THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 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)

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)
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
Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving. Some of us are able to gather with our families, many of us are not. But in either case, the holiday still gives us pause to recall the many blessings that God bestowed on us. While this celebration is a secular feast, it reminds us all of the importance of giving thanks to Our Heavenly Father for all He does for us and to thank all those in our lives that we take for granted. Saying our thanks indicates how important they are to us and confirms our love for them.

This week’s Gospel is a continuation from last week. Last Sunday we read that Jesus told his disciples that there is no way to know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will return. Therefore, we are to remain vigilant and ready to receive Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven at all times. In today’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples on how they are to conduct themselves while they wait in hopeful anticipation of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance if using our gifts and talents that God has given us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus’ parable this week talks about Christian discipleship using a financial metaphor. Before embarking on a journey, the master entrusts his talents to his servants. Each servant is entrusted with a different number of talents according to their abilities. A talent was a coin of great value for the time. When the master returns, he discovers that the first and second servant invested their talents wisely and have doubled the money given to them. Because of this, the master rewards these servants and they enter into the joy of the master. However, the third servant has the exact same amount that was given to him because he was afraid of losing the money so rather than investing the talent he buries it in the ground. He risked absolutely nothing; he did not even deposit the money into the bank where it could earn interest. Because of his inactions, the master punishes this servant and his talent is given to the servant who brought in the greatest return. Needless to say, this servant does not enter into the joy of the master.

In my experience, whenever I encounter someone who is using their gifts and abilities that God has given them for His service, they seem to radiate a sustainable joy. I am often reminded of a quote from the Old Testament prophets when they said, “The joy of the Lord is my strength.” If you use what God has given you for His glory, you will enter into the joy of Jesus. However, if like the servant that buried the talent, and you are fearful to use your gifts for His Kingdom, then you will not open yourself up to experience His joy.

The key to fully understanding the parable of the talents is to remember that the talents did not belong to the servants. They belong to the master who gave them to the servants to use on his behalf. They were entrusted with taking care of what was given to them; to look after them while the master is away. In a similar way, we are not the owner of the gifts that God has given us. We are entrusted to use them on behalf of God and to watch over them. Using this mindset, we are readily able to make decisions that will honor Him instead of putting ourselves and our needs first. This week we are called to reflect on our own gifts and ask ourselves if we have buried them, or are we using them in service to God and to others.

Msgr. Henry Breier
Thankful for the ways God is at work with in the archdiocese

Even though times may be challenging, our hearts are being forged together as we walk through changes.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Of the many things I’m grateful for this year, I want to name the following three in a special way.

First, the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We’ve been engaged together these past several years in the major task of reshaping the footprint of the archdiocese. Their fidelity, willingness and creativity—and honestly, just their brotherhood—have been sources of strength for me. I hope you’ll join me in being thankful for their priesthood and for them as individuals.

Second, the people of the archdiocese. The generosity of the people here never ceases to amaze me—and I don’t mean principally financial generosity. Yes, the financial generosity of the people of the archdiocese is amazing. But, truly, that’s only the tip of the iceberg. The rest of the iceberg is a deep well of personal warmth and generosity. Maybe only someone who comes from outside the area—like me—can truly appreciate it. But I have seen it and been welcomed by it. I’m thankful for all of you!

Third, the task we’ve been given in this time and place. It’s not an easy task, to be sure! But God has given it to us, and I’m grateful we’re in it together. It makes me think of times in the Bible when God was trying to teach His people something new. Those times were never easy. But later generations looked back on the time of growth with a touch of envy: “Would that we had lived in such momentous times!” Well, we’re living in such a time!

I think, too, of soldiers, spouses, teams and friends who have gone through something hard. Afterward, it wasn’t the difficulty of the experience as much as the “being in it together” that they remembered, which continued to warm their hearts. I think our hearts are being forged together as we walk through parish changes. Therefore, although it’s not easy, I’m grateful for it.

Think back to some technological changes when things were still getting sorted out. The choice between 8-track and cassette tapes for audio recording. The choice between VHS and Beta for video recording. The choice between 5¼- and 3½-inch floppy disks for data storage. We’re going through something like that when it comes to parishes and evangelization these days. It’s a time of experimentation; it’s not entirely clear what the best methods will turn out to be. In fact—as with the examples I just gave—what ends up working best may not be on our radar yet! But we’re trying new things out. Unlike with technology, the answer isn’t going to be the same in every case. But I believe that, between the priests and the people of the archdiocese, we’ll figure it out.

