

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 16, 2026

MASSSES 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)

4431 Lindell Boulevard Saint Louis, Missouri 63108-2403



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.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS
314.533.7662

TOURS
314.373.8205

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. Aug 16 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mike Vlasak
10:00 a.m. Arthur, Virginia & Wayne Eultgen
12:00 p.m. Andrew Meyer
5:00 p.m. Janet Barnes

Mon. Aug 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Kate Hershberger
8:00 a.m. Clare Spafford
12:05 p.m. Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick

Tues. Aug 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Amy Firestine
8:00 a.m. William M. Walsh
12:05 p.m. Ronald L. Weiss, Sr

Wed. Aug 19 - St. John Eudes

7:00 a.m. Mary Kay Fulton
8:00 a.m. Rita Maddock
12:05 p.m. Daniel Villanueva

Thur. Aug 20 - St. Bernard

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
8:00 a.m. Vatcha/Jacobs Families
12:05 p.m. Paula Abboud

Fri. Aug 21 - St. Pius X

7:00 a.m. David Moss
8:00 a.m. Michael Hemmesch
12:05 p.m. The Casey Family

Sat. Aug 22 - Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Bob & Nancy Brinker
5:00 p.m. Mario Ventura

Sun. Aug 23 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Sr. Marysia Weber, RSM
10:00 a.m. James G. Kemner
12:00 p.m. Roxie Goia
5:00 p.m. Maile Perez



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel takes Jesus to the region of Tyre and Sidon, in present-day Lebanon, where he encounters a Canaanite woman. Matthew identifies her this way deliberately: she is a pagan, an outsider, someone who does not belong to the people of Israel. Yet it is this outsider whom Jesus will ultimately praise for her great faith.

The woman approaches Jesus because her daughter is suffering terribly. We can imagine the desperation of a mother who has exhausted every possibility and now sees Jesus as perhaps her last hope. She cries out for mercy and healing. At first, however, Jesus does not respond. Matthew tells us, "He did not say a word in answer to her." Still, she refuses to leave. She continues crying out until the disciples themselves ask Jesus to send her away.

Jesus explains that his mission has been directed first to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman will not be discouraged. She comes before him and offers one of the simplest and most powerful prayers in the Gospel: "Lord, help me." There are moments in life when that may be the only prayer we can manage. We do not understand what God is doing. We cannot find the right words. We simply know that we need him: *Lord, help me.*

Jesus then responds with a difficult saying: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." Yet the woman takes Jesus' own image and turns it into an expression of faith: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

In other words: *Lord, I am not asking because I deserve something from you. I am asking because I believe that even the smallest portion of your mercy is enough.* Jesus responds, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter is healed. What makes her faith so great? She refuses to stop trusting Jesus even when Jesus seems silent. She keeps asking, seeking, and believing.

We sometimes imagine that strong faith means receiving quick answers to our prayers. But often the deepest faith is revealed when the answer does not come quickly—when God seems silent and circumstances do not change.

The Canaanite woman teaches us to remain before the Lord. Keep asking. Keep trusting. And when we have no other words, simply pray: "Lord, help me."

Msgr. Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Returning to the Promised Land of Joy Involves Undoing the Habits of Sin

Rather than complaining, we should pivot into making an offering of the unfairness and frustrations that we experience

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Can we talk about sin? I know it's not comfortable; but it's necessary and helpful.

Rather than start with a definition, however, let's start with our experience. When something goes wrong — someone cuts you off in traffic, you get sick, your flight gets delayed and so on: What's your first reaction, what's your best reaction, and how long does it take you to get from the one to the other? (Or, how often is your first reaction your only reaction?)

Our first reaction is typically to rail against the other driver, to grumble about the sickness, to complain about airlines and so on. Sometimes we aren't even sure what a best reaction would look like! (Hint: It involves turning the hardship into an offering.)

