

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 19, 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.

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314.373.8205

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Oct 19 - 29th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
10:00 a.m. Andrew & Peter Dwyer
12:00 p.m. Michael Logan
5:00 p.m. Mothers Who Passed Away

Mon. Oct 20 - St. Paul of the Cross

7:00 a.m. Family of Leona Marti
8:00 a.m. Amara Francine Javier
12:05 p.m. John & Michele Hopkins

Tues. Oct 21 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Don Mueller
8:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Porter
12:05 p.m. Shirley Delonis "Red" Williams

Wed. Oct 22 - St. John Paul II

7:00 a.m. Daniel
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. Pope Leo XIV

Thur. Oct 23 - St. John of Capistrano

7:00 a.m. Molly Judd
8:00 a.m. Rose Marie Morrison
12:05 p.m. Sharmaine L. Credo

Fri. Oct 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:00 a.m. Sulpicio T. Credo Jr.
8:00 a.m. Kevin Meyers
12:05 p.m. Ronald Schoolman

Sat. Oct 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Fr. Richard McNeille
5:00 p.m. Donna Schafer

Sun. Oct 26 - 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. William Winters
10:00 a.m. Mary Katherine Licata
12:00 p.m. James Banker
5:00 p.m. Arnulfo Mario C. Lucena

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,

Prayer, and specifically *prayer of petition*, is the theme of today's Mass. There are many kinds of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, intercession, and petition. There is mental and vocal prayer, meditation and contemplation. We can pray privately on our own or in the company of others. There is private prayer and the public prayer and worship of the Church, which we call the liturgy. Each has its time and place.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the prayer of petition—asking God for what we *need*, as opposed to what we merely *want* or *would like* to have. The Gospel tells a parable about a judge and a poor widow who is seeking justice. The point is that if even a totally corrupt person, who cares neither for God nor for man, can be made to yield to the persistence of a completely defenseless widow with no resources (no money to bribe), how much more will a loving and caring God take care of His children? The lesson, then, is to keep on asking.

Does that mean we can keep asking for just anything? If I pray to win the mega lotto, is that really a prayer we could seriously expect God to honor? And if I did win, would that be an answer to prayer—or simply good luck?

The widow, on the other hand, asked for something God would certainly desire for her—*justice*. Elsewhere, Jesus compares God to a decent, caring parent. Would such a parent give a child a stone when he asked for bread? Would a parent give a scorpion to a child who asked for an egg? If even worldly parents give their children what they need, says Jesus, how much more will a loving God see to the needs of His children?

On that occasion, Jesus concluded His teaching by saying that God will always give good things to those who ask Him. Luke's version adds that God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

What are these “good things”? How do we ask for the Holy Spirit? Surely it means asking for those things that bring us closer to God—for what helps us to know, love, and serve Him better, and for what leads us to a deeper understanding of His teaching. Above all, it means asking to know His will for us, and for the strength to carry it out. It is asking that His will become our will, so that there is perfect harmony between the two. *I want to do what God wants me to do. His will and mine are one. And I end up doing what I want!* Isn't that wonderful?

Msgr. Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Jesus Christ is the Solution to the Problem of Sin

Jesus rescues us spiritually from sin, but we have to choose, again and again, to stay with Him

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's not comfortable, but we need to talk about sin. As we read St. Paul's letter to the Romans this week, some form of the word "sin" comes up more than 20 times.

There's a forgetfulness — or a denial — of the problem of sin today. But, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the truth about sin is the reverse side of the Good News that Jesus Christ is the savior. If we deny the problem, we'll miss the solution!

Sin is, first, an interior disintegration of our thoughts and desires. That interior disintegration then expresses itself exteriorly in sinful actions. As C.S. Lewis says, it's like a boat with a bad engine and a broken navigation system: Of course, it crashes into other boats!

When we seek to assuage the shame that follows our sinful actions — by soothing it or denying it — we're just treating the symptom rather than the problem.

Then we try to rationalize sinful acts, to explain them away "as merely a developmental flaw, a psychological weakness ... or the necessary consequence of an inadequate social structure" (CCC 387). But the rationalization never works. Something still haunts us. And one might ask: Why the vehemence in the attempt to explain it away? To paraphrase Shakespeare: We protest too much!

And so, at the bottom of it all, we're left with the root: the interior disintegration. And that, according to St. Paul, is precisely what Christ came to heal!

In Romans 7, St. Paul gives a brilliant psychological

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treatment of sin. He says, in effect: I know the right thing to do, but I don't do it, and I know that certain things are wrong, but I do them anyway. All of us can relate to that!

