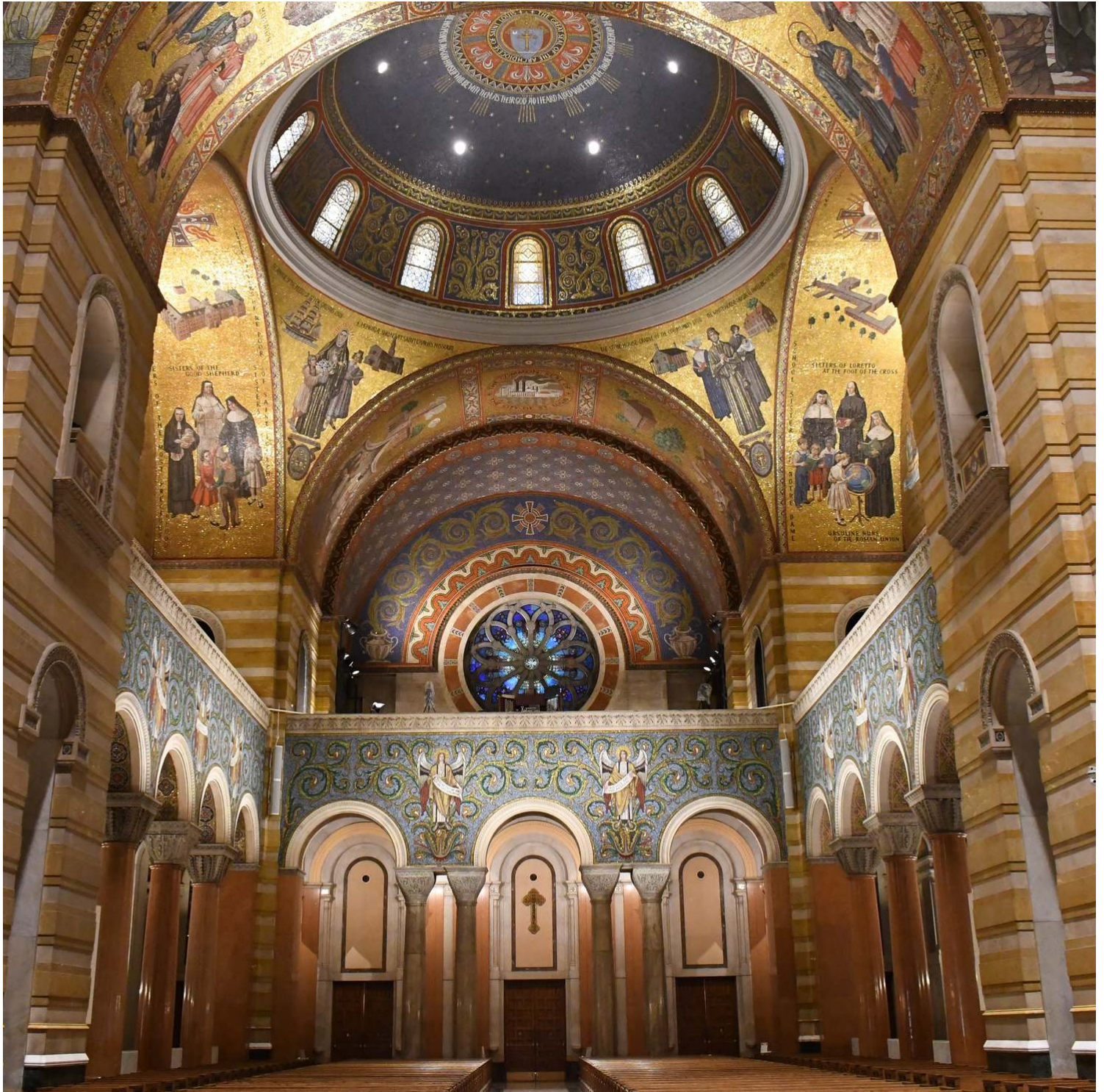




CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

October 25, 2026 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



4431 Lindell Boulevard Saint Louis, Missouri 63108-2403 www.cathedralstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun Oct 25 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. David Moss
 10:00 a.m. Bobbie Clark
 12:00 p.m. U.S. Armed Forces
 5:00 p.m. Kathleen 'Claire' Cox

