CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 31, 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 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 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
Tours
314.373.8205

Mass Intensions
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 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.
FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The month of November draws its special spiritual tone from the two days with which it opens: the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls). The mystery of the communion of saints illuminates this month directing our meditation to the earthly destiny of each one of us in light of Christ’s Paschal Mystery.

We have a great response for our Cathedral Basilica All Souls Novena beginning on All Souls Day. We will remember these souls at a Mass each day of the Novena, beginning on All Souls Day, November 2. Also on November 2, the Archbishop will be here to celebrate a special Mass to remember the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who died this year in addition to those we pray for during our Novena. There will be candles placed along the sanctuary that symbolize the lives of each priest who passed away in the last year.

It was in the middle of the 11th Century that St. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church. Throughout the month of November, the Book of the Dead - another custom commemorating our deceased - will be located in the All Saints Chapel. Please feel free to inscribe the names of your loved ones in this book so that we may remember them.

As we pray for our deceased loved ones, it bears a calling to mind the teaching of purgatory. I truly like what Pope Benedict once said in one of his homilies: “Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again.” Which leads to ask the question what will it be like?

Saint Catherine of Genoa, a mystic known for her vision of purgatory indicates that it will be a type of fire, though not like that used to describe the experience of hell. “Rust which is sin, covers souls, and … is burnt away by fire, the more it is consumed, the more the soul responds to God. … As the rust lessens and the soul is opened to the divine rays, happiness grows,” she wrote.

Fire has a lot of effects: light, heat, warmth and destruction. But when a precious metal is placed in its midst, it’s purified and perfected. Purgatory is a letting go of habits, vices, and ways of thinking or knowing that prevented us from loving as we ought during our lifetime.

The poet Dante likened the soul’s experience in purgatory to climbing a mountain, the summit being paradise. The climber might have to shed things that are bogging him down on the ascent. That process, of course, can be grueling, but with every step, one moves closer to the goal.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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The Word became flesh so that we could become partakers in the divine nature

No matter where we start, Jesus is willing to walk with us toward purification, asking only for us to take each step with Him.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“O marvelous exchange!”

As we celebrate All Saints Day (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2), I’d like to reflect on the idea of the “exchange” Jesus completes by His Incarnation, Passion and Death.

St. Paul summarizes it this way: “Jesus Christ became poor although He was rich, so that by His poverty you might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). In the Incarnation, Jesus takes all that we have and, in exchange, gives us all that He has. That’s a good trade!

Or so it seems at the conceptual level. At the practical level, however, we resist it! To overcome that resistance, it’s important that we not be mistaken about two things.

First is the traditional theological concept of deification. It seems odd, at first, to think that we could really receive, by grace, the divinity of Jesus. But that’s what the Bible teaches: the Word became flesh “to make us partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). It’s what the Fathers of the Church such as St. Athanasius taught: “For the Son of God became man, so that we might become God.” It’s what St. Thomas Aquinas taught: “The only begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in His divinity, assumed our nature, so that He, made man, might make men gods.”

The promise of Christianity, in the words of Fulton Sheen, is not to turn us into “nice people.” It is that, by God’s grace, we would become what C.S. Lewis once called “creatures you would be strongly tempted to worship.”

But that astonishing promise comes with a requirement, and the requirement makes us hesitate. In 1 John 3:3 it is written: “Everyone who has this hope based on Him makes himself pure, as He (Christ) is pure.” Are we willing to be purified? And that’s not an isolated biblical quote. The line of reasoning stretches back to Leviticus 19 when God tells the Israelites: “You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.” It’s present in the heart of the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus says: “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” It’s one of the final points in the final book of the Bible: “Nothing unclean shall enter it (the Heavenly Jerusalem)” (Revelation 21:27).

St. Paul puts a fine point on the connection when he says: “For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection” (Romans 6:5). It’s a big “if”! Our end of the exchange requires that we give all that we have, and that’s the source of our hesitation: we’re not sure we want to. The choice is simple. It just isn’t easy.

That’s the first thing we shouldn’t mistake: the magnitude of the offer and the corresponding depth of the requirement.

Lest we despair, however, thinking it’s all beyond our reach, it’s important that we not be mistaken about another thing: where Jesus is willing to start. Fortunately, that point is amply illustrated in the Gospels: “The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them’” (Luke 15:1-2).

God bless the Pharisees and scribes for making the point clear: Jesus is willing to start wherever we are! He’s not ashamed to meet us at any starting point. He only asks us to take each step with Him. He’ll provide the direction and the strength.

And the time! The fact of the matter is — and this is a personal observation, not a dogmatic statement — most people haven’t reached perfection by the time they die. That’s where purgatory comes in. It’s an extension of God’s plan for where He wants us to be — perfectly purified — combined with His mercy for where we are — not quite there yet — and His patience for how the plan unfolds — by our cooperation with His grace.

On All Saints day we celebrate those for whom the marvelous exchange is already complete. On All Souls day we celebrate those who are still on the way. If we situate ourselves with respect to both groups — those at the goal, and those on the path — our own way forward will become more clear.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for November 1—7 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35eJOXr.
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.

