

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

**MASSSES ON
THE LORD'S DAY**

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

LiveStreaming of
Sunday Mass and daily
Mass offered **at 8:00 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. Feb. 26th - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Linus Pottebaum
10:00 a.m. Maria Kinsella
12:00 p.m. Barbara Hoover
5:00 pm Nick Theiss

Mon. Feb. 27th - St. Gregory of Narek

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. Joseph L. Stegall, Jr.

Tues. Feb. 28th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. James Black
8:00 a.m. Al Marmino
12:05 p.m. Nancy Mae Mueller

Wed. Mar. 1st - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Carmella Coombs
8:00 a.m. John Alphonsus Dowling
12:05 p.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner

Thur. Mar. 2nd - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Mary Bernadette Jura
12:05 p.m. Thomas Villa

Fri. Mar. 3rd - St. Katherine Drexel

7:00 a.m. Frieda Weber
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. Kayden Mattingly

Sat. Mar. 4th - St. Casimir

8:00 p.m. Frank Bommarito
5:00 p.m. Gloria Davidson

Sun. Mar. 5th - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Barbara Hoover
10:00 a.m. Tony Whitehead
12:00 p.m. Dorothy Braasch
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we welcome to the Cathedral members of parishes throughout the Archdiocese for the Annual Rite of Election, which is part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Those preparing to become full members of the church are greeted by the Archbishop and are called to a more intense preparation to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Here at the Cathedral parish we currently have about 30 men and women who are preparing to enter fully into the Catholic Church at Easter. This is a great response and speaks volumes to the spirit of welcome at the Cathedral and the work of Christ speaking to their hearts.

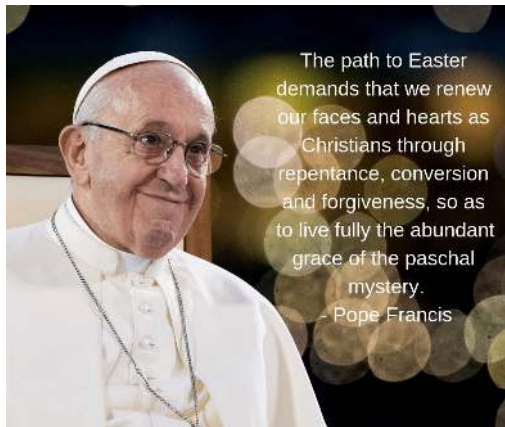
Once a month, the men and women of the Cathedral are invited to come spend some time in prayer and fellowship. On the first Saturday of the month the Women of the Cathedral meet and on the last Tuesday of the month the Men of the Cathedral meet. If you have not been, I highly recommend you take part in one of the upcoming meetings. You can find more details in the bulletin in the week prior to upcoming meetings.

This past Wednesday, we entered into the Season of Lent. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a few thoughts from our Holy Father Francis I.

“Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God ‘with all their hearts’ (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity, and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.”

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

God's holiness is standard for our action

However, God doesn't wait until we are holy to love us; He loves us so we become holy

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The readings for the first full week of Lent are organized around themes that are helpful for the Lenten journey.

One of the most important of those themes is indicated by the fact that the opening and closing lines for the week converge on the same point. In the opening line, from Leviticus 19:2, God tells the Israelites: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." It's a powerful charge: God's holiness is to be the standard for Israel's holiness! In the closing line, from Matthew 5:48, Jesus says: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Jesus picks up and reinforces the point: God's holiness is the standard for our action.

The theme of perfection and holiness, however, is sometimes emphasized in the wrong way, as though God won't love us until we're perfectly holy. Thankfully, the rest of the readings this week give us a different understanding of how we should understand the call to holiness.

The prophet Ezekiel helps to make the point clear. On the one hand, he says: "If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed ... None of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him." On the other hand, he says: "And if the virtuous man turns from the path of virtue to do evil ... None of his virtuous deeds shall be remembered."

People in ancient Israel had started to consider their relationship with God as a kind of ledger: God would pay out a reward for every good deed and exact a payment for every bad deed. Ezekiel was telling the people: Our relationship with God is not a ledger. It's about the heart. And the turning of the heart is the main thing that captures God's attention.

**ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI**

**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



The repentance of Nineveh, which we hear about this week, is a perfect example. The people of Nineveh had plenty of bad deeds on the debit side of the ledger, and Jonah announced that payment was coming due. But then the whole city repented. God saw the turning of their hearts and forgave the debt.