This is where it's helpful to talk about sin. The distance between our first reaction and our best reaction is the distance between the spiritual state we're living in and the kingdom of heaven. It gives us a sort of spiritual map of where we are, and the route we need to take to grow in holiness.

We're offered a series of readings from the prophet Ezekiel these weeks. He made his life a prophetic image of the consequences of Israel's sin: the exile. Then, when the exile happened, he became the prophet of return. Remember the dry bones coming to life? Certainly, that looks forward to the future resurrection. But in its original context it was also a prophetic image of return from the lifelessness of exile.

As Ezekiel's life and career were a lesson for ancient Israel, so the history of ancient Israel is a lesson in the spiritual life for us. We also undergo a spiritual exile from the promised land of joy because of our sins —

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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



each of us knows that from experience. We also long for return. Bringing our dry bones back to life involves undoing the habits of sin that have taken root in us.

We celebrate the feast day of St. John Eudes on Aug. 19, and he provides a beautiful meditation on what's needed. He says: "He [Jesus] desires that whatever is in Him may live and rule in you: His breath in your breath, His heart in your heart, all the faculties of His soul in the faculties of your soul." So, for example, all the sadness of Jesus (who wept over Jerusalem), and all His generosity (He gave His very life to us and for us) belong to us as members of His body. Do we use them?

The reactions of Jesus are like Christmas presents, already given, waiting to be unwrapped. Our progress in discipleship can be measured by our answer to three questions: Do you desire to unwrap those gifts? Are you working on using those gifts? How's it going in letting those gifts become habits? The answers to those questions give us a kind of roadmap: They tell us where we are, how far we have to go in the life of discipleship and what our next step is.

There are so many situations in life about which we can say: it's not fair! Even if that's 100 percent true, it still leaves us to ask a key question: Will we pivot on that unfairness into complaining, or will we pivot — as Jesus did — into making the unfairness an offering?

We celebrate the feast of the Queenship of Mary on Aug. 22 and the feast of St. Louis, King of France, on Aug. 25. Let's ask them to help us govern our lives more deeply, so we can move more quickly and easily from our first reactions to Jesus' own reactions to the frustrations of the world.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Aug 17-31 and may be read in the print edition or <https://www.stlouisreview.com/column/serve-the-lord-with-gladness/> 4



AUGUST 16, 2026

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 City Foundry.

Parish Ambassador News

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.

For more information, contact your Parish Ambassadors

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Catholic Charities Young Professionals are a young, energetic group that supports Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis through creative and engaging opportunities through service, community, and awareness.

Are you ages 20-39 and looking to grow your faith while supporting Catholic Charities? Learn more about Catholic Charities Young Professionals by visiting <https://ccstl.org/ccyp/about> or scanning the QR Code.



BLUE MASS
FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
10:00 AM MASS

LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRST RESPONDERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
4431 Lindell Blvd - St. Louis, MO 63108
Reception to Follow

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!



Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Janie Carden** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated. It is not rude it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices with truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-8



Cathedral Parish Fall Dinner

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 10
following 5pm Mass
Boland Hall

RSVP by October 2
Please bring a dessert to share!

Italian Feast

Register at
cathedralstl.org/dinner



AUGUST 16, 2026



Experience Great Music in a Great Space! 2026 - 2027 Season Chamber Music Concerts

Our series of 3 **FREE concerts** that brings the great music to you.
The featured players in each concert are Kristin Ahlstrom, violin; Bjorn Ranheim, cello;
Jennifer Mazzoni, flute; and Matthew Mazzoni, piano

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 7:00pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary
8 West Highway D, New Melle, 63365

Thursday, Sept. 3, 7:00pm
St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
1411 Cross St., O'Fallon, IL 62269

Thursday, Sept 10, 7:00pm
Glendale Lutheran Church
1365 N Sappington Rd, 63122

Tickets on sale August 1.

