

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 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

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

Mon. Sept 22 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Sridhar Govindan
8:00 a.m. Suzanne Jeffrey
12:05 p.m. Adam Hummel

Tues. Sept 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:00 a.m. Raymond Koester
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. Michael & Whitney Axelson

Wed. Sept 24 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Ella Guven
8:00 a.m. Loren Chuck McHenry
12:05 p.m. Anita Louise Winkeler

Thur. Sept 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Michael Logan
8:00 a.m. Tommy Blake
12:05 p.m. Ariel Lampert

Fri. Sept 26 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:00 a.m. Leona Clara Marti
8:00 a.m. Robert Leshe
12:05 p.m. Luis Actis

Sat. Sept 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 a.m. Robert Benton Givens
5:00 p.m. Meg Riney

Sun. Sept 28 - 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Anthony Svec
10:00 a.m. Ronald Leo Jaudes
12:00 p.m. Magdaline Monis
5:00 p.m. Michael Logan

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,

You may have noticed that several of the large bronze lamps in the Narthex (main entrance) and side chapels have been removed. These fixtures are currently undergoing a much-needed restoration. Half of the lamps have been taken out and will return in six months, at which point the remaining lamps will be sent for rejuvenation. This project has been made possible through the generous support of our Annual Cathedral Gala. When the lamps return, they will shine with the same beauty and splendor as on the day of their original installation. We are deeply grateful to all who contributed to the Gala for making this work possible.

The Cathedral Basilica has been a place of faith and history since the vision of Archbishop John J. Glennon first gave it life. Over the years, it has opened its doors to countless people—from state dignitaries to families saying farewell to loved ones, from the well-known to the humblest of our city.

One particularly moving moment in the Cathedral's history was the visit of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta. As Msgr. Dennis Delaney, former Master of Ceremonies, once recalled, Mother Teresa came to the Cathedral in 1982 for a Pro-Life Prayer Service. The event drew extraordinary crowds—an estimated 5,000 people filled the Cathedral. The nave was standing room only, children sat on the floor, and the balconies were opened and packed. At the conclusion of the service, Mother Teresa led the assembly in the *Prayer of Abandonment* by Blessed Charles de Foucauld—a moment still remembered with reverence in the life of our Cathedral.



Prayer of Abandonment

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;
I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,
for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,
to surrender myself into your hands,
without reserve, and with boundless confidence,
for you are my Father. Amen.

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Acknowledge the Darkness, but Focus on the Light

How is God asking us to rebuild in our lives and the world around us?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week, we pass the autumnal equinox on Sept. 22, after which the darkness grows. We also happen to spend the entire week reading about the rebuilding of the temple in ancient Jerusalem. I think it's providential. It invites us to ask a question: How do we handle things when it seems the darkness around us is growing?

It's easy to fall into complaining or to let our attention and energy be drawn by analyzing the darkness. That's a skillful temptation, because there's something true in it. (Remember: most temptations are at least half true!) Whether the darkness is physical, cultural or spiritual, it can and needs to be analyzed.

But the temptation is to stop there and let our energy be focused solely on the darkness. The invitation this week is to take the next step: to acknowledge the darkness, but to focus on rebuilding — to focus on where the light comes from.

In the context of ancient Judaism, this meant rebuilding the temple after the Babylonian exile. And, on one level, you'd think that project would be easy: Everyone would be in favor of it, right?

Wrong. There was both external and internal opposition to the project. We read about the external opposition in the book of Ezra: It came from those who didn't want this symbol of national identity and strength rebuilt. They didn't want Israel regaining its footing as a national player. We read about the internal opposition in the book of Haggai: It came from those who didn't think the timing was right for a building project — though, as Haggai points out, they had no problem building their own houses!

**ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI**

**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



We, too, are in a time of rebuilding. You might say the universal Church has been rebuilding a sense of the role of the laity since Vatican II. You might say the Church in the United States has been rebuilding a sense of integrity since the sexual abuse scandals. You might say the Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis has been rebuilding a sense of evangelization since All Things New.

Fundamentally, I think that's what the launch of the "Missionaries of Joy" program is about. As a joint project of the Augustine Institute and the parishes of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, it focuses some serious energy not simply on analyzing the darkness, but on growing the light. There's an amazing number of people who come into our parishes every week — an enormous potential force for good! How do we train some of those people to go out with the joy of the Gospel? That's a double attempt: an attempt to acknowledge and respond to the darkness and an attempt to stay focused on the light. We don't need to think it's perfect; no project is! But as a rebuilding project, it's running on the right track.

