



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



ALL THINGS NEW

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ALL THINGS NEW BY THE NUMBERS

ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

- Total Population: 2,259,000
- The City of St. Louis and 10 Counties - Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Perry, St. Charles, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, Warren, and Washington.
- Number of Catholics: 483,911
- Percent of Population that is Catholic: 21%
- 178 parishes and 6 missions

PRIESTS

- There are 190 diocesan priests in active parish ministry in the Archdiocese of St. Louis; but after August 1, with many planned retirements, there will be 165 in active parish ministry
- 41% of all diocesan priests are over the age of 70
- 42% of diocesan priests (79 priests) currently serving in parishes are 65 years of age or older
- 1/3 of these priests (25) will be retiring this year. Another 53 could retire in the next 10 years.
- Though priests' retirement age is 75, the average age of retirement for our diocesan priests has been 71 because of medical and other reasons.
- If we don't change the way our parishes are configured, by 2025, there would be more parishes than diocesan priests serving in parishes.

SACRAMENTS AND MINISTRY STATISTICS

- 4132 Baptisms (age 0-6) (2022)
- 3794 Funerals (2022)
- Our baptism and marriage trends reflect the national landscape, as they are half of what they were 20 years ago.

ALL THINGS NEW PROCESS

- For the last two years, the question we have been asking is "Which parish communities make the most sense to come together in light of demographic shifts, evangelization and social outreach efforts, resources, and priest availability?"
- Compiled sacramental, financial and demographic statistics over the last decade for every parish and school in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- 70,000 Catholics responded to the Disciple Maker Index survey
- Hosted nearly 350 Listening Sessions for 178 parishes



- Surveyed 18,000 parish school parents, administrators, teachers, staff, donors, community partners, and volunteers
- Met with community, civic and business organizations, held focus groups, and had conversations at the deanery and parish levels, both in groups and one-on-one
- *All Things New* Planning Committee created three consecutive and different draft models, building on feedback from the previous draft model.
- The Priest Council, as required by Church law, provided consultative input to the Archbishop by reviewing all of the data pertaining to each parish that is a part of any of the recommended models involving any potential change.

ARCHBISHOP'S DECISION

- Moving forward, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be reshaped from 178 individual parishes into 134 parishes. These parishes will be overseen by nearly 90 diocesan pastors and 17 religious order pastors. These modifications include the merging of 35 parishes that will be subsumed into neighboring parishes and 15 parishes being merged to create 5 new parishes. There will also be a new personal parish for the Spanish-speaking community in St. Charles County.
- Even in parishes where there is no change to the pastor or parish structure, all of our communities are asked to re-evaluate their current pastoral care, social outreach and evangelization efforts to see if they can be streamlined, refined or re-invented. Our new Vicariate structure will support this.
- Over the next several months our priests will be discerning with their people what the best use of our facilities should be to provide the Sacraments and necessary pastoral care to all who live in their boundaries and begin to reimagine what a vibrant, evangelizing parish ought to look like.
- Implementation of these plans will begin in summer/fall of 2023 and may continue through 2026.

APPEAL PROCESS

- Any parishioner who claims to have been aggrieved by the Archbishop's decision has the right to appeal the decision. Per Canon law, the request must be made in writing, postmarked no later than June 12, 2023, and addressed to the Archbishop at 20 Archbishop May Dr, St. Louis, MO 63119. We cannot accept emails or phone calls as a request for appeal.

DECISION BY THE NUMBERS

- 178 parishes to 134 parishes
- 17 religious order priests and close to 90 diocesan priests will serve as pastors, with many of them serving more than one parish
- 35 parishes subsumed



- 15 parishes merged to create 5 new parishes
- 1 new personal parish for Spanish-speaking community
- 155 new priest assignments

PARISH MODELS

- Parish remains unchanged and current pastor remains
- Parish remains unchanged but pastor and/or associate pastor change
- Parish remains unchanged but shares a pastor
- Parish subsumes another parish
- Parish is subsumed into another parish
- Parishes unite to form one new parish



PARISHES TO VISIT SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 28

- These pastors have given permission for media to attend and record Mass
- These pastors and parishes will be impacted in varying degrees
- Parishioners will be available to talk after Mass
- Please contact Brecht Mulvihill (314-960-3423) or Lisa Shea (314-609-7061) and let them know which Mass you will be attending, so they can alert the pastor

