

CATHEDRAL  
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12, 2021

### 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*, as is access to the Cathedral Gift Shop.

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 12– Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family  
10:00 a.m. - Shirley Weather  
12:00 p.m. - Mary Karisman  
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

### Mon., December 13 - St. Lucy

7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family  
8:00 a.m. - Donald J. Fisher  
12:05 p.m. - Louis H. Gummersbach

### Tues., December 14 - St. John of the Cross

7:00 a.m. - Michael Gill  
8:00 a.m. - Ann Marie Nguyen K Nhuong  
12:05 p.m. - Frank Chipley

### Wed., December 15 - Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - Charles Stetler  
8:00 a.m. - Vi Phung  
12:05 p.m. - Special Intention—MFF

### Thur., December 16– Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - Jared Schmitz  
8:00 a.m. - Gerald Marie Phung N. Quan  
12:05 p.m. - Betty Banstetter

### Fri., December 17 - Weekday in Late Advent

7:00 a.m. - Sr. Kay Elmer  
8:00 a.m. - Paul Bader  
12:05 p.m. - Tom Klueh

### Sat., December 18 - Weekday in Late Advent

8:00 a.m. - God's Precious Infants  
5:00 p.m. - Jared Schmitz

### Sun., December 19– Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - Rose Dietz  
10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family  
12:00 p.m. - Special Intention (GC)  
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to share the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis 2020-2021 Financial Report. It is hard to believe that I am in the middle of my third year at the parish. During my time here, I have enjoyed being your rector and witness to the many wonderful things that take place because of the generosity of parishioners.

The pandemic has challenged each one of us. I have great hopes for our parish as we see more and more people return to in-person Sunday Mass. I am very proud of our parish, and I look forward to meeting the challenges of the future.

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 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.

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.

We continue to address two important projects for the preservation of the Cathedral Basilica: the roof and façade of the Cathedral. The study was completed in 2020, which discovered many areas that need to be addressed. Some of these areas will be addressed more urgently. Estimates have been compiled, and we are working closely with the Archdiocese as our regular offertory will be unable to cover this cost.

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.

Msgr. Breier

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**ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES  
JULY 1, 2020– JUNE 30, 2021**

**Income**

Offertory Collections	\$867,828
Unrestricted Gifts	\$171,076
Restricted Gifts	\$375,739
Program Fees	\$149,775
Investment Income	\$3,035
Grant Revenue	\$780,368
Other Revenue	\$27,199
Merchant fees	-\$10,801
<b>Total Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$2,364,220</b>

**Expenses**

Personnel Costs	\$811,096
Supplies	\$126,704
Fees & Services	\$85,981
Occupancy	\$464,050
Transfers Parishes/Diocese	\$810,603
<b>Total Ordinary Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,298,435</b>

**Extraordinary Income**

CARES Act Funding	
Payroll Protection Program (PPP)	\$161,600
<b>Total Extraordinary Income</b>	<b>\$161,600</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,525,820</b>

**Extraordinary Expense**

Capital Improvements	\$169,098
Capital Improvements	
Covered by Gala (2019)	\$169,270
<b>Total Extraordinary Expense</b>	<b>\$338,368</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,636,803</b>

GRATEFUL & GENEROUS





## 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)

## 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, 2021. 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.

### 2021 Finance Council Appointed Members

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



## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

**To flourish, we must stop avoiding the darkness**

Advent offers the option to foster the discipline of hope, even as the nights grow longer

**ARCHBISHOP  
MITCHELL  
ROZANSKI**

**SERVE THE LORD  
WITH GLADNESS**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We're moving into the darkest time of the year, with the shortest days and the longest nights. I think there's a lesson for us if we're willing to step back and ask, how's our ability to wait in the darkness?

Perhaps Advent shows that we're not very good at it — at least, not spiritually. Our culture tends to skip over Advent. We can't dwell in the darkness with hope. So we try to avoid it and grasp for the light of Christmas.

Christmas isn't the problem — the grasping and avoiding is.

That's not meant as a finger-wagging accusation so much as an honest spiritual assessment. Americans aren't very good at waiting. After all, we invented fast food and microwaves! But darkness — physical, psychological and spiritual — are inevitable in human life. At some point, if we're going to flourish, we can't go on avoiding the darkness. We need to learn to dwell in it, for a time, and keep moving forward with patience and hope — even and especially when we don't see the light growing.

Advent is meant to be a training ground where we develop the discipline of hope. The world needs us to develop that discipline! We live in a world where hope in the midst of darkness is desperately needed.

Optimism is the belief that things will get better because that's how the world is. But let's be honest: The world often disappoints us, and is bound to disappoint us because it's fallen. Hope, on the other hand, holds that things will ultimately turn out all right because of who God is. And that's why "hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5): because it's rooted in God, not the world.

Abraham was given a promise by God that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars of the sky, they would have a land of their own, they would be a great nation, and through him all nations would be blessed. But, at the time of his death, Abraham had exactly two sons and a burial plot. It would be 2,000 years before all the elements of that promise were fulfilled. But Abraham had faith in God. That faith allowed him to foster the discipline of hope, to keep moving forward, knowing that the light would eventually come.

