First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

Masses on the Lord’s Day
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
Live Streaming 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.

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

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**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.

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**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.
Dear Parishioners,

During this past week, we celebrated Thanksgiving. Some of us were able to gather with our families, many of us were not. But in either case, the holiday still gave us pause to recall the many blessings that God has 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 we take for granted. Saying our thanks indicates how important they are to us and confirms our love for them.

We have now entered into the Advent Season. It is, above all, a season of preparation by means of purification. The words of Saint John the Baptist, which express his mission in the world, uncover the meaning of our Advent observance: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” (Mt 3:3) Even as Saint John the Baptist prepared the way of our Lord’s coming into the world in time, so too we get ready to welcome our Lord more completely into our lives now. We may then be ready to welcome Him finally and fully on the day of His coming in glory at the end of time.

How do we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord? Over the next four weeks, we will be spending much of our time decorating our homes, writing Christmas cards, and purchasing gifts for our loved ones. These are all things we do to prepare to celebrate Christmas day with great joy. To experience even greater joy, you and I must prepare ourselves. As we prepare our homes, so we prepare our souls.

Here are a few simple suggestions for Advent:

- Time for Silent Prayer each day – (perhaps Eucharistic Adoration)
- Receive Holy Communion – Daily if possible
- Time for Spiritual Reading
- Pray the Rosary
- Examine your Conscience
- Go to Confession

These are only suggestions and you can employ all or just one of them. Increasing your prayer life will help each one of us make the promises and prayers of the Advent Season more intense. Thus, we will become more ready to welcome the Child of Bethlehem. It is He who shows us the truth of a God who reveals Himself in weakness and humility.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Advent offers us anticipation amid the darkness

We may not know what the next steps will hold, but we can approach them with hope

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to Advent!

We all know what it’s like to walk into a darkness that’s filled with fear. Advent, however, offers us a different experience: darkness that’s filled with anticipation. I’d like to pause there and reflect on the combination of darkness and anticipation, because our readings from Isaiah all week reflect this theme.

Isaiah’s context was certainly one of darkness! Moral and religious corruption characterized the internal situation of Israel; political and military threats characterized the external situation. And yet, at this very moment of darkness, Isaiah’s message was filled with hope. Some of the most beautiful prophecies of the Messiah were spoken in this context.

Almost 50 times this week, we hear Isaiah say “will” or “shall” with respect to the blessings the Lord will bestow on Israel. Six times he gives a picture of what will happen “on that day.” For example: “On that day … there shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord.” He fills us with anticipation when he announces: “But a very little while, and Lebanon shall be changed into an orchard, and the orchard regarded as a forest.”

We see something similar in the feast of St. Andrew, which we celebrate this week (Nov. 30). When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, and then James and John, they left everything and followed Him. There was a certain kind of darkness there: they certainly didn’t know all the contours of what they were signing up for! Still, they were drawn, and drawn with joy. It strikes me that this very combination characterizes the couple who approaches the altar to be married, or the couple who is about to give birth to their first child. The darkness of not knowing is filled with anticipation.

I think all of these things offer us a paradigm for approaching All Things New in the coming months. We’ve finished our listening sessions. Now, we continue the work of planning. And there’s a certain kind of darkness: We don’t know what the next steps will hold.

How will we approach that darkness?

We can approach it with fear and anxiety. We know how to do that! But it will make the coming months long and counter-productive.

Instead, I propose that we approach the coming months with an attitude shaped by Advent, Isaiah and St. Andrew. I think we know how to do that, too! This week, as Advent starts, let’s build our habit of approaching darkness with hope and anticipation.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for November 26 & 27 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXr
Did You Know?

Catholic Charities of St. Louis serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. Here is a look at two of our eight agencies:

**Saint Louis Counseling**
- Provides professional counseling and psychiatric services for individuals and families at seven offices and in over 100 schools through its School Partnership Program.
- Saint Louis Counseling offers compassionate care to people with mental health conditions or a mental illness so they can live full and happy lives.