Parish	Address	Time
Immaculate Heart of Mary	4092 Blow Street	7:30 AM
St. Justin the Martyr	11910 Eddie & Park	9:00 AM
St. John the Baptist	4200 Delor St	10:00 AM
St. Raphael the Archangel	6000 Jamieson Ave	10:00 AM
St. Cecelia	5418 Louisiana Ave	11:00 AM
St. Gabriel	6303 Nottingham	11:00 AM
St. Norbert	16455 New Halls Ferry Road,	11:00 AM



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

amalgamated/subsumed	when one parish is united to another parish in such a way that the first parish no longer exists and the second parish remains
associate pastor	a parochial vicar, a priest who serves as a co worker with the pastor and pastorally ministers by common counsel and effort with the pastor and under his authority
church	a sacred edifice dedicated for divine worship and to which the faithful have right of entry; the following are also terms commonly used to describe churches: basilica, cathedral, chapel, oratory, shrine, worship site
deanery	a grouping of a certain number of parishes over which is placed a dean who promotes and coordinates common pastoral activity within it
decree	a singular administrative act issued by the diocesan bishop which is required to alter a parish or take other actions in canon law
juridic structure of a parish	the faithful, proper pastor, and finance council of a parish, under the authority of the diocesan bishop
just cause	a legally sufficient reason is needed for the diocesan bishop, after consultation with the diocesan presbyteral council, to erect, suppress, or merge a parish
merged	a parish that has been subsumed into another parish with the latter parish remaining, or two or more parishes that have been united in such a way that a new parish is established from them
mission	a group of the faithful to whom pastoral care is provided but which is not large enough to be established as a parish
multi-parish pastoring	when two or more parishes are entrusted to one pastor; Mass times may change and staff and programs may consolidate
parish church	in a parish with more than one church, the parish church is the one preferentially used for divine worship
parochial administrator	a priest temporarily entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share
pastor	a priest stably entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share
personal parish	a parish established to serve a group of the faithful determined by reason of the rite, language, or nationality
rector	a priest to whom is entrusted the care of and celebration of the sacraments in a non-parish church

senior priest in residence	a priest who celebrates the sacraments in a church
subsumed/amalgamated	when one parish is united to another parish in such a way that the first parish no longer exists and the second parish remains
suppress	when a personal parish is altered in such a way that it no longer exists; its church remains a sacred edifice open to the faithful
territorial parish	a parish which includes all the Christian faithful of a certain territory
vicariate	a specific part of a diocese entrusted to an episcopal vicar who assists the diocesan bishop in the pastoral governance of that part of the diocese; in the Archdiocese of St. Louis there will be 3 vicariates



NEW PARISH STRUCTURES

Northern Vicariate Deanery 1

St. Ferdinand Parish in Florissant has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Hazelwood and St. Sabina Parish in Florissant

Sacred Heart Parish in Florissant has received in an amalgamation the former territory of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Ferguson and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish in Florissant.

A new parish is erected through the merger of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Bissell Hills, St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant, and St. Norbert Parish in Florissant. The interim name of the new parish will be Holy Name of Jesus, St. Angela Merici, and St. Norbert Parish. A permanent name for the parish will be proposed by the pastor after consulting the faithful of the parish.

Holy Spirit Parish in Maryland Heights has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Jude Parish in Overland.

St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. John Bosco Parish in Maryland Heights and St. Richard Parish in Creve Coeur.

St. Ann Parish in Normandy has received in an amalgamation the former territory of Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Overland.

Christ the King Parish in University City has received in an amalgamation the former territory of All Saints Parish in University City and St. Rita Parish in Vinita Park and St. Roch in St. Louis

The Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, Parish in St. Louis is decreed both a personal and territorial parish. The parish is assuming the territory of the former St. John the Apostle and Evangelist Parish in St. Louis.

A new parish is erected through the merger of Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish in St. Louis; St. Augustine Parish in St. Louis; St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish in St. Louis; and St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in St. Louis. The interim name of the new parish will be Our Lady of the Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist, and St. Matthew the Apostle Parish. A permanent name for the parish will be proposed by the pastor after consulting the faithful of the parish.

A new parish is erected through the merger of Most Holy Trinity Parish in St. Louis, St. Nicholas Parish in St. Louis and St. Teresa and Bridget Parish in St. Louis. The interim name of



the new parish will be, ad interim, Most Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas, and Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish. A permanent name for the parish will be proposed by the pastor after consulting the faithful of the parish.

Northern Vicariate Deanery 2

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in University City has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Richmond Heights.

St. Cronan Parish in St. Louis is suppressed. St. Cronan Church remains a sacred edifice. Baptisms and marriages celebrated at St. Cronan Church will be recorded at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, the territorial parish in which St. Cronan Church is located. All ecclesiastical records of St. Cronan Parish will be forwarded to the archdiocesan archives.

