

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 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

TOURS
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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 sirons@cathedralstl.org](mailto:Susie_sirons@cathedralstl.org)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Jack Higgins
10:00 a.m. Don Steffen
12:00 p.m. Mario Marchione
5:00 p.m. Nancy O'Toole

Mon. Dec 23rd - St. John of Kanty

7:00 a.m. Louise Bisby
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. James G. Considine

Tues. Dec 24th - Christmas Eve

7:00 a.m. Teresa Hagen
8:00 a.m. William Cribbin, Jr.
12:05 p.m. Father James Heneghan
5:00 p.m. Robert Costello

Wed. Dec 25th - Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Archbishop's Intentions
8:00 a.m. Earl Weisbrod
10:00 a.m. Colin Brown
12:00 p.m. Mario Marchione

Thur. Dec 26th - St. Stephen

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Giovanni Raymo
12:05 p.m. Guy DuPoux, Jr

Fri. Dec 27th - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
8:00 a.m. Vivian M. Alatorre
12:05 p.m. Lisa Actis Gurtizen

Sat. Dec 28th - The Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. Bob Fox
5:00 p.m. Christopher Murphy, III

Sun. Dec 29th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 a.m. For the Parish Family
10:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:00 p.m. Mario Marchione
5:00 p.m. Gregory Hunt



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we draw near to the celebration of Christmas, we are greeted in our liturgy by one of the ancient liturgical antiphons: “O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver, hope and salvation of the peoples: come to save us, O Lord our God”. *Veni ad salvandum nos!* Come to save us! This is the cry raised by men and women in every age, who sense that by themselves they cannot prevail over difficulties and dangers. They need to put their hands in a greater and stronger hand, a hand which reaches out to them from on high. Dear brothers and sisters, this hand is Christ, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary. He is the hand that God extends to humanity, to draw us out of the mire of sin and to set us firmly on rock, the secure rock of his Truth and his Love.

This is the meaning of the Child’s name, the name which, by God’s will, Mary and Joseph gave him: he is named Jesus, which means “Savior.” He was sent by God the Father to save us above all from the evil deeply rooted in man and in history. It is this evil that separates us from God, and with it our own prideful presumption of being self-sufficient. In addition, we try to compete with God and to take his place, to decide what is good and evil, to be the master of life and death. This is the great evil, the great sin, from which we human beings cannot save ourselves unless we rely on God’s help, unless we cry out to him: “*Veni ad salvandum nos!* – Come to save us!”

As we celebrate Christmas, let us turn our gaze anew upon the grotto of Bethlehem. The child whom we contemplate is our salvation! He has brought to the world a universal message of reconciliation and peace. Let us open our hearts to him; let us receive him into our lives.

Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas begin on Christmas Eve with Mass at 5:00 p.m. and midnight. Masses on Christmas day will be at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12 Noon. Please note there will not be confessions between the Masses on Christmas Day.

Many thanks in advance to everyone who has worked to make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. While we will not have our full choir this year, our soloists have been working hard with Ben Blasingame to lift our hearts in song. Many hours have already been spent by volunteers decorating with greenery, setting up the Nativity Scene and finishing up with the beautiful Christmas flowers soon. Many thanks to our Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) for all their work as well. Thanks to all who help make the Basilica even more beautiful.

Msgr. Breier

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DECEMBER 22, 2024

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

January 15

The Eucharist, Part I

February 5

The Eucharist, Part II

Questions? Contact Fr. Pavis zacharypavis@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:

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Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is dedicated to bringing the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate, caring presence. We provide services through all stages of life, from the beginning of life to senior care. Catholic Charities provides a variety of housing and emergency shelter services including affordable apartments for seniors, residential care for children and adolescents, shelter and support services for women and their children, and both short- and long-term shelter and transitional housing for low-income families and individuals experiencing homelessness. To learn more about Catholic Charities housing or to get involved, please contact your Parish Ambassador Pat Argotte at: playhousehf@yahoo.com.

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is a family of ministries serving all from preborn to older adults with a compassionate, caring presence.

Your support allows us to bring the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need this Christmas.

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From the Gospel

Photo Above: The Visitation - Blessed Mother's Chapel

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the

moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Luke 1:39-45

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat.

Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel. In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.



