

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 8, 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

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

Cathedral Tours

Tours of the Cathedral 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 Susie Irons at sirons@cathedralstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 8th - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Henry Breier
10:00 a.m. Leon & Francisca Raemy
12:00 p.m. Margaret Johnson
5:00 p.m. Remo Beffa

Mon. Dec 9th - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Paul Leibel
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Clara A. Krzton
5:30 p.m. Stephen Kelly

Tues. Dec 10th - Our Lady of Loreto

7:00 a.m. Joe W. Wiley & Family
8:00 a.m. Tony Boyle
12:05 p.m. Colleen Hensel

Wed. Dec 11th - St. Damasus

7:00 a.m. Leah Czerniewski
8:00 a.m. Kathleen Erhard
12:05 p.m. Christopher Boedges

Thur. Dec 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 a.m. Jeanine Morissett
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. John Mosher

Fri. Dec 13th - St. Lucy

7:00 a.m. Leon & Francisca Raemy
8:00 a.m. Nancy O'Toole
12:05 p.m. Cathy Deneault

Sat. Dec 14th - St. John of the Cross

8:00 a.m. Rita Dillard
5:00 p.m. Christopher Boedges

Sun. Dec 15th - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Colin Brown
10:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:00 p.m. Margaret Johnson
5:00 p.m. Leon & Francisca Raemy



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist is the last prophet before Jesus. On this **Second Sunday of Advent**, the Church turns to the Gospel of Luke, which first introduced John in its Infancy Narrative that reports on the early life of John and Jesus. John is the herald of the Good News; he points out the Lamb of God, the Savior. He is the Precursor to the Messiah.

In this Sunday's gospel passage, Luke presents John as the one fulfilling one of the prophecies of Second Isaiah. He is a voice crying out in the desert, *'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'* In presenting this message to the reader, Luke introduces a theme prominent in his gospel: **the universality of salvation**. Throughout the gospel of Luke, Jesus extends the promise of salvation to people of diverse backgrounds.

The Baptist's message was clear: repent of your sins and prepare to meet the Lord. He himself was not the Messiah but he proclaimed the Messiah's imminent arrival. The Advent season is all about **the coming of the Lord**. During December, prepare for the coming of the Lord by making a worthy confession of your sins and by living a virtuous life. Come Lord Jesus, come!

This coming Monday, December 9, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the holy day will be celebrated at 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:05 pm, and 5:30 pm.

Mary Immaculate helps us to rediscover and defend what lies within people, for in her is a perfect transparency of the soul in the body. She is purity in person, in the sense the spirit, soul and body are fully consistent with one another and with God's will. Our Lady teaches us to be open to God's action and to see others as He sees them, starting with the heart, by looking at them with compassion, love and infinite tenderness, especially those who are lonely, despised or exploited.

This feast finds its origin in a moment in time when Our Lady appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure in the year 1830. The message of the Blessed Mother was to have a medal made with the words: "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee." The wearing of this medal quickly spread and led to a great devotion to Our Lady as the Immaculate Conception, which was declared to be a teaching of the church in 1854.

Msgr. Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Jesus Wants to Turn Our Deserts Into Gardens

Jesus offers us the supernatural gift of the living water of His forgiveness

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We celebrate two great Marian feast this week: the Immaculate Conception (observed on Dec. 9 this year) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12).

In conjunction with the two feasts, I'd like to ask two questions: 1) How can we receive Jesus more deeply into our lives? 2) How can we proclaim Jesus more deeply to others?

With respect to receiving Jesus more deeply, I propose that Jesus wants to turn our deserts into gardens. Our deserts are the places where we've turned away from God, the source of living water, and turned in on ourselves. We each have our own ways of doing that, but the effects are universal: Some dimension of our life becomes arid, lifeless for ourselves and others.

In contrast to modern culture, Jesus doesn't declare that our desert already is a garden. Instead, He wants to transform the desert into a garden by watering it with His forgiveness. To receive that water, however, we have to be repentant.

Note carefully: Jesus never declared that purity was a prerequisite for His coming to us and inviting us to follow Him. His incarnation, His ministry and all of salvation history testify that He came to sinners. But He did, and still does, declare that purity is required for us to remain with Him forever. His incarnation, His ministry and salvation history testify to that as well. We don't have to be pure to keep walking on the path of discipleship, but purity is where the path is going.

I think, if we grasp and hold firmly to both of those points about purity, we can receive Jesus more deeply into our lives.

How do we proclaim Jesus more deeply to others? I think it's a variation of the same theme. Let me

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**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



paraphrase this Friday's Gospel reading: "We gave the invitation to everyone, including those not yet pure, and they said, 'Look, they compromise with sin by giving the invitation to sinners.' We invited people to purity in all its fullness, and they said 'Look, they ask the impossible — no one can really be pure.' But the wisdom of Church teaching is vindicated by doing both because Jesus — who is wisdom incarnate — did both."