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in St. Louis is suppressed. Sts. Peter and Paul Church remains a sacred edifice. Baptisms and marriages celebrated at Sts. Peter and Paul Church will be recorded at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, the territorial parish in which Sts. Peter and Paul Church is located. All ecclesiastical records of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish will be forwarded to the archdiocesan archives.

St. Stephen Protomartyr in St. Louis has received in an amalgamation the former territory of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in St. Louis and St. John the Baptist Parish in St. Louis.

St. Mark Parish in Lemay has received in an amalgamation the former territories of St. Andrew Parish in Lemay, St. Bernadette Parish in Lemay, St. Martin of Tours Parish in Lemay and St. Matthias Parish in Lemay.

A new parish is erected through the merger of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in St. Louis, Church of the Magdalen (St. Mary Magdalen) Parish in St. Louis and St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Louis. The interim name of the new parish will be Our Lady of Sorrows, Church of the Magdalen, and St. Joan of Arc Parish. A permanent name for the parish will be proposed by the pastor after consulting the faithful of the parish.

Seven Holy Founders Parish in Affton has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. John Paul II Parish in Affton.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Shrewsbury has received in an amalgamation the former territory of Cure of Ars Parish in Shrewsbury.

St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brentwood has received in an amalgamation the former territory of Immaculate Conception Parish in Maplewood.



Southern Vicariate Deanery 3

A new parish is erected through the merger of Immaculate Conception Parish in Arnold and St. David Parish in Arnold. The interim name of the new parish will be Immaculate Conception and St. David Parish. A permanent name for the parish will be proposed by the pastor after consulting the faithful of the parish.

Southern Vicariate Deanery 4

St. Joachim Parish in Old Mines has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Joseph Parish in Tiff and St. Stephen Parish in Richwoods.

St. Joseph Parish in Farmington has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Coffman.

Immaculate Conception Parish in Park Hills has received in an amalgamation the former territory St. John the Apostle Mission in Bismarck. All former members of St. John the Apostle Mission, regardless of their domicile, become members of Immaculate Conception Parish.

St. Genevieve Parish in Ste. Genevieve has received in an amalgamation the former territory of Sts. Philip and James Parish in River aux Vases.

St. Agnes Parish in Bloomsdale has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceton.

Western Vicariate Deanery 5

St. Clare Parish in St. Clair has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Luebbering.

Assumption Parish in New Haven has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Paul Parish in Berger.

Western Vicariate Deanery 6

St. Juan Diego Parish is a new parish erected as a personal parish for those of Hispanic language and heritage. The parish will, *ad interim*, use the land and buildings formerly belonging to St. Barnabas the Apostle Parish in O'Fallon.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St Charles has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.





St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Charles.

Assumption Parish in O'Fallon has received in an amalgamation the former territory of St. Barnabas the Apostle Parish in O'Fallon.

