Due to the current public health crisis, Hours of Operation and Schedules for Mass, Confession, & Devotional Prayer have been adjusted as follows:

**MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY**
- 5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
- 8:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

**LiveStreaming** of Sunday Mass offered at 8:00 am Monday - Saturday

**WEEKDAY MASSES**
- 8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
- 12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

**LiveStreaming** of Daily Mass offered at 8:00 am Monday through Friday

**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)

**EUCHARISTICADORATION**
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for private prayer when Cathedral is open
**Mass Intentions**

**Sun., May 24 – The Ascension of the Lord**
- 8:00 a.m. - Archbishop’s Intentions
- 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
- 12:00 p.m. - Paul Manion
- 5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

**Mon., May 25 – St. Bede the Venerable**
- 8:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family

**Tues., May 26 – St. Philip Neri**
- 7:00 a.m. - L.J. Weber
- 8:00 a.m. - Seamus Whalen Beall
- 12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

**Wed., May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury**
- 7:00 a.m. - Robert Campbell
- 8:00 a.m. - Paul Manion
- 12:05 p.m. - Glenn Mertens

**Thurs., May 28 – Easter Weekday**
- 7:00 a.m. - Anthony Farrow
- 8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III
- 12:05 p.m. - Nick Theiss

**Fri., May 29 – Easter Weekday**
- 7:00 a.m. - Lemoine and Grizelda Skinner
- 8:00 a.m. - Betty Banstetter
- 12:05 p.m. - Andrew Campbell

**Sat., May 30 – Easter Weekday**
- 8:00 a.m. - Joe Gross
- 5:00 p.m. - Steve Eckelkamp

**Sun., May 31 – Pentecost Sunday**
- 8:00 a.m. - Archbishop’s Intentions
- 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
- 12:00 p.m. - Stephen Eckelkamp
- 5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

I would like to begin this week with a huge thank you to all of you. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we returned to public Mass at the Cathedral Basilica. I have to say that I was particularly excited to see so many familiar faces as the faithful returned to Mass this week. I am sure that in many of you, there was some incredible joy as you were able to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Our maintenance staff has been amazing and so dedicated to the task of keeping the Cathedral sanitized. They deserve, along with the all staff of the Cathedral, a massive shout out for their dedication. During these days of sheltering at home, we have been meeting daily via a web conference and the input of the staff and their cooperation has been vital to the parish during this pandemic.

Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. The story of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles is not merely a documentary of the historical event. It is a guarantee that the message which the Son of God came to communicate to the His children would remain forever.

Christ’s mission did not end when, with sorrowful hearts, the Apostles left the hill of the Ascension to go back to the city. He might, conceivably, have decreed to remain upon the earth in his visible presence, but He did not. To carry His mission, He left a Church, who ministers men and women, not angels. He established leaders in our church that teach us in matters of Faith and morals with the infallibility of Christ Himself.

Principalities and powers cannot ruin the Church of God, for the Holy Spirit are with her. But the humblest person of good-will, you and I can and should aid in the extension of her work. Christ’s promise of the abiding presence is a call to action, not an excuse for sluggishness. It means that as long as we follow the Church’s divine guidance we cannot go astray, and it should strengthen us to impart to one another the Faith to our brothers and sisters.

Monsignor Henry Breier

**Alert for the Holiday**

On **Monday, May 25**, our nation honors all men and women who have given their lives in the defense of our national freedoms. It seems appropriate for Catholics to remember these men and women by joining together in the celebration of the Lord, “who laid down His life that we may be free from sin & death.” Join us for Mass at **8:00 a.m.** on Memorial Day.
BEFORE THE CROSS | The gifts from the Spirit are the seeds of God’s call

Each is meant to bear fruit in its proper time and way

We’re preparing for Pentecost this week. In her wisdom, to help us prepare, the Church gives us two images and two lives to ponder.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem says that the Holy Spirit is like water. Water, he says, “produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the (grape) vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation … while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives life.” Like water, the Holy Spirit remains the same while giving different gifts that bear different fruits in our lives.

St. Basil says that the Holy Spirit is like sunshine. “Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth His grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive Him.”

