SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 14, 2023

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)

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.

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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 Irons@cathedralstl.org
Dear Parishioners,

As you may have heard, the final parish configurations have been proposed to Archbishop Rozanski for his final decision. He will consider all the recommendations and decide how to divide the increasingly small number of active priests between the parishes. His decisions will be announced on May 28, Pentecost Sunday, and unless special circumstances arise for a particular parish, the changes will take effect on August 1.

The Cathedral Basilica is currently not part of the recommendations; however, although it is unlikely, the Archbishop may see the possibilities differently. There will be changes to the configuration of parishes surrounding the Cathedral. As the new configuration of parishes or possibilities of shared pastors affects these parishes, the Cathedral Basilica Parish must continue to be as welcoming as ever.

We must keep those Catholics in the archdiocese whose parishes will be affected in our prayers. For many, it will be a significant loss, but it can also be an opportunity. In this situation, every family must encourage vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and holy matrimony. Every Catholic has to live up to the high standard of Christ's teachings to inspire others to come to the Faith.

During the month of May, we also take time out of our busy schedules to call to mind the great gift we have in our mothers. Through the love and support of our parents, we are who we are today. Thus, it is so important that you and I take time to express to them in a very profound way our gratitude to them. May they know today how important they are to us each day.

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your “Yes” to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God’s word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own “Fiat.” May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love—the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you

Monsignor Henry Breier
After the Ascension, Jesus’ presence to the disciples—and—us changed

This change has lessons for us as we prepare for new parish structures and a new evangelization

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.” That’s the closing line of this week’s readings, and we read it just before the Ascension on purpose: Big changes are in store for the disciples!

In a beautiful reflection on the change that takes place at the Ascension, St. Leo the Great once said: “And so our Redeemer’s visible presence has passed into the sacraments … He now began to be indescribably more present in His divinity to those from whom He was farther removed in His humanity.”

This change worried the disciples at first. Jesus was taking away how He had been present to them up to this point. Since they couldn’t imagine any other way of His being present, they only thought of the change in terms of what they would lose. But Jesus Himself likened it to the experience of a pregnant woman giving birth: 1) There’s a change in how the child is present to the mother, and vice-versa. 2) The process of transition is not easy for either. 3) Both rejoice afterwards in this new mode of presence.

What a great set of lessons for us as we stand on the brink of the parish changes that will be part of the All Things New process!

The readings for the week tell us about another significant change in the early Church. This one is announced in the line: “Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.” That simple line contains the seed of a profound lesson for the new evangelization.

In Athens, Paul made his famous speech at the Areopagus. It was highly cultured and beautifully crafted. It should have won converts! But, though it was a good try, it bore little fruit. Only a few people really listened, heard the message and became believers. The outcome, after this one speech, is stated plainly:

“And so Paul left them.”

In Corinth, Paul tried something different: He proclaimed the Cross. In short, he tried a new method of evangelization. The results were stunning: “Many of the Corinthians who heard believed and were baptized.” Because this new method of evangelization was bearing such good fruit, Paul stayed in Corinth much longer — a year and a half.

There’s a lesson in that for us!

Like Paul in Athens, we’ve tried some methods of evangelization that were good attempts and perhaps deserved to win converts, but have borne little fruit. We’ve tried fitting in with the culture; it hasn’t borne fruit. We’ve tried letting our actions speak for themselves; it hasn’t borne fruit. We’ve tried letting our programs evangelize; it hasn’t borne fruit. It’s time for us, like St. Paul, to leave those methods behind and try new methods of evangelization.

Rest assured: The content of our faith won’t change! We’re blessed to receive and hand on the deposit of faith, a precious treasury of healing truths! But the manner of our proclamation — how we present those truths to the world — has to undergo continual refinement.

