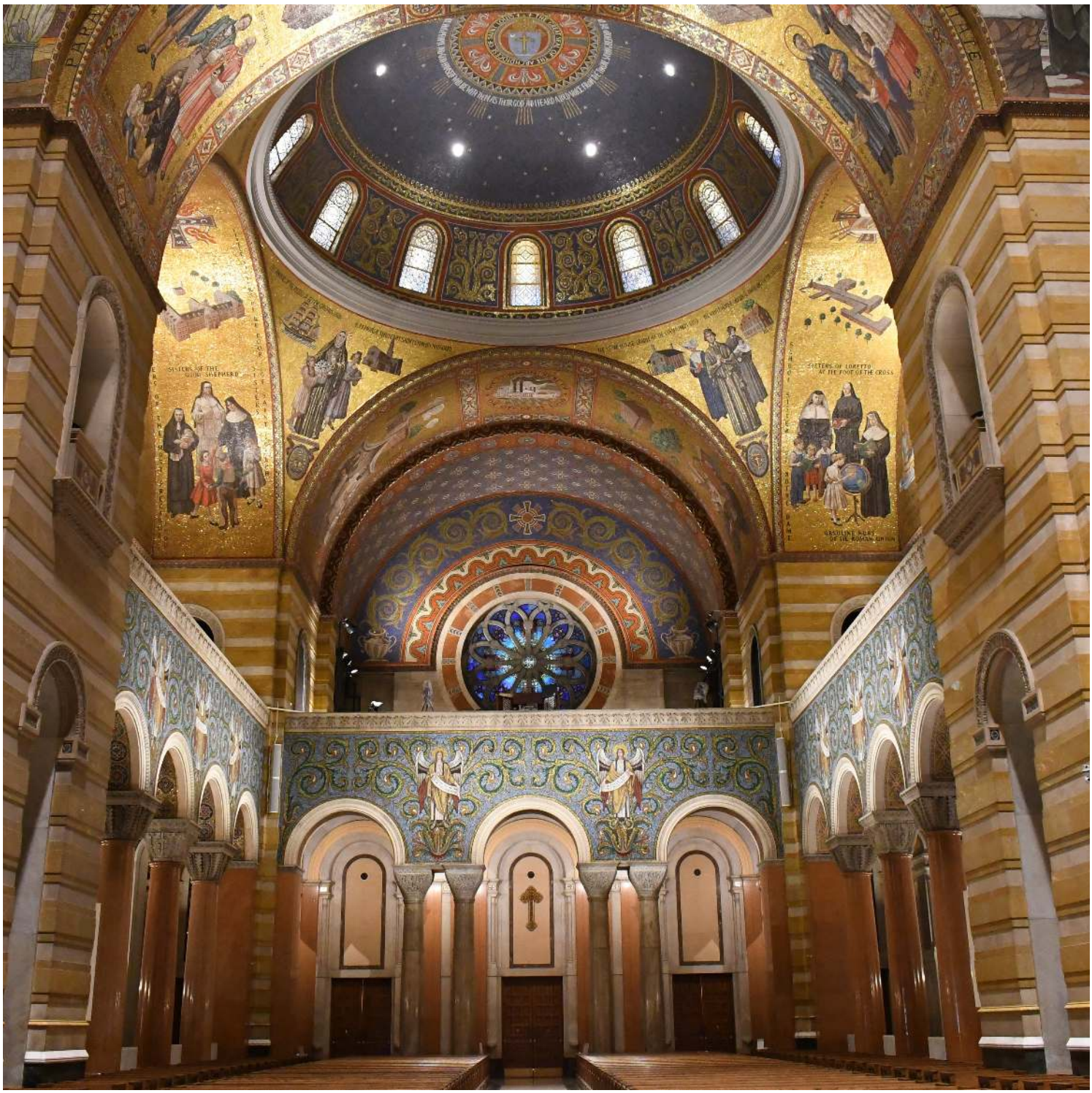
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

November 29, 2026 | First Sunday of Advent



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Mass Intentions

Sun Nov 29 - First Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Jim Sellinger
10:00 a.m. Michael O'Leary
12:00 p.m. Gustavo Ruano Amparan
5:00 p.m. Lugene Tompkins

