

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 7, 2024

**MASSSES ON
THE LORD'S DAY**

5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

Live Streaming

Sunday Mass at 10 am
Daily Mass at 8 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 *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 SusieIrons@cathedralstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. April 7th - Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 a.m. Helen Miller
10:00 a.m. Dee Elfiki
12:00 p.m. Marie de L'Assomption
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. April 8th - The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. David Allen Calvert, Sr.

Tues. April 9th - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Sr. Susan Marie
8:00 a.m. Kumar Murthi
12:05 p.m. Dale Petrill

Wed. April 10th - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Msgr. Dan Trapp
8:00 a.m. Kevin Keating
12:05 p.m. Marie Wise

Thur. April 11th - St. Stanislaus

7:00 a.m. Ralph Butler
8:00 a.m. Latosha Penney
12:05 p.m. Emma Korona

Fri. April 12th - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Robert Breier
8:00 a.m. Doris Regan
12:05 p.m. Joshua Curfman

Sat. April 13th St. Martin I, Pope

8:00 p.m. Vince & Grace Leone
5:00 p.m. Kyle Stegman

Sun. April 14th Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Sr. Mary Romana Gomez
10:00 a.m. Addyson Nicole Gomez
12:00 p.m. A Special Intention
5:00 p.m. A Special Intention





FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

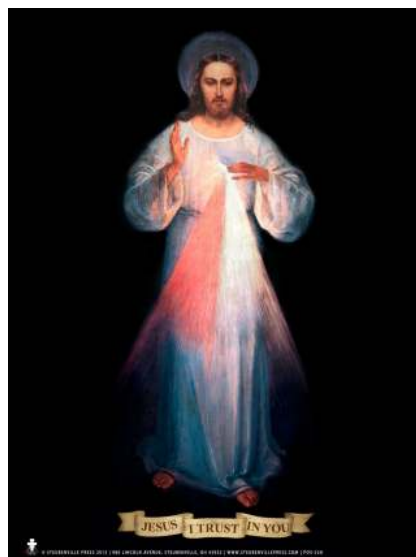
After the solemn celebrations of Easter, we are still imbued with spiritual joy, as we carry in our hearts that Easter joy. My deep thanks to everyone who helped to make these liturgies so beautiful this past week. Most importantly I would like to extend a word of thanks to the staff of the Cathedral for their hard work and to the volunteers who helped in many ways. In addition, there are many others who gave so much of their time including our ushers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, and those who helped to clean our church, arrange flowers, and work with those in our RCIA program.

I want to offer a special word of recognition and thanks to the members of our Choirs and Sacred Music Program. The beautiful music that graced the Basilica lifted the minds and hearts of many into deeper participation in the Sacred Liturgy. They gave us their all on Holy Thursday with the Chrism Mass, Mass of the Lord's Supper, and Tenebrae. We welcomed parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral Basilica in record numbers. It was so wonderful to see the Cathedral full with people coming to worship together on Easter.

What the Gospel says to us today on the 2nd Sunday of Easter is very important: namely, that Jesus, in his two appearances to the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room, repeats several times the greeting: "Peace be with you." The traditional greeting used by people at the time of Jesus with which people would greet one another was *shalom*, peace. This greeting becomes something new: it becomes the gift of the peace that Jesus alone can give because it is the fruit of his radical victory over evil. The "peace" that Jesus gives to his friends is the fruit of the love of God which led him to die on the cross, to pour out all his blood, as a meek and humble lamb "full of grace and truth."

For this reason Saint John Paul II chose to call this Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy, with a very specific image: that of Jesus' pierced side from which blood and water flowed, according to the account of an eyewitness, the Apostle John. However Jesus is now risen and the paschal Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist flow from him, who is alive: those who receive them with faith receive the gift of eternal life.

Monsignor Henry Breier



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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Mary's 'yes' at the Annunciation shows is the path to heaven

Mary models for us how to respond to the gift Jesus offers in the Eucharist

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Here's an unusual thing: We celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on April 8 this year. (Its usual date, March 25, fell during Holy Week, so it got moved.)

