

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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)

4431 Lindell Boulevard Saint Louis, Missouri 63108-2403



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

Sun. Feb 23rd - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Larry Bradford
10:00 a.m. Paul Garwitz
12:00 p.m. Volunteers at the Cathedral
5:00 p.m. For the Parish Family

Mon. Feb 24th - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Victor Stuart
8:00 a.m. Fr. & Mrs. George Sanders
12:05 p.m. Paul & Mildred Hilbert

Tues. Feb 25th - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Elise Marie Sullivan Doyle
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. Daniel Sullivan

Wed. Feb 26th - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. George Aloysius Doyle
8:00 a.m. Milton Kupferer
12:05 p.m. Charles Whitten

Thur. Feb 27th - St. Gregory of Narek

7:00 a.m. Mary Ella Cutler Hughes
8:00 a.m. Patricia E. Rochford
12:05 p.m. Paul Leible

Fri. Feb 28th - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. William Charles Hughes
8:00 a.m. L. Charles Bradford
12:05 p.m. Dave Fitzgerald

Sat. Mar 1st- Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Anne Turek
5:00 p.m. J.R. Compton, Jr.

Sun. Mar 2nd - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Milton Kupferer
10:00 a.m. Dr. Salvador Alatorre
12:00 p.m. Vasil Misalko
5:00 p.m. Dave & Darla Brinker

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)



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

At first glance, the Gospel may seem either utterly naive or hopelessly idealistic. Jesus tells his disciples: *Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.*

But the challenge does not stop there. He continues: *If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold even your shirt.* Give to everyone who asks, and if someone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

Surely, this cannot be meant literally—are we to invite others to trample on our basic rights? Yet, far from being weak or passive, living out this teaching requires tremendous inner strength and deep security. It demands an unshakable awareness of the dignity, value, and rights of every person, regardless of their actions.

Consider today's First Reading. King Saul and 3,000 men set out to kill David. But at night, David and Abishai slipped into Saul's camp, where Saul lay asleep with his spear beside him. Abishai said to David: *God has delivered your enemy into your hand today; let me pin him to the ground with one stroke of the spear...*

But David refused to kill the man chosen and anointed by God. Instead, he quietly took Saul's spear and a pitcher of water. When Saul awoke, he realized how close he had come to death at the hands of the very man he sought to kill. David had made his point—not through violence, but through restraint. He honored Saul's dignity, despite his wickedness. In doing so, David revealed his own strength and greatness—something even Saul recognized, declaring: *Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them.* (1 Sam 26:25)

Simply put, revenge seeks to destroy, but love seeks to restore—to bring life, truth, justice, and right relationships between people.

Today, Jesus is not offering us a mere option but the only way that truly makes sense—the only way that is fully human. He himself is our model. As he hangs naked, stripped of dignity, the victim of unspeakable violence, this moment—contrary to all appearances—is his triumph. It is the triumph of love over hate, of peace over violence, of life over death.

It is a message our violence-ridden world desperately needs to hear and embrace.

Monsignor Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

There's Wisdom for Us in the Pattern of Jesus' Words and Deeds

Jesus offers a challenge, not comfortable words or an easy win

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week, we read from the book of Sirach. It presents Wisdom as a person alongside God who both shares God's life and God's life with us. It's no wonder the Christian tradition looks back on the figure of Wisdom and sees a foreshadowing of the Son and the Holy Spirit!

When Jesus comes into the world and is filled with the Holy Spirit, it makes sense to see Him as Wisdom in the flesh. In a series of episodes in the Gospel of Mark, He marks out a path of wisdom for evangelization.

A father brings a possessed boy to Jesus and says: "If you can do anything, have compassion and help us." Jesus sees an opening and proposes a new horizon for his thought and action: "If you can! Everything is possible for one who has faith."

The disciples are arguing about who among them is the greatest. Jesus sees an opening and proposes a new horizon for their thought and action: "If anyone wishes to be first, he must be the last of all and the servant of all."

