

CATHEDRAL  
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2023

**MASSSES 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)

**EUCCHARISTIC  
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 *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 [SusieIrons@cathedralstl.org](mailto:SusieIrons@cathedralstl.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sun. Dec. 10th - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Joe W. Wiley & Family  
10:00 a.m. Violet Cora Schwent  
12:00 p.m. Loraine M. Blaise  
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

### Mon. Dec. 11th - St. Damasus I

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family  
8:00 a.m. Stephen Grout  
12:05 p.m. Protestants in Purgatory

### Tues. Dec. 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 a.m. Arthur & Virginia Eultgen  
8:00 a.m. Lucrecia DaSilva  
12:05 p.m. Carol Weiland

### Wed. Dec. 13th - St. Lucy

7:00 a.m. Thea Miriam Pauers  
8:00 a.m. Helen A. Mullin  
12:05 p.m. Joseph Sy Go

### Thur. Dec. 14th - St. John of the Cross

7:00 a.m. Therese Quirion  
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel  
12:05 p.m. Donald Levin

### Fri. Dec. 15th - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Charles Stetler  
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten  
12:05 p.m. Derya Newlon

### Sat. Dec. 16th - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Nicholas Colarelli  
5:00 p.m. Francis S. Basler

### Sun. Dec. 17th - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. John William Partridge  
10:00 a.m. Joseph Olivastro  
12:00 p.m. William McCarty  
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss



## FROM OUR RECTOR



Dear Parishioners,

This past week, we hosted the Annual Christmas Concert sponsored by Cathedral Concerts. It was a huge success as we welcomed a little over 2,500 visitors to the Basilica. I would like to offer a deep amount of gratitude to Andrew Kreigh, Scott Kennebeck, and Ben Blasingame for all their hard work in planning, preparation, and rehearsals leading up to the concert.

It was so wonderful to have our Archdiocesan Choir present along with the newly formed Archdiocesan High School Choir. Many behind the scenes helped with ticketing and ushering at the event. I am so grateful to everyone who made the Christmas Concerts so successful.

This past Friday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. Mary Immaculate helps us to rediscover and defend what lies within people, for in her is a perfect transparency of the soul in the body. She is purity in person, in the sense the spirit, soul and body are fully consistent with one another and with God's will. Our Lady teaches us to be open to God's action and to see others as He sees them, starting with the heart, by looking at them with compassion, love and infinite tenderness, especially those who are lonely, despised or exploited.

This feast finds its origin in a moment in time when Our Lady appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure in the year 1830. The message of the Blessed Mother was to have a medal made with the words: "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee." The wearing of this medal quickly spread and led to a great devotion to Our Lady as the Immaculate Conception, which was declared to be a teaching of the church in 1854.

**Msgr. Henry Breier**

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## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

## Becoming a more evangelizing Church requires creativity in bringing Jesus into the cultural context

Mary addressed Juan Diego in his native language and used symbols that the native people would recognize

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12. It's one of the great episodes of evangelization in Church history!

We celebrate it on Dec. 12, because according to the accounts, that's the day on which Mary arranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma and it received the miraculous image. It's amazing to hear that Mary addressed Juan Diego in his native language, left an image of herself as one of the native people and used symbols that they would recognize. Then, within a few years, some nine million people converted to faith in Christ!

It's no accident that one of the Gospel options for the feast day is the episode of the Visitation (Luke 1). The pregnant Mary brought Jesus to her kinswoman Elizabeth; in a similar way, the pregnant Virgin of Guadalupe brought the Christ child to the people of Mexico.

That's a great pattern for us as we think about how to become a more evangelizing Church: How do we bring Jesus to those we meet in a way that they can understand? It requires knowledge of the context — whether cultural or individual — and some creativity in bringing Jesus into that context. Mary knew the hearts of the Mexican people and was very creative in speaking to the needs of their hearts! We need to do the same in our own contexts.

There have been some great examples of that throughout Church history that have had an important impact on the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The founding of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by Blessed Frederic Ozanam in the mid-1800s is one example. We benefit from that in St. Louis both because the

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SERVE THE LORD  
WITH GLADNESS



national headquarters of the society is here and because of the many St. Vincent de Paul councils we have in our parishes.

The creation of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd by Sofia Cavelletti in the mid-1900s is another great example. We benefit from that in St. Louis because of the many parishes that have an "atrium" where the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is taught.

