



Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France

THE OLD CATHEDRAL

FIRST CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



FOUNDED IN 1770

PRESENT CHURCH DEDICATED IN 1834

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 8, 2026

PASTORAL STAFF

Archbishop of St. Louis
The Most Reverend
Mitchell T. Rozanski

Rector
Father Nicholas W. Smith
Director, Office of Sacred Worship

In Residence
Father Joseph Jiang

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses
5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,
and 5:00 PM

Daily Masses
Monday through Friday
7:00 AM and 12:10 PM
Saturday - 7:00 AM

Live Stream Mass
7:00 AM Weekdays & 10:30 AM Sunday
Access live streams at oldcathedralstl.org

Devotions
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesdays - 12:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Confessions
Monday through Friday
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Saturday 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

Marriage
Please arrange at least six months in
advance of the desired date.
To reserve a date, or for more
information, please contact
Tracy Marklein at 314-308-0091
tracymarklein@archstl.org

Baptisms
Sundays, following the 12:00 PM Mass
Please call 314-231-3250 to arrange

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 8

8:00 AM Agnes H. Bonacorsi

10:30 AM Students of

Dr. Helena Czosnyka

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Marie Roberts

5:00 PM Parish Family

Monday, February 9

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Personal Intention of
Ronald Hirbe

Tuesday, February 10

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Gerald Horman

Wednesday, February 11

7:00 AM EOHSJ Legacy Society (NS)

12:10 PM The Tremback Family

Thursday, February 12

7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory (NS)

12:10 PM Robert Slinger

Friday, February 13

7:00 AM James Francis Hitchcock

12:10 PM Jim Blum

Saturday, February 14

7:00 AM Jeanne Slinger

5:30 PM Ronaldo Medina

Sunday, February 15

8:00 AM Jonathan & Desiree
Hampton

10:30 AM Timothy Croxton
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Ron & Sue

Kippenberger

5:00 PM Parish Family

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Monday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; *Valentine's Day*

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Your weekly donations
can be made by mail or in person,
or online at: oldcathedralstl.org/give

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Weekly Collection Thru 1/25/2026

Online Donations	\$ 844.00
Collection	\$ 748.00
Total	\$ 1,592.00

Weekly Collection Thru 2/1/2026

Online Donations	\$ 1,153.00
Collection	\$ 4,700.00
Total	\$ 5,853.00



OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

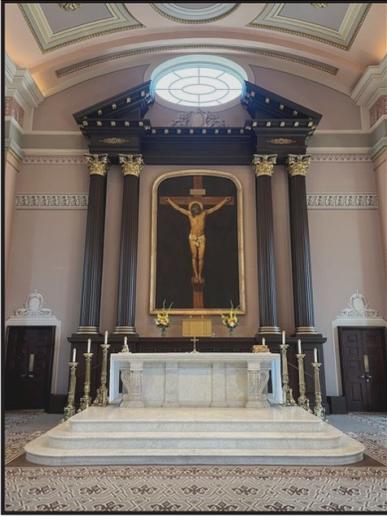
We are pleased to offer
Old Cathedral tours on the
first Sunday of the month
following the noon Mass.
Tour: March 1

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

This Sunday, Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, telling his disciples that they are *the salt of the earth* and *the light of the world*. Elaborating further, Jesus explains that this light must shine with *good deeds*.

For those of us who want more specifics about these *good deeds*, we can look to Isaiah's prophetic words: *Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked*. Hopefully these sound familiar. When Jesus speaks about the last judgment when the Son of Man will separate the sheep from the goats later in Matthew's Gospel, works such as these mentioned in Isaiah are the litmus test. These charitable actions are the basis for the works of mercy that call us to address the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors.

Jesus tells us that these works of mercy should be a constant, visible, perhaps even central aspect of our life of discipleship. Hearing Jesus emphasize that these should be visible to others, not just done in secret, might make some of us uncomfortable. Aren't we supposed to be humble? This doesn't sound humble. But it is. For it is not *us* that should be visible but the works themselves and, as Jesus goes on to say, these works of mercy will speak to those who witness them about God and lead them to give God praise.

