CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 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)

Eucharistic Adoration
3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(First Friday)
Alert for the Holy Day
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, is on Tuesday, December 8. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

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 consider 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.

A Note on Décor and Christmas
The Cathedral Basilica will be decorated with the usual festive holyday greenery and floral display, but not until the last days before Christmas, allowing the Advent season to have its own identity. Commercial interests decorate early and remove the decorations immediately after Christmas Day. The Church maintains the integrity of Advent, and then uses Christmas decorations until the end of Christmas time.

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.

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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, so that we may 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, we prepare our souls.

To assist you in preparing for the coming of Our Lord during the Advent Season, the parish will be offering a small pamphlet entitled “Seven Daily Habits for Faithful Catholics”. It entails the following practices:

1. The Morning Offering
2. Fifteen Minutes of Silent Prayer
3. Receiving Holy Communion
4. Fifteen Minutes of Spiritual Reading
5. Pray the Angelus
6. Pray the Rosary
7. Examine your Conscience

The pamphlet will give a detailed explanation of all these, and please don’t think that if you don’t do all of them that you are not a faithful Catholic. These are immensely useful tools to assist you in growing deeper in your faith and closer in love with Jesus.

Monsignor Henry Breier
Midweek Music Series

On the first Wednesday of each month, the Cathedral presents a "Midweek Music" organ recital. Please note a slight schedule change: our next Midweek Music is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m.

These recitals feature 20-30 minutes of music on our magnificent Cathedral organ. We invite you to join us online or in-person. Please note that the wearing of masks and other social distancing guidelines remain in effect for in-person attendance.

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
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.

William H. Bachmann
Liz Ballman
Sidney Edwards-Cole
Breanna Evans
Alvin Griffin
Paula Littleton
John Mangagna, CM
Lenore Molloy
Janice Noack

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

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”

The Gift of the Present

Our Lord once again reminds us of the necessity of being alert and watchful and serving Him even when He seems to be absent. We all experience those times of dryness and desolation in life. We experience the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows, the victories and defeats. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta wisely taught us that God does not ask us to be successful but just to be faithful to God. When we are grateful for the present moment and the gift here and now that the Lord has given us, our whole outlook on life can change. We can encounter the Lord anew in different places and in different ways. It is not always easy, but we must live in the present moment and cherish the gift of life that is before us. “Would that you might meet us doing right, that we might be mindful of you in our ways!” (Is 64:4).

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 29, 2020 through December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16-17, 19 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
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 147:1-6
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8
2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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.

It’s Time

Autumn gives way to winter and the Church begins to prepare for the coming of the Lord. And preparing for the Lord always involves our wholehearted openness to the God who comes to save His people from their sins. The Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation, and Confession is needed now more than ever. Every Catholic should recognize that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is a gift from the Lord to us to be used frequently and effectively. It is meant to be a positive meeting with the Lord, challenging us to recognize that our relationship to the Lord is central to all we are and all we do... in every season and time. Prepare for the Lord this Advent season and make use of this great gift of God.
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. Cecelia 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.

The Gift That Has No Season
Over the years, it has been gifts left to the Cathedral Basilica in wills, bequests, and memorials that have largely enabled us to continue to operate as a place of worship and as a place to protect and teach our children. As we approach year end and consider the upcoming tax season, please remember the Cathedral Basilica Parish in your will or charitable giving plans. If you would like information about planned giving, please call 314-373-8231.

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, December 10, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Please call Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843 for additional information.

Infant Baptism
According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. If you are a registered parishioner who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, please contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism.

Tis the Season for Giving
The Cathedral Basilica’s Advent Giving Tree is located in the west transept and, as is our custom, we are requesting monetary donations rather than the purchase of specific items. By taking a red envelope from the tree and dropping it into Sunday’s offertory basket with your donation, you will help provide necessary items for Fr. Dempsey Charities and the residents of both Bernard West Pine Nursing Home and St. Elizabeth Hall. Visa gift cards or gift cards to appropriate stores (such as Schnucks or Walmart) are also greatly appreciated. Thank you, and may God bless all who so generously participate in this very special parish program!

Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“**Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.**” - Mk 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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, December 6.**

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, 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: __________________________________________________________ Phone __________________
Your Email Address ______________________________________________________________

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@cathedrallstl.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
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 5-6, 2020

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Parish Information

Registration in Parish
To join our parish, please fill out a registration card (found at entrances to church) or contact the parish rectory at 314-373-8202.

ON LINE GIVING is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralsl.org), click on the bright red DONATE button, and 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 Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish 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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