

CATHEDRAL  
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 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 – 6:00 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)

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## 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**  
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## 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:sirons@cathedralstl.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sun. Nov 30 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Matthew Schnur  
10:00 a.m. Eugene Tompkins  
12:00 p.m. Oscar Luis Actis  
5:00 p.m. Dr. Jon Clark

### Mon. Dec 1 - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Patricia Swoboda  
8:00 a.m. Jon Schnur  
12:05 p.m. Bryan Keith

### Tues. Dec 2 - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Sr. Susan Marie Krupp, ASCJ  
8:00 a.m. Patricia Swerczek  
12:05 p.m. Madeline Hopkins

### Wed. Dec 3 - St. Francis Xavier

7:00 a.m. Uchenna Ogbuokiri  
8:00 a.m. Dave Goldkamp  
12:05 p.m. Rick Lee

### Thur. Dec 4 - St. John Damascene

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Schnur  
8:00 a.m. Aleta Nawrot  
12:05 p.m. Stephen Spellman

### Fri. Dec 5 - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Kory William Brueggemann  
8:00 a.m. Philip Schnur  
12:05 p.m. Robert Spooner

### Sat. Dec 6 - St. Nicholas

8:00 a.m. Max & Kate Banerjee  
5:00 p.m. Bertha Bader

### Sun. Dec 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Philip Schnur  
10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Schnur  
12:00 p.m. Nicholas Andrew Schneider  
5:00 p.m. Cheryl Wunderlich

**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

During this past week, we celebrated Thanksgiving. Some of us were able to gather with our families, many of us were not. But in either case, the holiday still gave us pause to recall the many blessings that God has bestowed on us. While this celebration is a secular feast, it reminds us all of the importance of giving thanks to Our Heavenly Father for all He does for us and to thank all those in our lives we take for granted. Saying our thanks indicates how important they are to us and confirms our love for them.

We have now entered into the Advent Season. It is, above all, a season of preparation by means of purification. The words of Saint John the Baptist, which express his mission in the world, uncover the meaning of our Advent observance:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” (Mt 3:3)

Even as Saint John the Baptist prepared the way of our Lord’s coming into the world in time, so too we get ready to welcome our Lord more completely into our lives now. We may then be ready to welcome Him finally and fully on the day of His coming in glory at the end of time.

How do we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord? Over the next four weeks, we will be spending much of our time decorating our homes, writing Christmas cards, and purchasing gifts for our loved ones. These are all things we do to prepare to celebrate Christmas day with great joy. To experience even greater joy, you and I must prepare ourselves. As we prepare our homes, so we prepare our souls.

Here are a few simple suggestions for Advent:

Time for Silent Prayer each day – (perhaps Eucharistic Adoration)  
 Receive Holy Communion – Daily if possible  
 Time for Spiritual Reading  
 Pray the Rosary  
 Examine your Conscience  
 Go to Confession

These are only suggestions and you can employ all or just one of them. Increasing your prayer life will help each one of us make the promises and prayers of the Advent Season more intense. Thus, we will become more ready to welcome the Child of Bethlehem. It is He who shows us the truth of a God who reveals Himself in weakness and humility.

**Msgr. Henry Breier**

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## Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Matthew & Rebecca Deutschmann** (pictured below) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 1:30 in the afternoon

Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8



## Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on **Emiliano Portales and the Castillo & Mancilla Family** (pictured above) He was baptized on November 16, 2025.

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

Acts 22:16





NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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

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 (FREE CONCERT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED)

Three Italian Tenors

Friday, March 27, 2026 7:30pm

Just Added

St. Louis Area Collegiate Choirs

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7:30pm (FREE CONCERT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED)

The Tallis Scholars

Friday, April 17, 2026 7:30pm

Just Added

Cappella Romana

Sunday, April 26, 2026 7:30pm



Artists & Dates subject to change



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# Archbishop's Advent Day of Recollection at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

**Saturday, December 6  
1pm concluding with 5pm Mass**

**All are welcome to join us for prayer and  
reflection during your Advent journey**

## First Sunday of Advent

Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. It begins the Church's liturgical year.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.





# Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

The poinsettias and greenery that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Parishioners & visitors are welcomed to honor loved ones still with us or in the memory of loved ones they have lost and want to honor. We ask a donation of \$10 per person being honored with a Memorial Poinsettia.

