CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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)
November’s Prayer

The Book of The Dead will be placed in the All Saints Chapel, located in the rear of the church, and will remain there throughout the month of November. All are invited to inscribe the names of family, friends, and loved ones who have died and require our prayer.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of Rita Sheftall, a long-time Cathedral parishioner, who passed away last Friday. Over the years, Rita served the parish in so many capacities—as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and usher, delivering casseroles to St. Patrick Center, and volunteering with several different parish committees and ministries. Rita continued to actively serve the Cathedral as a Monday Morning office volunteer until suffering a stroke last January at the age of 97. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending. “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

Mass Intentions

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.
Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, November 29, we begin the Season of Advent. The word “Advent” is from the Latin “Adventus,” which means “coming.” Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated.

Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater — both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 5, when we will welcome Archbishop Rozanski to the Cathedral for a Advent afternoon of recollection. It will begin at 1:00 pm and include a reflection by the Archbishop, time for prayer, Sacrament of Penance and Eucharistic Adoration. If you are unable to be present, please be with us via our livestream at cathedralstl.org/live.

Abraham Lincoln declared November 26, 1863—the last Thursday in November—a Day of Thanksgiving. The Battle of Gettysburg, in early July of 1863, had cost some 50,000 American casualties, and the sacrifice moved President Lincoln: "... When I went to Gettysburg and saw the graves of thousands of our soldiers, I then and there consecrated myself to Christ."

During that time of internal strife in the United States, and at this turning point in his own spiritual life, President Lincoln called for prayer and thanksgiving for the nation, saying in part, "... It is announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord . . . It has seemed to me fit and proper that . . . God's blessings should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people."

Monsignor Henry Breier

Thanksgiving Mass

On Thursday, November 26, our nation observes a day of Thanksgiving. On this day, all are encouraged to mark with gratefulness our rich heritage of material blessings and national freedoms. Christians the world over recognize that the “supreme thanksgiving” is perfectly expressed for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in His Redemptive Sacrifice through the Eucharist, the sacrifice which makes the Church.

In gratefulness for all blessings bestowed upon us as a people of faith, please join us for our special Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 26.
ARCHBISHOP’S COLUMN

The world’s longings are abidingly fulfilled in the Eucharist

It’s no accident that the Greek word for thanksgiving is ‘eucharist’

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. I have much to give thanks for — my assignment to the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the welcome you’ve given me, getting to know the priests and people here and our ability to walk into hard times together with the strength the Lord Jesus gives us.

I wonder, as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, if we might notice and ponder something together. The world today seems to be more and more frantic in its attempt to find meaning, and simultaneously less and less capable of finding it. For example, people rushed ahead to Halloween and then rushed ahead to Thanksgiving. Now, as soon as Thanksgiving is over, they’ll rush ahead to Christmas — watch the Christmas lights go up this weekend. There’s certainly something beautiful in them! But there’s something sad, too — an inability to wait or find meaning in the ordinary time between holidays.

It’s as though people are seeking a celebration that will satisfy their search for meaning. But then, finding no lasting satisfaction, they rush ahead to the next, hoping to find it there. With the increase in “nones” (people expressing no religious affiliation), and the decrease in religious attendance, there seems to be an increase in this quiet desperation.

Do we have a remedy for that? My brother and sisters, we do!

The truth and effectiveness of the remedy is contained, like a seed, in people’s experience of Thanksgiving. People arrange their schedules around Thanksgiving, and prepare for it. It can be a bit hectic. But in the midst of the celebration there comes — invariably — a moment of peace and connection that leaves us refreshed, that makes it worthwhile, that inspires us to do it all over again next year.

That moment of peace and connection — that’s what people are after. It’s a little taste of God’s presence. And people think, in their heart of hearts: “I wish I could have this every week.”

Faith speaks there, and tells us: we can!

It’s no accident that the Greek word for thanksgiving is “eucharist.” We hear the word three times in the readings for Thanksgiving Day. In 1 Corinthians 1: “I give thanks (eucharisto) to my God always on your account.” In 1 Thessalonians 5: “In all circumstances, give thanks (eucharisteite).” And in Luke 17: “One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked Him (eucharistion).”