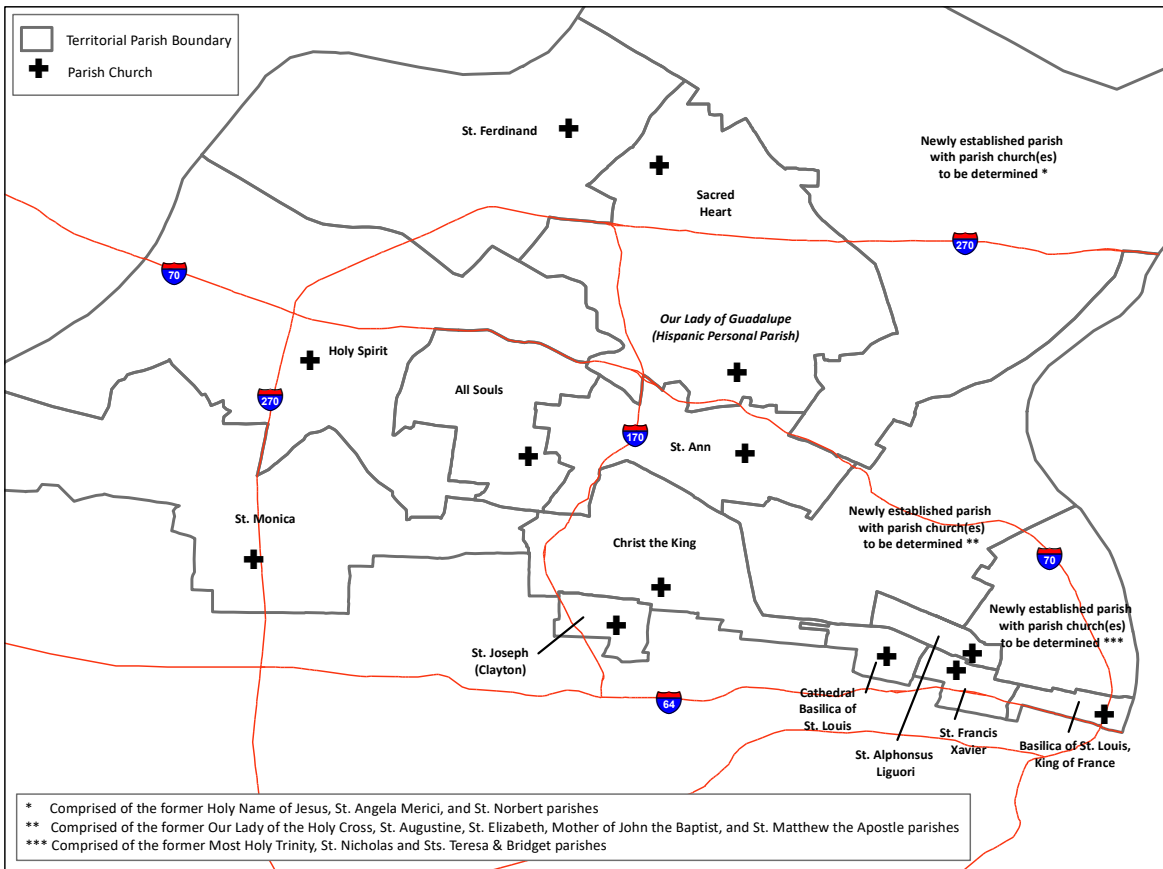


The Vicariates, Deaneries and Counties of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

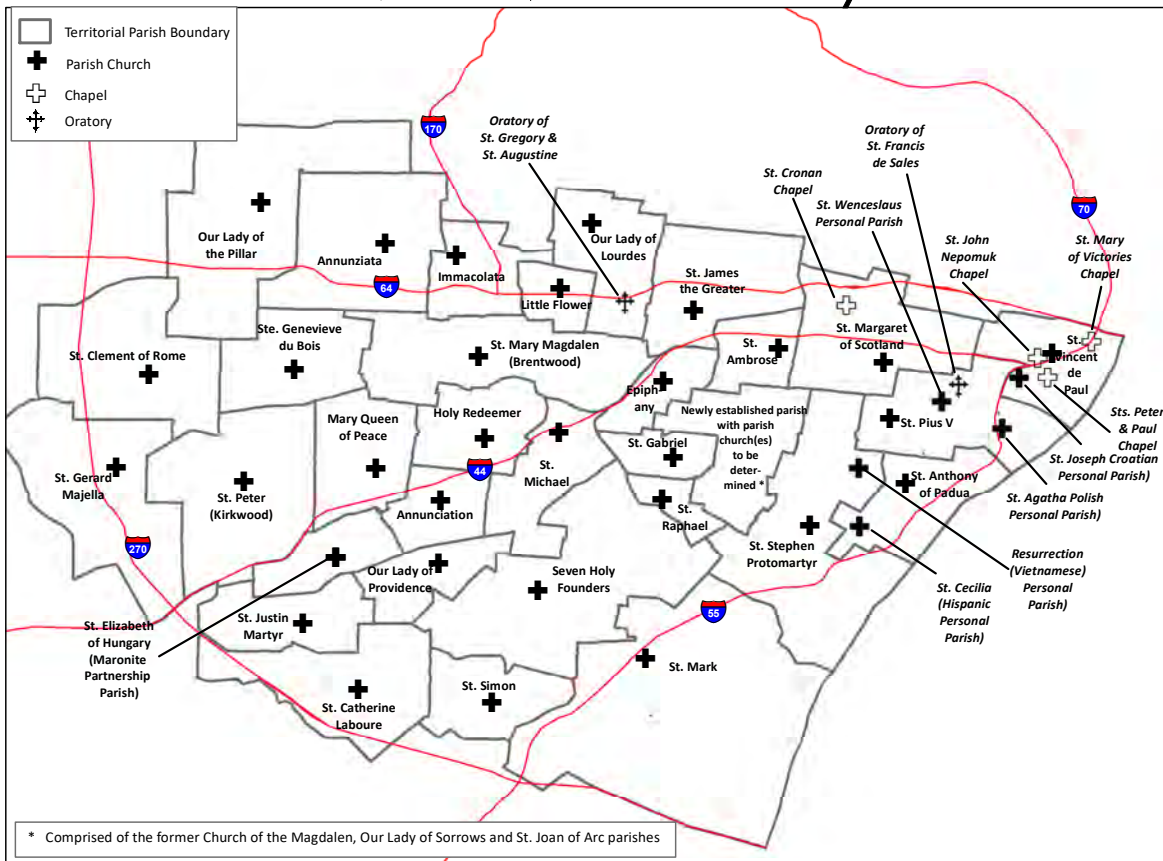
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-  Vicariate and Deanery Boundaries



