

CATHEDRAL  
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 17, 2020

Due to the current public health crisis, Hours of Operation and the Schedule for Masses, Confessions, and Devotions 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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
8:00 am (Mon-Sat)  
12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)  
**LiveStreaming of**  
Daily Mass offered at 8:00 am Monday - Saturday

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday, 3:30–5:00 pm  
Weekday Confession times are to be determined  
Currently, there are no confession times available on Sunday

**PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**  
**Livestream** at 8:45 am (Monday through Friday)



## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sun., May 17– 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 a.m. - Archbishop's Intentions
- 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
- 12:00 p.m. - Raymond F. Mohrman
- 5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

### Mon., May 18– St. John I

- 7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
- 8:00 a.m. - Charles E. Whitten
- 12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

### Tues., May 19– Easter Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. - Ed Huels
- 8:00 a.m. - Meredith Creedon
- 12:05 p.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III

### Wed., May 20– St. Bernardine of Siena

- 7:00 a.m. - Shirley Groene
- 8:00 a.m. - Robert Joseph Sexauer
- 12:05 p.m. - Betty Banstetter

### Thurs., May 21– St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

- 7:00 a.m. - Mike Devlin
- 8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III
- 12:05 p.m. - Glenn Mertens

### Fri., May 22– St. Rita of Cascia

- 7:00 a.m. - Barb Wilson
- 8:00 a.m. - Anthony Sansone
- 12:05 p.m. - Glenn Mertens

### Sat., May 23– Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. - Helen Klunk
- 5:00 p.m. - Scott Kelley

### 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

## Ascension Sunday

The Rectory Office continues to receive a number of inquiries regarding the transfer of the Solemnity of **Ascension** to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The transfer of Ascension was implemented in 1999 in a majority of provinces in the U.S., including Missouri. **Accordingly, the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord will be observed next Sunday, May 24; and Thursday, May 21, is NOT a holy day of obligation for Mass attendance.**



## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning on Monday, May 18, we will welcome the faithful to the return of public Masses. In making this decision, the Archdiocese has issued *Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for the Celebration of Mass*. You will find a copy of these included in this week's bulletin. I would kindly ask you to read through these as there are requirements placed upon those who are attending.

With the return of public Masses, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice. This dispensation continues to encourage those who are symptomatic, exposed to someone with the virus, over the age of 60, and those with underlying health complications to participate via live-stream only.

While we will be cleaning and sanitizing the Cathedral to the best of our ability after every Mass, we cannot guarantee that the space will be virus/germ free. Therefore, it helps greatly for anyone symptomatic or "health-compromised" to remain home.

When you arrive for the Sunday Mass, you will be required to wear a face mask which is to be removed **only** for reception of Holy Communion. Masks **must** be worn during your time in the Cathedral. The Cathedral staff has set up a system for social distancing at Mass by blocking off pews that are to remain empty as to keep pre-determined distance during Mass. I ask everyone to please be mindful and respectful of seating restrictions.

While I cannot be certain, I do believe that there will be a lot of anxiety and fear about returning to the Public Masses. From my point of view, the presence of these two emotions is normal and I ask you to pay attention to them. No one is asking or requiring you to put yourself in harm's way. You have the option to watch Mass via the live-stream and make the Act of Spiritual Communion. If you come to Mass and are fearful about processing forward and receiving Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it is more than OK to remain in your pew and make the Act of Spiritual Communion from there.

Please know as your pastor/rector, I care greatly about all of you. I desire greatly to have all of our parishioners return to Mass, but your health and safety are of primary concern at this time. Please reach out to the rectory with any questions you may have. Your Cathedral staff is ready and willing to talk and answer any questions you may have.

**Monsignor Henry Breier**

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## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

**BEFORE THE CROSS** | God's transitions are often invitations to deeper relationship with Him

During this time of isolation, we've seen how Jesus is present to us in a different way

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The readings this week are preparing us for the Ascension. Jesus tells His disciples pointedly: "I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father" (John 16:28). But don't take that the wrong way! The key lesson of the Ascension isn't so much that Jesus is leaving as that He's changing how He will be present to His disciples.

We also hear this week about St. Paul's time in Athens, and his subsequent trip to Corinth. In Athens, he gave a highly sophisticated presentation of the Gospel, perfectly designed to appeal to the prevailing culture. It bore little fruit. By contrast, to the Corinthians he proclaimed Christ crucified. That message won many converts.

