SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 23, 2023

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 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.

**CATHEDRAL CONCERTS**
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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.

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**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 siron@cathedralstl.org

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**Mass Intentions**

**Sun. July 23rd - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Richelle Weisbrod
10:00 a.m. Liv Buchholz
12:00 p.m. Paul & Cora Verne
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

**Mon. July 24th - St. Sharbel**

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. John Michael Mejaski
12:05 p.m. Alice & Eugene Owens, Sr. & Family

**Tues. July 25th - St. James, Apostle**

7:00 a.m. Zoe Dust
8:00 a.m. Emma & Esso Plaisance
12:05 p.m. Jean Donnegan

**Wed. July 26th - Sts. Joachim & Anne**

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. King McElroy
12:05 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

**Thur. July 27th - Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
8:00 p.m. Bob Webb
12:05 p.m. Diane Heckert

**Fri. July 28th - Weekday**

7:00 a.m. Protestants in Purgatory
8:00 a.m. Ann Francis Smith
12:05 p.m. Charlotte Hill

**Sat. July 29th - Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
5:00 p.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner

**Sun. July 30th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Fr. Brian Hecktor
10:00 a.m. Ernestine Raclin
12:00 p.m. Norm Holtmann
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, July 30th, we will celebrate the retirement of Msgr. Gregory Mikesch, express our gratitude to him for his generous service to the Cathedral Basilica Parish and bid a fond farewell to him. It was in 1975 that Msgr. Mikesch was ordained to the priesthood and went on to serve in several parishes and as a member of the staff of Kenick-Glennon Seminary. Throughout his priesthood, he has touched the lives of many through his homilies and pastoral charity. If you have not done so, please plan to attend the 10 am Mass on July 30th and express your gratitude to him. A reception will follow in Boland Hall.

A few parishioners have asked, what will you do without Msgr. Mikesch's assistance at the Cathedral? Msgr. Mikesch was a great help in the celebration of Holy Mass each day and confessions. After his departure, there will be a bit more for Father Povis and me to cover; however, you will meet Father Patrick Hough, SJ, who has graciously extended himself in service to the Cathedral. Beginning in August, Father will celebrate daily Mass a few days each week and a few Sundays here and there. Father Hough's current assignment is with the administration of the Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits.

Regarding the Women of the Cathedral, which Msgr. Mikesch led faithfully, will continue to meet on the 1st Saturday of the Month following the 8 am Mass for the foreseeable future. Father Povis and I will continue to attend these meetings and assist the Women of the Cathedral in fostering the personal sanctification of its members through emulation and mutual support.

There are many projects that are in motion in the Cathedral Basilica, from the continued work on the upgrading of the lighting to the cleaning of the Baldachino. Soon work will commence on the tuckpointing and restoration of the entire facade of the Basilica, in which the first phase will be the front or the South facade. All of this work is made possible through the generous contributions of parishioners and donors to our Annual Cathedral Gala. Thank you for being so supportive.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP’S COLUMN

Biblical examples show us how to pivot well when facing difficulties

As we near the implementation date for parish changes as part of All Things New, we can make positive pivots

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

July 25 is the feast of St. James, the patron saint of pilgrims.

One of the things we know about pilgrimages is that there will be difficulties. As if by a spiritual law, things don’t ever go quite as planned!

We also know from experience that things tend to turn out OK anyway. In fact, because the pilgrimage is in God’s hands, things often turn out better, in ways we couldn’t have planned or anticipated, because of the difficulties.

As a result, we often look back and think to ourselves, “I wish I had handled that better when it happened!” Veterans of pilgrimages sometimes become quite good at this: Knowing that surprises are going to happen, they’ve learned to make unexpected events a pivot into deeper trust and surrender to God rather than a pivot into frustration.

Developing a better “pivot” when things don’t go as we would wish — that’s worth reflecting on!

That was the story of Israel’s wandering in the desert. We read several episodes of that journey this week.

The people are pursued by Pharaoh’s army. Naturally, they’re afraid. How do they pivot on that fear? Unfortunately, they pivot into complaining: “Why didn’t you just let us die in Egypt?”

The people are in the desert. Naturally, they grow hungry. How do they pivot on their hunger? Unfortunately, they pivot into grumbling: “Why didn’t you leave us in Egypt? At least we had enough to eat!”

These are great instances of how the Bible uses “counterexample” to teach us. Israel’s pivot isn’t being held up as an example for us to imitate. It’s a counterexample for us to avoid. The Bible is asking us:

When you face a similar situation, how can you dig deeper and do better than this? What would a better response to challenges — a better pivot — look like?

In the Gospel reading for the feast of St. James, the apostles give us another counterexample. James and John want to sit at Jesus’ right and left in His kingdom. Hearing this, the other apostles grow indignant. Jesus gathers them and says, in effect: “That’s the wrong pivot! Naturally, you all want to be great. But pivot on that desire into service rather than competition.”

We close the week with the feast of Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus (July 29). There are two Gospel readings to choose from that day. Together, they give a perfect example of how we can develop our “pivot point.” In one option, we hear the famous story of Martha and Mary. Naturally, as hostess, Martha has a lot of work to do. But she pivots from that work into annoyance at her sister. In the other option, Lazarus has died. Naturally, Martha is sad. But she pivots on her sadness in a different direction: into faith in Jesus.

