CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
LiveStreaming of Sunday Mass and daily Mass offered at 8:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSESES
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 by appointment, as is access to the Cathedral Gift Shop.

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
314.533.7662

Gift Shop & 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 directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

Cathedral Tours
Small tours of our beautiful church are once again being offered at various times by appointment 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.
Dear Parishioners,

The Cathedral Basilica this week lost one of its longtime parishioners, Janice Noack. Before her husband Joe passed away and her health declined, they were heading up the Ushers for all of our special events and Masses here at the Cathedral. They were a great example of dedication and service to the parish. Details for Janice’s funeral have not been set yet, and we will make sure to communicate those to you as soon as they are known. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for the family that mourns her loss.

The Cathedral Basilica, with its vast collection of mosaic art, inspires every person who comes through the door. Each image has a story of faith to tell us - from the trinity mosaic in the main dome, to the small mosaic of a pelican feeding her young just above the doors, to the main body of the Cathedral. There are a little over 43 million pieces of tesserae or mosaic tile that comprise the images you see.

In a subtle way, each of these tiles speaks to you and me. In and of themselves, a single piece of tile is not impressive at all. Placing them together, the artist is able to create a stunning image that communicates faith. The truth these small tiles speak to us is that if you dispose yourself to Christ and allow Him to use you, you will become part of the great beauty of the Body of Christ. I mention this for you to consider your involvement in the life of the Cathedral Parish. What part do you play? Is God calling you to dispose yourself to him, allowing him to use you in a more deeper way?

Many thanks to everyone who helped make last Sunday’s Blue Mass a success. It was so wonderful to see so many of our First Responders present. It was a wonderful opportunity to show our gratitude to those who put themselves in harm's way each day to keep the St. Louis Metropolitan area safe.

While walking along the road in our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus speaks with his disciples. This time he does not seem like a teacher, but rather like a friend who opens up his heart to his closest friends. He tells them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him." This is the second time he spoke to them about this. Once again, however, not one of the disciples comprehends Jesus' thoughts and feelings.

Upon arriving at a house in Capernaum, Jesus asks them what they were discussing, but "they were silent," the evangelist notes. Their silence is a sign of the shame for what they had discussed. And that was good. Shame is the first step toward conversion. Shame, in fact, is born from recognizing one's distance from Jesus and from the Gospel.

Monsignor Henry Breier
The rebuilding of the Temple offers lessons for pastoral planning

There is excitement - and challenges - in knowing that plans for future glory will not be the same as that of the past

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The readings this week give us a window into the time of the “restoration” in Israel’s history — the time in the 500s BC when the people returned from the Babylonian Exile and were rebuilding the Temple. This period in Israel’s history provides some helpful lessons for us as we engage in pastoral planning.

We start the week with the prophet Ezra. The Persian king Cyrus had defeated the Babylonians. After a long period of Exile, the people were free to return to the Promised Land. In fact, Cyrus told them to go back and rebuild the Temple! It was an exciting prospect.

Of course, when they got back, they realized the scope of the project. The city and the temple had been razed to the ground. They would have to think, plan and build from the ground up. It was an amazing but daunting opportunity: to look back and think through all the lessons they’d learned, to look ahead and think long term, and to build accordingly.

Later in the week, we hear the interjection of the prophet Haggai. Through a combination of external resistance and, truthfully, some internal lack of motivation, the rebuilding of the Temple had stalled. Haggai exhorted the people to get moving again! The plans for the new Temple didn’t look as glorious as they remembered Solomon’s Temple being. But Haggai assured them: the future glory of the Temple would be greater than its former glory.

In retrospect we know: that was not just a prophecy that the physical building would be greater. Haggai’s message also pointed to a transformation. The new temple would be more glorious because Jesus would enter it, and because Jesus would become the new temple, and because Jesus would make His followers into the temple of His body. The new glory would be greater, but it would be different than it was before, just as Jesus really was the Messiah — a greater but different kind of Messiah than the people expected.

The prophet Zechariah concludes the week with the good news that God Himself would be the glory of the rebuilt city. Again, this is most deeply fulfilled when Jesus enters the city, and when the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in His followers.

At each point this week the readings give us a little window into the past, and some helpful perspective for our pastoral planning. It is, in some ways, a sad thing to know that we have to rebuild — to know that the glories of the past are just that: the past. It is, at the same time, an exciting prospect — to plan and build for the future. It’s challenging to know that the glory of the future will not look like the glory of the past, and to open ourselves to new possibilities. Finally, it’s challenging to exercise patience — to let the project unfold one step at a time, and to keep our determination in the face of internal and external resistance.

Most of all, though, it’s a comfort to know that, as the people of God, we have been here before. Let’s foster the confidence that the Lord will lead us now as He did then.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for September 20–26 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35ji0Xc.
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.

Barbara Beckemeyer  Mary Riley
Joe Dubuque  Resy Sanchez
Wayne Eultgen  Mickey Shears
Deborah Harlan  Durie Shiebler
Luke Havey  Mary Anne Work
Lenore Molloy  John Valentino
Pauline Price  Betty Ytzaina
Dorothy Quinn

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner Janice Noack Gummersbach. Janice and her husband, the late Joe Gummersbach, were devoted and active members of the parish for many years - Janice as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and usher, and Joe as former head usher and ministry coordinator. Janice passed away on Tuesday, September 14, following a stroke. Funeral arrangements are pending.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk 15:7)*.”

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“Life Matters: Forgiveness & Healing After Abortion”

Pro-Life Mass

Remember to join us at the Cathedral Basilica on the third Saturday of each month for a pro-life Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed with a rosary procession to Planned Parenthood at Boyle and Forest Park. The next Mass is scheduled for Saturday, October 16.