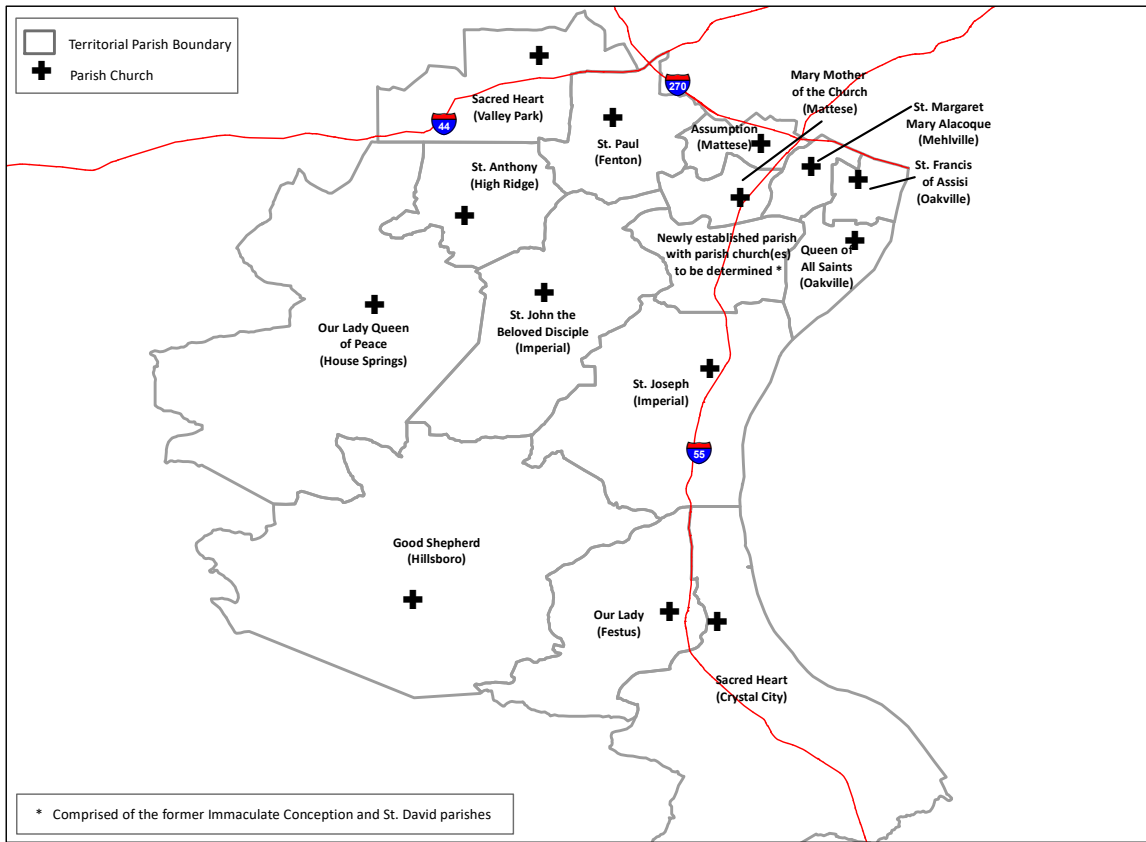
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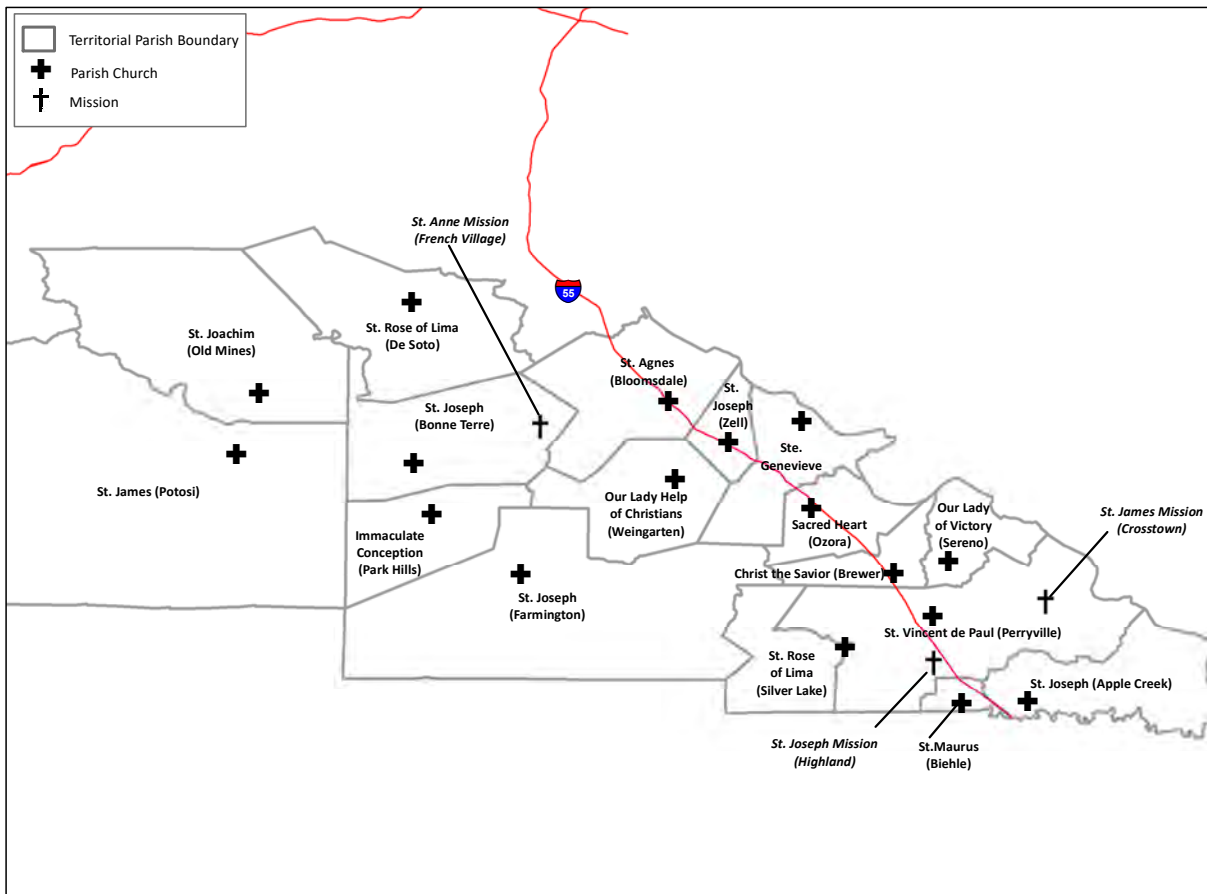