As we might say, in simple frustration: "Ack!" As St. Paul says, expressing our frustration more poetically: "Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this?"

But this is precisely the point at which he says: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus came for this problem. He is the mechanic, as it were, for the bad engine and broken navigation system.

There is, in our experience, a mysterious solidarity with Adam — a kind of centrifugal moral force pulling us away from God and leaving us frustrated. But there is also, in our experience, a mysterious solidarity with Christ, a kind of pull back toward God as the center of our lives that brings us wholeness and leaves us at peace.

And that's where our choice comes into play. God rescued ancient Israel physically from Egypt, but they could choose to stay with God or return to Egypt in their hearts. Likewise, Jesus rescues us spiritually from sin — not only externally, but also internally. We have to choose, again and again, to stay with Him.

It's tempting to blame our problems on politics, or culture, or finance, or some other external reality. And it's true that there are problems in all those areas. But the root of the problem lies within each of us. The root is sin. The solution is Jesus Christ. We need to get back to those basics.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Oct 19 - Oct 25 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/3SejOXr>



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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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OCTOBER 19, 2025

Veterans Day Mass

Sunday, November 9
10:00 a.m.

Regular, guard, reserve, retired, and prior service, are encouraged to wear the dress uniform as authorized. Following a group photo inside the Cathedral, veterans join all congregants for coffee and donuts in Boland Hall.



St. Barbara



Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Blake & Courtney Charlton** (pictured left) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 1:30 in the afternoon



GOLD MASS

Honoring Catholics in the Sciences
Sunday, November 16, 2025 10:30 am
Basilica of St. Louis, King of France
(Old Cathedral) 209 Walnut St.



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The Gold Mass, which follows in the tradition of special Masses for members of different professions, was selected because gold is the color of the hoods worn by individuals graduating with a Ph.D. in science.

Questions: stlcatholicscientists@gmail.com



ALL SOULS NOVENA AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

As the seasons change and we anticipate the beginning of November, our thoughts turn to our deceased loved ones as we prepare for the liturgical feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We remember them in life and we pray that “perpetual light will shine on them” and God will welcome them into eternal joy.

You are invited to remember deceased loved ones in prayer during the Cathedral Basilica’s All Souls Novena, nine days of prayer for the departed, beginning on November 2. Please send us the names of the deceased loved ones you wish included in the Novena, and they will be remembered collectively in a Mass each day for nine days.

In addition to our prayer, the name and image of your loved one will be displayed in our chapel, and you will receive a lovely Mass card with the name of your departed loved one inscribed inside.

Let us remember our departed loved ones by storming the gates of heaven with prayers on their behalf, praying with confidence the words: “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them.”

Enrollment for the All Souls Remembrance is available for purchase on our website at <https://cathedralstl.org/all-souls>.



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Cathedral Parish Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 2
following 5pm Mass
Boland Hall
RSVP by October 26

Please bring a dessert to share!

Italian Feast

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 October 19, 2025 through October 26, 2025

Sunday: 147: Ex 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8
2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8
Monday: 473: Rom 4:20-25 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75
Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 474: Rom 5:12, 17-19, 20b-21 Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: 475: Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1b-8
Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: 476: Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 12:49-53
Friday: 477: Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: 478: Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6
Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: 150: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 10/11/2025-10/12/2025

Offertory	\$7,344.00
Online Giving	\$9,108.75
Loose	\$4,180.67
Cathedral Candles	\$673.48
Cathedral Landscape	\$50.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$5.00
Catholic Education	\$221.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$26.00
Catholic University	\$50.00
All Saints Day	\$25.00



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

Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to join them for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, October 28.

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

All are welcome for Adoration!

As we approach November and our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving and Christmas, this is a great time to reflect on God's blessings bestowed upon each of us.

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

We will again host the chili and cornbread cookoff contest for dinner. If you wish to enter the contest, please let Michael Weisbrod (info below) know!

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org or 314.918.2893 by Monday, October 27.

St. Vincent de Paul

We will be collecting the following types of items to assist our neighbors in need at the back of church (in a big silver box) at each Mass on **November 1 & 2**. Toiletries, housekeeping products, shampoo, laundry detergent, etc. (-items not covered by SNAP/food stamps). Thank you for 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	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	Goldie Wirth
Guy Thomas	Barbara Garrett
Kelvin Ayala Reyes	Tronda White
Wayne Eultgen	Tiffany Pitts

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 **October 23, 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 OCTOBER 25 & 26, 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 Pat McCann
8:00 am	Mary Ann Cheng Phoebe Del Castillo	Weisbrod Robinson Austermann	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Guest Lector Guest Lector			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Mark Burmester		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

