TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

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 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)

EUCHARISTICADORATION
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**
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 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

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**Mass Intentions**
Sun. Sept. 24th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Francis Farrow
10:00 a.m. William A. Allen
12:00 p.m. Cindy Weller
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

**Mon. Sept. 25th - Weekday**
7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. Charles E. Whitten

**Tues. Sept. 26th - Sts. Cosmas & Damian**
7:00 a.m. Sr. Susan Marie Kruggs
8:00 a.m. Luis Actis
12:05 p.m. Arlen Erdahl

**Wed. Sept. 27th - St. Vincent de Paul**
7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Vianney Chapman

**Thur. Sept. 28th - St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**
7:00 a.m. Felicity Aryco
8:00 p.m. Ceciro Librando
12:05 p.m. Rosemarie Bergholtz

**Fri. Sept. 29th - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael**
7:00 a.m. Urlakis Family
8:00 a.m. Vivian Alatorre
12:05 p.m. Magdalene Monis

**Sat. Sept. 30th - St. Jerome**
8:00 a.m. Wilfred Wiley
5:00 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

**Sun. Oct. 1st - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Richelle Weisbrod
10:00 a.m. Thom M. Digman
12:00 p.m. Bob & Shaunna Mann
5:00 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus recounts the parable of the owner of the vineyard who, at different hours of the day, hires laborers to work in it. And in the evening he gives them all the same wages, one denarius, provoking protests from those who began work early. That denarius clearly represents eternal life, a gift that God reserves for all. Indeed those who are considered the "last", if they accept, become the "first", whereas the "first" can risk becoming the "last".

It is St. Matthew who recounts the parable found in this Sunday’s Gospel, and whose liturgical feast day we celebrated on September 21. Before Jesus called him, he worked as a tax collector and was therefore seen as a public sinner and excluded from "the Lord's vineyard". But everything changed when Jesus passed by his table, looked at him and said to him: "Follow me".

Matthew rose and followed him. From a publican he immediately became a disciple of Christ. From being "last" he found himself "first", thanks to God's logic, which - for our good fortune! - is different from the logic of the world. "My thoughts are not your thoughts", the Lord says, speaking through the mouth of Isaiah, "neither are your ways my ways" (Is 55: 8).

St. Paul also experienced the joy of feeling called by the Lord to work in his vineyard. And what a lot of work he accomplished! Yet, as he himself confessed, it was God's grace which worked in him, that grace which transformed him - from persecutor of the Church into an Apostle to the Gentiles, to the point of saying: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain". Paul clearly understood that working for the Lord is already a reward on this earth.

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Rebuilding involves both external and internal dimensions

As we rebuild parish boundaries, we need to also look at rebuilding our internal sense of mission.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It’s time to rebuild!

That’s the message of the readings this week, which are situated during the time of ancient Israel’s return from the Babylonian Exile.

When the Jewish population returned to Jerusalem after the exile, they had to rebuild the Temple from the ground up. The prophet Ezra tells us about the external problems they faced in doing so, including interference from other nations in the project. The prophet Haggai tells us about the internal problems they faced in doing so, especially a lack of motivation from the population of Jerusalem itself. (Though, as Haggai points out, they had no problem with motivation when it came to building their own homes!)

The project of rebuilding the Temple was complicated enough! But there was another project for the post-exilic community that was even more complex: re-establishing their observance of the covenant with God in their daily lives. When all was said and done, rebuilding the Temple was simply an external project (even if a very important one!). The establishment of habits and patterns of relating to God and each other was the deeper and more complex “rebuilding” project.

There are some lessons there for our own situation!

Some parishes are rebuilding parish boundaries these days. Those communities, like the ancient Israelites, face external and internal difficulties in doing so. The task can look simple enough on paper, but the actual work is complex and takes time!

Even deeper than that, however, is our own version of the second task: to rebuild our sense of mission.

What did it mean for ancient Israel to become, again, in their daily lives, a people of the covenant with God after the exile? What does it mean for us, today, to follow Jesus’ call to go out to all people with the Good News and make disciples?

We haven’t faced a disruption like the exile, to be sure — and thanks be to God for that! But contemporary culture has produced its own kind of disruption to religious life, so we have our own kind of rebuilding work to do.

It’s interesting to think about a parallel here. The ancient Jewish community went through exile, the return from exile and rebuilding after the return. Similarly, Jesus went through death, which was a kind of exile; resurrection, which was a kind of return; and the sending of the Spirit, which built the Church. We’re experiencing our own version of that pattern today. It can be comforting to know: The pattern is not a new one for God’s people.

As we rebuild, what are some things we need to put in place to build well? St. Jerome, whose feast we celebrate this week (Sept. 30), might say we could stand to study Scripture more deeply. St. Vincent De Paul, whose feast we celebrate this week (Sept. 27), might say we could stand to serve the poor more personally. St. Augustine, whom we read in the Office of Readings this week, speaks of seeking out the lost with greater determination, even when they’re not sure they want to be found!