The week begins with the wrong pivot: Israel’s pivot from fear into complaining. It ends with the right pivot: Martha’s pivot from sadness into faith in Jesus. As we near the implementation date for parish changes as part of All Things New and the effective date for new priest assignments, what natural emotions are you experiencing? What pivot are you making on those emotions? And how can your pivot point learn from biblical examples and counterexamples?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for July 22 & 23 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35qjOxv
WITH GREAT ADMIRATION WE ANNOUNCE

FAREWELL & RETIREMENT MASS
MSGR. GREGORY MIKESCH
AN INVITATION FOR ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS

SUNDAY J U L Y 3 0 2 0 2 3
AT 10:00 AM

Msgr. Mikesch has asked that he not receive any gifts; however, a donation may be made on his behalf to the Vision of Peace Hermitages. They are in the process of renovating each of the hermitages for $30,000 each. All monies gifted on his behalf go towards renovating the hermitages.

LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN BOLAND HALL

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS
2023 Cathedral Basilica Gala

August 19, 2023

Cathedral Basilica Gala

Benefiting the preservation and restoration of the art and architecture in this great monument of our faith

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Cocktails & Dinner
Old Warson Country Club
9844 Old Warson Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63124
At 6 o’clock in the evening

Attire Coat & Tie
Valet Parking

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis Gala

Saint Louis, King of France, $25,000
• Recognition in Gala program
• 2 tables of 10 with prominent seating at Gala

Saint Vincent de Paul, $15,000
• Recognition in Gala program
• 1 table of 10 for Gala

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, $10,000
• Recognition in Gala program
• 1 table of 8 for Gala

Friend of the Archbishop
• Recognition in Gala program
• 4 tickets for Gala

Or

Individual tickets may be purchased at $200

Individual tables of 8 at $1,600

For more information, please contact Jennifer Stanard at 314-373-8220
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, July 25th at 6 PM.

Please take this opportunity to join other men and women in personal prayer at Adoration to ask God to intercede and aid those who are experiencing personal difficulties and for our city, state, and country, and world that good will prevail over evil and all will find their way in God.

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. 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 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, July 24th.

The Three Parables

The readings for today are focused on the Kingdom of God. The first reading reminds us that God desires justice and has shown us the way of kindness. The second reading tells us that the Spirit aids us in our weakness. And in the Gospel, Jesus gives us three parables related to the Kingdom of God, including the parable of the weeds in the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast.

- **Coexistence of Good and Evil:** In the gospel for today Jesus presents the reality that in this world, both the children of the kingdom (believers) and the children of the evil one (unbelievers) will coexist until the final judgment, highlighting the presence of evil and the challenges faced by believers in a fallen world.
- **Spiritual Warfare:** The parable depicts the ongoing spiritual battle between good and evil, illustrating the strategies of the enemy to sow deception and hinder the growth of God’s kingdom.
- **Patience and Delayed Judgment:** The parable emphasizes God’s patience and long-suffering, as He allows both the wheat and the tares to grow together until the harvest, symbolizing the delay of final judgment and the opportunity for repentance.
- **God’s Sovereignty:** The parable portrays God’s ultimate sovereignty and authority over the final judgment, when the wheat (righteous) will be gathered into His kingdom, and the tares (wicked) will be cast into eternal punishment.
- **Growth and Fruitfulness:** The parable highlights the importance of spiritual growth and fruitfulness in the lives of believers, as represented by the wheat, emphasizing the need for genuine faith and righteous living.
- **The Kingdom’s Expansion:** Additionally, in the Gospel for today, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God will expand and grow, starting small but eventually encompassing many people, cultures, and nations, reflecting God’s plan for the expansion of His kingdom.
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. … That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Married Love and the Gift of Life”

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

Sessions 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
July 23, 2023 through July 30, 2023

Monday: 395: Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1b-6 Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 605:2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1b-6 Mt 20:20-28
Thursday: 398: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17
Friday: 399: Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 400: Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15
607: Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

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
Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams
Kelvin Ayala Reyes

Mary Riley
Vivian Rachel Rossen
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Duric Shiebler
Therese Terri Svehla
Deborah Lee
Catholic Charities
Go to Bat for Kids is a Catholic Charities tradition that makes a memorable night at Busch Stadium possible for many children and families who might not otherwise have the opportunity.

We invite you to step up to the plate and Go to Bat for Kids by sponsoring a child for just $26. Your donation provides admission, a hot dog, and a soda. For more information contact Alisa Goessling at 314-256-5904.

Hours for Fr. Marco
Fr. Marco offers spiritual discussion and confession Wednesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You will find him just off the Narthex of the Cathedral. Walk-ins are welcome and no appointment is necessary.

Weekday Mass in St. Cecelia Chapel
Reminder that all weekday Masses will be celebrated in the St. Cecelia Chapel due to the cleaning of the baldachino. The Chapel opens at 6:30 a.m.

The Cathedral Basilica will remain open for private prayer; however your caution, while in the space, is requested.

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Eucharistic Revival
The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by and encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world”

For more information or to volunteer with the Eucharistic Revival, please visit: www.allthingsnew.archstl.org/Evangelization/Eucharistic–Revival

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, July 27th. 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
“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.” - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all “good seeds”. We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God’s plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God’s kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow “good seeds” on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!
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 at 314-792-6460.

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