**Saint Martha's Hall**
- Serves women and their children impacted by domestic violence by providing shelter and resources.
- SMH offers a residential emergency shelter as well as a new drop-in resource center that offers information and referrals with compassionate support.

For more information or to get involved, please contact your Parish Ambassadors Linda Pallmann at llopez18@hotmail.com.

**HOW TO DONATE**

Visit [stl.igivecatholic.org](http://stl.igivecatholic.org)
- Mail a check to an organization(s) on the list and indicate your gift is for #iGiveCatholic
- Text the keyword "iGIVE" to 243725
- Use the QR Code to the right

iGiveCatholic is a giving day event held on #GivingTuesday for the Faithful to unite and donate both online and offline to their favorite Catholic parishes, schools and ministries. There are over 125 Catholic organizations across the area participating in our Archdiocese’s first-ever Catholic day of giving!

This giving day offers all of us a special opportunity to engage deeply and meaningfully in the mission of the Church across the entire archdiocese. By visiting [stl.igivecatholic.org](http://stl.igivecatholic.org) anytime between now and November 29, 2022, you can make a difference with your gift(s) to any of the organizations that have chosen to participate in this collaborative effort.

Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and share the excitement of our Catholic giving day with family and friends. And remember to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, November 29.

**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 cchapocathedralstl.org.

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Visit [stl.igivecatholic.org](http://stl.igivecatholic.org)
Men of the Cathedral

Adoration and Dinner

We are quickly approaching the end of the Church year with Advent and Christmas coming very soon. This is the perfect time for all parishioners and guests, both men and women, to join the Men of the Cathedral for monthly Adoration. Our regular attendees as well as our first time participants find the evening to be so fulfilling. They look forward to the next month and often bring a friend or family member.

We will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Adoration begins at 6 PM. Confession will be available during Adoration.

After Adoration, all men are invited to Boland Hall for dinner. This is a terrific way to reflect on your year, thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon you and to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of other Catholic men seeking religious fulfillment.

Please RSVP to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org or 314.918.2893 by Monday, November 28th. The cost is $20 per person at the door and includes dinner and beverages.

Women of the Cathedral

Women of the Cathedral – December 3, 2022

Dear Ladies of the Cathedral Parish,

Come grow in faith and fellowship together with other ladies in the parish at the monthly gatherings of the Women of the Cathedral. We will gather next on Saturday, December 3, 2022. We begin with 8am Mass in the Cathedral, and then move to Boland Hall for a light breakfast. After brief introductions and social time, an informative program is led by Msgr. Mikesch, our spiritual director, with closing prayer at 10am. A popular highlight is “Ask Msgr. Mikesch Time.”

At our last gathering the ladies shared with each other a male and female they feel close to and pray to, this being part of a living tradition linking many faithful men and women who have gone before us.

To learn more and RSVP for breakfast, contact Barbara Murray at 314-974-6900 or email murraybj@swbell.net by November 30, 2022. Please send your questions for “Ask Msgr. Time” when you
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 St. 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, St. Louis, MO, 63108

Please Check one: ___ in memory of OR in honor of ____
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Please make checks payable to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Order by Monday, December 19
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

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 Sessions

December 7
“Creator of Heaven and Earth”

December 21
“And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord” (part I)

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 27, 2022 through December 4, 2022

Sunday:  Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44
Monday:  Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4bc-5, 6, 7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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.

Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Joe Dubuque
Deborah Harlan
Jennifer Jaswal
Joaquinta Jones
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Willow Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Keith & Terri Reason
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley
Vivian Rachel Rossen
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore

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Advent Giving Tree

• Take an envelope from the tree
• Insert your monetary donation or Gift Card (Schnucks, Walgreens, Walmart, and Visa gift cards are very welcome)
• Drop sealed envelopes into the Sunday offertory collection baskets

Donations to benefit Fr. Dempsey Charities and residents of Bernard Nursing Home and St. Elizabeth Hall

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Patrick Casserole Program
Pick up on Thursdays
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 "touchless" drop-off in the Portico of Boland Hall December 8 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Please contact Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843 for additional information.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.
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 at 314-792-6460.

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