

OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24, 2023

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)



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 Susie sirons@cathedralstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Debbie Rupp 10:00 a.m. Pamela S. Bizzaro 12:00 p.m. Julie Stott Isaak

5:00 p.m. Mary Catherine Stevermer Mon. Dec. 25th - The Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Spencer Stapf

8:00 a.m. Theresa & Francis Farrow & Family

12:05 p.m. Seeun Kim

Tues. Dec. 26th - St. Stephen

7:00 a.m. Theresa & Francis Farrow & Family

8:00 a.m. Paul Leible

12:05 p.m. Charles E. Whitten

Wed. Dec. 27th - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 a.m. Rowena Guiang

8:00 a.m. Lawrence Peter Otillio

12:05 p.m. Bob Folsum

Thur. Dec. 28th - The Holy Innocents

7:00 a.m. Flor Sison

8:00 a.m. William & Patricia Madden

12:05 p.m. Tom Zych

Fri. Dec. 29th– Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Ralph & Carol Specht

8:00 a.m. Guillermo, Ricardo, Alejandro &

Gustavo Lamuedra

12:05 p.m. Mary Barsos & Bill Peitz

Sat. Dec. 30th - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Patrick Jayanathan5:00 p.m. The Reese Family

Sun. Dec. 31st - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 a.m. Karen & Jim Shaughnessy & Family

10:00 a.m. Norine Brandstetter

12:00 p.m. Lucille & William Keating

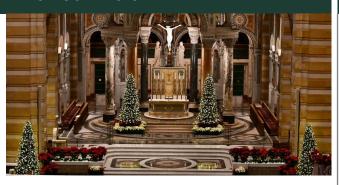
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss



FROM OUR RECTOR

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

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Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

In Honor of...

The Priests of the Cathedral Basilica, given by Sal Alatorre Dr. Salvador Alatorre, given by Sal Alatorre The Andrews Family-Rick, Donna, Erika, Alex & Nicole, given by Karen Shaughnessy The Holy & Faithful Priests of the Cathedral Basilica, given by April & Leo Scott Abigail, Locke, and Ford George, given by Michael Weisbrod Clergy & Staff of the Cathedral Basilica, given By Michael Weisbrod Men of the Cathedral, given by Michael Weisbrod Ministers of Care, given by Michael Weisbrod Dolores Murray, given by Susan Doyle Andrew M. Ohlsen, given by Carolyn Ohlsen Allene Williams, given by Sandra A. Williams Jyoti Parwatikar, given by <mark>Beatrice Parwatikar</mark> John DeHart, given by Beatrice Parwatikar Langston DeHart, given by Beatrice Parkwatikar The Goeller Family, given by Donald Goeller Most Reverend Robert Hermann, given by Thomas Gregory John & Liesel Schneider, given by Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Vitellaro Terry & Cheryl Callahan, given by Patricia Callahan Anne G. Robbins, given by Patricia Callahan Mary Arconati & Family, given by Patricia Callahan Sisters of the Visitation-St. Louis, given by Patricia Callahan Visitation Academy Community-St. Louis, given by Patricia Callahan Floriza, Christine Flor, Cris Wilfred & Christian Andrei Laplap, give by Zachary John Laplap Johnry Bulat-Ag & Family, given by Zachary John Laplap Foronda Family, given by Rene Foronda Cabanero Family, given by Rene Foronda Dempsey Family, given by Rene Foronda Jack, James, Luke, Hank, Owen, given by Colleen Schoendienst Henry & Lucy, Rob & Erin, James, given by Colleen Schoendienst Mike Huelsman Family, given by Mary Zucker The Zucker Family, given by Mary Zucker The Austermann Family, given by Robert & Regina Austermann John & Leisel Schneider, given by Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore Vitellaro Eugene & Agnes Nischbach, given Mark & Joyce Nischbach The Mark Nischbach, given by Mark & Joyce Nischbach



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In Memory of...

