CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 2, 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)
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS WELCOMES YOU

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

Mass Intentions

Sun. June 2nd - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
10:00 a.m. Elaine Love
12:00 p.m. Marie de L’Assomption
5:00 p.m. Darryl Ross

Mon. June 3rd - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Oscar & Dominga Actis

Tues. June 4th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Sr. Susan Marie
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
12:05 p.m. Salvador Alatorre

Wed. June 5th - St. Boniface
7:00 a.m. Dolores Aubuchon
8:00 a.m. Jackson Taylor Waldher
12:05 p.m. Judith Curran

Thur. June 6th - St. Norbert
7:00 am. Thomas Collins
8:00 a.m. Kenneth Sprague
12:05 p.m. Major Family

Fri. June 7th - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 a.m. Robert Breier
8:00 a.m. Frances Phillips
12:05 p.m. Steven Kuehnel

Sat. June 8th - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 p.m. Mary M. Weber
5:00 p.m. Jorge J. Bosch

Sun. June 9th - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
10:00 a.m. Herman Danielowich
12:00 p.m. Fr. Eric Artz
5:00 p.m. Rev. Msgr. Henry Breier
FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This coming week, we will embark on a major project for the Cathedral Basilica. Approximately two years ago, we closed the Cathedral Gift Shop with the anticipation of creating men's and women's restrooms on the main floor of the Basilica. I am so excited that we are able to begin the construction phase of the project now.

It will entail the creation of two family restrooms, men's and women's restrooms, on the main floor of the Cathedral. These restrooms will be accessible to all without the use of stairs. Additionally, we will be rehabbing the lower-level restrooms.

While this is all quite positive, the negative impact is that all of our restrooms will be closed at the same time. Temporary trailer restrooms will be placed on the school lot, which will not take up any of the current parking. These will remain in place for the duration of the project, which is to last about 5-6 months. One of the trailers will enable those with mobility issues to utilize the restroom as well.

I understand that this construction project will cause inconvenience to those who visit and attend our liturgies. I sincerely ask for your patience during this period, and I am confident that once the project is completed, the addition of restrooms on the main floor of the Basilica will be a welcome improvement for all. This project is fully funded through donors to the Cathedral Basilica.

This Sunday, June 2, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Following the conclusion of the 12 noon Mass, we will have our traditional Corpus Christi Procession through the parish grounds. This will be a wonderful display of our faith in the Real Presence and a great way to demonstrate our faith in the wider Central West End Community and St. Louis. The Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament will remind us of our pilgrimage to Heaven, and is a prayerful edifying act of the entire church.

Mark your calendar for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that will be celebrated on Friday, June 7. The beginnings can be traced to the Fathers of the Church, including Origen, St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Hippolytus of Rome, and several more. St. Bernard of Clarivax gave the expression of this devotion to the Sacred Heart “form” in the 12th century with his famous prayer “O Sacred Head Surrounded.” The feast reminds us of the burning love of God for each one of us symbolized in the heart of Jesus.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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Jesus’ Body and Blood forms a bridge between heaven and earth

Like Jesus, we need to judge things by heaven’s standards and rise above the world’s false dichotomies

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The feast of Corpus Christi — the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ — celebrates how the Body of Jesus forms a bridge: a bridge from heaven to earth for the Son of God, and a bridge from earth to heaven for us.

In St. Catherine of Siena’s book of Dialogues, God the Father explains to her how, after the fall of Adam and Eve, a great flood of sin separated humanity from heaven. But, desiring our salvation, the Father says: “And, so, wishing to remedy your great evils, I have given you the Bridge of my Son, in order that, passing across the Flood, you may not be drowned.”

On June 8, I will ordain the new permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Deacons, too, are meant to form a kind of bridge. As one author puts it: “The deacon stands at the altar and prepares the gifts with clean hands, but he stands also where the practical need is greatest, getting his hands very dirty … By being visibly at home in both places, the deacon embodies the great message of Vatican II, namely that the whole world is taken up in what happens at the altar and that the sacrifice of the altar is celebrated for the sanctification of the whole world.” Deacons are ordained for this kind of bridge-building between the mysteries of the faith and the world. But deacons are also meant to stand as a living witness: This kind of bridge-building is not theirs alone, but is an element of the identity of the entire Church!

On June 7, we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As the home diocese of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne — a Religious of the Sacred Heart — this feast day ought to be special to us! The heart of Jesus calls out to the heart of every person in the world. But He asks us — with our lives — to serve as bridges between His heart and the hearts of everyone.

In a series of “mic drop” moments that we read in the Gospel this week, He teaches us something important about how to do so. The “influencers” of Jesus’ time are trying to back Him into a corner. “Should we pay the census tax to Caesar or not? A woman had been married to seven brothers; in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? Which is the greatest commandment?”

