

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13, 2020

**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)



SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Saturday, December 19 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 20 - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12 noon, and 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass, Thursday, December 24:

3:00 PM Christmas Vigil

5:00 PM Christmas Vigil

11:30 PM, Musical Program followed by
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Mass, Friday, December 25:

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12 noon

(Church will close following noon Mass)

Feast of the Holy Family:

Saturday, December 26 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 27 - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12 noon, and 5:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

Thursday, December 31 - 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1 - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12 noon, and 5:00 PM

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. Requests for Mass intentions may be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., December 13– Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - Janet Tafra

10:00 a.m. - Louis H. Gummersbach

12:00 p.m. - For the Parish Family

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., December 14– St. John of the Cross

9:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family

8:00 a.m. - Gerald Marie Phung N. Quan

12:05 p.m. - Frank Chipley

Tues., December 15– Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - Charles Stetler

8:00 a.m. - Bruno Godinho

12:05 p.m. - Constance & Daniel DeSilva & Family

Wed., December 16– Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - Elsie Mae Cunningham

8:00 a.m. - Phyllis Wilkins

12:05 p.m. - Fred Switzer

Thur., December 17– Weekday in Late Advent

7:00 a.m. - Paul Bader

8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III

12:05 p.m. - Josephine Pugel

Fri., December 18– Weekday in Late Advent

7:00 a.m. - Ann Duval

8:00 a.m. - Anne Marie Nguyen K. Nhung

12:05 p.m. - Ken & Amy Reese

Sat., December 19– Weekday in Late Advent

8:00 a.m. - God's Precious Infants

5:00 p.m. - John Schneidermeier

Sun., December 20– Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family

10:00 a.m. - The Frank Family

12:00 p.m. - Gladys R. Frontera

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND OUTLOOK

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to share with you the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Parish's 2019-2020 Annual Financial Report. Through the efforts of the parish's staff, Finance Committee and Parish Council, we seek to be responsible stewards of the financial resources that our parish commits to the work of our ministries and care and maintenance of our parish facilities.

Most importantly I would like to express my gratitude to every parishioner, because without everyone working together, we cannot be a strong vibrant parish. Thank you for your strong support of the parish's mission.

Year-on-year, our financial results are encouraging in that, despite a lack of major gifts and a modest decline in the Offertory Collection, our revenues were greater than expenses. We continue to see increases in online giving, as expected from our younger and more tech-savvy parishioners.

That said, these results come in substantial part from careful management of expenses rather than a true income surplus. In addition, looking ahead we see a need for major capital expenditures to maintain our aging physical facility and keep it technologically current. We were relatively well prepared, for example, to livestream our Masses and other liturgical events and even inaugurate a weekday organ concert series, all in the pandemic environment, but we foresee a need to be able to do more and better.

I would like to highlight two specific projects that the Cathedral will need to address in the not-so-distant future: the roof and façade of the Cathedral. Recently, we completed a full study of the exterior of the Cathedral and have discovered many areas that will need to be addressed. While we are still compiling the numbers, the cost of this will be much more than what our regular offertory will be able to cover.

Thank you for your continued generosity. As we move forward during this pandemic and seek to address some long-term maintenance needs, your gift to the parish will become ever more necessary.

Monsignor Henry Breier



SHARE THE

JOY

When we use our gifts in the way
God intends, we experience
true joy – a supernatural joy
that others notice!



GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

2020 Finance Council Appointed Members

- Michael Roth, Chair
- Michael Weisbrod
- Jonathan Klimpel
- Al Rheinnecker
- Larry Bradford



**ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
JULY 1, 2019– JUNE 30, 2020**

Income

Offertory Collections	\$855,825
Unrestricted Gifts	\$517,013
Restricted Gifts	\$58,140
Program Fees	\$77,404
Investment Income	\$8,314
Grant Revenue	\$790,323
Other Revenue	\$29,096

Total Ordinary Income \$2,336,116

Extraordinary Income

2019 Gala	\$294,608
Beyond Sunday Disbursement	\$51,530
Total Extraordinary Income	\$346,138

Total Income \$2,682,253

Expenses

Personnel Costs	\$855,200
Supplies	\$125,314
Fees & Services	\$107,170
Occupancy	\$411,901
Transfers Parishes/Diocese	\$733,432
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$2,233,016

Extraordinary Expense

Capital Expenditures	\$120,979
Capital Expenditures covered by Gala income	\$265,669
Total Extraordinary Expense	\$386,648

Total Expenses \$2,619,663

Income over Expenses: \$62,589

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, 2020. 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.

Here are some highlights from the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

- Expenses remained roughly the same.
- Total Revenue decreased by \$580,279, mostly because we had received a large bequest in 2019
- The General Offertory collection decreased by \$58,000
- The Annual Cathedral Basilica Gala raised \$294,608
- A Parish Endowment Fund was established at the Roman Catholic Foundation with \$100,000 from a previous large bequest to the parish.



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., Cathedralism, 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)

Beyond Sunday Update

The total goal for the Beyond Sunday Campaign for the Cathedral Basilica Parish was \$765,000, with 60% of the amount raised committed to the Beyond Sunday Education Fund for scholarships to Catholic schools. Original plans for the Beyond Sunday funds returned to the Cathedral Parish included enhancement of the Cathedral security system and user-friendliness upgrades to Boland Hall. Since then, the security system has been paid for by the Archdiocese instead of the Parish. The Archdiocese has also suggested a major repurposing of Cathedral School/Boland Hall space that would include the planned upgrades, so that project was put on hold. The Beyond Sunday funds have not been spent and are being held in our account until the Parish Council and Finance Council develop new plans for the use of those funds in the best interest of the Cathedral Parish. As of November 2020, the total amount raised for use of the parish is \$242,512 and anticipate receiving another \$40,000 when all pledge payments are paid.

