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5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
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LiveStreaming of
Sunday Mass and daily
Mass offered at 8:00 am

W E E K D A Y  M A S S E S
7:00 am (Mon-Fri)
8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

O P E N  W E E K D A Y S
6:30 am – 5:00 pm

L I T U R G Y  O F  T H E  H O U R S
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)

O P E N  S A T U R D A Y /  S U N D A Y
7:00 am – 6:30 pm

C O N F E S S I O N S
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)

P E R P E T U A L  H E L P  D E V O T I O N S
Following 8:00 am &
12:05 pm Mass (Tues)

E U C H A R I S T I C  A D O R A T I O N
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 siron@cathedralstl.org

Mass Intentions
Sun. Oct. 8th - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Phyllis Reynolds
10:00 a.m. Maria Roncal Comacho
12:00 p.m. Connie Steinhans
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. Oct. 9th - St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi
7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Paul Leible
12:05 p.m. Charles E. Whitten

Tues. Oct. 10th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Bob Watson
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. Louise Campbell

Wed. Oct. 11th - St. John XXIII, Pope
7:00 a.m. June Gimblett
8:00 a.m. Stephen Baven
12:05 p.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner

Thur. Oct. 12th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Pedro Lima
8:00 p.m. Shirley Fister
12:05 p.m. Grace Lawrence

Fri. Oct. 13th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Vernon L. Travis, Jr.
8:00 a.m. Charlene Travis
12:05 p.m. Benedict Janson

Sat. Oct. 14th - St. Callistus I, Pope
8:00 a.m. Alberto G. Ventura
5:00 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

Sun. Oct. 15th- Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mothers Who Passed Away
10:00 a.m. Herman Daniel Owich
12:00 p.m. Liz Ammons
5:00 p.m. Donald Mullen
Dear Parishioners,

The crew of Western Specialty Contractors is making great progress on the two-year restoration project of the exterior of the Cathedral Basilica. During this process, the stonemasons will be tuckpointing, caulking, replacing battens, scrapping, and painting. While this is a lengthy project, it is essential for preserving the Cathedral and preventing water intrusion into the stone, which could potentially damage the mosaic art. Please be careful not to enter the construction area.

Today's gospel is a reflection of the importance of respect, especially in relationships with one another. In the parable of the vineyard, a landowner wanted to obtain from his tenants what was rightfully his to take. Thus, he sent his servants to obtain his produce, but the tenants beat and even killed some of the servants. After this happened a second time, the landowner thought he would send his own son to collect the produce that was lawfully owed to him. He thought to himself, they will respect my son. However, upon seeing the landowner's son, the tenants whispered to each other, This is the heir. Come let us kill him and acquire the inheritance. Then the tenants seized the son and killed him. They had no respect for the landowner or his authority. So, the angry and deeply disappointed landowner took the vineyard away from the tenants and had them put to death. He then leased his vineyard to other tenants who would respect him and produce good fruit.

This parable identifies God as the landowner, the tenants are the Chosen People of Israel, and the son is Jesus Christ. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah states, The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant...

We understand that God sent prophets to His people when they were disrespecting Him and the Covenant He made with them. They were choosing other, destructive paths to follow. The people ignored, beat, and even killed some of the prophets. Then God sent His Son, Jesus, as their Messiah. However, they did not respect Him. Instead, they hung him on a cross to die.

Jesus concludes the parable of the vineyard by saying, I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will produce its fruit. Therefore, the challenge of respecting God and His love and authority for us continues in our world today. He has provided us with guidance through his teachings; we have the Scriptures and the Sacraments to provide light in the darkness, and the Eucharist to nourish and strengthen us on our journey.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Be prepared for an amazing response when we ask God for His blessings

One of the double standards of our time is our willingness to help others, but our reluctance to ask for assistance

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We hear from three prophets this week: Jonah, Malachi and Joel. Of the many things they say, I want to focus on just one point: Jonah’s double standard.

Most of us remember parts of Jonah’s story: how he was called by God, how he ran away, how he was swallowed by a whale. What we sometimes forget is that Jonah was given a second chance to follow God and bring the prophetic message to Nineveh. And what almost everyone forgets is how Jonah reacted when Nineveh repented and God relented: Jonah was angry — livid, really — that Nineveh got a second chance.

This is actually one of the key messages of the Book of Jonah. If Jonah was glad that he got a second chance to follow the Lord, then it was a double standard to be angry that Nineveh got a second chance.

That message makes me wonder: Do we, today, have any double standards that need to be critiqued? I’m sure there are many, and we could all come up with our own list! But two stand out to me.

The first is this: If a friend had really good news to share, but didn’t bother to tell us, we would be disappointed, maybe even angry. But the same lesson applies to evangelization: We have really good news to share, and we tend not to share it with each other. That strikes me as a double standard when it comes to sharing good news. That double standard prevents us from living more deeply in the Lord together.

The second is this: If a friend was going through a struggle, we would want to know how we could help. In fact, we consider it an honor to be invited into the vulnerable places of a friend’s life. Yet we tend to hide our own vulnerabilities. “I don’t want to burden anyone with this.” When others ask for help, we don’t think it’s a burden. But we think it’s a burden when we need to ask for help. That’s a double standard. And that double standard prevents us from living more deeply in the Lord together.