The Pharisees ask Jesus about permissible grounds for divorce. Jesus sees an opening and proposes a new horizon for their thought and action: "What God has joined together no human being must separate."

There's wisdom for us in the pattern of Jesus' words and deeds! In each of these situations, Jesus isn't offering comfortable words or pursuing an easy win. The new horizon He proposes is a challenge. Jesus, teach us to see these openings more readily and to propose the challenge of the Gospel with your own love!

**ARCHBISHOP
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**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**

This week, we also hear a lot about the "law of the Lord." When Americans think of the law, we tend to think first (and sometimes only!) of restrictions on our actions. But that's not the biblical perspective on the law. For biblical writers, knowledge of the law leads to greater freedom: The more you know about the law and follow it, the better off you'll be.

Now, there are different kinds of laws. With the physical laws of the universe, you can't ignore them, and their consequences are immediately evident in your body. If you step out of a third-floor window, you fall down and get hurt! If you touch a live wire, you get a shock. With moral and spiritual laws, on the other hand, you're free to ignore them in your action. The consequences are not immediately evident, because God wants creatures who can give free obedience to moral laws, not just automatic obedience to physical laws.

But violations of moral and spiritual laws have an impact on your soul, just as physical laws have an impact on your body! The history of ancient Israel is the story of what happens when a nation follows or does not follow the law of the Lord. Ultimately, the story of every individual soul is the same.

God's world contains both kinds of laws: physical laws, as well as moral and spiritual laws. If we think about it, the way physical laws work on the body is a visible reminder of how spiritual laws work on the soul. In the end that, too, is an expression of the wisdom of God.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Feb 22 & 23 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://tl.ly/35ejOXr>



FEBRUARY 23, 2025

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Experience Great Music in a Great Space in 2025!

~~The Legend Singers
Friday, January 31, 2025 7:30pm
FREE: Tickets not Required~~

Vox Una with
St. Louis Area High School Choirs
Sunday, February 23, 2025 2:30pm
FREE: Tickets not Required

American Spiritual Ensemble
Sunday, March 23, 2025 7:30pm

Westminster Cathedral Choir,
London
Monday, March 31, 2025 7:30pm

VOCES8
Friday, April 4, 2025 7:30pm
Welcomed by
Bruce & Linda Ryder and
Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD

CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662

Artists & Dates subject to change



HOMELESS BUT HUMAN DOCUMENTARY

An event for Young Adults (aged 18-39)

**Friday, February 28
7-9pm | Showing at 7:30pm**

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis - Boland Hall
4430 Maryland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108



Join St. Louis Samaritans, a young adult homeless ministry group, for a showing of Christ in the City's *Homeless But Human* documentary.

Popcorn & Sparkling water provided!

Donations of cash or items for homeless (gloves, hand warmers, soft granola bars, water, sports drinks, etc) are appreciated.

Questions: rebeccakeeven@gmail.com

Documentary
Trailer:



RSVP:
(encouraged, not
required)





**SUNDAY SUPPER
(IRISH STYLE)**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16
6:15 PM - BOLAND HALL**

**HELP US WELCOME OUR 2025 RCIA CLASS TO THE PARISH
FEEL FREE TO BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE**

For Reservations
<https://cathedralstl.org/news-events/sunday-supper>

**SCOTT KENNEBECK AND EMILY KENNEBECK
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FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MAR 14/15

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**Pilgrimage to Italy
with Msgr Breier**

October 12-24, 2025

**Florence † Assisi † Tuscany
 † San Giovanni Laterano †
 Basilica of St. Francis † Orvieto
 The Vatican † Venice † Ravenna
 St. Paul Outside the Wall
 The Colosseum † Rome
 † Papal Audience †
 Basilica of St. Peter † Sistine Chapel
 † The Catacombs †**

For more information visit:
www.cathedralstl.org/pilgrimage
 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.