We hear powerful words of hope from the prophet Jeremiah this week. "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David." But we have to realize: Jeremiah spoke those words at the start of the Babylonian Exile, when the darkness was just beginning. It would be 500 years before this prophecy was fulfilled. But Jeremiah had faith in God. That faith allowed him to invite all of God's people to foster the discipline of hope — to keep moving forward, knowing that the light would eventually come.

"I don't see that things are getting better." When we say those words we're naming a certain kind of darkness. How do we respond to the darkness? Do we try to withdraw, because it's hard? Do we rage against it, in a kind of despair?

Advent offers us another option: to foster the discipline of hope, even as the nights grow longer.

Let's foster that discipline in ourselves, so we can offer it to the world.

*Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 6-12th and may be read in the print edition or at <https://bit.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 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):

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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 13**





## 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.

Margaret Aubermann	Pauline Price
Janice Bashford	Dorothy Quinn
Barbara Beckemeyer	Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Sydney Cole	Mary Riley
Joe Dubuque	Vivian Rachel Rossen
Deborah Harlan	Resy Sanchez
Tom Hyland	Mickey Shears
Jennifer Jaswal	Mary Anne Work
Lenore Molloy	Betty Ytzaina
Edwin Ayala Padilla	

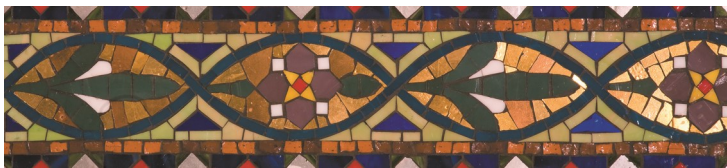
## Daily Readings for the Week...

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 12, 2021 through December 19, 2021

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18 Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17 Ps 25:4-5, 6, 7, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25 Ps 85:9, 10-14 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 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 Ps 71:3-4, 5-6, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45



## Christmas Mass Schedule at the Cathedral Basilica

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS AT 5:00 P.M.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 A.M.

MIDNIGHT MASS WILL BE PRECEDED BY A CHORAL PRESENTATION

WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASSSES AT 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., AND 12 NOON

NOTE: THE MASSES AT MIDNIGHT, 8:00 AM, AND 10:00 AM

WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED

## Gift Shop Sale

**TODAY! Sunday, December 12, 2021** from 9am - 2 pm, the Cathedral Basilica will be hosting a HUGE sale including a great selection of Christmas gifts, ornaments, religious items, books, jewelry and so much more! The sale will be held in the Cathedral School with entrance by the playground. Complimentary coffee and donuts while supplies last. We hope to see you there!

## Cathedral Inspired Christmas Cards

The Cathedral Basilica Christmas cards are back again this year! You can view the four card designs on the Cathedral website under the SHOP tab. The cost is 12 cards with envelopes for \$5. We are happy to ship them to you for a flat rate of \$12 or you can order online and pick up in the Parish Office Monday—Friday during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Chapo at 314-373-8220 or email- [cchapo@cathedralstl.org](mailto:cchapo@cathedralstl.org).





## STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

## 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 & St. Elizabeth Hall. Gift cards are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR  
THE WEEKEND OF 12/05/2021

Offertory	\$10,167.50
Loose	2,949.17
Landscaping, Maintenance, Education	203.00
Immaculate Conception	158.00
Misc. Missions & Special Collections	74.00
Giving Tree	363.00
Year End Gift	700.00
Thanksgiving SVDP	115.00
OnLine Giving	3,089.50

## Weekly Thoughts on Giving

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

## 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 16th**. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 6:30 pm (**enter through the west door by the playground**), followed by a dinner at 7:00 pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please e-mail us at **AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com**.

**\*\* Important Announcement Concerning Anima Christi \*\***

Anima Christi is a group for the young adult community, specifically those between the ages of 18 and 39. We are here to serve young adults through opportunities to encounter Christ and deepen their faith through Eucharistic Adoration, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the relationships we build in the social activities of the group. Each person who attends Anima Christi has the right to experience this in a safe and welcoming environment. Please keep this in mind when inviting others to Anima Christi. We are a ministry focused on young adults. The Cathedral Basilica hosts a wide variety of other ministries as well in addition to Anima Christi, including the Men of the Cathedral, Women of the Cathedral, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

For further information, please feel free to reach out to either the Anima Christi leadership team or Fr. Povis ([AnimaChristiSTL@gmail.com](mailto:AnimaChristiSTL@gmail.com) or [ZacharyPovis@arcstl.org](mailto:ZacharyPovis@arcstl.org)).

## 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 18th**.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 18-19, 2021

	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
<b>5:00 p.m. (Sat)</b>	<b>No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend</b>	Mary Ann Cheng Kevin Reese		Doug Weber	Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Robert Sutter Chris Newgent
<b>8:00 am</b>		Sandy Doyle Barb Murray	Susan Metheny Laura Robinson Jonathan Klimpel	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder
<b>10:00 am</b>		Patricia Rice Barb Murray		Henry Foppe George Foppe August Foppe JP+ Simon Blanner	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Susan Metheny Jerry Danekas
<b>12 Noon</b>		Doug Weber Brian Ragen		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason Barb Murray
<b>5:00 pm</b>		Sal Alatorre Phoebe Del Castillo		TBD	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](http://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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