Faith calls us to place the Eucharist at the center of our lives — to arrange our schedule around it, and prepare for it. It can be a bit hectic. But when we do so we experience the fruit of the Eucharist — a peace that comes to us because of our union with the Lord, and a connection with each other because of our union in Him. That’s a taste — literally — of God’s presence. And it gives us a certain peace and stability. We don’t need to rush off to the next thing, because we’ve found the meaning of life. God abides with us. We just need to make an effort to abide with Him.

The world’s rushing off to the next thing actually expresses a deep spiritual longing — a longing that can’t be fulfilled by any earthly celebration. That longing is more deeply, perfectly and abidingly fulfilled in the Eucharist. If we would live our weekly (and sometimes daily) Eucharist well — and not be afraid to speak openly about the refreshment and peace it gives us — we could offer the deepest possible remedy for the world’s deepest need.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Nov 23-29 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35zjOxr.
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 Auber
William H. Bachmann
Liz Ballman
Sidney Edwards-Cole
Breanna Evans
Alvin Griffin
Paula Littleton
John Mangogna, CM
Lenore Molloy
Janice Noack

Dorothy Quinn
Teresita Sanchez
Sr. Patricia Sevik
Rita Sheftall
Rose Teran
Darlene Throop
Richelle Weisbrod
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person.”

Pope Paul VI, Dignitatis humanae, 2. © 1965 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

The Last Things

This is one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, and Michelangelo painted a brilliant portrayal of it in the Sistine Chapel. What is so great about this passage? Its simplicity. Jesus simplifies His message. It is not optional to serve our neighbor. It is not optional to perform corporal or spiritual works of mercy. It is by these that we will be saved or condemned. Heaven and hell are at stake here.

While we are on earth, let us put our faith into practice by being active in charity. Let us love one another as if each person we encounter is Jesus Christ Himself. There are several people in the world today suffering from hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, imprisonment, estrangement, and sickness. What are we doing to bring Christ’s healing and love? Let us serve the Lord and our neighbor in holiness. “In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life” (CCC 1039).

For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

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 22, 2020 through November 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4-5 Ps 24:1-4, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-119 (or Wis 3:1-9) Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11 (or Mt 10:17-22)
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3, 7-9 Lk 21:12-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2 Ps 84:3-6, 8 Lk 21:29-33
Sunday: Is 63:16-17, 19 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

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, December 19.

Matthew 25 Come Alive

Often we find ourselves approached on the street with requests for assistance for food or a bus pass. In order to live Matthew 25, parishioners should considering carrying fast food gift cards and a book of bus tickets. That way, you can provide substantive assistance when asked, without resorting to cash. Also, encourage those seeking assistance to call 2-1-1, United Way’s assistance hotline, or the Cathedral’s SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288.
**Stewardship Alive!**

**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, December 3. Due to an Archdiocesan event in the Cathedral that evening,** we begin with a Holy Hour in the St. Cecilia Chapel at 5:30 pm *(enter through the west door by the playground)*, followed by Mass at 6:30 pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For more information, please e-mail AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com.

**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 arrange to be properly instructed in preparation for it. If you are a **registered parishioner** who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, please contact the rectory at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism.

**Why A Registered Parishioner**
Due to the number of requests for baptisms and weddings, the Cathedral Parish adopted a policy years ago that generally requires parents to be registered parishioners of the parish before their infant may be baptized here, or for an engaged person to be a registered parishioner and practicing Catholic for a minimum of one year for preferred dates and for a more modest stipend. Non-parishioners must be registered in a Catholic parish somewhere and will need to secure their pastor's permission to be baptized or married outside of their proper parish before we can schedule any ceremony. If you attend Mass at the Cathedral regularly, call the parish office for more information on how to get registered today!

**Attention Lectors**
Copies of the new 2021 Workbook for Lectors are available for each of our regularly scheduled Sunday Lectors. We ask all lectors to please pick up your copy in the sacristy at your earliest convenience. If you are unable to find one bearing your name, please contact Laura in the rectory office at 314-373-8202.