In every case, Jesus is offered a set of false alternatives: No matter which one He picks, He will cause trouble for Himself, and His questioners will cause trouble for Him. But in every case, because He judges by heavenly logic, Jesus rises above the false alternatives and escapes the trap.

There’s a lesson for us in that! Today’s cultural influencers try to back us into a corner as well. Like Jesus, we need to judge things by the standards of heaven and rise above the false dichotomies of worldly logic. When we do so, we aren’t rejecting the world; we’re building bridges to heavenly horizons. Let’s try to do that more often.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for June 1 & 2 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35cjOxr
COME JOIN MSGR. BREIER, FR. POVIS & YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

CATHEDRAL SUMMER BBQ

Enjoy a potluck dinner and the opportunity to meet those you see at Mass every week including the clergy members!

Hosted by MEN & WOMEN OF THE CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY JUNE 15

BOLAND HALL AFTER THE 5PM MASS

You will receive a confirmation email with a link to sign up for what items you can bring

PLEASE REGISTER AT HTTP://CATHEDRALSTL.ORG/PICNIC
Corpus Christi
On the night before giving His life on the cross, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the gift of his Body and Blood, in the form of bread and wine, as the perpetual Passover sacrifice for his followers. This was done in the context of what is traditionally called the Last Supper. The Solemnity we celebrate this Sunday centers on the gift of the Body and Blood of the Lord, which we partake in at Holy Mass (the Eucharist) until the Lord comes again in glory at the end of the ages.

While the celebration of the Lord’s Body and Blood has been taking place since the Last Supper and continues to be celebrated at every Holy Mass, the more formal feast of “Corpus Christi” has been observed since 1246, beginning in the diocese of Liege in Belgium. The feast entered the Roman Missal for use in the Latin Church later in the same century, incorporating many of the texts composed by the Dominican Saint Thomas Aquinas, who lived from 1225 to 1274. Aquinas' words became the hymns for the Mass and Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) of this great feast.

Firm belief in the Body and Blood of Christ and regular reception of the Blessed Sacrament or Holy Communion is fundamental to Catholic doctrine, spirituality and growth in holiness. This is our inheritance. Let us joyfully embrace the gift of “finest wheat” which God offers us regularly, even every day.

We should not come to Mass out of mere obligation, but because the Eucharistic celebration is an integral part of our life in Christ and our communion with others. The celebration and reception of the Eucharist should be our strength and joy, a commitment in faith and love that gives meaning to all our existence. We aren’t Christians because we go to Mass, but we go to Mass because we are Christians, to celebrate God’s unbounded love for us and to participate in the action that followers of Christ have engaged in since the Lord walked among his own.

The Mass, Holy Eucharist, is the sacrifice or offering of the new covenant in the Blood of Christ. It is likewise the offering of the faithful, God’s people, united to Jesus in praise of the One God.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the right of the sanctuary, was designed by George D. Barnett. The mosaics were installed by Gorham Company. The Chapel was the gift of Richard C. Kerens. It was finished in March of 1917, but it was not used until Holy Thursday, April 5th of that year.

The mosaics of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel are the most Byzantine of any of the four side chapels. The dominant color is red—symbolic of the saving Blood of Christ. There is also a profusion and great variety of Venetian gold mosaic used throughout the Chapel, which should be examined closely.

The columns along the west side of the Chapel are of the red family marbles: four red Numidian, two of Levanto, two of Fiori de Pesco, and two of Benu marble. The capitals are fine examples of pure Byzantine design.
Men of the Cathedral

The Men of the Cathedral invite you to join them for monthly Adoration and dinner. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 25th at 6 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The evening is a terrific way to thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us and to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of other Cathedral parishioners and guests who are also seeking religious fulfillment.

Adoration is open to all men and women of the parish as well as guests and visitors. It begins at 6 PM. Confessions will be available during Adoration.

Dinner and fellowship will follow in Boland Hall. All men are invited to attend.

We have many new parishioners to the Basilica. Please come, as this is a great way to meet your faith filled fellow parishioners and begin to make new friends!

Please RSVP to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org or 314-918-2893 no later than Monday, June 24th. The suggested contribution for dinner is $20 per person at the door and includes dinner and beverages.

Corpus Christi Procession

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist.

All are encouraged to attend the Corpus Christi Procession this afternoon following the 12:00 pm Mass at the Cathedral Basilica.

Women of the Cathedral

Summer Vacation

The Women of the Cathedral have decided to take a break for the summer. Please watch this space for updates.

For questions please contact Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com
Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” - Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn’t we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn’t we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

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
June 2, 2024 through June 9, 2024

Monday: 353; 2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2, 14-16 Mk 12:1-12 see 576: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday: 354: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16 Mk 12:13-17
Thursday: 356: 2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 171: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37
Saturday: 358: 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22 573: Lk 2:41-51 see 573: Is 61:9-11

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

What Catholics will resume in September.

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
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
Margaret Aubermann
**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 have 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 the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism.

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**A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life**

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”

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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 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.