John A. Tackes, given by Sal Allatorre
Ann & Steve Bowen, given by Alisa B. Goessling
Ernest & Catherine Sauget, given by Jerry Pastore
Michael & Virginia Pastore, given by Jerry Pastore
H.D. Cowper, given by Jerry Pastore
Mike Kniepman, given by Karen Shaughnessy
The Shocker Family- Urban, Joe & Mike, given by Karen Shaughnessy
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Teatrica Gerst, given by John & Linda Gerst
Patricia Gerst, given by John & Linda Gerst
Those who have no one to remember them, given by John & Linda Gerst
Don. Witty, given by The Witty Family
Theresa Kepes, given by The Witty Family
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Thenan & Lena Leo, given by Papil & Leo Scott
Herman & Lena Leo, given by Papil & Leo Scott
Jack & Ellen Rupp, given by Pavil & Leo Scott
Jack & Ellen Rupp, given by Pavil & Nancy Butler
Donald & Patricia Butler, given by Pavil & Nancy Butler
Robert Ray Butler, given by Pavil & Nancy Butler
Frank & Joretta Mangus, Dan & Nicky Mangus
Leward & Gertude Tatina, given by Mangus
George & Angeline Walsh, given by Lawrence P. Walsh
Johanna Gassino, given by Lawrence P. Walsh
Johanna Gassino, given by Lawrence P. Walsh
Johanna Gassino, given by Juwrence P. Walsh
James & Catherine Deflinge, given by Mugrence P. Walsh
Josala Riddolf, given by Thoma Marie Wingron & Ivan I. Schraeder
Nick Thelsa, give by Anna Marie Wingron & Ivan I. Schraeder
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Grizzela Shinner, given by Bob & Sarah Dunn
Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Polk, Jr. given by Bob & Sarah Dunn
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Dr. Thomas J. Byrne, given by Michael Weisbrod
Joseph McNaughton, given by Mohanghton-Kade
Joseph McNaughton, given by Mohangh Libburn & Florence Frazier, given by Patty A. Frazier Vernon & Florence Sommerer, given by Susan Doyle Maura Keefe Houthan, given by Susan Doyle Maura Keefe Houthan, given by Susan Doyle Henry Langenberg, given by Susan Doyle Archie & Hildegarde Doyle, given by Susan Doyle Archie & Hildegarde Doyle, given by Susan Doyle Eric & Elfriede Laschke, given by Susan Doyle
The Doyle Family of Boston, MA, given by Susan Doyle
Carlton & Lois Dailey, given by Michael Dailey
Joseph, Rose Mary and Tommy, given by Mary Jo Hellmann
Kathi Osteen, given by Mary Jo Hellmann
Kothi Osteen, given by Mary Jo Hellmann
Hoonte Hopgood, given by Sandra A. Williams
George A. Williams, given by Sandra A. Williams
Hopgood Tamily, given by Sandra A. Williams
Williams Family, given by Sandra A. Williams
Chauncey & Josephine Batcher
George & Mary Hyland
Patty Foley, given by Jesica Foley
Kathie O'Sullivan, given by Litzabeth Torno
Mr. & Mrs. Donald T. Ward, given by Michael Ward & Susan Schaberg
Mr. & Mrs. Herold Schaberg, given by Michael Ward & Susan Schaberg
Mrs. Wronica Sawitzhi, given by Michael Ward & Susan Schaberg

Other Eman Tederiu, given by Nicholas Roman
John Michael Mejashk, given by Nicholas Roman
Harry Leida, quen by Shirley Huyett & Tamily
Fearskin Huyett, given by Shirley Huyett & Tamily
Franklin Huyett, given by Shirley Huyett & Tamily
Vona Mae Hadley, given by General Richardson
William & Virginia Leightner, given by Phill & Joanne Kostrzewski
Glemens Theisen, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eiset
Inn Therese Theisen, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eiset
Inn Therese Kinatra, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eiset
Barbara Theisen Sinatra, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eiset
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Oom Theisen Eminory, Given by Mr. & Mrs. Anton Eiset
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Oom Theisen Eminory, Given by The Mrs. Anton Eiset
Oom Theisen Eminory, Given by The Mrs. Anton
Lead Well Leiden by Mrs. & Mrs. Anton
Lead Well Leiden by Mrs. & Mrs. Anton
Lead Getter
John Thomas McCloud, given by Daniee McCloud
Heath Jeinen by Thomas Gregory
The Gregory Tamily, given by Thomas Gregory
Jena M. Rueth, given by Robert & Regina Austermann
Virginia M. Wurthmann, given by Robert & Regina Austermann
George D. Ferguson, given by Laa M. Ferguson
Larry Cassidy, given by Laa M. Ferguson
Susan Schweltzer, given by Paul Schweltzer
Joseph Schweltzer, given by Paul Schweltzer
Fandle Violel Schweltzer, given by Paul Schweltzer
Fandle Violel Schweltzer, given by Paul Schweltzer
Joseph Schweltzer Family, given by Paul Schweltzer
Fandle Violel Schweltzer, given by Sonny & Phillip
Maxine Overhoff, given by Sonny & Phillip
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Maxine Wellen by Sonny & Phillip
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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 heats 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."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

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

Monday: **Vigil:** 13: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,

29 acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-1-25 or

1:18-25

Night: 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti

2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: 15: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12

Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

Day: 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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 Kelvin Ayala Reyes Linda Baldwin 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 Kovarik Sharon Kay Moore Janetta Williams Therese Terri Svehla



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

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 5:30om, 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 and 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.



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!

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.





LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2023					
	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mitch Smith Michael Pajor		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am		Jonathan Klimpel Pat Harper		Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am		Mark Burmester Patricia Rice		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Susan Metheny William Kasalko Dan Mangus
12 Noon		Kevin Reese Mary Ann Cheng		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm		John Willard John Stith		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) 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