The impurity of someone's life should never cause us to withhold Jesus' invitation. But we also need to be clear about the purity He invites us — all of us — into. I think, if we grasp and hold firmly to both of these points, we can proclaim Jesus more deeply to others.

Ancient Israel wasn't capable of following God by its own strength, but only by a supernatural gift. Mary wasn't capable of conceiving the Son of God by her own strength, but only by a supernatural gift. St. Juan Diego wasn't capable of making roses bloom in winter, or imprinting the image of Our Lady on his tilma by his own strength; all of these came by a supernatural gift.

The same pattern holds for us: We're not capable of turning our deserts into gardens by our own strength. If we're open to it, though, Jesus offers us the supernatural gift that makes it possible. And when He turns our deserts into gardens, we can more easily and convincingly tell others that Jesus wants to — and can — do the same for them.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 7 & 8 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



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. We invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by purchasing one or more of the poinsettias decorating the Nativity Scene or the Chapels. Memorial Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Names of those being honored will appear in the weekend and Christmas bulletins.

Please indicate in whose memory or in whose honor you wish the flowers to be dedicated. 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

Please Check one: ☐ in memory of OR ☐ in honor of _____

Name of person/ family _____

Please Check one: ☐ in memory of OR ☐ in honor of _____

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Name of person/ family _____

Given by _____

Phone _____

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

Order by Monday, December 16





**ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
JULY 1, 2023-JUNE 30, 2024**

Income

Offertory Collections	\$1,044,284
Unrestricted Gifts	\$213,300
Restricted Gifts	\$248,968
Program Fees	\$148,662
Investment Income	\$118,080
Grant Revenue	\$1,238,704
Other Revenue	\$28,799
Merchant fees	-\$14,075
Total Ordinary Income	\$3,026,722

Expenses

Personnel Costs	\$879,753
Supplies	\$186,817
Fees & Services	\$227,346
Occupancy	\$557,689
Transfers Parishes/Diocese	\$759,579
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$2,611,184

Extraordinary Income

2023 Gala	\$3,511,792
Total Extraordinary Income	\$3,511,792
Total Income	\$6,538,514

Extraordinary Expense

Capital Improvements	\$1,670,738
Total Extraordinary Expense	\$1,670,738
Total Expenses	\$4,281,922

FINANCIAL TERMS EXPLAINED**Income**

Offertory Collection: Unrestricted gifts from weekly envelopes, loose cash and on-line giving

Unrestricted Gifts: Bequests and Year End Gifts; other unrestricted gifts not received in the Offertory Collection

Restricted Donations: Gifts and bequests identified for a specific Parish or Archdiocesan purpose (e.g., Flowers, Landscaping, Catholic Education, Retired Priests and Religious Fund)

Program Fees: Fees associated with Parish programs or ministries (e.g., votive offerings, weddings)

Investment Income: Interest paid on Parish deposits with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Fund and other depositor fund accounts

Grant Revenue: Grants from the Annual Catholic Appeal for operational expenses; Risk Management; and the Archbishop's Fund

Other Revenue: Rental income from Boland Hall, the Cathedral Convent and Cathedral Concerts

Expense

Personnel Expenses: Parish salaries, payroll taxes and benefits (e.g., health insurance, retirement, and disability insurance)

Supplies Purchased: Supplies used in parish liturgies and ministries (e.g., collection envelopes, missalettes, votive candles, cleaning and janitorial supplies)

Fees and Services: Costs associated with individual or professional services (e.g., wedding coordinators, cantors, music section leaders)

Occupancy: Building related services (e.g., security guards, IT service, repair and maintenance services, utilities)

Transfer Parishes/Diocese: Parish payments to the Archdiocese (e.g., Cathedralism, insurance, St Louis Review, Shared Accounting, Payroll Service)

Other Non-Cash Transactions: Non-monetary transactions; depreciation, amortization & depletion

Capital Expenditures: Building component upgrades and replacements (e.g., HVAC systems, plumbing, lighting, IT)



DECEMBER 8, 2024

Finance Council Overview

As we reflect on the past year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering generosity and dedication to the life of our parish. Your support has been a source of strength, and together, we have continued to foster a vibrant and thriving community of faith.

The offertory gifts you so faithfully provide are the backbone of our parish operations. These contributions ensure that we can continue our day-to-day ministry, provide for our staff, maintain our facilities, and support the many programs that serve our parish family. Your sacrificial giving makes all of this possible, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible success of our annual Cathedral Basilica Gala. This event, through your generosity and that of the many Friends of the Cathedral Basilica, supports our capital improvements and the long-term health and growth of our parish. The funds raised allow us to enhance and preserve our facilities and ensure that our church remains a welcoming and beautiful place of worship for generations to come.