Mon Nov 30 - St. Andrew
7:00 a.m. Francisco Javier Marquez Correa
8:00 a.m. Jeanne Gebken
12:05 p.m. Oscar Actis & Ember Gurtizen

Tues Dec 1 - Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Sr. Susan Marie Krupp, ASCJ
8:00 a.m. All Souls
12:05 p.m. Don Mueller

Wed Dec 2 - Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Carol Harmon
8:00 a.m. Charles Kenneth Bone
12:05 p.m. Edward Rolwes

Thur Dec 3 - St. Francis Xavier
7:00 a.m. Jane Mayfield
8:00 a.m. Ivory Hartley
12:05 p.m. Ellen Gallego

Fri Dec 4 - St. John Damascene
7:00 a.m. Zoltan Sztankay
8:00 a.m. David Moss
12:05 p.m. Sean McMullen

Sat Dec 5 - Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Robert Gebken
5:00 p.m. Rosemary Ferrario

Sun Dec 6 - Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. Bertha Bader
10:00 a.m. Matthew & Vera Welles
12:00 p.m. Sr. Patricia Clark
5:00 p.m. Lucia Riehl Carlos

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**

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

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)

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

Liturgy of the Hours
4:30 pm (Sat)
Evening Prayer

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

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

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the Season of Advent, which also marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. This year we focus our attention on the Gospel of Mark. Today, the Gospel reading highlights the importance of the Lord's return at the end of time, an important Advent theme.

As we begin a new liturgical year with this first Sunday of Advent, we are invited by the Church to take to heart the words of Jesus in today's Gospel text: "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake. Be on your guard." Doing so does not mean being filled with anxiety or stress about the coming of the Lord, but it does mean making the most of the opportunities presented to us each day. We can especially draw near to the Lord in prayer and in the reception of the Sacraments, by being of service to others for both those near and dear to us and those who are strangers.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times. Most likely, times of great conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in His words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Msgr. Breier

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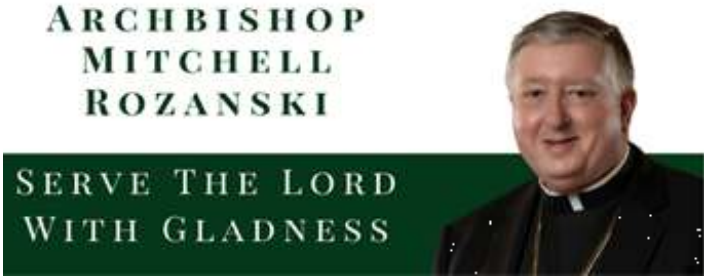
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We did not have access to the Archbishop's column for this week because of an early deadline for our bulletin submission.



Archbishop's Advent Day of Recollection at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