Mon Oct 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Sandra Woodcock
 8:00 a.m. Cristina Correa Rubo
 12:05 p.m. Nancy Brinkmann

Tues Oct 27 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
 8:00 a.m. Bernard W. Duda
 12:05 p.m. Dr. & Mrs. Darryl Ross

Wed Oct 28 - Sts. Simon & Jude

- 7:00 a.m. Bette Hopkins
 8:00 a.m. Reemelia Tavizon
 12:05 p.m. Ken Sternberg

Thur Oct 29 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Barbara Jarding
 8:00 a.m. Hope Dielmann
 12:05 p.m. Laura Promer

Fri Oct 30 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Bogdan Pajor
 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Smith
 12:05 p.m. Grant Gage Durrell

Sat Oct 31 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Tom Fasl
 5:00 p.m. David Moss

Sun Nov 1 - All Saints

- 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
 10:00 a.m. Manuel Ponte
 12:00 p.m. Mark Koenemann
 5:00 p.m. Sandra Woodcock

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 314.373.8205 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 & 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 Cathedral Basilica Parish please go register at

<https://cathedralstl.org/new-parishioner-registration>

All contributions to the Cathedral Basilica parish, ministries, and maintenance are sincerely appreciated.



SCHEDULE

Masses on the Lord's Day

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

Weekday Masses

7:00 am (Mon-Fri)
 8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
 12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

Live Stream

10:00 am (Sun)
 8:00 am (Mon-Sat)

Eucharistic Adoration

3:30-4:30 pm (Sat)
 8:30-11:45 am
 (First Friday)

Confessions

7:30-8:00 am (Mon-Fri)
 3:30-4:50 pm (Sat)
 9:00-9:50 am (Sun)
 11:00-11:50 am (Sun)

Liturgy of the Hours

4:30 pm (Sat)
 Evening Prayer

Perpetual Help Devotions

Following 8:00 am &
 12:05 pm Mass (Tues)

Hours

6:30 am - 5:00 pm (Mon-Fri)
 7:00 am - 6:00 pm (Sat-Sun)

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 made online <https://massrequest.cathedralstl.org>

Dear Parishioners,

The month of November draws its special spiritual tone from the two days with which it opens: the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls). The mystery of the communion of saints illuminates this month directing our meditation to the earthly destiny of each one of us in light of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

We've had a great response for our Cathedral Basilica All Souls Novena beginning on All Souls Day. We will remember these souls at a Mass each day of the Novena, beginning on All Souls Day, November 2. The Archbishop will be here to celebrate a special Mass to remember the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who died this year in addition to those we pray for during our Novena. There will be candles placed along the sanctuary that symbolize the lives of each priest who passed away in the last year.

It was in the middle of the 11th Century that St. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church. Throughout the month of November, the Book of the Dead - another custom commemorating our deceased - will be located in the All Saints Chapel. Please feel free to inscribe the names of your loved ones in this book so that we may remember them.



As we pray for our deceased loved ones, it bears a calling to mind the teaching of purgatory. I truly like what Pope Benedict once said in one of his homilies: "Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again." Which leads to ask the question what will it be like?

Saint Catherine of Genoa, a mystic known for her vision of purgatory indicates that it will be a type of fire, though not like that used to describe the experience of hell. "Rust which is sin, covers souls, and ... is burnt away by fire, the more it is consumed, the more the soul responds to God. ... As the rust lessens and the soul is opened to the divine rays, happiness grows," she wrote.

Fire has a lot of effects: light, heat, warmth and destruction. But when a precious metal is placed in its midst, it's purified and perfected. Purgatory is a letting go of habits, vices, and ways of thinking or knowing that prevented us from loving as we ought during our lifetime.