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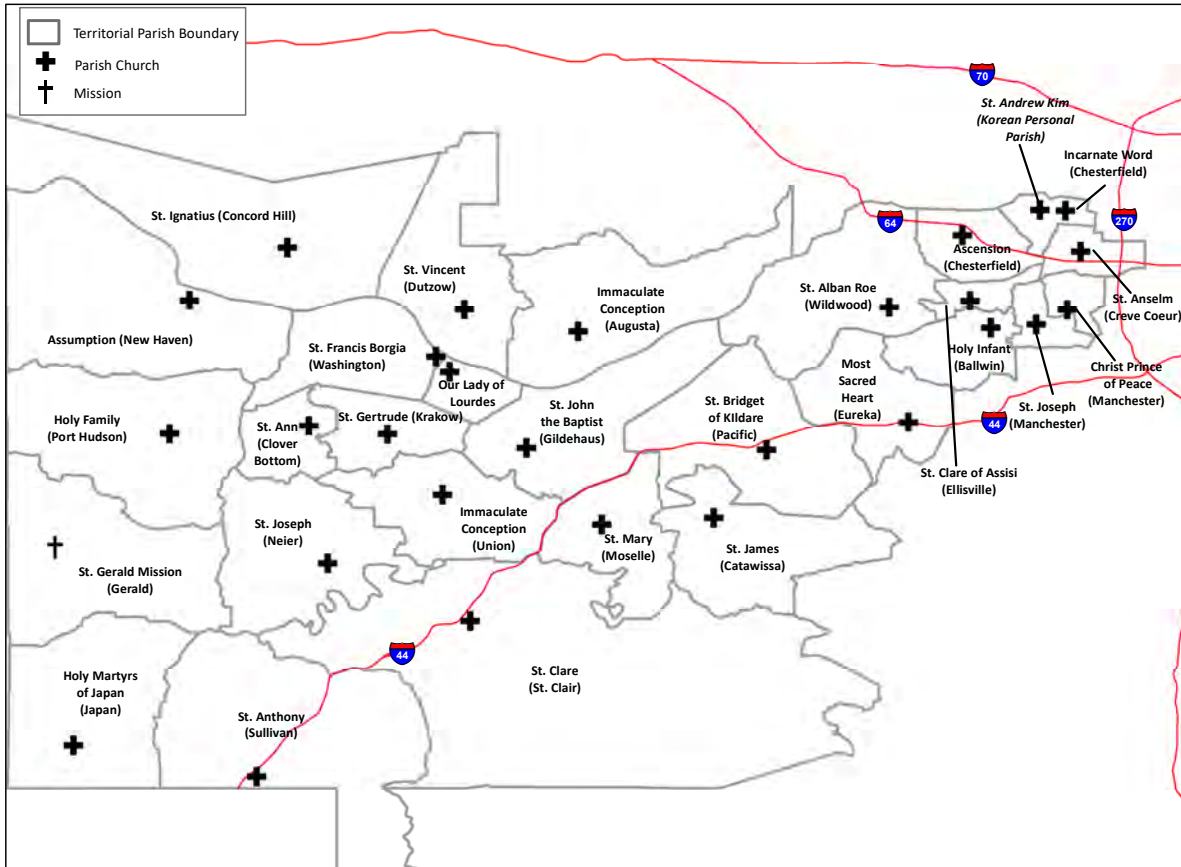