All are welcome to join us for prayer and reflection during your Advent journey

Saturday, December 5

Schedule

1 pm - Opening Conference - Archbishop Rozanski

2 pm - 2nd Conference - Deacon Garrett Hugeback

3 pm - Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

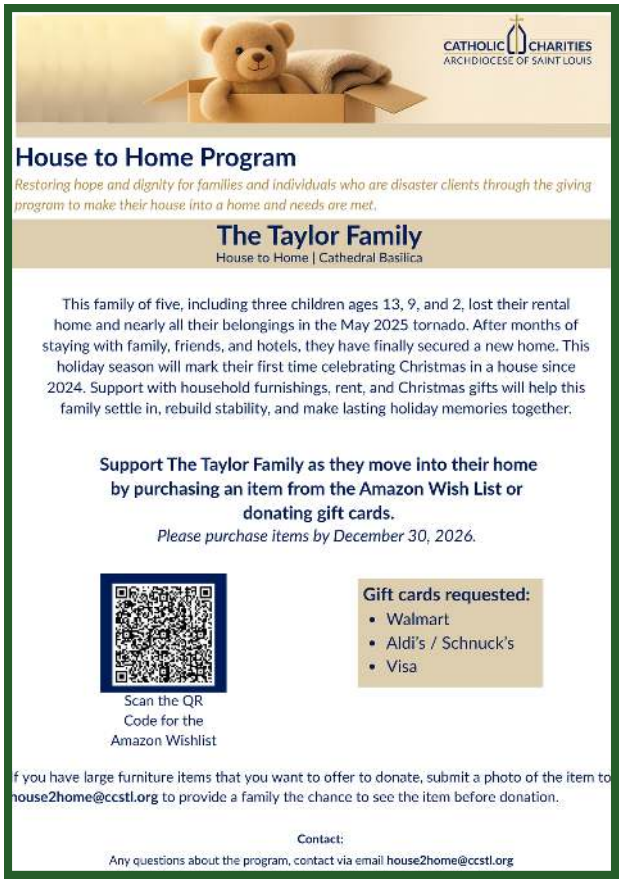
4:15 pm - Vespers and Benediction

5 pm - Mass

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Robert Austermann
Linda Baldwin
Barbara Beckemeyer
Juliana Brown
Craig Campbell
Adam Clark
Shamelia Clark
Barbara Garrett
Michelle Nestel Helzer
Doreen Kelly
Mary Leah Kovarik
Deborah Lee
Charles Lewis
Judy McGrath
Donald & DeAnn Moore
David Moss
Andew Nolen
Nicole Pace Edwin
Ayala Padilla
Ron Pallman
Tiffany Pitts
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Resy Sanchez
Karen Shaughnessy
Mark Stephens
Michael Theiss
Tronda White
Goldie Wirth
Mary Anne Work
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



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
November 29 - December 6

Sun: 2: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37
Mon: 684: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
Tues: 176: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wed: 177: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
Thurs: 178: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri: 179: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
Sat: 180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt: 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun: 5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8



Advent 2026



November 29 ...the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... Romans 13:12 — *Pick a good habit to work on for Advent!*	**30** *Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle* — *Share a story of Jesus with a sibling or a friend.*	**December 1** A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse... Isaiah 11:1 — *Thank God for your parents!*	**2** The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8 — *Who can you cheer up today?*	**3** Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock. Isaiah 26:4 — *Pray: Jesus, I trust in You!*	**4** Out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. Isaiah 29:18 — *Draw a Christmas picture for someone!*	**5** The Lord will give you the bread you need and the water for which you thirst. Isaiah 30:20 — *Pray an Our Father for those who are hungry this Advent.*
6 A voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord" Matt 3:3 — *Tell the Christmas story to a friend!*	**7** Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Isaiah 35:3-4 — *Give someone a little extra help today.*	**8** *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* — *Say a Hail Mary to Our Blessed Mother!*	**9** Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things... Isaiah 40:26 — *Look at the sky and thank God for the sun, moon and stars!*	**10** Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD Psalm 145:10 — *Go outside and thank God for nature!*	**11** I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. Isaiah 48:17 — *Read from the Bible or another book about God.*	**12** *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe* — *Thank Mary for being our mother!*
13 Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... Isaiah 35:4 — *What are you afraid of? Trust in God to protect you!*	**14** A star shall advance from Jacob,and a scepter shall rise from Israel... Numbers 24:17 — *Pray for the leaders of your country!*	**15** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall be ever in my mouth. Psalm 34:2 — *Sing an Advent hymn!*	**16** I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD–for he proclaims peace to his people. Psalm 85:9 — *Say an Our Father for peace in the world.*	**17** O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge! — *Consider the order of the universe God has created!*	**18** O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power! — *Read or recite God's Ten Commandments.*	**19** O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay! — *Thank Jesus for coming to save us!*
20 O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness! — *Read the story of David and Goliath!*	**21** O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. — *Jesus' coming is like the dawn after a dark cold night.*	**22** O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust! — *Jesus is the kindest king. Serve Him with joy!*	**23** O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God! — *Emmanuel means God is with us. His birthday is in two more days!*	**24** The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness... Luke 1:78-79 — *One more day to prepare your heart and home for Jesus!*	**25** *Christmas Day!* — *Glory to God in the highest!*	



Advent Wreath & Meaning

Color your Advent Wreath and Candles, 3 purple & 1 pink. Color a flame each Sunday of Advent.

First Sunday - purple for hope, represents the anticipation of Christ's coming

Second Sunday - purple for peace, reflecting on Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Third Sunday - pink for joy, that the wait is half over

Fourth Sunday - purple for love, the message of God's love that the angels announced at Christ's birth

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on Rory Rose and the Diestler Family (pictured below) She was baptized on October 25, 2026.

"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name."

