

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17, 2026

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 – 6:00 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)

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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 go register at <https://cathedralstl.org/new-parishioner-registration>

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 made online <https://massrequest.cathedralstl.org>

Cathedral Tours

Tours of the Cathedral 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 17 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mark Nischbach
10:00 a.m. Marlene Beach
12:00 p.m. Rich Keenan
5:00 p.m. Susan Benofy

Mon. May 18 - St. John I

7:00 a.m. Gerry Strohmeyer
8:00 a.m. Dennis Bader
12:05 p.m. Mayilyn Cabo

Tues. May 19 - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Joe Pottebaum
8:00 a.m. Darla Brinker
12:05 p.m. Mary Jane Hart

Wed. May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena

7:00 a.m. Special Intention
8:00 a.m. Dave Brinker
12:05 p.m. Robert Horas

Thur. May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes

7:00 a.m. Gisela Lampert
8:00 a.m. Steven Irons
12:05 p.m. Barb Kostopolous

Fri. May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia

7:00 a.m. Edward Byron Sneed
8:00 a.m. John Ferring
12:05 p.m. Terri McEachern

Sat. May 23 - Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Tom Fasl
5:00 p.m. Christopher Jennison

Sun. May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. Fr. Dominic Lenk, OSB
10:00 a.m. Mary O'Hara
12:00 p.m. Claire Lane
5:00 p.m. Brian Hobbs



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Ascension of the Lord brings the Easter season to its completion. In Jesus, our humanity has reached its fulfillment and its destination. He, the firstborn, has gone before us—not to leave us behind, but to draw us forward. From this moment on, history is no longer wandering aimlessly or subject to the forces of fear and uncertainty. Christ is Lord of history.

And yet, we know that evil has not disappeared. We still see its effects in our world and in our own lives. But the Ascension reminds us that evil no longer has the final word. It has been defeated at its root. This is the great mystery of Easter that we have been celebrating: that Christ reigns, and that his victory extends to all people, to every corner of the world.

Before he ascends, Jesus gives his disciples a mission: *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.”* This is not simply a command for the apostles—it is a calling for each of us. The risen Lord does not withdraw his presence; rather, he extends it. Just as the sky surrounds the earth, so his power reaches everywhere. There is no place beyond his presence.

That is why the disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Not because Jesus was gone, but because they now understood that he would be with them in a new and powerful way. They would not be alone. But then come those striking words from the angels: *“Why are you standing there looking at the sky?”* It is a gentle but firm reminder. The Christian life is not lived gazing upward in passive wonder. It is lived by going out in mission.

That same question is addressed to us. We are not meant to remain comfortable or inward-looking. We are sent—into the places where Christ is already at work: among the poor, the sick, the lonely; in a world marked by division, conflict, and suffering. It is there that the risen Lord desires to lift people up, and he asks for our hands, our voices, our lives to be instruments of his presence.

The image of the Ascension is a beautiful one. Jesus leads his disciples out, raises his hands, and blesses them. And while he blesses them, he is taken from their sight. The last thing he does is bless them—and in that blessing, he entrusts them with his mission. He does the same for us.

We live under that blessing. Strengthened by it, we are sent forth to make Christ present in our world, so that all may come to hear the Gospel and know the hope that is ours in him.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

'Memento mori' Reminds Us to Make Decisions with the End of our Life in Mind

We need to say farewell to sinful lifestyles so we can look forward to a new way of living

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How are we at saying “goodbye”?

I ask because the readings this week are all about farewells.

We're leading up to the end of the Easter season. In honor of that, the Gospel readings prominently feature Jesus' farewell discourse (John 16-17). In tandem with that, the first readings prominently feature St. Paul's farewell discourse to the Ephesian community (Acts 20). The last readings for the week are: 1) the concluding lines of the Acts of the Apostles, and 2) the concluding lines of the Gospel of John. It seems as if everything is pointing in one direction: the end!

I think most of us could stand to get better at our “goodbyes.” We could do that by saying what we really need to say sooner and more often. (Why wait until the very end to say: “I love you, I'm proud of you, I'm sorry for my mistakes”?) We could also do that by actually saying “goodbye” when we face it. Let's stop dancing around the central issues!

“Memento mori” — remembering our death — is a practice in the Christian tradition that we could stand to bring back. Many good books have been written on this in the last decade. The actor Jonathan Roumie (who plays Jesus in “The Chosen”) regularly wears a memento mori ring. “Memento mori” reminds us that we all have to say “goodbye” to this life and should make our everyday decisions in light of that truth.

For now, the most important farewell we face is sometimes farewell to an element of our lifestyle. St. Cyril of Alexandria talks about our reception of the

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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



Holy Spirit in these terms: “With the Spirit within them, it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook.” Every addict in recovery knows this farewell deeply. But most of us could take a page from their book in terms of some analogous “addiction to sin” that we carry.