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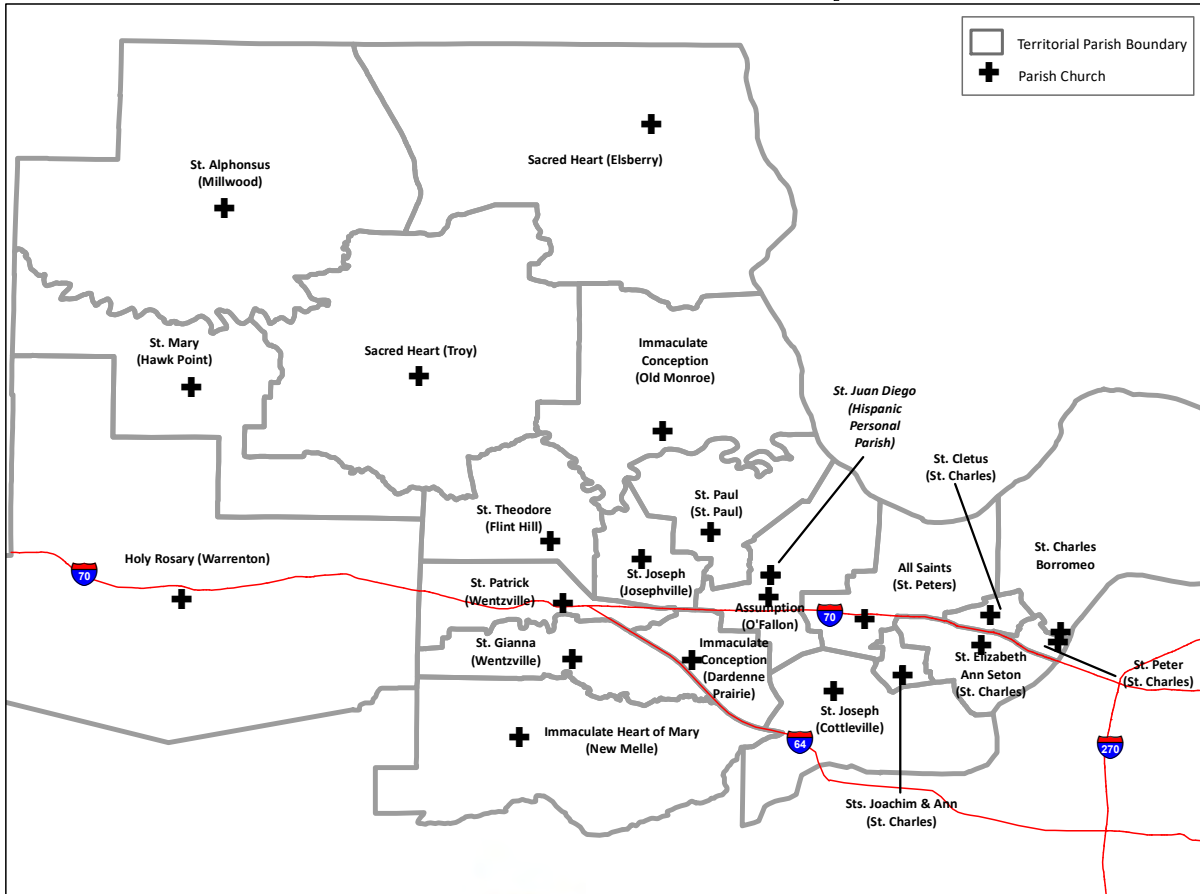
Southern Vicariate - Deanery 4



