THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022

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)

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)
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 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.

Mass Intentions

Sun. December 11th – Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. - Bella Rea
10:00 a.m. - Lillian Ventimiglia
12:00 p.m. - Barb Murray
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon. December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe
7:00 a.m. - Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. - George Paz
12:05 p.m. - Clara A. Krzton

Tues. December 13th – St. Lucy
7:00 a.m. - Michael Keating
8:00 a.m. - Jessica Lauren Kozlen
12:05 p.m. - Lois Voci

Wed. December 14th – St. John of the Cross
7:00 a.m. - Michael Gill
8:00 a.m. - Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. - Marge Meier

Thur. December 15th – Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Charles Stetler
8:00 a.m. - Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. - Msgr. Bucheit

Fri. December 16th – Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Alicia Marie Brower
8:00 a.m. - Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. - Andrea Grubb

Sat. December 17th – Weekday
8:00 p.m. - God’s Precious Infants
5:00 p.m. - Paul Bader

Sun. Dec 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. - Peter Dwyer
10:00 a.m. - Special Intentions
12:00 p.m. - Jeffrey N. Harrison
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

Let me begin this week’s bulletin article by asserting that the Cathedral Basilica Parish is diverse and vibrant. The Annual Report to the parish included in this week’s bulletin shows robust numbers. We are blessed with 642 registered households and approximately 1,600 attendees at weekend Masses, which has consistently grown as we have come out of the pandemic. Andrew Kreigh, our new Director of Sacred Music, is working to rebuild both the parish and Archdiocesan choirs. We have seen an increase in sacramental activity: 42 baptisms, 23 First Eucharists, 29 Confirmations, and 44 Marriages.

Our RCIA program, headed by Father Povis and Dr. Feingold, has also grown. This year we have 29 men and women preparing to come into the church at the 2023 Easter Vigil. I would like to express my gratitude to Fr. Povis for our new continuing education series entitled: “What Catholics Believe.” It has already grown to 50 participants.

We constantly seek to be responsible stewards of the financial resources that our parishioners commit to the work of our ministries and the care and maintenance of our parish facilities. The Cathedral receives funding from the Archdiocese for Archdiocesan Ceremonies and some preservation and maintenance expenses. Our primary source of funding for parish operations and ministries comes from your offertory gifts. The funds we raise together as a community support our liturgical worship and pastoral costs, as well as our spiritual and sacramental ministries.

Overall our ordinary parish revenue was $2,321,096, which is about the same as last year FY 2021. Parish expenditures also remained flat and amounted to $2,300,296. These numbers do not reflect the Extraordinary Income raised through our 2021 Annual Gala, which amounted to $2,641,314. I am very grateful for one very generous donor, a Friend of the Cathedral, who learned of our needs and contributed $2 million of this amount. These monies do not go to the normal operation of the parish but are for Extraordinary Expenses, which include but are not limited to the roof and façade preservation, estimated at $2.6 million, and the completion of the interior/exterior lighting.

I would like to express my gratitude to our parish ministries because we cannot be a great parish without everyone working together. As we make our way through this fiscal year, I ask that we commit ourselves to be the disciples Christ calls us to be in our daily lives.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Cathedral Basilica. As we continue to re-build the life of the parish and address long-term maintenance needs, your support is essential.

Monsignor Henry Breier
### Annual Parish Financial Statement
**Statement of Income and Expenses**
**July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**

#### Income
- Offertory Collections: $963,516
- Unrestricted Gifts: $200,019
- Restricted Gifts: $149,380
- Program Fees: $148,002
- Investment Income: $4,809
- Grant Revenue: $846,979
- Other Revenue: $20,228
- Merchant fees: -$11,837

**Total Ordinary Income**: $2,321,096

#### Extraordinary Income
- 2021 Gala: $2,641,314

**Total Extraordinary Income**: $2,641,314

#### Expenses
- Personnel Costs: $736,030
- Supplies: $136,440
- Fees & Services: $126,259
- Occupancy: $550,959
- Transfers Parishes/Diocese: $750,608

**Total Ordinary Expenses**: $2,300,296

#### Extraordinary Expense
- Capital Improvements: $407,653

**Total Extraordinary Expense**: $407,653

**Total Expenses**: $2,707,949

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**Grateful & Generous**
Finance Council Overview

The Finance Council would like to thank our parishioners, ministries and organizations for the generous contributions that supported the parish this fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. We are extremely grateful for your support and consider it a privilege to serve the parish and work with the generous, dynamic and amazing people throughout the year.

Finance Council members meet with the Pastor to develop the parish budget and continually monitor the financial health of the parish with detailed reviews of revenues and expenses. Financial reporting and cash management is a comprehensive process to ensure the financial viability of the parish.