Margaret Aubermann        Dorothy Quinn
Janice Bachford            Al Rheinmecker
Barbara Beckemeyer         Mary Riley
Sydney Cole                Vivian Rachel Rossen
Joe Dubuque                Resy Sanchez
Wayne Eultgen              Mickey Shears
Deborah Harlan             Durie Shiebler
Lenore Molloy              Mary Anne Work
Pauline Price              Betty Ytzaina

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, November 20.

40 Days for Life

The Cathedral Basilica Parish has adopted Sunday, October 31, as its day for the 40 Days for Life vigil of quiet prayer outside of the Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Avenue.

The Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry would like to invite you to this beautiful witness for the unborn. If you are interested in spending an hour of peaceful prayer between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. that day, please email bryankirchhoff@att.net to request a time.

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 the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism or to register for baptismal preparation class.

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 31, 2021 through November 7, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28
         Mk 12:28-34
Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1-4, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3
        Mt 5:1-12
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4, 19-20
         Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

Reminder - Rectory Closed

The rectory will be closed on Monday, November 1. We will reopen Tuesday, November 2 at 8:30 am.

A Lasting Gift

Looking for a special gift to memorialize a loved one, or celebrate a birth, wedding, ordination, graduation, anniversary, or other important event? Consider a commemorative brick in the Cathedral Basilica Jubilee Prayer Garden! For more information and order forms, please, contact the parish office at 314-373-8202.

Parish Pro-Life Ministry

The Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry coordinates pro-life activities in our parish. These activities range from prayer and education to promotion of public policies which protect the right to life. Annual events/projects sponsored by this ministry have included a Mothers' Day rose sale, a 30-Minute Speaker Series, the Epiphany Supply Drive, and 40 Days for Life prayer vigils. For info, email bryankirchhoff@att.net.
Cathedral Inspired Christmas Cards

The Cathedral Basilica Christmas cards are back again this year! The four card designs below are available for purchase on the Cathedral website under the SHOP tab.

The cost is 12 cards/envelopes for $5. We are happy to ship them to you for a flat rate of $12 or you can order online and pick up in the Parish Office Monday-Friday, during regular business hours.

If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Chapo at 314-373-8220 or cchapo@cathedrallstl.org.
Stewardship Alive!

Veterans Day Mass

Thursday, November 11
8:00 AM
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

All military personnel – regular, guard, reserve, retired, and veterans - and their families are invited to a special Veteran’s Day Mass at 8:00 am on Thursday, November 11, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Veterans are encouraged to wear the dress uniform as prescribed by service. A reception of coffee and donuts will follow Mass. For any questions, please email davidcorrick@hotmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Sunday

The St. Louis Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be celebrating the 6th Annual St. Vincent de Paul Sunday on November 7. The Cathedral Basilica Conference will participate by collecting contributions of personal hygiene items (e.g., shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes) as well as cleaning supplies (e.g., paper towels, soap, and detergent). These are essential items not covered by food stamps, and our clients often can’t afford to buy them. All items collected will be distributed to the poor in the Archdiocese. Vincentians will be stationed in the Cathedral vestibule at all Masses the weekend of November 6-7, to receive your donations. Please consider participating in this worthy effort! Your ongoing support and generosity remain vital to our mission of reaching out in Christian charity to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Membership

Members of the Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Society meet weekly. Members are committed to aiding fellow parishioners and neighbors with necessities such as food, clothing, utilities, and rent—all in the context of the Christian imperative. If interested in becoming a member or in learning more about the Society and our Conference, please leave a message on the SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mk 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

St. Patrick Casserole Program

Casseroles and other offerings collected by volunteers of the St. Patrick Casserole Program provides one week of dinners for the Women’s Shelter, and one night of dinners for the Men’s Alumni Club. Cathedral casserole organizers will host our next "touchless" drop-off in the parish parking lot on Thursday, November 11, from 1:00 –2:00 p.m. Please contact Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843 for additional information.

Offertory Collection for the Weekend of 10/24/2021

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Relics on Display

On Monday, November 1, the Cathedral Basilica will have a collection of more than 140 relics on display in the All Saints Chapel. We encourage all to stop by the Chapel after Mass to view, pray, and find inspiration in these artifacts representative of our faith.

_Pictured top right_ - Relics on display in the All Saints Chapel, All Saints Day, 2020

_Pictured bottom right_ - The three relics pictured are those of Saint Louis, King of France, Saint Vincent de Paul, and Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, patron saints of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
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, October 28.** 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 Bolland 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.

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 next Sunday, November 7.**

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 next Sunday, November 7.**

A Lasting Gift

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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 on 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 2. Please send us the names of the deceased loved ones you wish 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 lovely 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. May perpetual light shine upon them.”

Enrollment for the All Souls Remembrance is available for purchase on our website at https://cathedralstl.org/all-souls.
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 6-7, 2021

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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 web site (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 314-373-8202.

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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