

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 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 – 6:00 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

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. Sept 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. Brittany Fields
10:00 a.m. Paul Raidt
12:00 p.m. Maria da Conceicao Soares de Carvalho
5:00 p.m. Jyothi Gadiparthi

Mon. Sept 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 a.m. Richelle Wwisbrod
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. Baby Sandheinrich

Tues. Sept 16 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

7:00 a.m. Janice Noack
8:00 a.m. Sridhar Govindan
12:05 p.m. Tommy Blake

Wed. Sept 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine

7:00 a.m. Mary Arconati
8:00 a.m. Louis A. Melone
12:05 p.m. Veronica Gold

Thur. Sept 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Rosa Esthela Pogo
8:00 a.m. Anthony Svec
12:05 p.m. Paul D. Hansen

Fri. Sept 19 - St. Januarius

7:00 a.m. Anita Louise Winkeler
8:00 a.m. Ethel Mae Horst
12:05 p.m. Laurie Clement

Sat. Sept 20 - St. Andrew Kim

8:00 a.m. Thomas M. Flattery
5:00 p.m. Rev. Msgr. James Edward Pieper

Sun. Sept 21 - 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
10:00 a.m. Carmel Bowers
12:00 p.m. John Esswein
5:00 p.m. Eliazar Cabahug



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

At this year's Blue Mass, we gave thanks for the dedicated service of Brother John Fava, SJ—known affectionately by the officers as “Bro Jo.” For twenty-two years, Brother John has served as chaplain to the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, walking with the men and women who protect our city in moments of triumph and tragedy alike. His presence has been a steady source of strength, encouragement, and hope, whether through a word of support at roll call, a prayer at the scene of an accident, or simply a listening ear after a long shift.



What makes Brother John's ministry so memorable is the way he lived out his vocation in the spirit of St. Ignatius, bringing faith to the ordinary and often difficult places of life. His legacy is one of compassion, faithfulness, and friendship—touching not only the department but the wider St. Louis community. In recognition of his outstanding service, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is proud to honor him with the Order of St. Louis the King Award. On behalf of the Archdiocese and the Cathedral thank you, Brother John—“Bro Jo”—and ask God's blessing upon you as you continue to share your ministry of presence and prayer in new ways

This Sunday, September 14th, is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast commemorates the recovery of the Holy Cross of Calvary, found by St. Helena and preserved in Jerusalem. After the death and resurrection of Christ, both Jewish and Roman authorities in Jerusalem made efforts to obscure the Holy Sepulchre, Christ's tomb in the garden near the site of His crucifixion. The earth had been mounded up over the site, and pagan temples had been built on top of it. The Cross on which Christ died had been hidden (tradition said) by Jewish authorities somewhere in the vicinity.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross reminds us of the centrality of the Cross in our daily lives, since we are invited to take up our cross each and every day and follow in the footsteps of the Lord. During our trials and temptations, our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and recognizing that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the Cross frequently, and realize that, when we make the Sign of the Cross, we give our entire selves to God – mind, soul, heart, body, and will.

Msgr. Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Called to Bear, with Mary, the Sufferings of Others

There's a way to embrace suffering that brings grace to the world

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We live at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. Few people know better than us the power of a river — the power both for good and for destruction.

In his book, “The Catholic Gentleman,” author Sam Guzman likens suffering to the power of a river: it can overwhelm us with destructive force, or it can be channeled and harnessed for good.

It seems like a torrent of suffering and sorrow has been unleashed on the world these days. How fortunate, then, that we observe the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows this week, on Sept. 15.

The death of Christ — the death of God made man! — unleashed a powerful river of sorrow that might have overwhelmed the world. But that river was channeled through the heart of Mary. Some say this is where she experienced the pains of birth most intensely, becoming the mother of the Church at the foot of the Cross. A great grief was channeled through her heart; then she became able to receive the grief of others and to be a source of consolation for them in the midst of their grief.

Mary turned her sorrow into an offering, rather than letting it become a source of bitterness. And because she did so, her sorrow lifted others.

There's an invitation that's particularly apt for these days of grief. We have always known as Christians that we're called to bear the dying of Jesus in our bodies (2 Corinthians 4:10). But there's something we know as Catholics that the world needs right now: that we are also called to bear, with Mary, the sufferings of others. There's the suffering in Ukraine and Gaza

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WITH GLADNESS**



and other war-torn places; the suffering of Annunciation school in Minneapolis and other places affected by gun violence; the suffering of physical and mental illness that touches so many of our families. Mary — Our Lady of Sorrows — teaches us that there's a way to bear these sorrows, to channel the river of hurt through our hearts in a way that brings graces rather than destruction to the world.