2022 Finance Council Appointed Members

- Michael Roth, chair
- Michael Weisbrod
- Jonathan Klimpel
- Al Rheinnecker

Financial Terms Explained

Income

Offertory Collection: Unrestricted gifts from weekly envelopes, loose cash and on-line giving

Unrestricted Gifts: Bequests and Year End Gifts; other unrestricted gifts not received in the Offertory Collection

Restricted Donations: Gifts and bequests identified for a specific Parish or Archdiocesan purpose (e.g., Flowers, Landscaping, Catholic Education, Retired Priests and Religious Fund)

Program Fees: Fees associated with Parish programs or ministries (e.g., votive offerings, weddings)

Investment Income: Interest paid on Parish deposits with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Fund and other depositor fund accounts

Grant Revenue: Grants from the Annual Catholic Appeal for operational expenses; Risk Management; and the Archbishop’s Fund

Other Revenue: Rental income from Boland Hall, the Cathedral Convent and Cathedral Concerts

Expense

Personnel Expenses: Parish salaries, payroll taxes and benefits (e.g., health insurance, retirement, and disability insurance)

Supplies Purchased: Supplies used in parish liturgies and ministries (e.g., collection envelopes, missalettes, votive candles, cleaning and janitorial supplies)

Fees and Services: Costs associated with individual or professional services (e.g., wedding coordinators, cantors, music section leaders)

Occupancy: Building related services (e.g., security guards, IT service, repair and maintenance services, utilities)

Transfer Parishes/Diocese: Parish payments to the Archdiocese (e.g., Cathedraticum, insurance, St Louis Review, Shared Accounting, Payroll Service)

Other Non-Cash Transactions: Non-monetary transactions; depreciation, amortization & depletion

Capital Expenditures: Building component upgrades and replacements (e.g., HVAC systems, plumbing, lighting, IT equipment)
How well do we bring Christ to others?

Like Our Lady of Guadalupe, we’re called to bring the Good News of Christ out to the world.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12). Fittingly, one of the Gospel options for the day is the Visitation (Luke 1:39-47).

Why is it fitting? Because at the Visitation, Mary brought Jesus to the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth, and John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother’s womb — both recognizing and proclaiming the presence of the Savior. In a similar way — but in the dimension of history, rather than physically — Our Lady of Guadalupe brought Christ to the Americas, and the people of Mexico leapt for joy. Millions converted to the faith within a decade of the apparition.

In light of our celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, this would be a good question for us: How do we bring Christ to others in a way that makes them leap for joy?

There’s a simple liturgical gesture that often goes unnoticed but deserves some reflection: The Book of Gospels is carried in procession into Mass, and then at the end of Mass, it’s not carried back out. The omission is deliberate. Why is that?

One of the reasons that the Book of Gospels isn’t carried out is that the people, having received Christ in word and sacrament, are supposed to carry the Gospel out in themselves. The question is, are we doing that as deliberately as we could?

I’m not going to propose that there’s only one way to do it. Think about the different charisms that people have; those charisms show that there are different ways to carry Christ’s life within ourselves. Think about different religious orders; those orders show that there are different ways to carry Christ into the world. Read the Nativity stories of Matthew and Luke; in God’s plan Joseph and Mary each have crucial — but very different — roles to play in providing a home for Christ in the world. All of that teaches a lesson: In God’s plan there’s tremendous freedom in how each of us can carry the Gospel into the world.

But if I’m not going to propose that there’s only one way to do it, I will propose that we haven’t been as deliberate as we might be in actually doing it. We haven’t done a good job carrying the Gospel out into the world — into our friendships, families, neighborhoods and workplaces. Ask yourself this question: When is the last time I had a real conversation with someone about their relationship with God or my relationship with God, outside of Church?

One of our goals with All Things New is to become more deliberate about completing our part in the deliberate liturgical omission when the Book of Gospels is not carried out of the Church. May we all become more like Our Lady of Guadalupe, bringing the Good News of Christ out to the world in ourselves.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 12 & 13 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejOXr
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 ____
Name of person/ family________________________________________

Please Check one: ___ in memory of OR in honor of ____
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Given by____________________________________________________
Phone_____________________________________________________

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

Order by Monday, December 19

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A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). …The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”

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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 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
December 11, 2022 through December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 s 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2 and 4,5-6, 11-12a and 13b Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:3-6a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Sunday: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, [7c, 10b] Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

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
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Willa Washington

Dorothy Quinn
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley
Vivian Rachel Rossen
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Richard Franklin
Roslie Mullins
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 by the Portico of Boland Hall
January 12, 2023 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
If you have questions about anything, feel free to contact us. Please know that the staff, volunteers, residents, and community of St. Patrick's Shelter are so very grateful for your continued commitment to their needs!
Skip & Nicki Batchelor – 916-834-4843
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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