The poet Dante likened the soul's experience in purgatory to climbing a mountain, the summit being paradise. The climber might have to shed things that are bogging him down on the ascent. That process, of course, can be grueling, but with every step, one moves closer to the goal.

Msgr. Breier

PASTORAL STAFF

Archbishop of St. Louis

The Most Reverend
Mitchell T. Rozanski

Rector

Monsignor Henry Breier
314.373.8206
breier@cathedralstl.org

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Charles Archer
314.373.8204
archer@cathedralstl.org

Deacons

Deacon Dean Mandis

**Director of
Sacred Music**

Mr. Andrew Kreigh
314.373.8228

**Director of Finance
& Administration**

Mr. Adam Bockman
314.373.8231

**Director of
Advancement**

Ms. Jennifer Stanard
314.373.8220

Events Manager

Ms. Mary Ann Fox
314.373.8208

Parish & Tour Office

Ms. Susie Irons
314.373.8202 (parish)
314.373.8205 (tours)

Violating Natural Moral Law Leads to Consequences for the Culture

These consequences work themselves out in the character, history and destiny of our society

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ancient philosophers and theologians wrote of the order that God inscribed in the world. They named things such as the recurrence of day and night, the orderly motions of the heavenly bodies and the regular alternation of seasons. Scientists have certainly pushed much deeper in our knowledge of the laws of the universe since then, including gravity, the atomic structure of matter, the genetic code and so on.

The ancients classified all of those things under the title “natural law” or “natural laws.” While we certainly know more of them today, we could join the ancients in pointing out that what makes them natural laws is that we cannot violate or change them. Gravity doesn’t stop working because I don’t believe in it or understand it. None of us can change the periodic table by wishing it weren’t true.

There’s another kind of natural law, however. There are natural moral laws like: Telling lies is wrong; stealing is wrong. There are natural spiritual laws like: If you make a promise you should keep it; to praise ourselves undermines our character.

There are more. Perhaps the most important one in American history is the notion that human beings are “endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

One crucial truth about the character of natural moral and spiritual laws is contained in the term “unalienable.” The truth is that we’re not supposed to violate these moral and spiritual laws, but we can. When we violate them, however, there are consequences that work themselves out in our character, in our history and in our eternal destiny.

ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI

SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS



Natural physical laws cannot be violated. In that, we see a reflection of God’s constancy. Natural moral and spiritual laws can be violated. In that, we see a reflection of the fact that God invites us above the realm of the automatic and into the realm of the free pursuit of the good. God places us in a world with both kinds of natural law, that we might live in the ordered physical world and be invited into the ordered spiritual world.

Why all these philosophical reflections on natural law?

Here are three more natural moral and spiritual laws:

1) Men should protect their children and the mothers of their children. 2) Mothers should not kill their children. 3) Medicine is for healing, not harming. The first rule for physicians is: “Do no harm.”

Those natural laws are not automatic. We can act against them, and we can vote against them. But we know this from history: If and when a society violates natural moral laws, it has downstream consequences for culture. The more basic the natural law is, and the more manifest is the violation of it, the more a culture comes apart at the seams.

So, the key question as we prepare to vote next week — especially on Amendment 3 — is this: Will we say “yes” to the natural moral and spiritual laws that God has written into the world, or do we choose to face the consequences of saying “no” to the natural law?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Oct 26 - Nov 2 and may be read in the print edition or <https://www.stlouisreview.com/column/serve-the-lord-with-gladness/>

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert Austermann	Nicole PaceEdwin
Linda Baldwin	Ayala Padilla
Barbara Beckemeyer	Ron Pallman
Juliana Brown	Tiffany Pitts
Craig Campbell	Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Shamelia Clark	Resy Sanchez
Barbara Garrett	Karen Shaughnessy
Doreen Kelly	Mark Stephens
Mary Leah Kovarik	Michael Theiss
Deborah Lee	Tronda White
Judy McGrath	Goldie Wirth
David Moss	Mary Anne Work
Andrew Nolen	Betty Ytzaina

