

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD DECEMBER 25, 2022

**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 *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 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 once again being offered at various times *by appointment* 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. December 25th– The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 a.m. - Archbishop Rozanski's Intentions
8:00 a.m. - Msgr. Mikesch
10:00 a.m. - Archbishop Rozanski's Intentions
12:00 p.m. - Dorothy Kade

Mon. December 26th– St. Stephan, First Martyr

7:00 a.m. - Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. - Sophia MacDonald & Family
12:05 p.m. - Living & Deceased Members of
Marian and Laverne Bohnak Family

Tues. December 27th– St. John, Apostle

7:00 a.m. - Virginia & Arthur Eultgen
8:00 a.m. - Patty Lang
12:05 p.m. - Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

Wed. December 28th– The Holy Innocents

7:00 a.m. - Sara Kay Michno
8:00 a.m. - Andrea Grubb
12:05 p.m. - Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

Thur. December 29th– St. Thomas Becket

7:00 a.m. - The Pavers Family
8:00 a.m. - Christopher & Jennifer Newgent
12:05 p.m. - Thomas E. Heckert

Fri. December 30th– Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:00 a.m. - For Priestly Vocations
8:00 a.m. - Daniel J. Doerr
2:05 p.m. - Tom Lydon

Sat. December 31st– St. Sylvester

8:00 p.m. - Matthew Spaniol
5:00 p.m. - Ann McKitrick

Sun. Jan 1st– Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00 a.m. - August J. Rivituso
10:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners
12:00 p.m. - Evelyn Keller
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As a child, one of my more vivid memories leading up to the Christmas Season was watching Charlie Brown's Christmas. In that cartoon, Charlie Brown says: "Can anyone tell me what Christmas is all about." "Sure Charlie Brown," Linus responds, "I can tell you what Christmas is all about." He then turns walks on to the stage and begins to recite Luke 2:8-20. The Christmas narrative.

One of the reasons that we love Luke's account of Jesus' birth is that he documents many extraordinary details that no other gospel writer includes. Only Luke mentions the Angel Gabriel announcing Jesus' birth to Mary; the decree from Caesar Augustus; and all of those classic images of the manger and the shepherds and the angels in the fields. And no matter how many times we hear it, it never gets old.

There are many reasons why I love Luke's account of Jesus' birth. But one of the best is that it reveals that Jesus didn't come for the wealthy or the famous or the most talented people of the world. He came first and foremost for the forgotten, for the helpless, and for the nobodies. And that brings me to hope that Jesus came for me too.

I invite all of us to join the shepherd at the manger in order to pay homage to the child Jesus the Universal king. The prophet Isaiah reminds us in the first reading of today, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' (Is. 9).

However, this great king was born in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. God has decided not to forsake anyone, and that is why he chose that his only begotten son will be born in a manger. A king born in a manger is a contradiction to a world where the rich think they are more important before God.

Thus, while the rich and the smart had occupied the Inn, Mary and Joseph decided to join the Shepherds in the manger.

The joy of tonight should not be for you alone, but should be extended to our family, and to others in need of our love, care and prayers. Always have a smile on your face and be the reason why others will rejoice today. As we celebrate this Mass tonight, we join the multitude of angels as we read in the gospel of today, to sing the heavenly song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" (Lk 2).

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A Christmas Reflection

As we enter into this Christmas season our faith confronts us with a number of sights and characters and events that have no doubt become familiar to us through the years: the shepherds, the star, the journey of the wise men, the stable full of animals, Mary and Joseph. There is a kind of comfort in the familiarity of it all. Many of us decorate our houses with the characters that populate these stories that we re-tell each year, and the simplicity of it makes it all feel like something we can get our arms and minds around.

But as we look upon the characters that we can see and as we tell once again of the events that happened in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, it's important for us also to acknowledge all that is happening in the realm beyond what we can see and hear and touch. Christmas invites people of faith to peer through the veil of a baby born in a manger and try to catch a glimpse of the Word: the One who dwells with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the impenetrable heights of eternity. Christmas invites us to look upon the simple and humble events with which we are so familiar and to recognize in them the cosmic realities that are at play. In the Christmas story, we are invited to recognize the decision made within the heart of the Trinitarian God to demonstrate His love for you and I in an unimaginable way: to "become flesh and dwell among us."

As you look upon the manger scene this year, allow the eyes of your mind, enlightened by faith, to perceive there the free choice on the part of almighty God to intervene in human history on your behalf. From the heights of heaven, God surveys the entire unfolding of human history. And in that eternal vision, that takes in all things past, present, and future at a glance, the eyes of God fell upon you. The God who holds the universe in existence looks at you and knows you by name and sees what it is that you need to be saved from. He sees your sin, He sees your weakness, He sees your insecurity, He sees what makes you anxious and what makes you afraid. But He doesn't just see it: from all eternity God decided to do something about it. He decided to intervene in unimaginable and dramatic fashion to save you from it. He decided to become man. He decided to "empty Himself," to take on the nature of one of His creatures in order, ultimately, to take everything that shackles you and prohibits you from inheriting the life He's made you for and nail it to the Cross.

That's really what's happening here. That's why the quiet birth of this baby into poverty was heralded by choirs of angels and why we too should likewise be impelled to proclaim this Good News to all we meet. Don't let the simplicity of it all fool you: heaven was opened for you because of what happened today. "For today in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."





