Dear Parishioners,

This week, we celebrated the funeral for one of our long-time parishioners, Rosemary Shaughnessy, the wife of Joe Shaughnessy. Rosemary was born in Springfield, IL, in 1935 and met the love of her life in the fall of 1956. Rosemary was a quiet source of strength to her husband and seven children. Joe and Rosemary were strong supporters of the parish and loved being able to call the Cathedral their parish home. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the family that is mourning this great loss.

We read in our Gospel this week: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." There is no stage in life that does not require change and corrections, that is, pruning. These cuts, at times very painful, purify our lives and make the sap of the Lord's love run more freshly.

Perhaps some of your branches have begun to grow in the wrong direction. Or maybe your flesh has "sprouted" a branch that, if left unpruned, would drain the strength out of your spirit and your spiritual life. It's an unholy branch that would eventually destroy your effectiveness, causing you to have no beautiful blooms and no fruit.

You don't have to be doing something wrong to be pruned. It's actually when you are doing things right that pruning takes place. So look, you are pruned if you do and pruned if you don't. You might as well deal with it and let God produce His fruit in you. But there is one sure thing: It's better to be cut back than to be cut off.

In this week’s bulletin, you will find a notice for the Cathedral Men’s group which meets on the last Tuesday of the month. This group begins the evening with a Holy Hour in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and then they gather in Boland Hall. If you are interested, please check the information that follows in the bulletin.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Saints exemplify Christ’s dwelling in us
God seeks to be present in us in new ways

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There have been some great lineups in sports history. This week, the Church gives us a great lineup of saints: St. Catherine of Siena (April 29), St. Pius V (April 30), St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), St. Athanasius (May 2) and Sts. Philip and James (May 3).

Those saints matter because the Gospel readings this week focus on the truth of “indwelling.”

Jesus is giving His farewell discourse in the Gospel of John. First, He speaks of the indwelling of the Father and the Son: “Believe me, that I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:11). Then, He speaks of the Father and the Son together dwelling in us: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). Finally, He speaks of our dwelling in Him and His dwelling in us: “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit” (John 15:5).

By the way, it’s interesting that “I am the vine” is the seventh of the “I am” statements in the Gospel of John. That means this statement — with its theme of indwelling — serves as a kind of capstone statement about Jesus’ identity and our relation with Him.

St. Thomas Aquinas had something important to say about this theme. He noted that God is already present everywhere. But that raises a question: How can He “come to dwell” somewhere if He’s already there? St. Thomas answered that God doesn’t come to be present where He wasn’t before, but that God comes to be present in a new way. So, for example, in baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in a new way in the baptized. In the Eucharist, Christ comes to dwell in a new way in those who receive.

In this sense, Mary is the exemplar of all Christians. God was already present in her in one sense. But, in the Incarnation, God came to dwell in her in a new and deeper way. That’s the pattern for every one of us: God wants to dwell in us spiritually as He came to dwell in Mary physically. As we enter the month of May — the month of Mary — it’s worth thinking about how we say “yes” to that indwelling.

Blessed Isaac of Stella has a beautiful reflection on this theme, too, and the Church gives us that reflection in the Office of Readings this week. Without getting into all the complexities of his thought (which is rich, and worth reading!), suffice it to say that he presents the indwelling of Christ and us in terms of the relationship between head and body: Christ is united with us, and we with Him, as deeply as the head and body are united. The body without the head — us without Christ dwelling in us — is like the branches without the vine: “apart from me, you can do nothing.”

And that, in the end, is why the great lineup of saints this week matters. They’re a living testimony to what happens when we let Christ dwell in us, and we dwell in Him: We can become saints on earth and ultimately citizens of heaven.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 27-28 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35cjOXr
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- Messengers of Peace Mission Work $25,000
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- Regina Cleri Priests Retirement Home $370,000
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For the Life of the World
“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”
John 6:51

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

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The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into the fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

John 15:1-8

The True Vine

Today’s reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus’ discourse at the Last Supper. John tells the story of the Last Supper quite differently from the other three Evangelists. In John’s Gospel account, the Last Supper opens with Jesus washing his disciple’s feet. Afterward, Jesus provides the disciples with a series of instructions. Also, known as Jesus’ farewell discourse, these chapters of John’s Gospel highlight Jesus’ instructions to his disciples to follow his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends the Holy Spirit, and about the work they are to do in the world.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about his relationship with his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard and Yahwe is the one who tends to the vineyard. The overarching theme of John’s Gospel is to show Jesus as to be the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This ongoing unity serves as the basis for the disciples to continue the work that Jesus began. Similarly, Jesus’ presence with us today through the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and service to others.

Jesus also teaches the disciples about the importance of his words and that they will remain with them also. We come to know Jesus through the scriptures. Our commitment to being his disciples and continuing his work is strengthened through the living Word of God. We observe people everyday who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, and give shelter to the homeless. These acts become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Regardless of the immediate or long-term results these actions have, Jesus promises that they will bear fruit and grow when we undertake them in his name.
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: suzbjf@netzero.com RSVP is required for this even 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
“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk”? Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

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 28, 2024 through May 5, 2024

Friday: 561: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: 290: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

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

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. … Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”
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.