TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 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)

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
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. 22nd - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Marie “Nettie” Weber
10:00 a.m. Sandra A. Schroeder
12:00 p.m. Mary Ann Henke
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. Oct. 23rd - St. John of Capistrano
7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Paul McCarty
12:05 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

Tues. Oct. 24th - St. Anthony Mary Claret
7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Bob Rosenberg

Wed. Oct. 25th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Susan Schweitzer
8:00 a.m. Stephen Blackhurst
12:05 p.m. John Michael Mejaski

Thur. Oct. 26th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Tom Long
8:00 p.m. Tristan Francis Vandemark
12:05 p.m. Marie Weber

Fri. Oct. 27th - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Chris Kerlick
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. Thomas E. Heckert

8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kylee Edmundson
5:00 p.m. Alvery Bartlett

Sun. Oct. 29th - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Shaunna Mann
10:00 a.m. Thomas Sedlacek
12:00 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. Pope Francis reminds us that, “World Mission Sunday invites us to reflect anew on the mission at the heart of the Christian faith. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the church of Christ…” Currently more that 1,100 mission dioceses in Africa and Asia are struggling to educate their seminarians, novices and lay catechists to build up their own faith communities.

"Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" This is what the Pharisees ask to catch Jesus in an error. It seems like a question that has nothing to do with our lives or our time. But in reality, the Gospel is always speaking to us, even today. He asks them to show him a "coin used for the tax," the common coin minted by Rome used in the entire Empire. Jesus asks whose title and portrait is used when stamping the money to identify it. They respond, "The emperor's." And Jesus answers, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

The answer upsets those who are listening. In every situation, we have to ask what belongs to the emperor and what belongs to God. In Jesus' answer it is clear what belongs to the emperor: just that coin from the Roman mint on which is stamped the "image" of the emperor. Therefore the coin should be returned to the owner. The crucial question for Jesus is the other one: what belongs to God? The term "image," used by Jesus to refer to the coin, is certainly a reference to the biblical phrase found at the very beginning of Scripture: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them" (Gen 1:27).

Every human being, with no exceptions, is radically marked by the divine presence. It cannot be taken away, because it is even stronger than our sin: we can deface or disfigure it, but we cannot erase it. Every human being is an icon of God, created in God's image. And yet this icon is certainly not given back to the Lord. Instead it is often offended and humiliated. But by disfiguring ourselves and others, we deface the very image of God.

Jesus is trying to encourage those who are listening to him to give God the things that belong to God: that is, every man and every woman. Every human being is God's. Indeed, the whole of creation is God's. The very breath of life belongs to God, which we receive from God and give back to God every time we love. And we will return it to God on the last day.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Faith includes listening to Jesus and responding with our actions

Mental assent to Jesus’ propositions is not the only aspect of faith

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“If you say to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do the will of my Father who is in heaven, you shall never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

Abraham was empowered by faith and gave glory to God.” (Romans 4:20)

When most people think of faith, they think of mental assent to propositions. In the Catholic tradition, faith includes that. But it also means much more! In fact, Jesus warns us about the more when He says: “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

As the philosophers would say: Mental assent is necessary, but not sufficient. What more might be involved in faith?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives a beautiful treatment of this question in many places. For example, it says: “To obey in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself.” (CCC 144)

Abraham is the model of such obedience offered to us by Sacred Scripture. The Virgin Mary is its most perfect embodiment.” (CCC 150)

Abraham and Mary didn’t simply give mental assent to propositions. They didn’t do less than that! They did more. Their mental assent was accompanied by actions that showed their trust.

That can help us understand what we mean when we pray for an increase in the virtue of faith. We’re not primarily praying for a multiplication of propositions to which we give our assent! We’re also praying for a deepening of the trust we give to the Lord in our daily life. That’s why the Catechism states: “Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God” (CCC 150). What might it mean to deepen that trust and personal adherence?

Consider the way in which most of us on a daily basis trust in technology. We trust that our cars will work, that our cell phones will work, that our computers will work. In fact, we’re a bit lost when one of them doesn’t! What would our days look like if we really trusted that God speaks to us in Scripture, becomes present to us in the Eucharist, speaks to us in the quiet of our hearts and meets us in our neighbors in need. Would we be a bit lost if we didn’t stay connected with the Lord’s presence in all those ways? That would be a growth in faith!

Consider, too, this question: If Jesus showed up at any hour of your day, would you be embarrassed by what you were doing or confident in showing it to Him? To conduct our days so that, more and more, we were living on the “confident” side of that question rather than the “embarrassed” side — that would be a growth in faith!

When we think of faith in terms of “mental assent to propositions,” it can be really hard to see how faith is the key to salvation. Why should that bring us eternal life?

But when we add that faith also includes listening to Jesus and responding to Him in our actions — the way Abraham and Mary did — it becomes much easier to see why the Catechism says: “Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below” (CCC 163).

Let’s ask the Lord, together, to increase our faith — in all its dimensions!

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for October 21-22 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXr
Embrace the missionary work of the Church with “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move” this World Mission Sunday, October 22nd!

On World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of the universal call of our Baptism to be Christ’s witnesses to the world. As we gather at Mass, our prayers, sacrifices, and offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the Church’s missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- Education for 26 million children
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support, we support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

Learn more at www.archstl.org/WMS.
CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Experience Great Music in a Great Space!
2023 - 2024 Season

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 Ronheim, 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

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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.

Image & Ownership

The readings for today speak of allegiance and responsibility. From the first reading we understand that we must give our whole selves over to God. The Psalm echoes this with “Give the Lord glory and honor.”

The Pahrisees and Harodians attempt to entrap Jesus with a question about taxes. This theme highlights the continuous efforts by the religious leaders to discredit Jesus. However, Jesus’ response about giving to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s provides a clear distinction between civic and religious duties. This theme touches on the balance between secular and spiritual obligations.

Jesus immediately discerns the malicious intent behind the question and responds wisely, avoiding the trap. The theme underscores Jesus’ ability to navigate challenging situations with divine insight. Jesus uses the coin’s image to discuss ownership, implying that just as the coin bears Caesar’s image, humans made in God’s image, belong to Him.
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. …But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. …The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”


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
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November 1
On the Third Day He Rose Again

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He Ascended to Heaven

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Thursday: 476: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 12:49-53
Saturday: 666: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: 148: Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

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.

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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 26th. 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.

Welcome New Parishioners
A very special welcome to our new parishioners! We have been blessed with many families joining the Cathedral Basilica parish this month. The Cathedral clergy, rectory staff, and your fellow parishioners joyfully welcome you and pray for you and your families. If you are interested in ways in which you can become involved with the Cathedral parish, please contact Andrew, our office manager, at 314-373-8202.

Stewardship Alive!

Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.
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.