Thank you for your prayers, your presence, and your support in all its forms. May God bless each and every one of you, and may we continue to grow in faith, hope, and charity as we serve one another in His name.

Msgr. Henry Breier
Rector

GRATEFUL & GENEROUS



What Catholics Believe



Join us at the Cathedral Basilica as we explore the nature of the Sacraments as well as their role in the life of the Church.

- 6:30 pm in Boland Hall
- 50 minute presentation followed by social
- Feel free to bring food & drink
- Designed for adults, but all are welcome!



Next Sessions

December 18

The Eucharist, Part I

January 15

The Eucharist, Part II

Questions? Contact Fr. Povich zacharypovich@archstl.org

Pilgrimage to Italy with Msgr Breier

October 12-24, 2025

Florence ✚ Assisi ✚ Sienna ✚ St. Clare ✚ Papal Audience Basilica of St. Francis ✚ Orvieto ✚ The Vatican Crypt Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter ✚ St. Paul Outside the Wall The Colosseum ✚ Rome ✚ Papal Audience ✚ St. Catherine Basilica of St. Peter ✚ Sistine Chapel ✚ The Pantheon Jubilee Year 2025 ✚ Basilica of St. John Lateran ✚ St Mary Major Santa Croce in Gerusalemme ✚ San Clemente Catacombs of St Sebastian ✚ Venice

For more information visit:

www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/Pilgrimage-to-Italy-Monsignor-Henry-Breier
Travel Tyme - 636.391.1000



Introduction to Catholic Health Care Ethics for Medical Students & Resident Physicians

Meetings will take place in the Gannon Room located in the basement of the rectory of Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63108). Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude no later than 8:30 pm.

Date and Topic

- **Dec 11** Understanding Conscience and Cooperation with Evil
- **Jan 8** Catholic Teaching on Reproductive Health
- **Feb 12** Discerning Ordinary v Extraordinary Care (including Nutrition & Hydration)
- **Mar 12** Caring at the End of Life (Palliative Care, Physician Assisted Suicide)
- **April 9** Determining Death & Organ Transplantation
- **May 7** Open Question Day

Anima Christi Young Adults

Our next meeting will be **December 12**. We will follow our normal First Thursday schedule with Holy Hour at 5:30 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner in Boland Hall.

All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! Please enter through the door on the west side of the Cathedral, across the parking lot from the playground.

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is the time of waiting, a time of preparation, a time to rejoice. Advent is a time of hope. The prophet Malachi encourages us to pay attention to the promise that the messenger will come who will announce the coming of the one who loves us.

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 December 8, 2024 through December 15, 2024

- Sunday:** 6: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** 689: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** 182: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** 183: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** 690A: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 12:18b-19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Friday:** 185: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** 186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** 9: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

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
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams
Aisha Mitchell
Shirley Brown

Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Therese Terri Svehla
Deborah Lee
Margaret Aubermann
Chrystal Ray



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!



WOMEN OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER | **14** | 10:00AM

Hosted by Lucy Willis

BRING COOKIES TO SHARE | ACCEPTING
DONATIONS FOR OUR LADY'S INN



RSVP

Sarah.Schimpf@icloud.com

Advent Giving Tree



- Take an envelope from the tree
- Insert your monetary donation or Gift Card
*suggested gift cards
Schnucks, Walgreens, Walmart, Aldi, Target & Visa or Mastercard gift card
- Drop sealed envelopes into the Sunday offertory baskets

Donations to Benefit
Fr. Dempsey Charities
Bernard Nursing Home
St. Elizabeth Hall

Thank you for your generosity!



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 11/30/2024-12/1/2024

Offertory	\$10,062.00
Online Giving	\$7,497.00
Loose	\$4,072.25
Cathedral Candles	\$359.62
Cathedral Landscaping	\$257.00
Catholic Education	\$383.00
Thanksgiving	\$2,834.00

St. Patrick Center Casserole Program

Casseroles and non-perishable food items donated by volunteers of the St. Patrick Casserole Program provide one week of nutritious home-cooked dinners for St. Patrick's Women's Shelter and/or canned goods for the community pantry.

Volunteer coordinators will hold the next "drop off" of casseroles and non-perishable food on **Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 1-2pm** in the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis parking lot.

For anyone interested in joining in our efforts, please call Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2024

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Michael Pajor Mary Ann Cheng		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Mitch Smith Jonathan Klimpel	Klimpel, Campbell, Smith, Austermann	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Patricia Rice Sr. Mary Kathleen Ronan			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Vito Alu
12 Noon	David Parr Mark Burmester		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm	David Butler Nancy Butler		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 at 314-792-6460.

