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
(Every First Friday)
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 Susie siron@cathedralstl.org
Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I was able to visit with a good friend of mine who is a Franciscan Sister of the Martyr Saint George. One of the maxims of their founder, Mother M. Anselma, reads: “We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.” In reflection on the readings for that day, the following came to me from Thomas à Kempis: “Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.” Perhaps, I wondered, is God trying to tell me something.

Advent is a time in which we ask ourselves how we can prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. So, we have to be careful sometimes when we ask God for direction. Perhaps God was speaking to me that morning. Perhaps he was reminding me not to judge others so quickly and not to demand that those around me must be perfect when I myself am not.

So, maybe all the things that we do during the Advent season to prepare—from donning our homes with lights, to gathering at Advent by Candlelight—is about a change of heart for ourselves. How can we authentically change for Him? First, we have to ask for the grace. Then we need to fall in love with the person of Christ. Once we have fallen in love with Him, we will change. Even if it is painful for our human nature, we don’t mind. We no longer live for what we want. We look to see what the one we love wants. This is love. This is what makes a person happy. This is for what a person is created.

Masses for the Nativity of our Lord begin on Christmas Eve with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas day will be at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon.

Many thanks in advance for everyone who has worked to make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. I am pleased to announce that we will have our full choir this year to lift our hearts in song. Many hours have already been spent by our Cathedral staff and volunteers decorating our Basilica with greenery.

Msgr. Henry Breier
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How do you treat time? I ask because the Church makes an important shift this week, and it’s meant to be instructive.

Most people know there are four weeks of Advent. Not everyone realizes that no matter where we are in those four weeks, the Church shifts gears starting on Dec. 17. The final seven days before Christmas Eve are a special time of spiritual preparation. The same is true of Lent. Easter is not based on the secular calendar. If it were, Easter would be at the same time every year! Easter is set based on the spring equinox and the full moon. Then Lent is set as a time of preparation before that.

What’s the lesson? For the Church, everything is organized around the life of Jesus. Whatever else may be happening, the Church sets the rhythms of time on the basis of Jesus’ place in her life. And that’s the challenge for each of us: to make our year, our week, our weekend and our day something that’s organized around Jesus.

Faith challenges us—don’t merely fit Jesus into your calendar. Rather, put Jesus first and organize everything else around Him. This week we make that shift in the liturgical calendar. Let’s strive to make that shift in our lives.

Do you believe God acts in history? The prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah speak to us this week about the Exodus, the return from the Exile and the Incarnation as points of God’s intervention in history.

But various other readings this week speak about small personal acts through which God worked in history. The “yes” of Joseph; the “yes” of the mother of Samson; the “yes” of Zechariah and Elizabeth (more on that later!); the “yes” of Mary; the “yes” of Hannah when she dedicated Samuel to the Lord.

Psalm 24 captures the spiritual posture of these people: “Let the Lord enter; He is the king of glory.” Each of these people let the Lord enter their lives and shape history through their individual “yes.”

Now, the Lord asks for our daily “yes,” so that He might shape history again through us.
Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

In Memory of...