As we talk to each other this week, let’s not just talk about the superficial things. Let’s talk about this: As you think of rebuilding, what’s the Lord placing on your heart as a point of focus?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for September 23 -24 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXr
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Chamber Music Concerts
Our series of 3 FREE concerts that brings the great music to you.
The featured players in each concert are Jennifer Mazzoni, flute; Kristin Ahlstrom, violin; Shannon Farrell Williams, viola; Bjorn Ranheim, cello; Matthew Mazzoni, piano

Friday, Sept. 8, 7pm
Mary Queen of Peace
676 W. Lockwood, 63119

Sunday, Sept. 10, 3pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary
8 West Highway D, New Melle, 63365

Tuesday, Sept 12, 7pm
Peace Lutheran
737 Barracksview Road, 63125

Voices of St. Alphonsus
Danny DuMaine, Director
Sunday, September 24, 2023 2:30pm
Welcomed by Coldwell Banker Realty - Gundaker and Paul & Amy Mittelstadt

VOCES8
Friday, October 20, 2023 8:00pm
Welcomed by Bruce & Linda Ryder

Vienna Boys Choir
Monday, November 13, 2023 8:00pm

Christmas at the Cathedral
with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Choirs & Orchestra
Saturday, December 2, 2023 10:30am (NOTE TIME)
Sunday, December 3, 2023 2:30pm
Welcomed by Favazza’s Restaurant and Michael Bavlsik & Kathleen Skelly

Missouri State University Chorale
Cameron LaBarr, Director
Friday, January 12, 2024 8:00pm

North City Deanery Choir
Simeon A. Layne, Jr., Director
Friday, February 2, 2024 8:00pm
Welcomed by Coldwell Banker Realty - Gundaker and Paul & Amy Mittelstadt

St. Louis Symphony & Chorus
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:00pm

Chanticleer
Monday, April 8, 2024 8:00pm

The Boston Camerata
Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00pm

Artists & Dates subject to change

CathedralConcerts.org  314-533-7662
Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?
Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic?
Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church?
Is your spouse, fiancé, neighbor, or friend interested?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (or RCIA) enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to “find out what it is all about”. Most often, people come because they are invited.

Be the voice of Christ and offer the first invitation to someone you know who might be interested in the Catholic faith!

RCIA is for persons who have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have never celebrated Confirmation or received First Communion. It is also open to anyone who is interested in learning more about what Catholics believe and why we believe it. You are invited if you’ve been Catholic all your life, if you have a passing interest in the Catholic faith, or if you are anywhere in between!

The 2023-24 RCIA session will begin in September.
To register or for additional information, please contact Fr. Zac Povis at 314-373-8204 or email zacharypovis@archstl.org
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, September 26th at 6 PM.

Summer is now behind us so we should turn ourselves toward self-improvement in anticipation of the upcoming Christmas season.

Many of our regular attendees are visitors to the Cathedral. We encourage both parishioners and visitors to share the joy of Christ through Adoration!

Adoration will begin promptly at 6PM. Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks and dinner in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. A suggested donation of $20 is appreciated.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, September 25th.

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to Clay & Shelby Stuart who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 1:30 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 its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die… The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Every Suicide is Tragic”

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 24, 2023 through October 1, 2023**

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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

**September 20: Recap:** Theology of Salvation

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 | Mary Riley |
| Linda Baldwin | Nicole Pace |
| Janice Bashford | Resy Sanchez |
| Barbara Beckemeyer | Mickey Shears |
| Edwin Ayala Padilla | Mary Anne Work |
| Pauline Price | Betty Ytznain |
| David Washington | Sharon Kay Moore |
| Dorothy Quinn | William McCarty |
| Mary Leah Kovarik | Therese Terri Svehla |
| Janetta Williams | Deborah Lee |
| Kelvin Ayala Reyes | Lawson Burford |
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, September 28th**. Our gathering begins with Holy Hour at 6:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Afterward there will be dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

**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.

**Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
We invite you to take a few moments and spend some time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel this month. These few moments in adoration are meant to give each one who participates in it a quiet moment with the Lord.

**Weekly Thoughts on Giving**

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-
### 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.

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### Liturgical Ministers for September 30 & October 1, 2023

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| 5:00 p.m.  | No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend | John Willard  
             David Parr | Doug Weber       | Bob Sutter  
             Jerry Pastore  
             Matt Colvin  
             Chris Newgent |                               |
| 8:00 am    |               | Michael Pajar  
             Jonathan Klimpel | Doug Weber  
             Kevin Mattingly | Dave Meyer  
             Frank Snyder  
             Joe Schilli |                               |
| 10:00 am   |               | Red Mass               | TBD              | Susan Metheny  
             William Kasalko  
             Dan Mangus |                               |
| 12 Noon    |               | Phoebe del Castillo  
             Mary Ann Cheng | TBD              | Willie Stevens  
             Vito Alu  
             Lawanda Reason |                               |
| 5:00 pm    |               | John Stith  
             Erin Heathman | Brak Welby | Willie Kelsey  
             Charlie Hapke  
             Pat McCann  
             Don Burns |                               |