Your Caution is Requested

A necessary caution is directed to all who visit the Cathedral Basilica: **carefully avoid leaving purses, packages, computers, and other valuables on the car seats or otherwise in plain view when parked on the lot or surrounding streets, even for short periods.** Lock belongings in the trunk out of sight. Everyone should exercise prudent responsibility.

Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Daniel & Ashley Rehagen** (pictured top right opposite page) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, November 9, 2024.

Congratulations to **Jack & Kayle Dow** (pictured left opposite page) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, November 23, 2024.

Congratulations to **Daniel & Lauren Erbs** (pictured bottom right opposite page) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, November 30, 2024.

Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

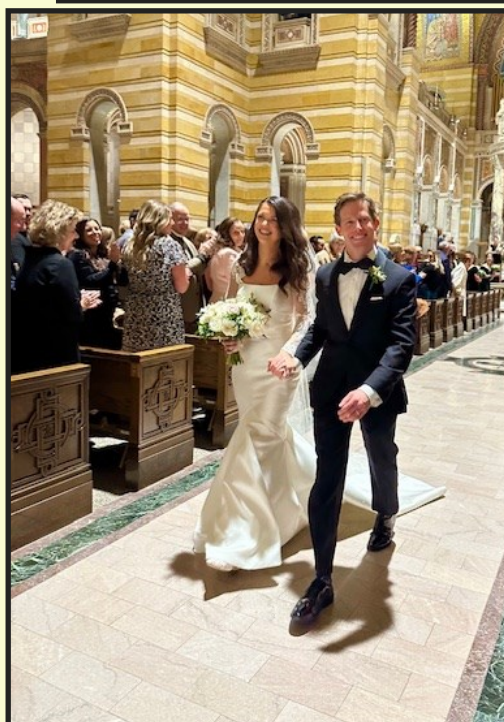
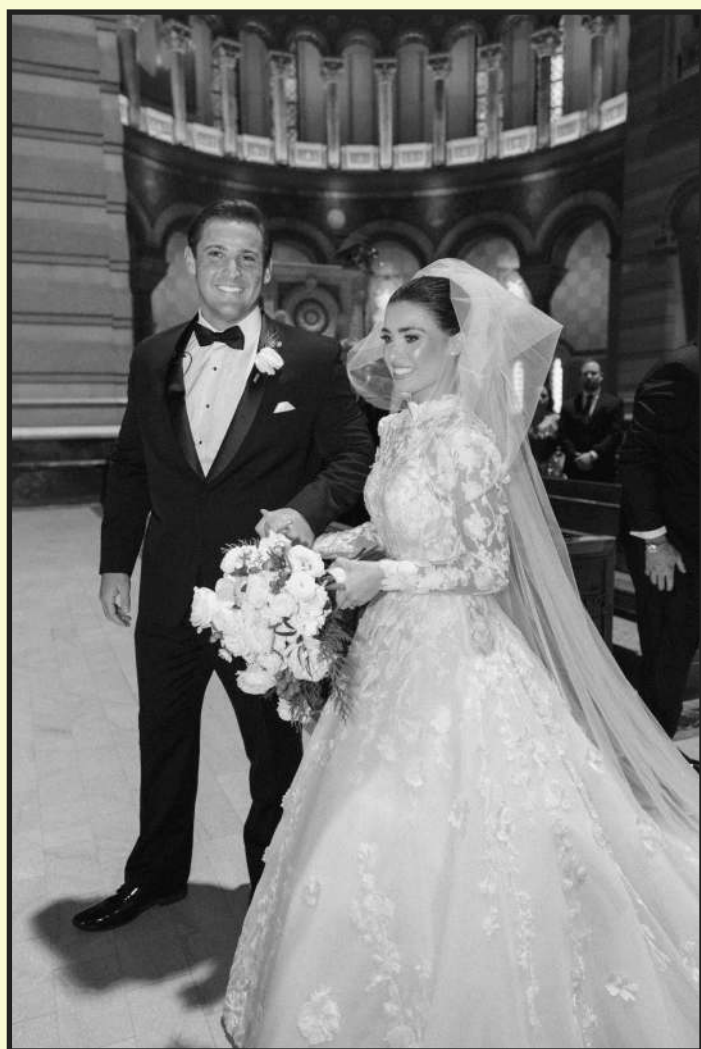
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“O Blessed Mother, at the angel’s word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Prayer for Radical Solidarity