So, when I announce the changes to parishes, I’m also going to have some things to say about a new evangelization. I hope, and firmly believe, new parish structures and a new evangelization will bear good fruit.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 13 & 14 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35gQOx
The Advocate; The Promise of the Holy Spirit

In the Gospel reading from John for today, Jesus promises his disciples that if they love Him, they will keep His commandments, and He will ask the Father to send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to be with them forever. He also promises that He will come to them and reveal Himself to them, and whoever loves Him and keeps His word will be loved by the Father, and they will dwell with Him.

Jesus stresses the importance of obedience to His commandments as a demonstration of our love for Him. The gospel highlights the fact that true faith is not just a matter of belief but also requires commitment to living a life that is pleasing to God, following the example set by Jesus.

Both the gospel and the second reading for today emphasize the importance of love for Christ. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples that those who love Him will keep His commandments. In the second reading today, the apostle urges the faithful to always be ready to defend the faith with gentleness and respect, out of love for Christ. Love is central to Christian faith and everyday life, as love for Christ motivates and guides all of our actions and decisions.

As Jesus prepares his disciples for His departure, He promises them that He will send them the Holy Spirit, who will be with them forever. The gospel then emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, as the Spirit guides and empowers each and everyone of us to live out our faith, to follow His commandments; and thus, remain connected with Christ.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to one of our parishioners, Matthew, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. You will often see him sharing his talent as an altar server at the 10:00 am Mass. Matthew was baptized by Msgr. Joseph Pins.
Please consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Let us Reach out in Love to those who are most in need so they can experience the Lord’s mercy in our embrace.

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Men of the Cathedral
May Adoration

The MEN OF THE CATHEDRAL cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to join them with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, May 30th at 6 PM.

What a great way to draw ourselves closer to Christ and our Eternal Home in Heaven as we prepare for our summer activities. Please consider taking this opportunity for personal prayer and meditation.

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 Holy Hour.

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, May 29th.

Women of the Cathedral

Women of the Cathedral—June 10, 2023
(Second Saturday in June)

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.

Our next gathering is on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Note: This is the week after our usual first Saturday gathering date due to a scheduling conflict. We will begin with 8am Mass in the Cathedral, and then go to Boland Hall for light breakfast. After brief introductions and social time, an informative program is led by Msgr. Mikesch, our spiritual director, with closing prayer at 10am. 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 June 7, 2023. Please send your questions for “Ask Msgr. Time” when you RSVP.
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

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 24

“Was Crucified, Died, and was Buried...”

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
May 7, 2023 through May 14, 2023

Tuesday: 292: acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Thursday: 58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28;16-20

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.

Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Jennifer Jaswal
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
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Rural Parish Clinic

Rural Parish Clinic of The Archdiocese of St. Louis provides mobile medical and dental care in various locations at no cost for income-qualifying adults with no insurance. The clinics are open to persons of all faiths.

Rural Parish Clinic is in need of everyday items to help serve their clients. Items include:
- Shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, denture care products, razors, shave cream, chapstick, bandaids, antibiotic ointment, pill splitters, pill reminder boxes, arthritis cream/gel, feminine care products, socks, t-shirts, underwear, etc.

Walmart $10/$20 gift cards are needed to help with the rising costs of prescription medication.

Please mail or drop off gift cards/monetary gifts at the parish rectory. Do not leave them in the collection box.

A marked collection box for personal items is available in the vestibule.

Questions: contact Suzanne Jeffrey at suzbjef@netzero.com or call 314-277-5760.

Catholic Charities

Queen of Peace Center (QOP) is a ministry of Catholic Charities that provides family-centered care for women with substance-use disorders, their families, and at-risk youth through treatment, prevention and education, and housing.

QOP addresses the full continuum of needs for families impacted by substance use and provides services that give women and children the best chance for success.

Volunteers are needed to organize the QOP donation closet and administration help with their upcoming golf tournament on July 17th.

To get involved or for more information, please contact Linda Pallmann.

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, May 18th. Our gathering begins with Holy Hour 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 another.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.” 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right! ”Here’s the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.
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 at 314-792-6460.

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