In the Ascension, Jesus changed the way He's present to us. In Corinth, St. Paul changed the way he proclaimed the Gospel. Those have really been two of the great lessons of the past two months, haven't they?

As followers of Jesus, we've had to become accustomed to new ways of letting Him be present to us. So, for example, many people have learned to make a spiritual communion because they couldn't be present at Mass to receive sacramental communion.

And, as proclaimers of Jesus, we've had to get creative about how we reach out to people with the Gospel. One of the most amazing things of the past two months has been seeing the enormous creativity that's been unleashed by priests, parishes and Catholic organizations around the country. We've done a much better job bringing the Gospel into people's homes. I suspect — and hope! — we've learned an enduring lesson there, and won't simply go back to the status quo afterwards.

But I want to ask you a question, too, about the changes. One of the things I've heard from families these days is that, in its own way, the general shutdown has been a relief. Most days parents and children were rushing off to a schedule bristling with activities; the fruit was a lot of stress and little connection with each other. These past two months put a stop to the frenetic schedule. More time together has brought a greater sense of peace, and more connection with each other. Is the Holy Spirit teaching us a lesson in these fruits — and is that a lesson we want to forget when things go back to normal?

If you look through salvation history you'll discover that God often tries to make a transition with His people, drawing them to a place of deeper relationship. You'll also find the people often lagging behind God's initiative. It usually takes something dramatic — like the Exodus or the Exile or Pentecost — to get them to accept God's invitation.

I think there's an invitation in our experience of the last two months. God is inviting us to pay deeper attention to the different ways He can and wants to be present to us, and showing us the fruit of exercising greater creativity in how we proclaim the Good News to the world. The readings for this week tell us these kinds of changes have happened before. I hope we accept God's invitation today.

*Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 18-24 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        |                    |

## 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 17, 2020 through May 24, 2020

|            |                                                                 |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday:    | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20<br>1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21 |
| Monday:    | Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6, 9<br>Jn 15:26--16:4                   |
| Tuesday:   | Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7-8<br>Jn 16:5-11                     |
| Wednesday: | Acts 17:15, 22--18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14<br>Jn 16:12-15           |
| Thursday:  | Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20                               |
| Friday:    | Acts 18:9-18 Ps 42:2-7 Jn 16:20-23                              |
| Saturday:  | Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10<br>Jn 16:23-28                    |
| Sunday:    | Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9<br>Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20           |

## A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

"As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country's founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God."

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
"Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB*

## You Can Help Carry the Burden

Our Parish is blessed with significant demographic diversity. While many of us live comfortably, a significant number within our Parish boundaries are not nearly so fortunate. **The Poor Box**, located near the main aisle in the rear of the church, is the primary source of funding for the assistance provided by the Cathedral Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

## 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.

## The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is called the Advocate, the Paraclete, and the Consoler in Scripture. He is the gift of the Father whom we received at Baptism and then more fully in Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is our defender, the one who stands by us in the midst of the attacks of Satan (the accuser). Constantly reminding us of what Jesus has taught us and guiding us into prayer, the Spirit leads us just as He led Jesus. "The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church" (CCC 747). Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our anointing, our dove, our fire.

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 supplicants 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](http://www.cathedralstl.org) or call the parish office at 314-373-8202.

## Have You Considered Online Giving

On Line Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet.

Simply access the Cathedral web site ([www.cathedralstl.org](http://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

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Pt 3:17)*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

## OFFERTORY

| Sunday Collection                   | 05/10/2020  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Offertory                           | \$13,059.00 |
| Loose                               | 0           |
| Landscaping, Maintenance, Education | 388.00      |
| SVDP and Misc. Mission Appeals      | 92.00       |
| Easter and Easter Flowers           | 41.00       |
| Priests Retirement Fund             | 50.00       |
| Catholic Communications             | 20.00       |



### WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH, REVEREND MR. EDWARD GODEFROID

**Age:** 33

**Family:** Parents, Bill and Mary Godefroid; siblings, Marla, Bill, Maria, Marissa and Marcia

**Home Parish:** St. Catherine Laboure in Sappington



**Education:** St. Catherine Laboure; St. Mary's High School; Kenrick-Glennon; currently studying theology with the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome

**The Call:** As a young professional working in the golf industry in Atlanta, I felt a gnawing and persisting question eating at my mind, "Is this all there is to life?" It was then that I began reading and learning more about the riches of the Catholic faith that I had always believed blindly as a faithful Catholic but never took seriously. A desire for truth and true happiness began to pierce my heart, and it is then that I began to dive deeper into my faith and tried to live it out in my daily life. At that time God providentially put three faithful and joyful priests in my life which made me for the first time ask what first appeared as a daunting question, "Is God calling me to be a priest?" After a few years of discernment, talking with faithful priests, and immeasurable amounts of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, I was finally free enough to say "not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42).