DECEMBER 22, 2024





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

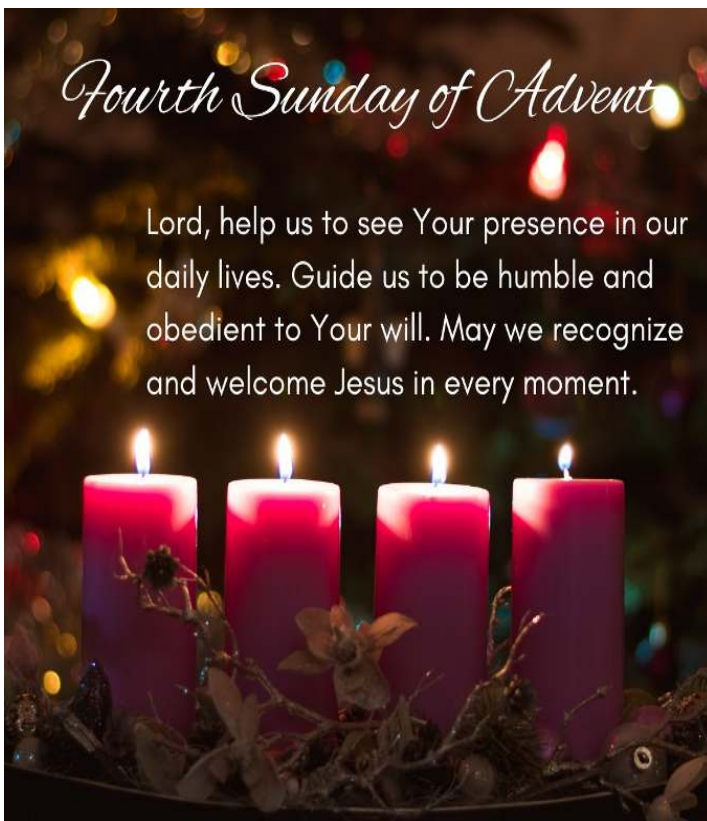
- **Jan 8** Catholic Teaching on Reproductive Health
- **Feb 12** Discerning Ordinary v Extraordinary Care (including Nutrition & Hydration)
- **Mar 12** Caring at the End of Life (Palliative Care, Physician Assisted Suicide)
- **April 9** Determining Death & Organ Transplantation
- **May 7** Open Question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

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 22, 2024 through December 29, 2024

- Sunday:** 12: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
- Monday:** 199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday:** 200: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79
- Vigil:** 13: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Wednesday:**
- Midnight:** 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
- Dawn:** 15: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20
- Day:** 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Thursday:** 696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31: 3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17 Mt 10:17-22
- Friday:** 697: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday:** 698: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday:** 17: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52





STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Anima Christi Young Adults

We will NOT meet on Thursday, December 26.

Our next meeting will be **January 2**. 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 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

Join the **Women of the Cathedral** the 1st Tuesday of the month for Benediction, Adoration & fellowship. We meet monthly from September through May, along with Bible Studies, Blood Drives, Sunday Suppers, Advent & Lent Evening of Reflection, a Christmas party and other fun activities.

To be added to our email list, please contact Sarah Schimpf sarah.schimpf@icloud.com

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 7** beginning with Adoration & Benediction at 6:30 pm then moving to Boland Hall for food & fellowship. Bring an appetizer or drink to share.

Men of the Cathedral

Greetings to all as we enter the season of Advent.

Due to the Christmas holidays, Men of the Cathedral will not meet in December for Adoration. We will resume on **January 28, 2025**. Same time, same location!

Since we will not be meeting, you are encouraged to attend Adoration on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:40 pm or simply spend some personal time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

As we approach the new year, I would like to explore your interest in scheduling a quarterly visit to volunteer at the St. Pius V Parish Food Pantry. Several of the MOC volunteered there recently and expressed their desire to return. Others have subsequently asked to participate. If you are interested, please send an email to: Michael.Weisbrod@rcfstl.org and we can determine a convenient Saturday each quarter to volunteer.

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season.

Appointment with Fr. Marco

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

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

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 28 & 29, 2024

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Michael Pajor Mitch Smith		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Thomas Gregory Jonathan Klimpel	Paul, Gregory Hagen, McGrath	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Brian Ragen Rachel de Almeida Oliveira			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Vito Alu
12 Noon	David Butler Nancy Butler		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm	Mary Ann Cheng David Parr		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.