Acts 22:16



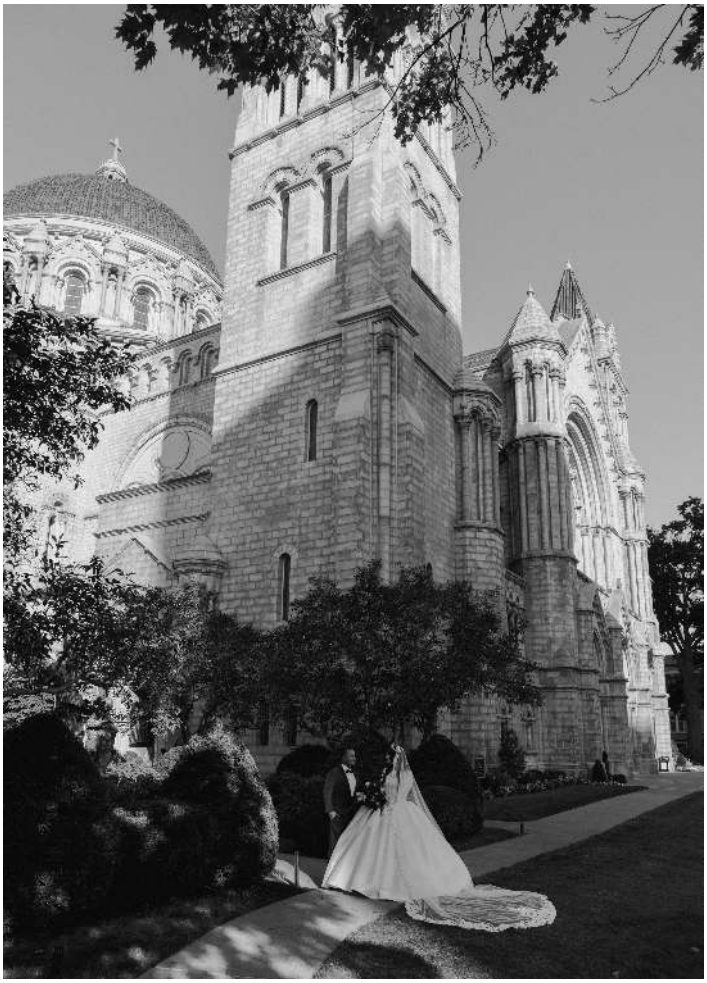
Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Andrew and Nicole Gardiner (pictured right) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilcia of St. Louis on Friday, October 23, 2026 at 2:00 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





Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

The poinsettias and greenery that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Parishioners & visitors are welcomed to honor loved ones still with us or in the memory of loved ones they have lost and want to honor. We ask a donation of $10 per person being honored with a Memorial Poinsettia.

Please check the box to designate if the flower is in memory or in honor of the person listed and print the name clearly. 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, St. Louis, MO, 63108

In Memory	In Honor	NAME OF PERSON - PLEASE PRINT!!

Given by:_____ Phone:_____

Please make checks payable to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Orders Due Tuesday, December 15

Men of the Cathedral

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be no Men of the Cathedral Adoration in December.

You are encouraged to visit with our Lord during the Christmas season to than Him for his many blessings.

May each of you have a blessed, happy and memorable Christmas season!

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!



Women of the Cathedral



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 December 3, 2026. We will follow our normal First Thursday schedule with Holy Hour at 5:30 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm followed by fellowship in a new location, the Vesting Room, which is in the basement of the Cathedral.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 5 & December 6, 2026

5:00 pm (Sat)

Lectors:
- Mary Ann Cheng
- Chioma Onyekere

Ushers:
- Bob Sutter, Matt Colvin, Pat McCann
- Juanita Colvin, Trish Callahan

8:00 am

Lectors:
- Pat Harper
- Jonathan Klimpel

Ushers:
- Dave Meyer, Frank Snyder
- Joe Schilli

Ministers of Care:
- Hagen, Thompson, Klimpel
- Paul, Harper

10:00 am

Lectors:
- Connor Macke
- Stephen Lebak
- Ushers:
- Sue Metheny, Dan Mangus
- Roger Willis, Vito Alu

12:00 Noon

Lectors:
- Mark Burmester
- David Parr

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

5:00 pm (Sun)

Lectors:
- Claire Sommers
- Michael McGuire

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