This theme is taken up and perfected in the life of Jesus, who didn't hesitate to reach out to sinners. In fact, the whole Incarnation was a reaching out to sinners! Likewise, in His ministry, Jesus didn't wait until people were perfect to love them. He loved them first. And because He loved them, He reached out to them with the hope of turning their hearts. His reaching out was both an invitation and a promise: If you turn from sin, if you turn toward me, then you and I will walk the long road to perfection together, and my love will make it possible for you to get there.

There's no compromising this Scriptural truth: God's goal for us is perfection. But that has to be coupled with another Scriptural truth: God doesn't withhold His love until we're perfect. No, He grants His love so that we might become perfect.

Can we learn to hold both those truths together – both in our own hearts, and in how we share the Good News with others? If we can, we ourselves can have a Lent that is at once joyful and challenging, and our sharing of the Good News with others will be a powerful and intriguing invitation.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for February 25 & 26 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



Men of the Cathedral February Adoration

Lent began last Wednesday. As we each begin our Lenten Journey, we may wish to consider spending some quality time with Our Lord.

The MEN OF THE CATHEDRAL cordially invite *all* men and women (parishioners and visitors) to join them for the February Adoration scheduled on February 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a joy beyond worlds, as we can come close to Our Lord in a very special way. That joy and fulfillment is greatly enhanced when you share the experience of Adoration with others. We are blessed to have two Adorations during this Lenten Season.

Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

Please plan to attend and invite your friends and family. As it is a tremendous way to come closer to Christ!

Following Adoration, all men are invited in Boland Hall for fellowship and dinner. An offering of \$20 is suggested. Please RSVP by Monday, February 27th to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org to reserve your dinner spot!

Women of the Cathedral

Women of the Cathedral– March 4, 2023

Dear Ladies of the Cathedral Parish,

Come grow in faith and fellowship with other ladies in the parish at the monthly gatherings of the Women of the Cathedral. It's been a delight to have new ladies join each time.

We will gather next on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

We will begin with 8 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral, and then move over to Boland Hall for a light breakfast. After brief introductions and social time, an informative program is led by Msgr. Mikesch, our spiritual director, with closing prayer at 10 a.m. A popular highlight is "Ask Msgr. Mikesch Time."

At our last gathering the ladies shared their own stories of being light to others often with great personal sacrifice. Some also shared when an unknown person unexpectedly became alight uplifting them from grief and sorrow.

To learn more, and RSVP for breakfast, please contact Barbara Murray at 314-974-6900 or email murraybj@swbell.net by March 1, 2023. Please send your questions for "Ask Msgr. Time" when you RSVP.

In Celebration of St. Joseph Day

Cathedral Spring Parish

Dinner

Sunday, March 19, 2023

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Boland Hall

Menu:

Pasta, Salad, Bread, Dessert,
Soft Drinks & Wine

There is no cost for the dinner.
Cookie donations are appreciated.

To RSVP please visit the
Cathedral website at
cathedralstl.org/parish-dinner



"Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in His word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor"

Pope Francis, Message
for Lent





Week 1: Treasures of the Church (Located in the All Saint Chapel)

We begin our Lenten journey with this beautiful painting by George and Polly Capps of Goretti Fine Arts LLC, commissioned by the St. Lawrence Society of Catholic Charities of St. Louis. The painting honors the legacy and witness of St. Lawrence of Rome, a third-century deacon martyred during the reign of Emperor Valerian. The following is taken from the description on display what the painting was unveiled.

According to an early story, at the outset of the persecution imperial officials desired to confiscate the assets of the church. Lawrence, as the local ecclesiastical administrator, was summoned by the prefect and given three days to collect the church's "treasures" for transmittal. Lawrence quickly gave away the rich objects in the church's possession to the poor. When the appointed time arrived, he presented to the prefect, as the true "treasures of the church," a crowd of poor, crippled, blind, and sick. The officials were so incensed by Lawrence's effrontery that he was sentenced to death by grilling.

George and Polly Capps's monumental oil painting depicts the moment when the Roman officials realize that they have been thwarted by Lawrence's generosity. Cherubs bearing the palm frond of martyrdom and a gridiron foreshadow the fate that the saint will suffer on account of his actions in the scene.

As we enter once again into this holy season, we might use this painting to lead us into a prayerful reflection on two aspects of the life of St. Lawrence, namely, his love for the poor and his martyrdom. Along with prayer and fasting, almsgiving is meant to be one of the pillars of our Lenten journey. When we give away some of what we have, we not only exercise a spirit of detachment from earthly things which is conducive to our being more firmly attached to the things of the spirit, but we also have the opportunity to actively love our neighbor. St. Lawrence saw the poor and those in need as the true "treasures of the Church," because it is especially in them that Christians have the opportunity to give without expecting return, that is, to exercise the virtue of charity. Recall that it is of them that our Lord Jesus Himself says, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25: 40)."