Another great example is the upcoming SEEK 2024 conference, one of the signature events of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). FOCUS specializes in bringing Jesus to college campuses. We benefit from that in St. Louis both because the conference brought more than 17,000 young adults here last year for prayer, fellowship and evangelization training, and because the event will happen right here again from Jan. 1-5, just a few short weeks away!

SEEK 2024 comes to St. Louis at a pivotal time for us, as we seek to become a more evangelizing Church. I encourage people to attend or to pray for the conference. The need to learn more about evangelization and the need to receive the energy of the young Church speaks to some of the deepest desires of our own hearts today.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

*Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 9-10 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>*



## Experience Great Music in a Great Space! 2023 - 2024 Season

### Chamber Music Concerts

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 Bavlsik & 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**





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## 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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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Order by Monday, December 11**



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## Women of the Cathedral

The Women of the Cathedral (WOC) meet monthly and invite the ladies of the parish to join them. Nursing babies are always welcome. Coming this month and in the New Year for the WOC: Christmas party to meet our fellow ladies, a Bible study to enrich and grow our faith, and a service project to feed the homeless for Catholic Charities. For more information on these upcoming activities or to be added to the email list, please contact Sarah Schimpf at [sarah.schimpf@icloud.com](mailto:sarah.schimpf@icloud.com)

Pictured below are members of Women of the Cathedral making blankets for Catholic Charities on November 11th.



## 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

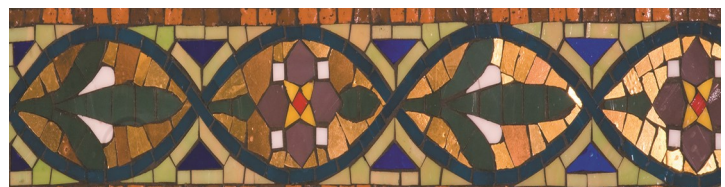
Donations to benefit  
Fr. Dempsey Charities  
and residents of  
Bernard Nursing Home and  
St. Elizabeth Hall

Thank you for your generosity!

## Veterans Day Mass

Veterans Day Mass was held on November 10th at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

Veterans Day honors the courage and sacrifice of those who have served in our nation's armed forces. Our military veterans are willing to risk their lives to protect many of the freedoms we enjoy, and through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on this day, we are offered the opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for their service.





## A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.”

Learn how at [respectlife.org/support-her](https://respectlife.org/support-her). USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

## 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 20**  
**He Ascended into Heaven**  
**(Part II)**

## 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 December 10, 2023 through December 17, 2023

Sunday: 5 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8  
Monday: 181: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: 690A: *Sugg: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47*  
Wednesday: 183: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: 184: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: 185: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: 186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday: 8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## 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.

Roxanne Ali  
Linda Baldwin  
Janice Bashford  
Barbara Beckemeyer  
Edwin Ayala Padilla  
Pauline Price  
David Washington  
Dorothy Quinn  
Mary Leah Kovarik  
Janetta Williams  
Kelvin Ayala Reyes

Mary Riley  
Nicole Pace  
Resy Sanchez  
Mickey Shears  
Mary Anne Work  
Betty Ytzaina  
Sharon Kay Moore  
Therese Terri Svehla  
Deborah Lee  
Lawson Burford  
Margaret Aubermann



## STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

## 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, December 14th**. 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 an 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.

## Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

We invite you to take a few moments and spend some time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel this month. These few moments in adoration are meant to give each one who participates in it a quiet moment with the Lord.

# Christmas Mass Schedule

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS VIGIL

11:00 P.M. MUSIC PROGRAM

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

12:00 A.M. MIDNIGHT MASS

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.



## Weekly Thoughts on Giving

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 16 &amp; 17, 2023

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
<b>5:00 p.m. (Sat)</b> <b>No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend</b>	Mitch Smith Mary Ann Cheng		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Chris Newgent
<b>8:00 am</b>	Pat Harper Mark Burmester	Ragen, Klimpel, Burmester	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
<b>10:00 am</b>	Mike Roth Sr. Mary Kathleen Ronan		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Susan Metheny William Kasalko Dan Mangus
<b>12 Noon</b>	Kevin Ross David Parr		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Phoebe del Castillo John Willard		TBD	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann Don Burns

## 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](http://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