In the face of the need to say farewell to some element of our lifestyle, the enemy of humanity tries to get us to: a) look back, with regret, on the pleasures we are leaving behind, and to b) overlook the destruction that our addictions cause. The Holy Spirit, by contrast, tries to get us to: a) look squarely at the destruction, but also to b) look forward, with hope, to a new way of living. We have to choose which of those promptings we will follow.

At the end of the Acts of the Apostles, the reader knows that St. Paul is on the way to his death. It seems that St. Paul, too, knew this. So what did he do, in the face of his impending farewell? Acts tells us: “With complete assurance, and without hindrance, he proclaimed the kingdom of God, and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.” That's the final line of the Acts of the Apostles. Facing his final farewell, St. Paul proclaims the faith.

What would you like the closing lines of your life to say? Why not start now?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 18 - 25 and may be read in the print edition or <https://www.stlouisreview.com/column/serve-the-lord-with-gladness/>



Found in the Mosaics

Christ had said that he had to leave His Apostles and go to the Father but that when He did so He would send the Holy Spirit who would continue to teach them all things He had taught them.

The mosaic reads, “He left them and was taken up into Heaven.”



Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Edgar & Cinthia Carlon** (pictured above) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 11 in the morning.

Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on **Richard John and the Griggs Family** (pictured below left) He was baptized on March 21, 2026.

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on **Samantha & her family** (pictured below right) She was baptized on May 6, 2026.

“And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name.” Acts 22:16





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Disaster Relief

Catholic Charities has been a leader with the Archdiocese of St. Louis in helping people recover after they have experienced the effects of a disaster.

Through Natural Disaster Case Management, we help people address the disaster related needs that they encounter and work with on their journey to recover. Our 10 Case Managers currently help serve the tornado impacted families from May 2025 in North Saint Louis City.

Help support a family as they move into their home for the first time through our House to Home Program, contact house2home@ccstl.org for more details.

Rectory Office Closed

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. We will reopen Tuesday morning at 8:30.

Next Chapter Program

The Next Chapter is a program grounded in Ignatian Spirituality that has been offered in the St. Louis community by The Next Chapter Institute for the past nine years. It is a six-month guided journey in a group setting for people who are approaching retirement or who are recently retired. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist people to discern how they want to live their next chapter of life.

For more information, go to www.nextchapterprogram.org

The next session of the program begins in October of 2026. The first step for participating in the program is to attend an information session. They will be held on Wednesday, May 20, and Monday, June 1, starting at 7:00 pm at the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 Geyer Road.

To register for an information session, please email thenextchapterinstitute@gmail.com

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 17, 2026 to May 24, 2026

- Sunday: 58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9
Eph 1:17-23 Mt: 28:16-20
- Monday: 297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd,
6-7b Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: 298: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: 299: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: 300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5,
7-11 Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: 301: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20b Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: 302: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7
Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: 63: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 5/9/2026-5/10/2026

Offertory	\$8,035.50
Online Giving	\$10,372.50
Loose	\$4,953.02
Cathedral Candles	\$664.48
Cathedral Landscape	\$69.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$272.50
Catholic Education	\$126.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$50.00
Easter/Holy Land/Retired Priests	\$126.00



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Memorial Day Mass Schedule

We will have Mass at 8:00 am and 12:05 pm on Monday, May 25, Memorial Day.

We will NOT have a 7:00am Mass.

Service Saturdays



Join us for 8:00am Mass at the New Cathedral. After, we'll break into teams and head to different service sites. At 11:30am, we'll reconvene for lunch at Tacos4Life.

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.

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| Judy McGrath | Goldie Wirth |
| Doreen Kelly | Barbara Garrett |
| Linda Baldwin | Tronda White |
| Barbara Beckemeyer | Tiffany Pitts |
| Edwin Ayala Padilla | Shamelia Clark |
| Mary Leah Kovarik | Mary Anne Work |
| Guy Thomas | Juliana Brown |
| Kelvin Ayala Reyes | Craig Campbell |
| Nicole Pace | Michael Theiss |
| Resy Sanchez | Ron Pallman |
| Betty Ytzaina | Lily Ann Suiter |
| Deborah Lee | Mark Stephens |

Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite *all* parishioners and visitors to join them with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, May 26th at 6pm.

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 6pm. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. The men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. An offering of \$20 is suggested.

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 25th.

Appointment with Fr. Marco

Fr. Marco is available for confession and spiritual discussion. To make an appointment to meet with Fr. Marco, please call 314.373.8202. Thank you!

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. Our next meeting will be **May 21, 2026**. We will begin with Holy Hour at 6:30 pm followed by dinner in Boland Hall.

Please enter the Cathedral across the parking lot from the playground on the west side of the Church.

Email AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com or see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more details.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 23 & 24, 2026

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	David Parr Mary Ann Cheng		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Pat McCann
8:00 am	Jonathan Klimpel Pat Harper	Hagen Klompel Weisbrod Harper	Doug Weber	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Nick Uxa Brian Ragen			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Michael Murphy Mark Burmester		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm	John Stith Annie Joseph		TBD	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann Don Burns Krystle Hatter

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, 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