To date, the campaign has provided:

\$3.1MM in Transformation and Academic Capacity Enhancement grants to Archdiocesan schools

\$8.6MM in Beyond Sunday Scholarships to 1939 students since 2016

\$33.2MM in endowment fund to support future Beyond Sunday scholarships

Thank you for your continued support!



ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Let God's plan unfold in your life

Appreciating the mystery of God requires a patience that goes with His sense of time

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What's your attitude toward mystery?

Natural scientists aren't frustrated by what they don't know, nor dismissive toward what they don't fully understand. Instead, they're intrigued by it and determined to probe deeper. They lean into the mysteries of the natural world with a beautiful combination of childlike wonder and adult intellect. Perhaps we could learn something from them about how to approach the mysteries of the faith.

Now, the mysteries of faith are not exactly the same as the mysteries of nature. They aren't simply unknown; they pertain to the relationship between the infinite God and the finite world. But that just means we should lean into them with even more childlike wonder and adult intellect!

Think of the disciples of John the Baptist, who approached Jesus and asked: "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to look for someone else?" Jesus didn't simply give them the answer. He told them to think about what they had heard and seen for themselves. "Go back and tell John what you have heard and seen..." Jesus invited them to lean into the mystery of His identity with their own observation and understanding.

That's been God's approach to humanity all through salvation history. God's own life is an infinite mystery. That doesn't mean it's something we can never know — it means that it's something we can never stop exploring. God has been revealing the mystery of His life to us all through history and within each of our own lives. But He takes one step at a time; His goal is to draw us in, not to force us on.

One key aspect of God's way of revealing Himself concerns time. Think of it as music. Music happens when notes are played over time. If you take all the notes in a piece of music and play them all at once — well, it's no longer music. Appreciating the music requires having the patience to let it play out over time.

Something similar is true of the mystery of salvation — God sharing our life, and offering us a share in His life. God revealed that mystery over time, like a beautiful piece of music, and invites us more deeply into it over the course of our lives. Appreciating the mystery requires patience that goes with God's sense of time.

The Church calendar shifts gears on December 17th. It pulls us into a different sense of time, to help us with the final week of preparation for Christmas. The Gospel for December 17th is, not surprisingly, the genealogy of Jesus — which focuses on how God's plans are worked out through time.

Let's lean into that sense of time in these last days before Christmas. If we do nothing but celebrate Christmas this week, then we play that one note over and over — and risk missing out on the music God is playing for us. Let the days unfold this week. Let God's plan unfold in your life. The anticipation and sense of longing is part of what God offers us these days. If we stay with Him, with awe and wonder and patience and determination, there's no end to the things He wants to show us.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 14-20 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://bit.ly/35eiOXr>.

ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI

SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS





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	Myra Richardson
Liz Ballman	Teresita Sanchez
Sidney Edwards-Cole	Sr. Patricia Sevik
Breanna Evans	Rita Sheftall
Alvin Griffin	Rose Teran
Paula Littleton	Darlene Throop
Lenore Molloy	Richelle Weisbrod
Janice Noack	Mary Anne Work
Dorothy Quinn	Betty Ytzaina

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery;

Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of **Peg Bolen**, wife of Chris, a former parishioner who passed away on December 6. A funeral Mass for Peg was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica this past Friday.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

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, and every Catholic should recognize it as a gift from the Lord to us to be used frequently and effectively, meant to challenge 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 and make use of this great gift of God.

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 13, 2020 through December 20, 2020

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2, 10-11 Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17 (or 1 Cor 2:1-10) Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27 (or Lk 14:25-33)
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-24
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

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.**

Catholic Radio

Seasons come and seasons go, but our pillar of Faith remains in season and out. Keep your radio set on AM 1460 or FM 92.7, Covenant Network Catholic radio. You are sure to find many educational and inspirational programs to nurture your faith and devotional programs throughout the day and night-time hours to support and enrich your faith life. In addition to the radio stations, you can listen live, day or night, on our free Covenant Network app or on our website: **ourcatholicradio.org**.



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 17**. We begin with Adoration and confessions in the church at 6:30 pm (*enter through the west door by the playground*), followed by dinner in Boland Hall at 7:30 p.m. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please e-mail the group at **AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com**.

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 for your generous participation in this very special parish program!

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. As we approach year end and consider the upcoming tax season, please remember the Cathedral Basilica Parish in your will or charitable giving plans.

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.

Have You Considered Online Giving

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.cathedralstl.org**) and click on the bright red DONATE button on the home page. Watch the 5 minute "Watch Help Video" 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. All of information is encrypted and stored securely.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." – 1 Thes 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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!



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: _____

Please check one: ☐ In memory of OR ☐ In honor of (those still living):

Name of person/family being honored: _____

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Name of person/family being honored: _____

Please check one: ☐ In memory of OR ☐ In honor of (those still living):

Name of person/family being honored: _____

Total number of remembrances _____ X \$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**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 19-20, 2020**

Extraordinary Ministers		Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Barb Murray Jessica Lobo		Doug Weber Matthew Brewer Joseph Brewer	Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Robert Sutter Luke Koebbe
8:00 am		Barb Murray Patricia Rice		Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Tom Doyle Frank Snyder
10:00 am		Sr. Mary Kathleen Mike Roth		Brak Welby Thomas Jackson	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Susan Metheny
12 Noon		Vito Alu Al Alatorre		John Paul Blanner Simon Blanner	Kenneth Brandl Rebecca Brandl Jerry Danekas
5:00 pm		Sandy Dubuque Barb Murray		Sacristan	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann

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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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