There's a historical fact in this week's readings: God invited the ancient Israelites to overcome external and internal opposition and rebuild what was lost due to their own sin. That historical fact also represents a perpetual truth in the spiritual life: God invites us to do the same. So a good question for each of us this week might be: What rebuilding is God inviting me to undertake in my own life and to support in the world around me?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Sept 21 - Sept 27 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/3SejOXr>



SEPTEMBER 21, 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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St. Vincent de Paul - September 27

- ♦ Born in 1581 to a peasant family, Vincent de Paul was educated and later ordained a priest.
- ♦ He was captured by pirates and sold into slavery in North Africa, he escaped by converting his master.
- ♦ After gaining freedom, he resolved to help the poor and neglected.
- ♦ In the 1620s he founded the Congregation of the Mission, known as the Vincentians, to serve the rural poor. He also helped reform the education and training of priests.
- ♦ In 1633 with Louise de Marillac, he co-founded the Daughters of Charity, an order of women dedicated to active works of charity, caring for the sick, poor and marginalized.
- ♦ He organized charitable efforts by soliciting donations from wealthy individuals to provide food, clothing and shelter for the poor and sick.
- ♦ In 1833, Frederic Ozanam and his fellow students were inspired by Vincent's work to establish the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to carry out charitable activities.
- ♦ St. Vincent de Paul is a secondary patron of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, where the first and oldest continuously operating Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States is located.



Stewardship Reflection

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

Respect Life Conference

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrate Respect Life Month with the **49th Annual Respect Life Conference, "Hope in the Gospel of Life"** on Saturday, October 4 at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. Starting at 9 a.m., this inspirational and educational day includes Holy Mass and Rosary, presentations on timely topics from Catholic and pro-life leaders, lunch, concurrent pro-life teen track for eighth grade and high school students in the afternoon, and a ministry partner fair.

The event costs \$25 for adults, \$10 for teens, and is free for priests, religious sisters and brothers (including those in formation), and seminarians. For complete event information and to register, contact prolife@archstl.org or 314.792.7555, or visit online at: <https://prolifestl.regfox.com/2025-respect-life-conference>



SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

O C I A



**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 2025-2026 OCIA session began September 7th.

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



RED MASS

Honoring all members of the legal
profession: judges, lawyers, law professors,
law students and government officials

Sunday, October 5, 2025 10:00 am

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Celebrant: Archbishop Rozanski

The Red Mass is a Catholic liturgical service held at the start of the judicial year for members of the legal profession, including judges, attorneys, and legislators, to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit for justice. The Red Mass dates back to 1245 when, St. Louis, King of France had Pope Innocent IV celebrate a Mass in the Cathedral of Paris for the Ecclesiastical Judicial Court.



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 21, 2025 through September 28, 2025

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
Monday: 449: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: 450: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5
Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: 451: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: 452: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9
Friday: 453: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: 454: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13 Lk 9:43b-45
645: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 9:35-38
Sunday: 138: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10
1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 9/13/2025-9/14/2025

Offertory	\$6,660.00
Online Giving	\$5,049.00
Loose	\$4,877.76
Cathedral Candles	\$651.81
Cathedral Landscape	\$45.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$25.00
Catholic Education	\$508.00
Home Mission Appeal	\$20.00
Cardinal Glennon Sunday	\$20.00



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

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

St. Vincent de Paul Membership

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Cathedral Basilica is looking for a few new members 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 hot-line 314.373.8288 and we will get in touch with 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.

Judy McGrath	Nicole Pace
Doreen Kelly	Resy Sanchez
Linda Baldwin	Mary Anne Work
Barbara Beckemeyer	Betty Ytzaina
Edwin Ayala Padilla	Deborah Lee
Dorothy Quinn	Margaret Aubermann
Mary Leah Kovarik	Chrystal Ray
Guy Thomas	Barbara Garrett
Kelvin Ayala Reyes	Tronda White
Wayne Eultgen	Tiffany Pitts

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 11, 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 27 & 28, 2025

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mary Ann Cheng Mitch Smith		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Pat McCann
8:00 am	Brian Ragen Jonathan Klimpel	Ragen Hagen Weisbrod	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Patricia Rice Aaron Hines			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Erin Heathman Michael Murphy		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
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, 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