Jesus concludes one of His parables this week by asking: “If you, then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?” (Luke 11:31). We hear something similar from Jesus in the Gospel of John: “Whatever you ask the Father in my name He will give you.”

It makes me wonder: Are we asking? I think of the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis when it comes to the Annual Catholic Appeal — a generosity that staggers me every year! In light of that, we should stop to think: God wants to be even more generous with us!

I wonder if this is a double standard, too. We’re not afraid to be asked to give to a cause. In fact, we like it, and respond generously! But we’re afraid to ask God.

Let’s ask boldly for the gift of the Holy Spirit — and then prepare to be amazed at God’s generous response.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for October 7-8 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35qOXR
SAINT LOUIS CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

VOCES8
Friday, October 20 8:00 PM

The 2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 is proud to inspire people through music and share the joy of singing. Touring globally, the group performs an extensive repertory both in its a cappella concerts and in collaborations with leading musicians, orchestras, conductors and soloists. Versatility and a celebration of diverse musical expression are central to the ensemble’s performance and education ethos which is shared both online and in person.

Welcome by Bruce & Linda Ryder
Tickets: $45, $30, & $20

www.CathedralConcerts.org
or call: 314-533-7662
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS 4431 LINDELL BOULEVARD 63108
All Souls Novena
At The Cathedral Basilica

As the seasons change and we anticipate the beginning of November, our thoughts turn to our deceased loved ones as we prepare for the liturgical feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We remember them in life and we pray that "perpetual light will shine upon them" and God will welcome them into eternal joy.

You are invited to remember deceased loved ones in prayer during the Cathedral Basilica’s All Souls Novena, nine days of prayer for the departed, beginning on November 2nd. Please send us the names of the deceased loved ones you wish to be included in the Novena, and they will be remembered collectively in a Mass each day for nine days.

In addition to our prayer, the name and image of your loved one will be displayed in our chapel, and you will receive a Mass card with the name of your departed loved one inscribed inside.

Let us remember our departed loved ones by storming the gates of Heaven with prayers on their behalf, praying with confidence the words, "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Enrollment for the All Souls Remembrance is available for purchase on our website at https://cathedralstl.org/all-souls.
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, October 24th. Please note the change in date due to our regular date falling on Halloween.

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

All are welcome for Adoration!

As we approach November and our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and Christmas, this is a great time to reflect on God’s blessings bestowed upon each of us.

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

We will again host the chili and cornbread cookoff for the dinner. If you wish to enter the contest, please let Michael Weisbrod (info below) know!

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314-918-2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, October 23rd.

October is Mission Month

The month of October has long been associated with mission in the Catholic Church. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926. The month starts with the Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (patroness of missions and missionaries) and draws to a close with World Mission Sunday—a special day of prayer and global solidarity celebrated by all Catholic parishes throughout the world.

World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday of October every year. This year it falls on Sunday, October 22nd.
For more information please visit, www.archstl.org/wms

Parable of the Vineyard

The parable of the vineyard highlights the theme of God’s ownership and care over His creation. The vineyard symbolizes God’s kingdom, and the tenants represent humanity’s responsibility to steward it.

The theme of rejecting God’s messengers is evident as the tenants mistreat and kill the servants sent by the landowner. This reflects the historical pattern of disregarding both God’s messages and messengers.

The owner’s decision to send his son underscores the theme of God’s ultimate outreach. Sending His Son, Jesus, reflects God’s desire to restore the relationship with humanity through a new covenant.

The theme of choice and accountability emerges as the tenants plot to seize the inheritance. Their decision leads to severe consequences, highlighting the importance of humanity’s choices and their consequences.

The transfer of responsibility from unfaithful tenants to others underscores the theme of God’s plan for redemption. This symbolizes the transition from the Jewish covenant to the inclusion of the Gentiles in God’s kingdom.

The reference to the stone rejected by the builders becoming the cornerstone illustrates the theme of God’s sovereignty. This emphasizes that God’s purpose will ultimately prevail, even if initially rejected by people.
"An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life’s End USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: “Radical Solidarity” (respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)

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
October 18th
On the Third Day He Rose again from the Dead

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
October 8, 2023 through October 15, 2023

Monday: 461: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 (Ps) Jon 2:3-5, 8 Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: 462: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: 463: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4
Friday: 465: Jl 1:1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9;2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: 466: Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

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 Ytzaina
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, October 12th**. 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.

Casserole Drop Off Day and Volunteers Needed
Volunteer coordinators will hold the next “drop off” of homemade casseroles and non-perishable food for the homeless in the parish parking lot (between the church and the school) on **Thursday, October 12th 2023 from 1-2 pm**.
In addition, we need a couple of volunteer cooks so if you are interested in making a monthly casserole (simple recipes provided), please contact Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843. Thanks.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 9/30/2023-10/01/2023

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**Weekly Thoughts on Giving**

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone…” - **Matthew 21:42**

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!
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.