I'd like to reflect on two elements of the Annunciation that are important for our own lives: 1) Mary's "yes" to the Holy Spirit, and 2) Mary as a woman of the Eucharist.

Pope Benedict XVI drew one connection between Mary and us this way: "What happened to Mary is also valid, though in a different but real way, for every man and woman, because God asks each of us to welcome Him, to place at His disposal our hearts and our bodies, the whole of our existence, our flesh — as the Bible says — so that He can dwell in the world."

There's a beautiful symmetry between the Annunciation and the Assumption. At the Annunciation, the eternal life of God came to dwell in Mary. Then, at the Assumption, Mary was taken to dwell in eternal life with God. The first was the path to the second. But the hinge was Mary's "yes."

That same pattern is open to us! But the same "yes" is required of us. That's why we hear, twice this week, both an exhortation and a warning from Jesus in the Gospel of John: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life." Those who believe in the Son say their "yes" to God; the Son comes to dwell in them on earth and lead them to dwell with Him in heaven. Those who disobey the Son speak a "no" to God. They refuse the offer of God dwelling with them on earth and miss the opportunity of dwelling with God in heaven.

In that sense, Mary's "yes" to the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation wasn't just for her. It also shows us the path to heaven.

**ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI**

**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



The Annunciation was also the first holy Communion ever: Mary was the first person in history to have the Body of Christ in her body! As Pope Benedict said on another occasion: "Mary of Nazareth ... is the model for each of us, called to receive the gift that Jesus makes of Himself in the Eucharist."

As we participate in the National Eucharistic Revival and prepare for the National Eucharistic Congress this summer, it's good to reflect on Mary as the pre-eminent woman of the Eucharist. Here, again, Mary's life is not just about her. It also shows us the path to heaven. Let me close with a question. We read Psalm 40 this week: "Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will." It's easy to see how this is a refrain for Mary's life — especially at the moment of the Annunciation — and how it needs to be a refrain for our lives every day. My question is this: Do we see how it needs to become a refrain for us as parishes — not just as individuals, but as communities? How do we say "yes" to the Spirit in our relations with one another?

This week we read Acts 4, which tells us about the teamwork of the early Christian community: "The whole community was of one heart and mind." Groups of talented individuals can form a team or fail to form a team. How might that relate to the transformation of our parishes as we follow Mary's "yes" — not only individually, but together?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 6-7 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



APRIL 7, 2024



CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Experience Great Music in a Great Space!

Join us for the remaining concerts of our
2023 - 2024 Season



Chanticleer

Monday, April 8, 2024 8:00pm

"The world's reigning male chorus"

– New Yorker

Welcomed by Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD

Tickets: \$45, \$30, \$20

The Boston Camerata

Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00pm

Les Miracles de Notre Dame



Medieval Paris was not only a center of learning, debate, art, and architecture: it was also a capital of musical creation and innovation, the most important in Europe. You will hear the magnificent vocal music sung within the walls of the great cathedral, as well as miracle tales, student songs, and minstrel turns performed in Notre Dame's shadow, on either bank of the steadily flowing Seine. A feast!

A commission of the French Consulate in Boston and premiered a few months after the 2019 fire which destroyed in part the Notre Dame cathedral, it was again performed in 2022, to public and critical acclaim.

Tickets: \$45, \$30, \$20



Artists & Dates subject to change

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

St. Faustina Kowalska with the Image of Divine Mercy

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest of tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations - or messages - from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.



In 1931, during one of the Sr. Faustina's revelations, our Lord appeared to her in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. She gazed intently at the Lord in silence, her soul filled with awe, but also great joy. Jesus said to her:

Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory (*Diary*, 47, 48). I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with signature: Jesus, I trust in You (327). I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel and [then] throughout the world (47).

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply:

The two rays denote the Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him (299).