Please check the box to designate if the flower is in memory or in honor of the person listed and print the name 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 Memorial Poinsettias, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63108

| In<br>Memory | In<br>Honor | NAME OF PERSON - PLEASE PRINT!! |
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Please make checks payable to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

**Orders Due Monday, December 15**



# Blessing of Advent Wreath

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light be a sign  
of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



## 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 November 30, 2025 December 7, 2025

Sunday: 1: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14  
Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: 175: Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: 176: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: 177: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: 178: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-  
27a Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: 179: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: 180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: 4: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

## Stewardship Reflection

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 11/15/2025-11/16/2025

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Offertory                             | \$8,599.00 |
| Online Giving                         | \$5,112.00 |
| Loose                                 | \$4,109.96 |
| Cathedral Candles                     | \$721.42   |
| Cathedral Landscape                   | \$260.00   |
| Cathedral Maintenance                 | \$212.00   |
| Catholic Education                    | \$5.00     |
| Archdiocese for the Military Services | \$160.00   |
| Human Development                     | \$543.00   |
| Retired Religious                     | \$212.00   |





## STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

## Eucharistic Exposition

The Blessed Sacrament, the very presence of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist, is reserved in the tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the east of the main sanctuary. At all hours the Cathedral is open, people may be found praying there before the Lord "face to face."

**Each Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 pm, the Eucharist is displayed for prayer and adoration in public exposition in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for holy hour.** Following this holy hour, the Evening Prayer of the Church with Benediction is celebrated.

**Additionally, the Blessed Sacrament is displayed for public adoration and prayer on the First Friday of the month.** First Friday Adoration begins at approximately 8:30 am, following the completion of the 8:00 am Mass, and concludes with Benediction at 11:45 am. Our next First Friday Adoration will be held **Friday, December 5.**

## Immaculate Conception

**Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Masses at 7am, 8am, 12:05pm and 5:30pm.**

## 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.

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| Judy McGrath        | Betty Ytzaina      |
| Doreen Kelly        | Deborah Lee        |
| Linda Baldwin       | Margaret Aubermann |
| Barbara Beckemeyer  | Goldie Wirth       |
| Edwin Ayala Padilla | Barbara Garrett    |
| Dorothy Quinn       | Tronda White       |
| Mary Leah Kovarik   | Tiffany Pitts      |
| Guy Thomas          | Shamelia Clark     |
| Kelvin Ayala Reyes  | Mary Ann Murphy    |
| Wayne Eultgen       | Juliana Brown      |
| Nicole Pace         | Craig Campbell     |
| Resy Sanchez        |                    |

## Men of the Cathedral



As the year draws to a close, the Men of the Cathedral wish you, your families and friends a blessed Advent season and the merry and blessed Christmas season.

Please take the opportunity over the next few weeks to become that Christmas angel, making someone's Christmas a little better by your kindness to them.

The Men will be back for Adoration on January 27, 2026, but more to come on that later!

God bless us, everyone!

## 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

Our next meeting will be **December 4, 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](mailto:AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com) Or see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more details.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 6 &amp; 7, 2025

|                            | Extraordinary                                                | Lectors                          | Ministers of Care         | Servers                       | Ushers                                                               |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>5:00 p.m.<br/>(Sat)</b> | <b>No Cup<br/>Ministers At<br/>Any Mass This<br/>Weekend</b> | Michael Pajor<br>Kevin Ross      |                           | Doug Weber                    | Bob Sutter<br>Jerry Pastore<br>Matt Colvin<br>Pat McCann             |
| <b>8:00 am</b>             |                                                              | Linda Pallmann<br>Mary Ann Cheng | Thompson<br>Cheng<br>Paul | Doug Weber<br>Kevin Mattingly | Dave Meyer<br>Frank Snyder<br>Joe Schilli                            |
| <b>10:00 am</b>            |                                                              | Denise Murphy<br>Aaron Hines     |                           |                               | Sue Metheny<br>Dan Mangus<br>Roger Willis<br>Vito Alu                |
| <b>12 Noon</b>             |                                                              | Michael Murphy<br>Lucas Blatter  |                           | TBD                           | Willie Stevens<br>Skip Batchelor<br>Lawanda Reason<br>Mark Burmester |
| <b>5:00 pm</b>             |                                                              | John Stith<br>Claire Sommers     |                           | TBD                           | Willie Kelsey<br>Charlie Hapke<br>Pat McCann<br>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](http://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