It’s easy to appreciate these images at this time of year, when water and sunshine are giving life to some of the fruits of spring, summer and fall: cherries and strawberries, corn and watermelon, peaches and apples. Each grows according to its own kind; each ripens in its own time; each is glorious in its own way. The same is true for the gifts that the Spirit gives each of us. There’s little use in comparing them, though that’s a constant temptation. It’s best to let each person develop their gifts, giving glory to God in their own way.

To help us ponder this lesson the Gospel this week has us consider the lives of Peter and John.

After eliciting his threefold confession of love, Jesus says to Peter: “When you were younger you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus was calling Peter to martyrdom.

And what was Peter’s reaction? Was he grateful that the Lord had a particular call for him? Was he grateful for this chance to follow Jesus intimately? No. Immediately he turned around, saw John, and asked: “What about him?”

Jesus’ response is interesting. He said: “What if I want him to remain until I come — what concern is it of yours? You follow me.”

His answer is more easily understood if we think along the lines laid out by Cyril and Basil. Jesus is saying something like this: “Peter, that’s like the strawberries asking whether the watermelons will be harvested at the same time and consumed in the same way as themselves. Let each be itself. I want you to be you; let John be John. Each of you will give me glory in your own way, and in your own time. Follow my call, don’t compare it with his.”

That’s a good lesson as we prepare for Pentecost. The Spirit gives different gifts. Those gifts are the seeds of God’s call in our lives. Nature and Scripture teach us a lesson about those seeds: there’s no use comparing them. They’re meant to bear fruit according to their own kind, and in their own time.

Let’s prepare to accept the gifts of the Spirit, the seeds of God’s unique call to each of us.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 25-31 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35ejOXr.
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  Dorothy Quinn
William H. Bachmann  Terri Reason
Alex Burns  Teresita Sanchez
Sydney Cole  Sr. Patricia Sevik
Sandy Dubuque  Rita Sheftall
Sidney Edwards-Cole  Rose Teran
Alvin Griffin  Willa Washington
Paula Littleton  Richelle Weisbrod
Lenore Molloy  Mary Anne Work
Marie Mosher  Betty Ytzaina
Janice Noack

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched ‘the Word of life’ (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!”

*Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily © 2020 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.*

Infant Baptism

According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth, or even before it, parents should request the sacrament for their child and should arrange to be properly instructed in preparation for it. Godparents are also encouraged to attend baptismal preparation before the child is born. 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 or to register for a baptismal preparation class.

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**  
**May 24, 2020 through May 31, 2020**

**Sunday:**  Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23  
Mt 28:16-20

**Monday:**  Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5, 6-7 Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:**  Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
Jn 17:1-11

**Wednesday:**  Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36  
Jn 17:11-19

**Thursday:**  Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:**  Acts 25:13-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:**  Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7  
Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:**  Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

The Ascension - Evangelization

All of the Christian faithful, by virtue of their Baptism, are called by God to spread the Good News. Evangelization is not some exclusive mission that God has entrusted to a select few. Today we celebrate Christ’s Ascension to the right hand of the Father; Christ has made captive our captivity (Ephesians 4:8). He calls us to walk in the freedom of the children of God, who joyfully announce to others the salvation He has won for us. Evangelization does not have to entail mission trips to foreign lands. It starts within our own minds and hearts. We can seek to learn more about our Catholic Faith and seek opportunities for catechesis and instruction. We can pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit each day. We can share the beautiful encounter we have had with the Lord with others through simple acts of charity and kindness. God is with us always!

For more, visit [archstl.org/live-the-faith](http://archstl.org/live-the-faith).
LIGHT A CANDLE

Lighting a candle for loved ones or the personal intentions we hold within our hearts, is a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church.

We invite you to join us in this faithful tradition by lighting a candle at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.

Vigil candles burn in the Blessed Mother Chapel, All Souls Chapel, and at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. Each burning flame represents the faith of the suppliants and their fervent prayers. We consider it an honor to light a vigil candle for you and pray for your intentions, which will be kept in confidence.

Thank you for your generous and prayerful support. To light a candle or for more information, visit our website at www.cathedralstl.org or call the parish office at 314-373-8202.

Have You Considered Online Giving

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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

“I am praying for them...” (Jn 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don’t treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

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Ordination Congratulations

We once again gave witness to the special gift of the Holy Spirit when Archbishop Robert Carlson ordained 2 young men to the priesthood at a special Mass this weekend. We congratulate:

Reverend Christopher Smith
and
Reverend Dane Westhoff

Please pray for these men all the newly ordained as they begin their journey as God’s own shepherds. You can find a copy of the livestreamed ceremony on the Cathedral’s website at www.cathedralstl.org.