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
September 19, 2021 through September 26, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20  Ps 54:3-4, 5-8
         Jas 3:16--4:3  Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6 (or Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31-39)  Ps 126:1-6  Lk 8:16-18 (or Lk 9:23-26)
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  Ps 19:2-5  Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9  Tb 13:2-4, 7-8,  Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 (or Gal 2:19-20)  Ps 149:1-6, 9
          Lk 9:7-9 (or Mt 16:24-27)
Friday: Hg 2:1-9  Ps 43:1-4  Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15  Jer 31:10-12, 13
          Lk 9:43-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-29  Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14
         Jas 5:1-6  Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

St. Joseph PSR

Religious education is an important component for forming children in the teaching of the Catholic Faith. Consider St. Joseph in Clayton for religious education, sacramental preparation, and family formation. PSR is offered from 9:30-10:45 am each Sunday morning. Online registration is available by emailing ekopf@stjosephclayton.org, or stop by the St. Joseph parish office to receive a paper form.

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 attend 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 Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism or to register for baptismal preparation class.
Cathedral Parish

Octoberfest

Sunday, October 3, 2021
1:00 - 4:00 pm

A Parish picnic of bratwurst, hot dogs, potato salad, potato chips, beverages, & desserts

Outside on the East Lawn of the Cathedral

Brought to you by the Cathedral Parish Council
Men of the Cathedral

The summer Adoration evenings were quite successful, drawing approximately 30 men each month. Let’s keep the momentum going as we pray for our personal intentions and for the intentions of those we hold dear. Join us and bring your friends, neighbors, and family members for the next Adoration evening scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, at 6 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. And remember that all men are welcome; you need not be a member of the Cathedral parish. Our Men of the Cathedral join us from St. Charles, Ladue, Des Peres, South County and even Columbia, Illinois!

Adoration will be followed by drinks, dinner, and fellowship in Boland Hall. A donation of $20 is suggested. Please RSVP by September 27 to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org or call 314-918-2893. Again, for new members to the community, whether you reside in the area or travel in to join us, Adoration is a great way to meet new people and build new faith-based friendships.

Have You Considered Online Giving

On Line Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralstl.org) and click on the bright red DONATE button on the home page. Watch the 5 minute “Watch Help Video” and 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. All of information is encrypted and stored securely.

Anima Christi Young Adults

All young adults interested in growing the fellowship of our young adult community are invited to the next young adult gathering scheduled for Thursday, September 23. We begin with Adoration and confessions in the church at 6:30 pm (enter through the west door by the playground), followed by dinner in Boland Hall at 7:30 p.m. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please e-mail the group at AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com.

Offertory Collection for The Weekend of 09/12/2021

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Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Mk 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don’t like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is “to make holy,” from the words “sacer” = sacred and “facere” = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

For the Poor

On the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods (non-perishable items only, please!) for delivery to food pantries in the area. Our next parish food drive will be held Sunday, October 3.

Eyeglass Drive

“The Respectacle Project”, an eyeglass recycling program, facilitates the redistribution of quality used eyeglasses to those in need both locally and abroad. Donations are typically accepted on the first Sunday of every month. Our next eyeglass drive will be held Sunday, October 3.
FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK
Sept 19, 2021

WATCH
PADRE PIO BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH
Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio’s grave.

LEARN
FORMED FOR MISSION EPISODE 20: AN APOSTOLIC SPIRITUALITY
Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down for a weekly show on evangelization and mission. “Evangelizing is in fact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize” (EN, 14). We pray that these discussions may help all the faithful be further conformed to Christ and become powerful evangelists in the world today.

LISTEN
THE LEGENDS OF ROBIN HOOD AUDIO DRAMA
The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley had no intention of becoming an outlaw. But the relentless cruelty and tyranny by the elite nobility of England demanded that someone rise up to give answer. And so Robert of Locksley became Robin Hood — a man thrown into a fierce struggle to balance his deep faith with a call to action in a violent age.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.
Servant Leadership

Jesus said to the Twelve Apostles, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Jesus was the perfect example of servant leadership – putting other’s needs before His own. As servant leaders, we are called to “wash one another’s feet” just like Jesus did on Holy Thursday night.

Unfortunately, when we hear the word “leadership” today, we tend to think of someone with privilege and unlimited power. One characteristic of servant leadership is good listening skills – being able to discern the will of God and how that intersects with the will of the ministry. Good listening skills helps shape other good characteristics such as empathy for others, commitment to the spiritual growth of people and ultimately building the kingdom of God and your own local parish community.

Visit archstl.org/dynamic for more info.

Eucharistic Exposition

The Blessed Sacrament, the very presence of Christ’s body and blood in the Eucharist, is reserved in the tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the east of the main sanctuary. At all hours the Cathedral is open, people may be found praying there before the Lord “face to face.” Each Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 p.m., the Eucharist is displayed for prayer and adoration in public exposition in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a holy hour. Following this holy hour, the Evening Prayer of the Church with Benediction is celebrated.

Additionally, the Blessed Sacrament is displayed for public adoration and prayer on the First Friday of the month. First Friday Adoration begins at approximately 8:30 a.m., following the completion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and concludes with Benediction at 11:45 a.m. Our next First Friday Adoration will be held Friday, October 1.

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver - Central Committee

presents

Sock Angels

a campaign to provide new socks to the needy in our area

Be an Angel and drop off new socks throughout the month of September in the silver box located in the main vestibule of the Church

Thank you for your generosity!
Parish Information

Registration in Parish
To join our parish, please register online at https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life or contact the office at 314-373-8202.

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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 Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish 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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