**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 16, 2024**

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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 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 sirens@cathedralstl.org

Mass Intentions
Sun. June 16th - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
10:00 a.m. Fathers Who Passes Away
12:00 p.m. Michael Bolden
5:00 p.m. Victims of Armed Conflicts

Mon. June 17th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Jim Crowley

Tues. June 18th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Rose Miller
8:00 a.m. Ralph & Carol Specht
12:05 p.m. Bernadette Winston

Wed. June 19th - St. Romuald
7:00 a.m. Arlen & Ellen Erdahl
8:00 a.m. Virginia Matecki
12:05 p.m. Patricia Maskell

Thur. June 20th - Weekday
7:00 am. Thomas Collins
8:00 a.m. Jerry Danekas
12:05 p.m. David Taylor

Fri. June 21st - St. Aloysius Gonzaga
7:00 a.m. Robert Breier
8:00 a.m. Ernie Carman
12:05 p.m. Tom Heeger

Sat. June 22nd - St. Paulinus of Nola; Sts. John Fisher and Thomas Moore
8:00 p.m. June Gimblett
5:00 p.m. Deceased Priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

Sun. June 23rd - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
10:00 a.m. Emily Roach
12:00 p.m. Arthur & Virginia Eultgen
5:00 p.m. Bill & Barbara Graham & Family
Dear Parishioners,

Our restroom project is now in its first full week and great progress has been made in the demolition of the lower level restrooms and the Cathedral Gift Shop. The workers are taking great care to ensure dust is minimal and that they do not disturb daily Mass. They have also been exceptionally careful in the removal of three mosaics that adorned the walls of the gift shop. These mosaics are being placed in storage for use in a future project for the Basilica.

The image below shows the design for the women's first-floor bathroom, which is located in the old gift shop. It will include four stalls and a family restroom. The new restroom will have stained-glass windows, which will allow for lots of light. The objective of the design for the bathrooms on the main level is to make them feel integral to the building, as if they were always present.

Thank you so much for your patience during this project. I know it is super inconvenient to have to walk outside the Basilica to use the restroom. Thank you so much.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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The Sermon on the Mount unveils the spiritual blueprint of the world

We should plant good spiritual seeds, so that when God allows them to ripen, they work to the benefit of all

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel readings this week continue the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1 – 8:1), and it helps to think of them as unveiling the spiritual blueprint of the world.

“You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye…,” “…love your neighbor and hate your enemy,” and so on. All of those things seem to make sense on a worldly level. But Jesus reveals that there are deeper laws at work in the world: “When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well,” and “…love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:39, 44).

Jesus not only said these things, He lived them right up to the cross. He sums them up with this: “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthews 5:48).

In other words: Don’t judge things by a worldly blueprint! You were made in the image of God, and union with God is your goal. So raise your eyes to the heavenly blueprint and act according to its deeper laws. It’s not easy! But it wasn’t made to be easy; it was made to be beautiful.

This week’s readings also teach us about planting moral and spiritual seeds.

Ahab and Jezebel conspire in killing Naboth to take possession of his vineyard. But their immoral action plants a seed, and that seed ripens in their own destruction. The prophet Elijah names Israel’s sins, which brings him persecution in this life. But his fidelity to God plants a seed, and that seed ripens in his being caught up to heaven by the fiery chariot.

Athaliah has all the heirs to the throne killed so that she can gain power. But her treasonous action plants a seed, which ripens in her own overthrow. (In fact, when she cries out “treason!” it’s a piece of biblical humor and irony: “Yes, it’s the full flowering of the seed you planted.”) Finally, Jesus tells us: “If you forgive others, your heavenly Father will forgive you. If you do not forgive others, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you” (Matthew 6:14-15). When we plant a seed, God allows it to ripen!

I want to draw a cautionary tale from these points about blueprints and seeds.

When America was founded, we planted not only the seed of freedom but also the seed of slavery. Both grew and ripened — the one to our benefit, and the other to tremendous suffering. Looking back, we know we could have and should have done better in setting the blueprint for our nation. When we observe the third annual Maafa at the Old Cathedral this week (June 22), we will commemorate that failure and pledge to do better.

This year, in Missouri, we are being asked whether we want to plant the seed of abortion in our state constitution. I simply say this: If we do so, we will be planting the seed of the right to kill our children in the foundational soil of our state. That seed will ripen, and it will undermine our capacity to respect the dignity of every human being who needs our help.

Looking back at our history, and looking ahead at this vote, I see the same lesson: We can and should plant better seeds.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for June 15 & 16 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXr
The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus said to the crowds: “This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the fruit grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he yields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.”

He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parable he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Mark 4:26-34

Two Parables in the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.
Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Linda Lyle who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 1:30 pm in the afternoon.

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

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Photos courtesy of Julia Noack Photography.
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.

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

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.

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.

Sixteen men ordained to the Permanent Diaconate
Saturday, June 8, 2024

To the blood donors and volunteers,

Thank you for making the blood drive a success.

- the Women and Men of the Cathedral
Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.” - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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 Believe will resume in September.

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 16, 2024 through June 23, 2024

Sunday: 92: Ez 17:22-24 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 2 Cor 5:6-10 Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 365: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5;2-3b, 4b-7 Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 366: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 367: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31;20-21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 368: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15
Saturday: 370: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: 95: Jb 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-26, 28-31 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

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.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

“Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life”
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