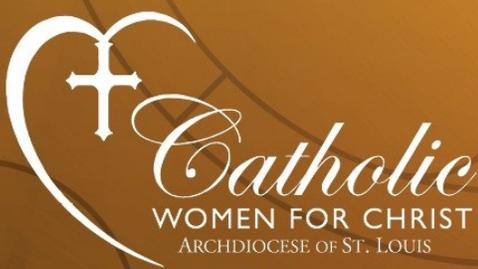
There are many people in our community and around the world who are in need of food, clothing, shelter, hospitality, and visiting. Let us reflect on how we are meeting these needs and consider how and whether God is inviting us to do more this Lenten season. We might consider whether we are cultivating a merciful heart – one that is attentive to the needs of those around us, one that would notice if a family member, co-worker, or neighbor was suffering or going through a difficult time and is ready to step in as needed.

In addition, in our day and age, we would also do well not to overlook Isaiah's call to *remove from your midst ... malicious speech*. Although most of us do not intend to be *malicious* in our speech, let us take care so that our words to others do not come across as thoughtless, unkind, or hurtful. Such words have no place in our life as disciples called to shine the Lord's light through *good deeds*.

As we come forward to receive the Lord himself, let us ask him to illuminate our hearts that we might discern how he is calling us to live the works of mercy, especially as we prepare to move into the Lenten season on February 18.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe.

-Father Smith



March 21, 2026
9:00am – 3:00pm
SI Commons at SLUH
4970 Oakland Ave

SAVE-THE-DATE

**CATHOLIC WOMEN
FOR CHRIST
CONFERENCE**

Faith is how we allow God to find rest in our soul

As we prepare for the start of Lent on February 18, we can look for how God comes to find rest in us

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Lent starts next week on February 18.

Providentially, we read this week about Solomon's dedication of the Temple. Reflecting on it can really help our preparation for Lent. In what way?

The Psalm refrain accompanying the dedication is from Psalm 132: "Lord, go up to the place of your rest." You see, the Temple was not only meant to be a worship site, it was also meant to provide a visible symbol of an invisible reality. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, in a beautiful prayer quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, says to God: "Grant my soul peace. Make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling, and the place of your rest." Her prayer helps us to make the connection between the reality of the Temple as a visible place for the Lord to rest and the reality of the soul as an invisible place for the Lord to rest.

Faith is how we allow God to find the place of His rest in our soul. St. Augustine makes the point when he says: "Christ is formed in the believer by the faith of the inner man." St. Bonaventure makes a similar point when he says: "through faith Christ lives in our hearts." Remember, this is why Christ didn't perform many mighty deeds in Nazareth: He found no resting place there because of their lack of faith (Matthew 13).

One of the great metaphors for this relationship is the cup. When a cup is turned upside down, you can pour water over it. If the water finds no place to "rest," it's not the water's fault! When the cup is turned right side up, the water finds its place of rest there. Faith works the same way in the soul.

We see this reality played out in the life of Solomon. He starts out well! His wisdom is combined with humility, and his humility expresses itself in obedience to the covenant. All is well in the external kingdom, because all is well in the internal kingship of his soul. The cup is right side up.

Later in Solomon's life, however, the cup gets turned upside down. "When Solomon was old ... his heart was not entirely with the Lord, his God." His knowledge remains! But his former humility is replaced with pride, and that pride expresses itself in disobedience to the covenant. Eventually, the external kingdom becomes divided; the main reason is because the internal kingship of Solomon's soul was divided.

What God says to Solomon, when his heart turns away from the covenant, is important for us, too: "Since this is what you want ..." Basically, God says: This is the internal reality you have chosen, so I will give it to you externally as well. That's a key lesson in how God's judgment works: It's not an extrinsic imposition, but an intrinsic working out of our choices.



OLD CATHEDRAL & MUSEUM TOUR

St. Clare of Assisi School—Ellisville

In support of the Bicentennial Jubilee celebration we invited schools to tour the Old Cathedral to discover the historic roots of the archdiocese. We enjoyed hosting Father Foy and his students for Mass and a tour.



MEN'S 2026 WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

Thursday, March 12 thru Sunday, March 15



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