

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 30, 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. Mar 30th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Marie Budakian
10:00 a.m. Dr. Salvador Alatorre
12:00 p.m. Alice & Eugene Owens Sr & Family
5:00 p.m. For the Parish Family

Mon. Mar 31st - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Pavol Misalko Jr & Sr
8:00 a.m. Paula Jansen
12:05 p.m. Ben Janson

Tues. Apr 1st - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Children who died without baptism
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. Colin Brown Family

Wed. Apr 2nd - St. Francis of Paola

7:00 a.m. Mildred Frazier
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Kathleen Manns
12:05 p.m. Viola Brinkmann

Thur. Apr 3rd - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Jason Dunaway
8:00 a.m. Mary Helen Travers
12:05 p.m. Oscar Luis Actis

Fri. Apr 4th - St. Isidore

7:00 a.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner
8:00 a.m. Diane Catagrone
12:05 p.m. Marie Budakian

Sat. Apr 5th - St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Ferrario
5:00 p.m. Dean & Kitty Mandis

Sun. Apr 6th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mary Helen Travers
10:00 a.m. Darryl Lee
12:00 p.m. For the Parish Family
5:00 p.m. Mary Beth Gebel

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



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the wake of the recent devastating storms and tornadoes that have impacted our region, many of our brothers and sisters are facing great hardship. The destruction has been significant, especially in Franklin, Jefferson, Perry, and St. Louis Counties, where more than 2,000 households have reported damage.

As a community of faith, we are called to respond with love, compassion, and action. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is working tirelessly alongside local emergency teams to provide much-needed relief, including case management, mental health counseling, and long-term recovery assistance.

To support these critical efforts, Archbishop Rozanski invites you to join in a **special collection at all Masses this weekend, March 29-30**. Your generosity will help families begin the difficult journey of rebuilding their lives. All funds collected will be directed to Catholic Charities, ensuring that aid reaches those who need it most.

At all Masses this weekend following the distribution of Holy Communion, the ushers will take up the second collection. You may also make your donation online by visiting cathedralstl.org/give or scan the QR code at the bottom of this column to donate.

This Sunday, known as Laetare Sunday (the Sunday of Gladness), invites us to pause for a moment from the solemnity of Lent. The traditional purple of penance gives way to the soft rose color, as if offering us a foretaste of the joy of Easter.

The joy encouraged by the Liturgy does not stem from the state of the world, which often gives little reason to rejoice. Yet, despite this, the Liturgy calls us to rejoice because Easter is near—the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death.

Publicans and sinners gathered around Jesus, drawn by someone who could truly speak to their hearts and offer hope for a renewed future. Feeling condemned and without escape, they found in Him a reason to hope. In contrast, the Pharisees and scribes criticized Jesus, murmuring, "He receives sinners and eats with them." To them, His merciful approach was scandalous. But for those sinners, Jesus' presence was not a scandal—it was good news. It was the Gospel.

Monsignor Breier



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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Heaven is Greater than Our Greatest Joys

Let's do the work of developing images of heaven that are worth living & sacrificing for

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How do you imagine heaven?

I ask for several reasons. First, because the Scripture readings this week look forward with hope — but they look forward with hope precisely in order to strengthen us for the rigors of the way of the cross. Second, because the readings this week speak of the resurrection and offer several images of heaven.

In his 2007 encyclical on hope (“Spe Salvi”), Pope Benedict XVI asked whether we imagine heaven in a way that makes us really want it.

First, he simply noted a question: “Do we really want this — to live eternally?”

He asked because he sensed a contradiction in human hearts. On the one hand, we certainly don't want to die! On the other hand, we don't really want to continue to live this life in an endless succession of days — which is, often, all we imagine heaven to be. Honestly, an endless succession of days becomes a spiritual prison at some point.

But he also offered an alternative way to imagine heaven. He said: “Eternity is not an unending succession of days on the calendar, but something more like a supreme moment of satisfaction ... It would be like plunging into the ocean of infinite love, a moment in which time — the before and after — no longer exists.”