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

If you have someone to be added to the list, please call the rectory at 314.373.8202

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

October 17-18, 2026

Offertory	\$5,183.00
Online Giving	\$7,050.00
Loose	\$4,331.88
Cathedral Candles	\$887.37
Cathedral Landscape	\$41.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$45.00
Catholic Education	\$90.00
World Missions	\$574.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$14.00
Church in Africa	\$20.00

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 October 25 - November 1

Sun:	148: Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40
Mon:	479: Eph 4:32-5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17
Tues:	480: Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21
Wed:	666: Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16
Thurs:	482: Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Lk 13:31-35
Fri:	483: Phil 1:1-11 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 14:1-6
Sat:	484: Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun:	667: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Sock Angels

Drop Off **NEW** Socks in the Box
until October 31, 2026

Socks of various colors & sizes for men, women & children



The Curia's First Annual Sock Drive
Brought to you by Knights of
Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary



APPOINTMENT WITH FATHER MARCO

Father Marco is available for confession and spiritual discussion. To make an appointment to meet with Father Marco, please call 314.373.8202
Thank you!



Experience Great Music in a Great Space! 2026 - 2027 Season



VOCES8 with LYYRA
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 7:30pm
Welcomed by Bruce & Linda Ryder

Vienna Boys Choir
Monday, November 2, 2026 7:30pm

St. Louis Chamber Chorus
Sunday, November 8, 2026 3:00pm

Tenebrae
English Vocal Ensemble
Saturday, November 14, 2026 7:30pm

Christmas at the Cathedral
with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Choirs & Orchestra
Saturday, December 5, 2026 10:30am (NOTE TIME)
Sunday, December 6, 2026 2:30pm
Welcomed by Favazza's Restaurant
and Michael Bavisk & Kathleen Skelly

The Aeolians of Oakwood University
Friday, January 15, 2027, 7:30pm

The King's Singers
Monday, February 15, 2027 7:30pm

**Vox Una with St. Louis
Area High School Choirs**
Sunday, February 21, 2027 2:30pm

The Boston Camerata
Songs of Mystic Spain
Friday, March 12, 2027 7:30pm



SCAN ME

Artists & Dates subject to change

CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662

ALL SOULS NOVENA AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

As the seasons change and we anticipate the beginning of November, our thoughts turn to our deceased loved ones as we prepare for the liturgical feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We remember them in life and we pray that "perpetual light will shine on them" and God will welcome them into eternal joy.

You are invited to remember deceased loved ones in prayer during the Cathedral Basilica's All Souls Novena, nine days of prayer for the departed, beginning on November 2. Please send us the names of the deceased loved ones you wish included in the Novena, and they will be remembered collectively in a Mass each day for nine days.

In addition to our prayer, the name and image of your loved one will be displayed in our chapel, and you will receive a lovely Mass card with the name of your departed loved one inscribed inside.

Let us remember our departed loved ones by storming the gates of heaven with prayers on their behalf, praying with confidence the words: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them."

Enrollment for the All Souls Remembrance is available for purchase on our website at <https://cathedralstl.org/all-souls>.

St. Vincent de Paul

At each Mass on November 7 and 8, the Cathedral Basilica Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting personal care and housekeeping articles not covered by SNAP/food stamps, to assist our neighbors in need. These include toiletries, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, laundry detergent, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and similar personal care items. There will be a donation box at the back of church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.



New
to St.
Louis?

Wanting
to grow
deeper in
faith?

SALT
LIGHT

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Desiring
community+
lasting
friendships?

JOIN OUR
YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY!