Perhaps the Lord is inviting you in this holy season to, through almsgiving, imitate more closely the example of St. Lawrence. If we want to be detached from our earthly things, it isn't enough simply to inwardly tell ourselves so: we actually have to physically give some of it away. We are, after all, both soul and body. How might you push yourself in some concrete way to engage in some kind of sacrificial giving; to share some of what you have with those in need?

The sacrificial giving of the deacon St. Lawrence; his love for God and love for neighbor ultimately resulted in his being put to death by the secular authority of the time. Nothing was more important to him than striving to love God and neighbor, not even his own life. During this season of Lent, we are invited to embrace a spirit of sacrifice and simplicity so that we might free ourselves from those things that most often threaten to distract us from the love of God and neighbor. What, specifically, in your own life might those distractions be? What are the things in your life that you are most tempted to idolize, and how might you use this season to intentionally put those things aside so as to more generously give your attention to what matters most?





FEBRUARY 26, 2023



CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

*Experience Great Music in a Great Space
during the second half of our
2022 - 2023 Season*

\$10 Student Rush tickets available at the door for each concert with valid student I.D.



Tenebrae

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 8:00pm

Tickets: \$42, \$29, & \$19

Welcomed by Coldwell Banker Realty - Gundaker and Paul & Amy Mittelstadt



Msgr. James Telthorst Memorial Concert

with Scott Kennebeck, tenor;

John Powel Walsh, organ;

& Madeline Moylan, flute

RESCHEDULED DATE Sunday, March 19, 2023 2:30pm

Tickets: \$25 & \$17

Welcomed by Michael Bavlsik & Kathleen Skelly



The Tallis Scholars

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 8:00pm

Tickets: \$42, \$29, & \$19

Welcomed by Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD

Dates and Artists Subject to Change

CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662





A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect
Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen,

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

March 1

"Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit"

March 15

"Born of the Virgin Mary"

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 March 5, 2023 through March 12, 2023

Sunday: 25: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 2
Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

Monday: 230 Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk
6:36-38

Tuesday: 231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16c-17,
21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt
20:17-28

Thursday: 233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:4-6, Lk 16:19-31

Friday: 234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps
105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 235: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: 28 Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2,
5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40
-42

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.

Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Ben Janson
Jennifer Jaswal
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn

Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley
Vivian Rachel Rossen
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Durie Shiebler



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Permanent Diaconate Information Night

Do you feel called to serve the church in a special way? Is so, a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate might be something that God is calling you to. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of the upcoming information nights on either **Monday, March 13, 2023 or Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.** Wives of interested men are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot in the meeting, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 314.792.7433

Let's Keep in Touch

Don't miss out on the latest parish news. Flocknotes is a fast and easy email distribution platform used by the Cathedral Basilica to keep in touch with our parishioners. Text **CATHEDRALSTL** to 84576, logon to **cathedralstl.flocknote.com** or call the parish office to sign up today!

Catholic Charities— St. Patrick Center

St. Patrick Center is a ministry of Catholic Charities and needs breakfast items to help their unhoused clients this winter. Please help by dropping off any of the following items during February:

Instant oatmeal cups, toaster pastries, granola/protein bars, bottled water, and coffee, creamer, and sugar.

A box marked St Patrick Center Breakfast Donations will be in the back of the Cathedral Basilica.

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, March 2nd**. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 5:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Followed by Mass at 6:30pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 2/11/2023-2/12/2023

Offertory	\$11,274.12
Loose	\$3,554.88
Online Giving	\$5,398.00
Cathedral Candles	\$869.24
Cathedral Landscaping	\$31.25
Cathedral Maintenance	\$5.00
Catholic Education	\$85.00
Central & Eastern Europe Church	\$75.00
Ash Wednesday	\$34.00

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 4 & 5, 2023					
	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	John Willard Phoebe del Castillo		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Chris Newgent
8:00 am		Jonathan Klimpel Pat Harper	Campbell, Weisbrod, Klimpel	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder
10:00 am		Rachel de Almeida Oliveira Barb Murray		TBD	Barb Murray Susan Metheny Jerry Danekas
12 Noon		Doug Weber Mary Ann Cheng		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason Barb Murray
5:00 pm		Erin Heathman John Stith		Brak Welby	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann

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 at 314-792-6460.

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