Congratulations

Msgr. Greg Mikesch
Senior Associate and Spiritual Advisor for the Cathedral

on the
45th Anniversary
of your priesthood

May God bless you richly for your generous spirit, humble heart, kind humor, and faithful service!
COVID-19 Mass Guidelines
Updated May 15, 2020
**SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME**

Please Stay Home If:
- You are symptomatic or have been exposed to another person with the virus within 14 days.
- You have fever. Check your temperature at home before coming to church.
- You are at risk because of an underlying health issue to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.
- Please use your best judgement if you are over the age of 60.

Please Wear A Mask
- You are obliged to wear a mask upon entering the church and during the celebration of Mass.
- Pastors are to see to it that these obligations are enforced without exception.
- Distribution of Holy Communion will be in the hands only; reception on the tongue or use of the chalice by the assembly is prohibited. When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below the chin in order to receive Communion, replacing the mask immediately after consuming the host.

Please Keep Your Distance
- Clergy and other ministers are to maintain six foot distancing and should not greet parishioners as they enter the church.
- Families are to maintain six foot distancing between their family and other families or individuals throughout the celebration of Mass.
- Certain pews have been blocked in order to maintain proper levels of social distancing between families.
- Congregants are asked to adhere to seating restrictions and avoid sitting in pews that have been blocked.
- Offertory processions are suspended as well as the sign of peace. Stationary collection baskets will be used for donations.

Other Things We Are Doing
- Hymnals and missalettes have been removed from the pews.
- Holy water fonts will remain empty.
- After Mass, families should depart the church in an organized manner wearing masks and observing sixty feet of distance between other households.
- There will be no receptions or social gatherings (e.g., coffee and doughnuts) following Mass.
- Church pews, door handles and other hot spots will be sanitized between Masses and hand sanitizer will be available.

Public Masses will be celebrated at:
- Monday-Friday 8:00 AM and 12:05 PM
- Saturday 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)
- Sunday 8:00 AM, 12:00 noon, and 5:00 PM
We will be live-streaming Mass at 8:00 AM daily.

Midweek Music Series -
Wednesday at 3:00 pm

Each Wednesday, immediately following the 3:00 pm Rosary Prayer, the Cathedral will present a "Midweek Music" series.

These weekly short recitals will feature 20-30 minutes of music on our magnificent Cathedral organ. We invite you to join us online for now and hope to see you in person in the near future.
FAQS for Public Masses

As you probably know, Archbishop Carlson granted parishes within the Archdiocese permission to resume public Masses beginning this past Monday, May 18. We are far from being back to “the way it was,” so please pay attention to the following special policies and precautions that the Archdiocese of St. Louis has enacted for the safety of all in our parish family. Also, please note that Archbishop Carlson has indefinitely extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Use your best judgment about whether or not to come to church. **It is very important for you to let us know if you are coming to Sunday Mass by utilizing the signup procedure detailed below.** The link is being emailed to parishioners via Flocknotes each Monday. If you are not receiving Flocknotes each week, please call or email the parish office at 314-373-8202 to be added to the distribution list.

**Should I come to Mass?**

Anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Mass. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s website [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Those who are at risk because of an underlying health issue or who are over 60 are strongly encouraged, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.

**When will Mass be celebrated?**

Because of the need to clean the Basilica, we have modified, for the time being, our weekday Mass schedule– Monday through Friday at 8:00 am & 12:05 pm and Saturday at 8 am.

**We are modifying the Sunday Mass schedule:** Saturday at 5:00 pm; Sunday at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. If these Masses fill up, we will add Mass times or make provisions for overflow.

**What should I do if want to come to Mass?**

Based on government and archdiocesan guidelines, we must restrict attendance to 220 people at each Mass. In order to do this, **anyone desiring to attend Sunday Mass must utilize the signup.**

This link will be emailed to parishioners via Flocknote each Monday. It will then be published on our parish website, Facebook and Twitter on Tuesday. Those without access can call the rectory to secure their place.

For now, signups are not required for weekday Masses.

**What should I do if I cannot come to Mass?**

We will continue to livestream daily Mass at 8:00 am.
## Liturgical Ministers May 30-31, 2020

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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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