There are many discouraging things in the world today. But, amid them all, I remain encouraged because I believe we’re in God’s hands and because I see God at work in the priests and the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. So, this week finds me hopeful and thankful. God bless you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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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 Bavisk & 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
The Gospel of the Lord
Jesus told his disciples this parable:
“A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went of and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.
After a long time, the master of those servants came back ad settled accounts with them. The one who received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talent. See, I have five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’
Then the who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share in your master’s joy.’
Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I do not plant and gather where I do not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.’
For everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”
Matthew 25:14-30

A Call to do the Work of the Kingdom of God with the Gifts we have been Given
A man embarking on a long journey entrusts his servants with different amounts of his money based on the abilities. Two servants invest the money given to them and end up doubling the return. When the master returns and learns how they used their talents wisely, the servants receive praise and are honored with more responsibility. The third servant, out of fear, hides the money by digging a hole and burying it in the ground. When the master learns of this, the servant is chastised for his unwise use of his talents, and he loses the only talent that he had.
When read together as a sequence, the readings for today are a call for all the faithful to do the work of the Kingdom of God with the gifts that we have been given by God. The first reading sings the praises of the worthy wife who uses her talents to labor for good. The Psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed. The second reading reminds us that we are all children of light and goodness. And in the Gospel reading Jesus tells the parable of the talents in which the servants who used their resources wisely are praised.
Several themes emerge from the Gospel for today such as stewardship, accountability, risk and growth, work ethic, and divine judgement. The Gospel emphasizes the importance of wisely managing resources or gifts given by God. Each servant in the parable of the talents is held accountable for how they use their talents, which highlights the theme of personal responsibility. The servants who double their talents work hard which suggests the value of effort and diligence throughout our spiritual life. Likewise, the servants who invest their talents are taking a great risk, suggesting that spiritual growth involves stepping out of our own comfort zone.
Celebrating Thankfulness at the Cathedral Basilica

On behalf of the clergy and staff of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, we wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of why we are so grateful at the Cathedral. For our parishioners, guests, and friends. For the Mass, the music, the sense of peace, and, most importantly, for the presence of the Lord. Though this time can be difficult for many people, the Lord sustains us in His grace. We are very thankful for all the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and for your support. You are what makes the Cathedral Basilica a manifestation of the Church’s mission to invite all who visit this sacred space to open their hearts to welcome Jesus.

As a reminder, Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 9:00 am only. The Cathedral parish offices will be closed on November 23 & 24 and will reopen on Monday, November 27 at 8:30 am.

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Brett & Megan Buettner who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Friday, October 20, 2023 at 2:00 pm in the afternoon. The bride is the niece of The Most Reverend Bishop Edward M. Rice, Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, who was also the celebrant.

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.
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life
“We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well… Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “An Adoption Love Story” (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)

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
November 19, 2023 through November 26, 2023

Tuesday: 498: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10 see 680: Zec 2:14-17 Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: 499: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 Lk 19:11-28 see 681: Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22 Mt 25:1-13
Thursday: 500: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 501: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48 see 683B: 713-718
Sunday: 160: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

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
December 6
He Ascended into Heaven

December 20
He Ascended into Heaven (Part II)

P R A Y F O R T H E S I C K
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 Therese Terri Svehla
Mary Leah Kovarik Deborah Lee
Janetta Williams Lawson Burford
Kelvin Ayala Reyes Margaret Aubermann
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, November 23rd. 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.

Appointment with Fr. Marco
Due to the tuckpointing project on the exterior of the Cathedral Basilica, Fr. Marco is no longer in his office in the vestibule. He is, however, available for confession and spiritual discussion in the rectory of Cathedral through appointments.

To schedule and appointment with Fr. Marco, please call Andrew, our office manager, at 314-373-8202.

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 that you can become involved at the Cathedral, please contact Andrew at 314-373-8202.

Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities is grateful for the support from the Cathedral Basilica this past year. You have helped to bring the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need in our community. Your generosity has helped impact the lives through the work of our family of ministries which are Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, LAMP, Marygrove, Queen of Peace Center, Saint Louis Counseling, Saint Martha’s, St. Francis Community Services, and St. Patrick Center.

For more information or to get involved, please contact your parish ambassador, Alissa Goessling at 314-256-5904.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” - Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn’t want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Offertory Collection for the Weekend of 11/11/2023-11/12/2023

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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 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2023

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