- **Mar 12** Caring at the End of Life (Palliative Care, Physician Assisted Suicide)
- **April 9** Determining Death & Organ Transplantation
- **May 7** Open Question Day



Lenten Book Study

with the Daughters of St. Paul

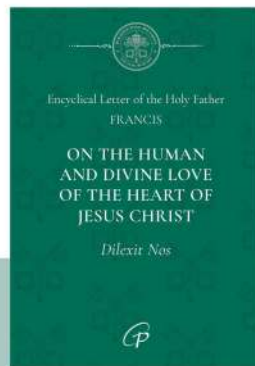
Is "the heart" still a relevant symbol of God's love in today's world? Explore the centrality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the history, theology, devotion, and missionary activity of the Church, and consider how God is calling you to respond to the love of his Son, in this Lenten study of the latest Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis, *On the Human and Divine Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Dilexit Nos)*.

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
March 6 - April 10



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Call 314-965-3512
or scan to register online



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Save a Life this Lent: Donate Blood

- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.
- Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U. S.
- Nearly 16 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.
- Sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.
- Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- One donation can help save more than one life

BLOOD DRIVE

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS

SUNDAY MARCH 9 9AM - 2PM

Call (800) RED-CROSS
to Schedule



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations and God's Blessings on **Stetson James and the Davis Family** (pictured left) who is one of the newest members of the Church. He was baptized on February 2, 2025.

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

Acts 22:16



Parish Ambassador News

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.

Navigating legal proceedings can be daunting, but Catholic Charities can accompany and advocate for those who need our help. Through Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM), Catholic Charities provides legal aid to people who are under-resourced, providing aid to over 1300 individuals annually in the areas of family and guardianship law, housing cases, immigration law, and veterans advocacy.

To learn more or to get involved with Catholic Charities, please contact your Parish Ambassador Pat Argotte at playhousehf@yahoo.com

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

March 5

Reconciliation

March 19

Anointing of the Sick

Questions? Contact Fr. Povis zacharypovis@archstl.org

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 February 23, 2025 through March 2, 2025

Sunday: 81: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

Monday: 341: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 342: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 343: Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119: 165, 171-172, 174-175 Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: 344: Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

Friday: 345: Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119: 12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: 346: Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18 Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: 84: Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 2/15/2025-2/16/2025

Offertory	\$10,390.00
Online Giving	\$6,613.67
Loose	\$4,063.70
Cathedral Candles	\$445.27
Cathedral Landscaping	\$5.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$5.00
Catholic Education	\$5.00



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

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 **February 27, 2025**. We will begin with Holy Hour at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner in Boland Hall.

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, March 4** 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

The **MEN OF THE CATHEDRAL** cordially invite *all* men and women (parishioners and visitors) to join them in the February Adoration scheduled for February 25th at 6 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a joy beyond words, as we can come close to our Lord in a very special and personal way. That joy and fulfillment is greatly enhanced when you share the experience of Adoration with others.

This is the last Adoration before we enter the Season of Lent. What a terrific way to begin preparing for the 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 24th to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org to reserve your dinner spot!

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	Nicole Pace
Doreen Kelly	Resy Sanchez
Linda Baldwin	Mary Anne Work
Barbara Beckemeyer	Betty Ytzaina
Edwin Ayala Padilla	Therese Terri Svehla
Dorothy Quinn	Deborah Lee
Mary Leah Kovarik	Margaret Aubermann
Shirley Brown	Chrystal Ray
Guy Thomas	Barbara Garrett
Kelvin Ayala Reyes	Tronda White

Stewardship Reflection

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 1 & 2, 2025

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Kevin Ross Brian Davies		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Mary Ann Cheng Brian Ragen	McGrath, Robinson, Blatter, Ragen, Cheng, Harper	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Br. Juan Gabriel Seiglie, OP Sr. Mary Kathleen Ronan			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Phoebe Del Castillo Erin Heathman		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm	Thomas Gregory John Stith		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.