TO GET CONNECTED +
FOLLOW ALONG WITH US,
SCAN THE QR CODE:
[STLYOUNGADULTS.COM](https://stlyoungadults.com)



JOIN CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS FOR



**SUNDAY
SUPPER**

MEET FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR AN EVENING OF JOYOUS FELLOWSHIP
Special A La Carte Menu – Separate Checks – Cash or Credit Card

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
6:15 PM**

Bartolino's
THE HILL Hampton Ave at I-44

PLEASE REGISTER AT:
CATHEDRALSTL.ORG/SUNDAY-SUPPER



**Veterans
Day Mass**

**Sunday, November 8
10:00 a.m.**



St. Barbara

- Regular, guard, reserve, retired, and prior service, are encouraged to wear the dress uniform as authorized.

All Saints Day

Next Sunday, November 1 we will have our collection of over 140 relics on display for prayer and devotion in the All Saints Chapel.

The relics will be on display from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm when the Cathedral closes for the evening.

Some of the saints' whose relics will be on display are

- St. Louis, King of France
- St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- St. John Paul II
- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
- St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- St. Francis of Assisi
- Sts. Joachim & Anne
- Apostles - St. Simon, St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. James the Greater, St. James the Lesser, St. John, St. Bartholomew, St. Philip, St. Peter, St. Matthew, St. Thaddeus
- St. John the Baptist
- St. John of the Cross



Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. David and Kara Pingsterhaus (pictured below) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 2 in the afternoon.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated. It is not rude it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices with truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-8



Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Kurt and Carlee Hufker (pictured above) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated. It is not rude it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices with truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Men of the Cathedral

The Men of the Cathedral cordially invite all parishioners and visitors (men and women) to join them for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, October 27.

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

As we approach November and our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and Christmas, this is a great time to reflect on God's blessings bestowed upon each of us.

All men are invited to drinks and dinner in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated.

We will again host the chili and cornbread cookoff contest for dinner. If you wish to enter the contest, please let Michael Weisbrod (info below) know!

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, October 26.

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. Our next meeting will be October 29, 2026. We will begin with Holy Hour at 6:30 pm followed by dinner in Boland Hall.

Please enter the Cathedral across the parking lot from the playground on the west side of the Church.

Email AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com or see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more details.

Women of the Cathedral

Women of the Cathedral: Join Our Community!

All women of the parish are warmly invited to gather with us! We are a community of women centered on Spirituality, Fellowship, and Service. Whether you're new to the parish or have been part of our community for years, we'd love to have you join us as we deepen our faith, build friendships, and find meaningful ways to serve together. We meet on the second Saturday of every month to connect and grow together. Come feed your soul and enjoy great company!

- 8:00 AM – Begin with Saturday Mass
- After Mass – Stay for fellowship
- **Next Gathering: NEW DATE AND LOCATION**
 - **Saturday, November 7, Cathedral basement – Vesting Room**
 - Topic: Blessings
 - We will be putting our faith into action by making Blessing Bags for those in need.

Questions? Contact Phoebe at pdcl33@gmail.com
We can't wait to welcome you!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

October 31- November 1, 2026

5:00 pm (Sat)

Lectors:

- Alex Burkart
- Annie Joseph

Ushers:

- Bob Sutter,
- Matt Colvin, Pat McCann

8:00 am

Lectors:

- Lucas Blatter
- Jonathan Klimpel

Ushers:

- Dave Meyer, Frank Snyder
- Joe Schilli

Ministers of Care:

- Weisbrod, Klimpel, Blatter

10:00 am

Lectors:

- Mike Roth
- Aaron Hines

Ushers:

- Sue Metheny, Dan Mangus
- Roger Willis, Vito Alu

12:00 Noon

Lectors:

- Nick Uxa
- Phoebe Del Castillo

Ushers:

- Willie Stevens, Skip Batchelor
- Lawanda Reason, Mark Burmester

5:00 pm (Sun)

Lectors:

- David Butler
- Nancy Butler

Ushers:

- Willie Kelsey, Charlie Hapke, Don Burns
- Pat McCann, Krystle Hatter

Registration in Parish

To join our parish, please register online at <https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life>

Online Giving

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, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202

Order 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