This is precisely where the movement known as “transhumanism” is both well motivated and ultimately mistaken. It seeks to address and alleviate the suffering of the world. Good! But it seeks to address suffering by offering a path to avoid it and by holding out the promise of living forever in this world. There's the tragedy: living forever in this world isn't a worthy goal for us. It isn't even possible: This world, after all, will itself come to an end.

Christianity also proposes to address and alleviate the suffering of the world. But Christianity seeks to address it by moving through suffering, not around it. And that movement through suffering is a path to live eternally in a heaven which never ends.

Jesus showed us another way to approach our own suffering. Mary showed us another way to bear the suffering of others. The world needs our witness, these days, to both of these skills.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Sept 14 - Sept 20 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/3SejOXr>



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



Experience Great Music in a Great Space! 2025 - 2026 Season

Chamber Music Concerts

Our series of 3 **FREE** concerts that brings the great music to you.
The featured players in each concert are Kristin Ahlstrom, violin; Shannon Farrell Williams, viola; Bjorn Ranheim, cello; Matthew Mazzoni, piano

Friday, Sept. 12, 7:30pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Cottleville
1355 Motherhead Road, 63304

Sunday, Sept. 14, 7:30pm
St. Peter Catholic Church
243 W. Argonne Drive, 63122

Thursday, Sept 18, 7:30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes
7148 Forsyth Blvd., 63105

Chanticleer

Friday, October 3, 2025 7:30pm

Vienna Boys Choir

Monday, October 20, 2025 7:30pm

Stile Antico

Monday, November 17, 2025 7:30pm

Christmas at the Cathedral

with the St. Louis Archdiocesan
Choirs & Orchestra

Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:30am (NOTE TIME)

Sunday, December 7, 2025 2:30pm

Welcomed by Favazza's Restaurant
and Michael Bavlsik & Kathleen Skelly

Missouri State University Chorale

Friday, January 9, 2026 7:30pm

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 7:30pm

VOCES8

Monday, February 23, 2026 7:30pm

Welcomed by Bruce & Linda Ryder

Vox Una with St. Louis Area High School Choirs

Sunday, March 8, 2026 2:30pm

Three Italian Tenors

Friday, March 27, 2026 7:30pm

The Tallis Scholars

Friday, April 17, 2026 7:30pm



Artists & Dates subject to change



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Catholic Charities

As our neighbors continue to rebuild following the May 16 tornado and other recent storms, Catholic Charities is shifting from immediate response to long-term recovery. The need continues to persist and our work is still in its early stages for these storm victims.

They are collecting the following items at **Catholic Charities 4445 Lindell Blvd from 8:30am to 4pm Monday-Friday**. This will be an ongoing project as this recovery will be long term. Thank you for continuous generosity!

The top 3 items needed are:

1. Non-perishable food items
2. Toiletries
3. Cleaning items

For questions or concerns, please contact your Parish Ambassador Pat at playhousehf@yahoo.com

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.”

USCCB, “Prayer to Heal Racial Division”