John A. Taches, given by Sal Aflatto
Ann & Steve Bean, given by Alisa B. Geroski
Ernest & Catherine Scalet, given by Jerry Pastore
Michael & Virginia Pastore, given by Jerry Pastore
H. D. Cooper, given by Michael Pastore
Mike Gnepp, given by Karen Shanshag
The Shcher Family: Urban, Joe & Mike, given by Karen Shanshag
Beatrice Necolletti, given by Pat Watt
Edward Nelson, given by Pat Watt
John J. Gerat, given by John J. Gerat
Patricia Gerat, given by John & Linda Gerat
These who have no one to remember them, given by John & Linda Gerat
Don W. Elder, given by The Witty Family
Theresa Kepa, given by The Witty Family
Donna Billings, given by April & Lee Scott
Herman & Lynne Lee, given by April & Lee Scott
Jack & Ellen Rupp, given by David & Nancy Butler
Donald & Patricia Butler, given by David & Nancy Butler
Robert Ray Butler, given by David & Nancy Butler
Frank & Nicky Missios
Edward & Gertrude Talina, given by Dan & Nicky Missios
George & Angelina Wath, given by Lawrence P. Walsh
Johanna Gessine, given by Lawrence P. Walsh
James & Catherine DeRito, given by Lawrence P. Walsh
Lisa Spain, given by Lawrence P. Walsh
Fred & Helen Schraden, given by18 Marie Wingrow & Joan L. Schraeder
John Shapka, given by Anna Marie Wingrow & Joan L. Schraeder
Nicholas, given by Anna Marie Wingrow & Joan L. Schraeder
Grzelda Shinnor, given by Ted & Sarah Dunn
Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Pelt, given by Bob & Sarah Dunn
Mr. W.J. Pelt, Jr., given by Bob & Sarah Dunn
Dr. Thomas J. Byrne, given by Brian Byrne
Gregory Stahlschmidt, Pearson, given by Brian Byrne
Verna DeRiegel, given by Germano Sanzio
Joseph McNaughton, given by John McNaughton-Reden
Poppy McNaughton, given by John McNaughton-Reden
John Weidman, given by John McNaughton-Reden
Rheilla Weisbrod, given by Michael Weisbrod
Carl & Grace Weisbrod, given by Michael Weisbrod
Dick & June Gimblietti, given by Michael Weisbrod
Robert Weisbrod, given by Michael Weisbrod
John Weisbrod, given by Michael Weisbrod
Monsignor John Pina, given by Michael Weisbrod
Marie S. Frazier, given by Patty A. Frazier
Mabel Frazier, given by Patty A. Frazier
Robert M. Frazier, Jr., given by Patty A. Frazier
Michael D. Frazier, given by Patty A. Frazier
Ada Hopson, given by Patty A. Frazier
Thomas Hopson, given by Patty A. Frazier
Elizabeth Guillou, given by Patty A. Frazier
Werner & Florence Frazier, given by Patty A. Frazier
Vern & Florence Seremmer, given by Susan Doyle
Tracey Tink, given by Susan Doyle
Maura Seiff Roblins, given by Susan Doyle
Henry Yangberg, given by Susan Doyle
Archie & Wilderseide Hogg, given by Susan Doyle
Eric & Elvira Hogg, given by Susan Doyle
The Doyle Family of Soled, N.J., given by Susan Doyle
Carroll & Ingrid, given by Michael Valley
Joseph, Rose Mary and Tommy, given by Mary J. Hellerman
Kathie, Domena, given by Mary J. Hellerman
Domena Tappendorf, given by Sandra A. Williams
George & Sandra Williams
George & Sandra Williams
Hoppo Family, given by Sandra A. Williams
William Family, given by Sandra A. Williams
Channing & Joseph Fairer
George & Mary Agnand
Patty Fegley, given by Joseph Fegley
Ruth Sepralian, given by Elizabeth Torno
Mr. & Mrs. Donald T. Ward, given by Michael Ward & Susan Schaberg
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Schaberg, given by Michael Ward & Susan Schaberg
Mr. & Mrs. Lee T. Ward, given by Michael Ward & Susan Schaberg
Mrs. Veronica Savitzki, given by Michael Ward & Susan Schaberg
Olha & Roman Fedoriw, given by Nicholas Heman
John Michael Machulski, given by Nicholas Roman
Harry Chapa, given by Jerry Pastore
Beatrice Nagle, given by Shirley Nagle & Family
Franklin Nagle, given by Jerry Pastore
Vera Mae Hadley, given by Johnnie Richardason
William & Virginia Keighley, given by Phil & Joanne Rostrzewski
Anthony & Paul Rostrzewski, given by Phil & Joanne Rostrzewski
G. Clemens Thiesen, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eisel
Anna Therese Thiesen, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eisel
Barbara Thiesen Sinatra, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eisel
Barbara Thiesen Orlando, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eisel
Paul Eisel, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eisel
Lucille Eisel, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eisel
Donald T. & Betty D. Goeller, given by Donald Goeller
John Thomas McCleod, given by Danice McCleod
Candice McCleod, given by Danice McCleod
Hattie Hall, given by Danice McCleod
Henry Hall, given by Danice McCleod
Leah Jagende, given by Thomas Gregory
The Gregory Family, given by Thomas Gregory
Jena M. Stob, given by Robert & Regina Hustermann
Virginia M. Wurthmann, given by Robert & Regina Hustermann
George D. Ferguson, given by Lisa M. Ferguson