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, St. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely of St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully towards others.

St. Faustina Kowalska,
Pray for us!



Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to attend Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, April 30th at 6 PM.

We will have just celebrated the passion, death, and rising from the dead of our Lord. What a terrific way to continue to honor the ultimate sacrifice he gave to offer us salvation!

Adoration will begin promptly at 6 PM confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. In anticipation of Cinco de Mayo, we will have a Mexican feast! A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated.

Please consider making this prayerful evening a family event. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Christ through Adoration.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314-914-2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, April 29th.



Women of the Cathedral

Christus Resurrexit (Christ is Risen)! Please join us on **May 7th** for our next monthly meeting. We meet for Adoration and Benediction from 6:00-7:00 pm followed by food, fellowship and faith in Boland Hall. Nursing babies are always welcome!

A monthly **LADIES LUNCHEON** will begin on the first Wednesday of every month starting on May 8th at Chris' Pancakes from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. You do not need to attend the monthly meeting to attend this, it is open to all ladies of the parish and please bring your friends! This is a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners. Nursing babies and/or children are welcome! RSVP to Suzanne by May 1st at: suzbjef@netzero.com RSVP is required for this event by the deadline.

Please email Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com with any questions and for email notifications with events, service opportunities at the parish and updates.





Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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

April 17

The Communion of Saints

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 April 7, 2024 through April 14, 2024

Sunday: 44: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31
Monday: 545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: 268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: 269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: 270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36
Friday: 271: acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: 47: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

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
Doreen Kelly
Linda Baldwin
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams

Aisha Mitchell
Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Therese Terri Svehla
Deborah Lee



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Anima Christi Young Adults

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 39 is invited to join in prayer and fellowship with the young adult community of the Cathedral Basilica on **Thursday, April 11th**. Our gathering begins with Holy Hour at 6:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Afterward there will be dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

Monthly ProLife Mass & Rosary

The Archdiocesan Monthly ProLife Mass and Rosary (formerly called the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Mass and Rosary) has always been held on the third Saturday of each month here at the Cathedral Basilica. Beginning on Sat., April 20, 2024, the Mass and Rosary will now be celebrated at various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Therefore, on Sat., April 20, the Mass will take place at 8:30 a.m. at Incarnate Word Parish in Chesterfield.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information on upcoming monthly ProLife Masses, please go to <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/spiritual-support>. If you have any questions concerning the Mass and Rosary, please contact Madeleine Appelbaum, Program Manager for the Respect Life Apostolate, at madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org or at 314-792-7598.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/30/2024-3/31/2024

Offertory	\$14,817.00
Online Giving	\$11,163.17
Loose	\$15,352.74
Cathedral Candles	\$621.12
Holy Thursday Offering	\$926.25
Good Friday Offering	\$2,660.61
Easter Sunday Offering	\$2,426.00

Casserole Drop-Off Day and Volunteers Needed

Volunteer coordinators will hold the next "drop-off" of homemade casseroles and non-perishable foods for St. Patrick's Shelter and surrounding community. Drop-off is located in the parish lot (between the church and the school) on **Thursday, April 11th 2024 from 1-2 pm**.

Several volunteers are needed to assist with future casseroles. Simple recipes, pans & lids and friendly help are provided. For more information, please call Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843 or email us at: batchelorn@hotmail.com. Thanks for your consideration of this opportunity.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Today, April 7th, we celebrate Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Throughout the month of April, we invite everyone to take some time to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with your family and loved ones.

The Chaplet is a form of intercessory prayer that can be recited for one's own needs, and the needs of others. As a prayer of intercession, it is made in union with the offering up of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"





LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 13 & 14, 2024

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	Weisbrod, Klimpel, Blatter, Hatch, Harper	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Patricia Rice Sr. Mary Kathleen Ronan		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Sue Metheny Dan Mangus John Mosher Vito Alu
12 Noon	David Butler Nancy Butler		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm	David Parr Thomas Gregory		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