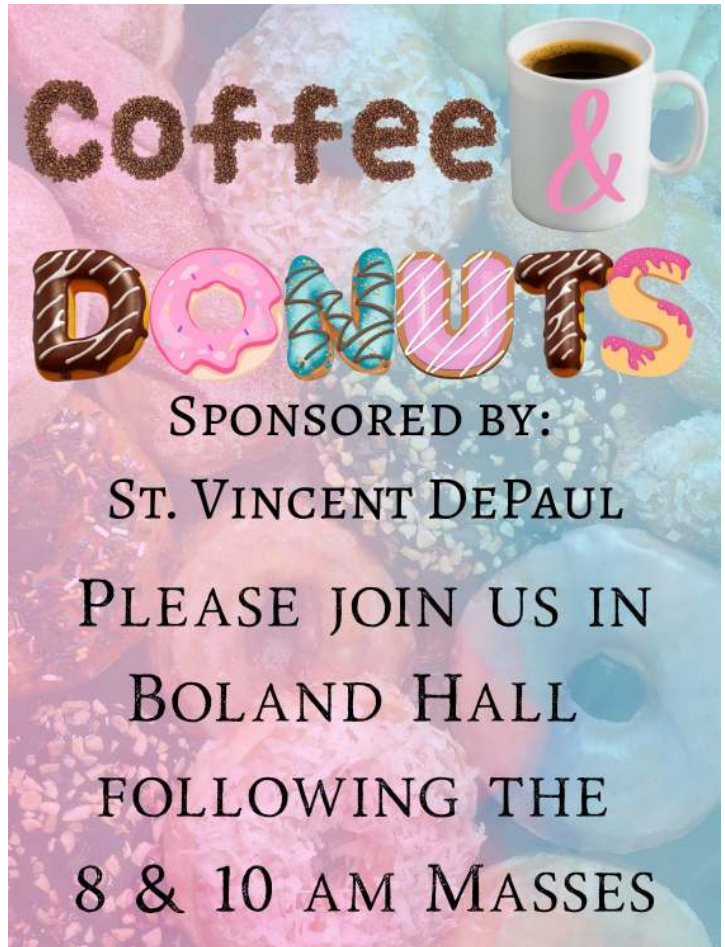
Your Caution is Requested

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.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary invites you to join our weekly meetings on Saturdays at 10 am. The Legion is an organization of Catholics whose purpose is the holiness of its members developed through prayer and the offering of service in union with Mary, the Mother of the Church for the spiritual welfare of souls.

Meetings are held in the outer office of the Cathedral School building. Questions, call 314.373.8202



Stewardship Reflection

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” *JOHN 3:16*

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus’ example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the “kerygma” – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



OCIA

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?

**Do you know someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith?
Are you Catholic, but have not received First Communion or Confirmation?**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (or OCIA) enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to “see what it is all about”.

Most often, people come because they are invited.

For Catholic parishioners: Pause and consider moments of grace you have experienced in your life – whether in prayer, in the sacraments, in moments of community and family life – these are gifts given by the Lord.

Consider: Is there anyone you know whom the Lord may want to invite receive these same gifts?

OCIA is for persons who have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian tradition, or were baptized Catholic but have never celebrated Confirmation or received First Communion. It is also open to anyone who is interested in learning more about what Catholics believe and why we believe it. You are welcome if you have been Catholic all your life, if you have a passing interest in the Catholic faith, or if you are anywhere in between!



The 2025–2026 OCIA session will begin September 7th.

To register or for additional information, contact
Fr. Charlie Archer at 314-373-8204 or archer@cathedralstl.org



Save a Life: 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

Cathedral Basilica Blood Drive

Sunday, September 28
9 am - 2 pm

4430 Maryland Ave - Classroom 3

DONATE BLOOD



**To Schedule: Scan or
Call (800) RED-CROSS**



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

September 14, 2025 through September 21, 2025

Sunday:	638: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Monday:	443: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday:	444: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	445: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	446: 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	447: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	448: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	135: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 9/6/2025-9/7/2025

Offertory	\$7,532.00
Online Giving	\$4,381.00
Loose	\$4,098.12
Cathedral Candles	\$663.06
Cathedral Landscape	\$52.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$54.00
Catholic Education	\$10.00
Catholic University	\$472.00
SVDP	\$210.00



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Mission Cooperation of Archdiocese

“When I was hungry or thirsty, when I was naked, when I was a stranger, you helped me.”

The weekend of September 20 and 21, Father Daniel Vogt, a Saint Charles native and a veteran missionary in Guatemala, will visit our parish, as part of the Missionary Cooperation of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, to speak about the Casa de Migrante Beatos Tulio Maruzzo y Luis Obdulio Arroyo, located in the Apostolic Vicariate of Izabal in northeastern Guatemala.

The Casa was established to attend to the passing of migrants on foot from Central and South America on their way to the USA or more recently, deported or defeated on their way to their countries of origin. Each day an average of 75 persons, 70% men, 20% women and 10% children, receive attention with food, water, showers and bathrooms, used clothes and shoes, first aid among other services. Depending on the need, the migrants can stay overnight at the Casa, and in emergency cases a bit longer.

This service is a direct work of the Church in Izabal and receives the support of all of the parishes; until recent months some economic support was received by international agencies. Now more than ever, the Casa needs your support so that we can continue treat the migrants with dignity. Your important donation in the special collection will be appreciated. May the Lord multiply your generosity.

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
Doreen Kelly
Linda Baldwin
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Wayne Eultgen

Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Deborah Lee
Margaret Aubermann
Chrystal Ray
Barbara Garrett
Tronda White

Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to join them with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, September 30 at 6 pm.

Summer is now behind us so we should turn ourselves toward self-improvement in anticipation of the upcoming Christmas season.

We encourage both parishioners and visitors to share the joy of Christ through Adoration! Adoration will begin promptly at 6 pm. Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod by Monday, September 29 at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org

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!

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 **September 18, 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.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 2025

	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	David Parr Michael Pajor		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Pat McCann
8:00 am		Pat Harper Mitch Smith	Austermann Gregory Smith	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am		Isabella Roth Mike Roth			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon		David Butler Nancy Butler		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm		John Stith John Willard		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, 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