After seven years of seminary formation, I am still struck by how God continues to call me closer to His Most Sacred Heart. The countless prayers of many faithful people have been a true blessing and support to me that have not gone unnoticed; and it is the love of Christ that impels me in my journey to conform my life ever more to His holy priesthood. The one desire that I have carried through since the first time that I thought God was calling me till now, is to bring Jesus and His teaching to His people.

### Priesthood Ordination

As with the upcoming Feast of Pentecost, the faithful of the Archdiocese will give witness to the special gift of the Holy Spirit on **Saturday, May 23**, when Archbishop Robert Carlson will ordain **two** young men to the priesthood at a special Mass here at the Cathedral Basilica. Transitional deacons scheduled to be ordained are:

#### Reverend Mr. Christopher Smith



#### Reverend Mr. Dane Westhoff



While the ordination ceremony will be private due to current social distancing restrictions, you will be able to watch the livestreamed ceremony from home on the Cathedral's website at **[www.cathedralstl.org](http://www.cathedralstl.org)**.

Please pray for these and all of our newly ordained as they begin their journey as God's own shepherds.

### A Lasting Gift

Looking for a special gift to memorialize a loved one, or celebrate a birth, wedding, or other important event? Consider a commemorative brick in the Cathedral Basilica Jubilee Prayer Garden! Contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 for more information.



## Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for the Celebration of Mass

### GENERAL GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

- Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice.
- Parishioners who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus should not come to church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives.
  - Attendees should take their temperature at home before determining whether they should attend Mass.
- Anyone over 60 years-old and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Masses *via live-stream only*.

### CLEANING, SANITIZING AND HYGIENE

- Appropriate cleaning of high-use areas within the church is completed before and after each service.

### CAPACITY/ATTENDANCE

- Gathering of congregants where Mass is celebrated is *limited to* the following:
  - For churches of less than 10,000 sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 25% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.
  - For churches of 10,000 or more sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 10% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- The faithful are obliged to wear a mask during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Communion.
- Ushers and other volunteers will wear masks and gloves (when gloves are not available, frequent handwashing will be necessary) throughout the celebration of Mass.
- Specific PPE practices are required for Eucharistic ministers. More details are included under "Holy Communion" below.

### OFFERTORY

- Stationary baskets will be used for donations from the assembly and are to be monitored by the ushers until the donations are collected
- Collection baskets should not be passed, nor will ushers take up the collection from the congregation.
- Please consider giving your offertory online.

### SIGN OF PEACE IS SUSPENDED



## Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for Holy Communion

### HOLY COMMUNION

- **Communicants are to receive the Host in the hand** in keeping with the advice of state health officials and thereby to avoid the Communion minister's fingers coming into contact with saliva or particles exhaled from the communicants' mouth onto the ministers' fingers.
- **Communion ministers must be masked**, must sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Communion, and when at all possible, should utilize a disinfectant wipe or purificator dipped in a sanitizing solution (at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol) to sanitize their fingers when incidental contact is made with the communicant.
- Distribution of **Holy Communion from the chalice is prohibited** to the assembly. For those who suffer from celiac disease, special arrangements are to be made with the pastor.
- When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below their chin in order to prepare to receive Communion as above. The communicant immediately replaces their mask after consuming the Host.
- Ushers or other volunteers who are masked and gloved will ensure six-foot distancing in the Communion line.
- Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.
- Maintaining a single-file is necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion for each Communion minister and communicant to maintain social distancing. Multiple Communion ministers may be used as long as one-way traffic patterns are observed.



## What You Can do if You are at Higher Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19

### Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?



Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People aged 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
  - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

### Here's What You Can do to Help Protect Yourself



**Stay home** if possible.



**Wash your hands** often.



**Avoid close contact** (6 feet, which is about two arm lengths) with people who are sick.



**Clean and disinfect** frequently touched surfaces.



**Cover your mouth and nose** with a cloth face cover when around others.



**Cover coughs and sneezes.**

Call your healthcare professional if you are sick.

For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's [How to Protect Yourself](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/protect-yourself.html)



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