VOCES8 with LYYRA
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 7:30pm
Welcomed by Bruce & Linda Ryder

Vienna Boys Choir
Monday, November 2, 2026 7:30pm

St. Louis Chamber Chorus
Sunday, November 8, 2026 3:00pm

Tenebrae
English Vocal Ensemble
Saturday, November 14, 2026 7:30pm

Christmas at the Cathedral
with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Choirs & Orchestra
Saturday, December 5, 2026 10:30am (NOTE TIME)
Sunday, December 6, 2026 2:30pm
Welcomed by Favazza's Restaurant
and Michael Bavlsik & Kathleen Skelly

The Aeolians of Oakwood University
Friday, January 15, 2027, 7:30pm

The King's Singers
Monday, February 15, 2027 7:30pm

**Vox Una with St. Louis
Area High School Choirs**
Sunday, February 21, 2027 2:30pm

The Boston Camerata
Songs of Mystic Spain
Friday, March 12, 2027 7:30pm



Artists & Dates subject to change



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Special A La Carte Menu – Separate Checks – Cash or Credit Card

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
6:15 PM

Bartolino's
 THE HILL

Hampton Ave at I-44

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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
August 16, 2026 to August 23, 2026

Sunday: 118: Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

Monday: 419: Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21
 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: 420: Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28, 30,
 35c-36b Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: 421: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: 422: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
 Mt 22:1-14

Friday: 423: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: 424: Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: 121: Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8
 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

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.

Judy McGrath
 Doreen Kelly
 Linda Baldwin
 Barbara Beckemeyer
 Edwin Ayala Padilla
 Mary Leah Kovarik
 Guy Thomas
 Kelvin Ayala Reyes
 Nicole Pace
 Resy Sanchez
 Betty Ytzaina
 Deborah Lee
 Goldie Wirth

Barbara Garrett
 Tronda White
 Tiffany Pitts
 Shamelia Clark
 Mary Anne Work
 Juliana Brown
 Craig Campbell
 Michael Theiss
 Ron Pallman
 Lily Ann Suiter
 Mark Stephens
 Andrew Nolen

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR
THE WEEKEND OF 8/8/2026-8/9/2026

Offertory	\$7,754.90
Online Giving	\$5,309.00
Loose	\$5,045.94
Cathedral Candles	\$943.10
Cathedral Landscape	\$56.75
Cathedral Maintenance	\$613.00
Catholic Education	\$5.00
Catholic Church in Africa	\$50.00



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Women of the Cathedral

Meetings for the Women of the Cathedral group are back! We will have gatherings the second Saturday of the month. We plan on beginning each gathering with Mass at 8am. We will follow Mass with discussion and snacks. At gatherings we will have discussions to focus on the pillars we are basing the group on, they are - Spirituality, Fellowship, and Service.

Please save the date for our next meeting on Saturday, September 12.

Questions contact Phoebe at pdcl33@gmail.com

Men of the Cathedral

Catholic men, both Cathedral parishioners and guests; are you looking for a way to come closer to Jesus? Are you also looking to find other Catholic men who share your desire to praise God? If so, you are invited to join the Men of the Cathedral to monthly Adoration and Dinner on Tuesday, August 25 at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Thirty minutes of Adoration beginning at 6pm, followed by dinner at Boland Hall.

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 Catholic men seeking religious fulfillment.

Please RSVP to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, August 24. The cost is \$20 per person at the door and includes dinner and beverages.

Cathedral Basilica & Rosati Kain Blood Drive

Sunday, September 27

9 am - 2 pm

Rosati Kain Academy Cafeteria
4389 Lindell Blvd

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**To Schedule: Scan or
Call (800) RED-CROSS**



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 **August 20, 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 AUGUST 22 & 23, 2026

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Claire Sommers Alex Burkart		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Pat McCann
8:00 am	Mary Ann Cheng Pat Harper	Weisbrod Hagen Paul Harper	Doug Weber	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Denise Murphy Brian Ragen			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Lucas Blatter Mark Burmester		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm	John Stith John Willard		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