Have you ever had a moment like that — a moment of satisfaction where time stood still and you were content that it did so? Perhaps it was a moment of joy, a moment of being healed of sickness, a moment of peaceful conscience. Whatever it was, what if that was a foretaste of eternal life?

**ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI**

**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



The Gospel shows that following Jesus is what unlocks access to eternal life. But that's only good news if people want eternal life. If people don't really want it, their reaction will be: “Meh.”

Of course, no finite image will be adequate to the infinite joys of heaven. But we're creatures who are moved by images, and God made us that way. So this problem presents itself: How can we do a better job imagining heaven to increase our desire for eternal life?

St. Anselm had a famous theological axiom: God is that than which nothing greater can be thought. I propose we apply that same theological discipline to our imagination: Heaven is that than which no greater joy can be imagined.

Imagine your favorite thing. Heaven, by St. Anselm's discipline, has to be greater! A morning on the beach? Greater than that. An evening in the mountains? Greater than that. A fine glass of wine or a deep conversation with a friend? Greater than that.

We don't all need to have the same images of heaven. But we can all engage in the same discipline: Reminding ourselves that heaven is greater than our greatest joys. If we engage this discipline, then our imagination can help move our desire for eternal life, our desire can help move our belief in Jesus and our belief in Jesus will unlock access to eternal life.

How do you imagine heaven? Let's do the work of developing images that are worth living for, worth sacrificing for and able to win others to desire eternal life.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Mar 29 & 30 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



MARCH 30, 2025

Easter Memorial Flowers

The flowers that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Easter at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We invite you to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift – to remember loved ones or honor family or friends still with us. The suggested donation is \$10 per remembrance. The names of those being remembered will be printed in the bulletin and on a poster.

Please indicate in whose memory or in whose honor you wish the flowers to be dedicated. Please PRINT names clearly. 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 Easter Memorial Flowers, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63108

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MARCH 30, 2025

*Experience Great Music in a Great Space 2025!*~~American Spiritual Ensemble~~~~Sunday, March 23, 2025 7:30 pm~~

Westminster Cathedral Choir, London

Monday, March 31, 2025 7:30 pm

VOCES8

Friday, April 4, 2025 7:30 pm

Welcomed by:

Bruce & Linda Ryder and

Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD



CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662

Artists & Dates Subject to change

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

April 2

Matrimony, Part I

April 23

Matrimony, Part II

Questions? Contact Fr. Povis zacharypovis@archstl.org



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

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Lenten Sacred Art Series

Sacred art is meant to assist in the raising of the mind & heart to God. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Images of beauty in which the mystery of the invisible God becomes visible, are an essential part of Christian worship...The image of Christ & the images of the saints are not photographs. Their whole point is to lead us beyond what can be apprehended at the merely material level, to awake new sense in us, & teach us a new kind of seeing, which perceives the Invisible in the visible." (*The Spirit of the Liturgy*).

To assist in our Lenten journey, a different piece of sacred art will be displayed each week in the All Saints chapel of the Cathedral Basilica. Please feel free to visit & pray with these images along with the reflections provided in the bulletin as we journey toward the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.



Lenten Sacred Art Series

Week 4: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus by Various Artists

(located in the All Saints chapel)

Our Lenten journey is just over halfway complete. This week we turn our attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary as she is depicted in multiple Renaissance-style paintings.

On March 25th, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: the day that the angel appeared to Mary and revealed to her that, according to the eternal wisdom of God the Father, she had been chosen to be the one through whom God the Son would make His dramatic entrance into human history. The Gospel for that day ends with Mary's *Fiat*: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." The total handing over of Mary's will and life to the will of God is an important example for all of us. In every aspect of her life, she lived the words which her divine Son would teach His disciples when they asked Him how to pray: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Mary's *Fiat* did not come to an end with the birth of Jesus, of course. Those who have been praying the Stations of the Cross throughout this Lenten season know well that she was there as her Son was tortured, mocked and spit upon, and that she remained at the foot of His Cross until He died. How painfully Simeon's prophecy that a sword of sorrow would pierce her heart was brought to fulfillment on the afternoon of Good Friday. Mary's "may it be done to me

according to your word" meant that she would accept her role not only as the Mother of the Redeemer, but that she would also be Our Lady of Sorrows as she agonized by the side of her only Son.