Jerry Cassidy, given by Lisa M. Ferguson
Susan Schaefer, given by Paul Schaefer
Joseph Schaefer, given by Paul Schaefer
Martha L. Schaefer, given by Paul Schaefer
Paul & Violet Schaefer, given by Paul Schaefer
Benedicto Necolletti Family, given by Paul Schaefer
Joseph Schaefer Family, given by Paul Schaefer
Eugene Overhoff, given by Sonny & Phillip
Tighe Overhoff, given by Sonny & Phillip
Duel Overhoff, given by Sonny & Phillip
Van Hoon, given by Sonny & Phillip
Huan Hoon, given by Sonny & Phillip
John & Frances Vitale, given by Mr. & Mrs. Salatoire Vitale
Nanni Tschank, given by Mr. & Mrs. Salatoire Vitale
Myrta & Caroline Ritter, given by Richard & Missy Mark
Joseph & Cleota Mark, given by Richard & Missy Mark
Rita & Normand Brassard, given by Mike & Donna Roth
Churchman Family, given by Susan Metheny
Anna Carabine, given by Susan Metheny
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley, Sr., given by Elizabeth Shubish, given by Patricia & Gerald Geoghan
Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Julia Geoghan, given by Patricia & Gerald Geoghan
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Gretta Hickey, given by Patricia & Gerald Geoghan
Joy Neupert Aflatto, given by Sal Aflatto
Vivian M. Aflatto, given by Sal Aflatto
Eric G. Stewart, given by Sal Aflatto
Bob & Kay Gillooly, given by Bob Gillooly
Thomas Patrick Gillooly, given by Bob Gillooly
John Cremin, given by Lisa Cremin
Diana Giolou Boykin, given by Alex Boykin
John & Grace Broderick, given by Mr. & Mrs. Margaret Broderick DC
Ralph & Yucile Wilcoxon, given by Mr. & Mrs. Margaret Broderick DC
Barbara Weatherwax, given by Mr. & Mrs. Margaret Broderick DC
Carolyn Pace, given by Carolyn Pace
Edie Pace, given by Carolyn Pace
Cristosimo E. Tappan, given by John Tappan
Eugene & Eosonia Kelley, given by Bob Tappan
John & Evelyn Riebold, given by Bob Tappan
John T. Tappan, given by Bob Tappan
Mike Tappan, given by Bob Tappan
Red & Mary Shoedniest, given by Colleen Shoedniest
Hank Schell, given by Colleen Shoedniest
Robert Nichbach, given by Mark & Joyce Nichbach
Frederick & Frances Mathis, given by Mark & Joyce Nichbach
David & Kim Mathis, given by Mark & Joyce Nichbach
Michael O'Dea, given by Mark & Joyce Nichbach
Keele Tappan, given by Mark & Joyce Nichbach
George Mandis, given by DCN, Dean Mandis
Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
12:00 P.M.

Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
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.
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

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

Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, we pause to thank Him for our many blessings. We think of the Mass, the music, the sacred space itself that offers a sense of peace and the true presence of the Lord. We are especially blessed by all of you, and your support throughout the year. You are what makes the Cathedral parish a vibrant manifestation of the Church’s mission to invite all to open their hearts to welcome Jesus.

On behalf of the Cathedral clergy and staff, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

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

January 17

From There He Will Come to Judge the Living and the Dead

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 24, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Sunday: 11: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Dawn: 15: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20
Tuesday: 696: acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 697: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 698: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 202: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 203: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
Sunday: 17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128; 1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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        Guy Thomas
Linda Baldwin      Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Janice Bashford    Mary Riley
Barbara Beckemeyer Nicole Pace
Edwin Ayala Padilla Resy Sanchez
Pauline Price      Mickey Shears
David Washington   Mary Anne Work
Dorothy Quinn      Betty Ytzaina
Mary Leah Kovanik  Sharon Kay Moore
Janetta Williams   Therese Terri Svehla
Anima Christi Young Adults

Anima Christi will not meet on December 28th. We will resume with our normal schedule on January 4th, with Holy Hour beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Mass at 6:30pm and dinner to follow in Boland Hall.

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.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.
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.