**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 Sunday, December 6.**

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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 11/15/2020**

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**Weekly Thoughts on Giving**
"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – Mt 25:40

Most of us are generous when it’s convenient for us; generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one’s time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it’s not convenient; when it’s not on our schedule, but on the other person’s schedule.

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**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 Sunday, December 6.**
2020 Advent Day of Recollection & Mass
with Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

Saturday, December 5, 2020
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

1:00 p.m.  Presentation by Archbishop Rozanski
Followed by Private Meditation,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
and Confession

5:00 p.m.  Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent
Archbishop Rozanski, celebrant

For additional information, please contact Mary Ann Fox at
314-373-8208
Christmas
Memorial Poinsettias

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. This year, we invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by purchasing one or more of the poinsettias decorating the Nativity Scene or the Baptismal Font. Memorial Poinsettias are $10.00 each. In addition, names of person(s) being honored will appear in the weekend and Christmas bulletins.

Please indicate in whose memory, or in whose honor, you wish the flowers to be dedicated. Completed forms and payment may be placed in an envelope and dropped into the weekend offertory baskets, OR mailed to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, c/o Memorial Poinsettias, 4431 Lindell Blvd, Saint Louis, MO, 63108.

Please check one: _____ In memory of OR _____ In honor of (those still living):
Name of person/family being honored: ____________________________________________

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Total number of remembrances _______ × $10 each = Total Payment of $ ____________

Please make checks payable to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Given by: __________________________________________________________
Your Email Address __________________________ Phone _________________________

Order deadline: Monday, December 14
Cathedral Inspired Christmas Cards

Because we need Christmas more than ever this year, the Friends of the Cathedral will be selling Cathedral-inspired Christmas cards at drastically reduced prices!

This year there are four Christmas card designs available for purchase (see below). The cost is $5 for 12 cards/envelopes.

Please email chapo@cathedralstl.org or call Chrissy at 314-373-8220 to order your cards. Shipping is available upon request or you may purchase/pick up the parish office during normal business hours.

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Cathedral.

Message Inside: May His love bring you peace at Christmas and always

Message Inside: Blessings of Christmas throughout the Year!

Message Inside: The Spirit of Peace be upon you during these Holy Days and throughout the year!

Message Inside: A Child is God’s gift to us- a gift of love, a gift of hope a gift of peace. Merry Christmas
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Elizabeth Abraham | Doug Weber | Jerry Pastore  
Matt Colvin  
Robert Sutter  
Luke Koebbe | Sandy Doyle  
Christina Stankey | Doug Weber  
Kevin Mattingly | Dave Meyer  
Tom Doyle  
Frank Snyder |
| 8:00 am       |                        | Patricia Rice  
Alisa Goessling         | Matthew Brewer  
Joseph Brewer  
Thomas Jackson | Victor Stuart  
Barb Murray  
Susan Metheny | Sandy Doyle  
Christina Stankey | Doug Weber  
Kevin Mattingly | Dave Meyer  
Tom Doyle  
Frank Snyder |
| 10:00 am      |                        |                            |                          |                  |                              |                               |
| 12 Noon       |                        | David Parr  
Mary Ann Cheng          | John Paul Blanner  
Simon Blanner | Kenneth Brandl  
Rebecca Brandl  
LaWanda Reason  
Jerry Danekas | David Parr  
Mary Ann Cheng | John Paul Blanner  
Simon Blanner | Kenneth Brandl  
Rebecca Brandl  
LaWanda Reason  
Jerry Danekas |
| 5:00 pm       |                        | Barb Murray  
John Stith              | Sacristan                | Willie Kelsey  
Charlie Hapke  
Pat McCann       | Barb Murray  
John Stith | Sacristan | Willie Kelsey  
Charlie Hapke  
Pat McCann |

**Christmas Mass Schedule at the Cathedral Basilica**

**Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**
Vigil Masses at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Midnight Mass at 12:00 a.m.  
Midnight Mass will be preceded by a choral presentation, which will begin at 11:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day**
Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and noon

Reservations will be required for all Mass times  
Reserve your seat by visiting the Cathedral Basilica website at  
www.cathedralstl.org/christmas

Note: the Masses at Midnight, 8:00 am, and 10:00 am will also be livestreamed