In addition to the example of her *Fiat*, Mary is also the foremost model of holiness and prayer in the life of the Church. As with all of the saints, Mary's holiness is a direct result of her nearness to Jesus. The unique level of intimacy which she enjoyed with Jesus in carrying Him in her womb for nine months and then raising Him during those quiet years at Nazareth resulted in a unique level of holiness in the life and person of the blessed Mother. It is true to say that she knew Jesus – God the Son – better than any other human being in history. Simply being with Him, looking upon Him, and listening to Him resulted in the profound sanctity of the Blessed Mother. So too will nearness to Jesus result in sanctity within each of us. Being with Jesus, looking upon Him, and receiving Him into our very bodies in the Holy Eucharist are all actions which we can carry out along with Mary and that, like her, can make us saints.

Just because Jesus has ascended to heaven does not mean that He is no longer available to us. Indeed, He has promised that He is with us always. In fact, Mary was referred to by the angel as "full of grace" even before Jesus was conceived in her womb. Mary's relationship with the God who would become man began well before He took flesh in her womb, and so can our relationship and "being with" Jesus continue well after He has ascended in the flesh to heaven. Perhaps during these final weeks of Lent, we might focus on simplifying our prayer. Instead of trying to find more and more things to say to Jesus, simply take time to quiet yourself, make an act of faith that He is really present with you, and take time to be with Him and even listen to Him. In the midst of all of the noise that is so characteristic of our hectic culture, this can be challenging, but Mary's example reminds us that this is how saints are made. May we take time to simply be with Jesus, and like Mary, ever say, "May it be done to me according to your word."

*Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us!*



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on **Joseph Michael and the Kreigh Family** (pictured below)

Joseph is one of the newest members of the Church. He was baptized on March 15, 2025.

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

Acts 22:16



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 30, 2025 through April 6, 2025

Sunday: 33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: 244: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: 245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: 246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23
Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: 249: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: 36: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11



**Thank you to the
51 donors for the
53 units of blood.
Thank you Rosati-Kain
Academy for your
partnership.
And thank you
Cathedral Basilica
volunteers.
The next blood drive
will be in the fall.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/22/2025-3/23/2025

Offertory	\$5,593.00
Online Giving	\$4,823.00
Loose	\$5,305.25
Cathedral Candles	\$527.00
Cathedral Landscape	\$40.00
Catholic Education	\$50.00
Confirmation	\$3,876.00



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Anima Christi Young Adults

Our next meeting will be **April 3, 2025**. 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. Email AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com Or see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more details.

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.

- **April 9** Determining Death & Organ Transplantation
- **May 7** Open Question Day

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.

Judy McGrath	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	Paul Raidt
Kelvin Ayala Reyes	Barbara Garrett
Wayne Eultgen	Tronda White

Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite *all parishioners and visitors* to attend Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, April 29 at 6pm.

We will have just celebrated the passion, death and rising from the dead of our Lord. What a terrific way to continue to honor the ultimate sacrifice he gave to offer us salvation!

Adoration will begin promptly at 6pm. Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. In anticipation of Cinco de Mayo, we will have a Mexican feast! A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated.

Please consider making this prayerful evening a family event. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Christ through Adoration.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org or 314.918.2893 by Monday, April 28.

St. Vincent de Paul Membership

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Cathedral Basilica is looking for a few new men and women to assist in its mission of providing tangible (rent, utilities, food) and spiritual assistance to the poor of the parish. If you are interested, please leave a message on our hotline 314-373-8288 and we will get in touch with you.

Stewardship Reflection

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 5 & 6, 2025

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mitch Smith Michael Pajor		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Mary Ann Cheng Pat Harper	Cheng, Paul, Hagen, Weisbrod, Harper	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Brian Ragen Sr. Mary Kathleen Ronan			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Phoebe Del Castillo Michael Murphy		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm	Nancy Butler David 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.