DECEMBER 25, 2022



CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

*Experience Great Music in a Great Space
during the second half of our
2022 - 2023 Season*

Nordic Choir

Luther College

In memory of Dennis Flatness

Friday, January 27, 2023 8:00pm

Septura

Brass Septet

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:00pm

Tenebrae

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:00pm

Welcomed by Coldwell Banker Realty - Gundaker and Paul & Amy Mittelstadt

Msgr. James Telthorst Memorial Concert

*with Scott Kennebeck, tenor; John Powel Walsh, organ;
& Madeline Moylan, flute*

RESCHEDULED DATE Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:30pm

Welcomed by Michael Bavlsik & Kathleen Skelly

The Tallis Scholars

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:00pm

Welcomed by Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD

Dates and Artists Subject to Change



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Women of the Cathedral

Women of the Cathedral– January 7, 2023

Dear Ladies of the Cathedral Parish,

Come welcome a new year together and grow in faith and fellowship with other ladies in the parish at the monthly gatherings of the Women of the Cathedral.

We will gather next on Saturday, January 7, 2023.

We will begin with 8am Mass in the Cathedral, and then move over to Boland Hall for a light breakfast. After brief introductions and social time, an informative program is led by Msgr. Mikesch, our spiritual director, with closing prayer at 10am. A popular highlight is “Ask Msgr. Mikesch Time.”

At our last gathering we were invited to share a joyful memory related to Christmas from our youth or from the present day. Many heartfelt reflections were offered by the ladies.

To learn more, please contact Barbara Murray at 314-974-6900 or email murraybj@swbell.net. Please send your questions for “Ask Msgr. Time” when you RSVP.

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to **Kai John Catapang, son of Benedict & Vanessa Catapang**, baptized in Christ on March 20, 2022, here at the Cathedral Basilica.

May the blessing of the Lord be always upon him, and may God watch over and cherish all children whom He has blessed with the grace of Baptism.

Cold Weather Supplies Needed

With temperatures dropping quickly, St. Patrick Center is in immediate need of winter supplies to provide to our unsheltered neighbors.

What We Need

- Wool Socks & Hats
- Thick Blankets (similar to moving blankets)
- Coats
- Snowsuits
- Tents + Tarps
- Underwear + Undershirts
- Sleeping Bags
- Hand Warmers
- Water Resistant Gloves
- Winter Boots
- To-Go Kleenex
- Lip Balm/Vaseline

Donations can be dropped off at:

St. Patrick Center
800 N Tucker Blvd.,
St. Louis, MO

Monday-Friday
8am-3pm

www.stpatrickcenter.org

Merry Christmas

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of mankind. The light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

-John 1:3-5

We pray that his season will bring joy & peace to you and your family. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Gratefully,
The Cathedral of St. Louis Clergy & Staff



Looking back at 2022

Congratulations to all the couples who were united in the sacrament of marriage this past year!

Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on it's own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8





A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

"The infant Christ 'came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph' (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come... Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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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

January 4

"And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord"
(part II)

January 18

"Who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit"

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 25, 2022 through December 31, 2023

- Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a) Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 He 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
- Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

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
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



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

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!

Re-Gifting for Pro-Life

The Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry will be collecting two types of items the weekend of January 7th & 8th to support expectant mothers and babies.

Those items you may receive during Christmas which can be "re-gifted" to the thrift shop at Our Lady's Inn, which can then generate revenue to support the Inn's mission.

Baby supplies such as diapers, new bottles, and toys all of which will be gifted to Birthright St. Louis are appreciated.

Please place your items in the drop box at the main entrance of the church after any of the Masses the weekend of January 7th & 8th.

If you have any questions, please email Bryan Kirchoff at bryankirchoff@att.net

Consider a Year-End-Gift

As you begin year-end tax planning, take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to our parish can make a great difference to us and help you as well.

Online Giving is a convenient way to make your gift to the Cathedral parish. Simply visit Cathedralstl.org/give

As always, work closely with your tax and legal advisors to determine how any particular strategy will affect your overall tax situation. If you choose to make a cash donation, make sure your check is dated by December 31st and received at the Rectory by January 7 to qualify as a gift in the year 2022. Contributions received in the offertory plate at Mass on January 1st will be treated as 2023 gifts.

Thank you! Your generosity has been a blessing to the Cathedral Basilica Parish throughout this past year. Your continued support allows us to help our church family and spread God's Word throughout the world.

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." - 1 Peter 4:10-11

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 12/10-11/2022

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| Offertory | \$10,575.00 |
| Loose | 2,270.20 |
| Online Giving | 6,675.00 |
| Landscaping | 36.00 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 200.00 |
| Retired Religious | 135.00 |
| Year End Gift | 6,110.00 |

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.



| LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24-25, 2022 | | | | | |
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| | Extraordinary | Lectors | Ministers of Care | Servers | Ushers |
| 5:00 p.m. (Sat) | No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend | Phoebe Del Castillo Michael Pajor | | Doug Weber | Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Chris Newgent |
| 8:00 am | | Brian Ragen Jonathan Klimpel | Stevens, Klimpel, Gregory | Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly | Dave Meyer Frank Snyder |
| 10:00 am | | Patricia Rice Sr. Maria Howell | | TBD | Barb Murray Susan Metheny Jerry Danekas |
| 12 Noon | | Mary Ann Cheng Mark Burmester | | TBD | Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason Barb Murray |
| 5:00 pm | | Barb Murray John Stith | | Brak Welby | Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann |

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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