Western Vicariate - Deanery 5



Western Vicariate - Deanery 6



APPOINTMENT OF PRIESTS

We are grateful to all the men who have answered God's call to the priesthood. As we decrease the number of parishes from 178 parishes to 134, close to 90 diocesan priests will serve as pastors, with many of them serving more than one parish, Below is the list of reassignments for many of our archdiocesan priests. If you do not see a priest's name on this list, he will remain assigned where he is currently.

Rev. Alexander R. Anderson, formerly pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in DeSoto, is granted retirement with residence at Regina Cleri.

Rev. Andrew A. Auer, formerly associate pastor of St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Ellisville, is released for service to the Diocese of Jefferson City to serve as associate pastor of the St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish at the University of Missouri at Columbia (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Mitchell C. Baer, formerly associate pastor of Ste. Genevieve Parish in Ste. Genevieve, is appointed associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne Prairie.

Rev. Joseph W. Banden, retired, is appointed to provide sacramental assistance to the pastor of St. Ferdinand Parish in Florissant with continued residence at the rectory of the former St. Sabina Parish.

Rev. Charles W. Barthel, formerly pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in Mattese, is appointed pastor of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish in St. Charles.

Rev. Stephen F. Bauer, retired, is granted residence at Incarnate Word Parish in Chesterfield.

Very Rev. Philip J. Bene, JV, JCD, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Clayton, is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in University City with continued service as Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Rev. James J. Benz, formerly pastor of St. Cletus Parish in St. Charles, is granted retirement with residence at Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish in St. Charles.

Rev. Michael J. Benz, formerly pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Bloomsdale and pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceton, is appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Apple Creek and pastor of St. Maurus Parish in Biehle.

Rev. Peter M. Blake, formerly pastor of St. Luke Parish in Richmond Heights, is appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Union, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Neier, and pastor of St. Clare Parish in St. Clair.



Rev. Gerald J. Blessing, formerly pastor of St. Paul Parish in St. Paul, is appointed pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. David Parish in Arnold and the former Immaculate Conception Parish in Arnold.

Rev. C. Allen Boedeker, newly ordained, is appointed associate pastor of St. Mark Parish in Lemay (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Michael P. Boehm, formerly Vicar General of the Archdiocese and pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington, is appointed pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Hillsboro, pastor of Our Lady Parish in Festus, and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Crystal City.

Rev. Msgr. Vincent R. Bommarito, formerly pastor of St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Louis, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Mark S. Bozada, formerly pastor of St. Mary Parish in Moselle and pastor of St. James Parish in Catawissa is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. Gary G. Braun, formerly director of the Catholic Student Center at Washington University, is appointed associate director of the Catholic Student Center at Washington University (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Jacob T. Braun, newly ordained, is appointed associate pastor of Holy Infant Parish in Ballwin (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Msgr. John J. Brennell, formerly pastor of Seven Holy Founders Parish in Affton, is appointed senior associate pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. David Parish in Arnold and the former Immaculate Conception Parish in Arnold.

Very Rev. John A. Brockland, JCL, JV, VE, formerly pastor of Sts. Joachim and Ann Parish in St. Charles, is appointed Episcopal Vicar for the Western Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis with residence to be determined and with continued service as Judicial Vicar for the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Second Instance for the Province of St. Louis (effective July 1, 2023).

Very Rev. Kenneth A. Brown, VE, Vicar for Clergy and Director of Priest Personnel, formerly in residence at Seven Holy Founders Parish, is assigned residence at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in University City (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Andrew V. Burkemper, formerly pastor of St. Bridget of Kildare Parish in Pacific, is appointed pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in New Melle.

Rev. Robert W. Burkemper, formerly pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles, is appointed pastor of St. Mark Parish in Lemay.

Rev. James J. Byrnes, formerly pastor of Cure of Ars Parish in Shrewsbury, is granted retirement with residence at Regina Cleri.



Rev. Msgr. Kevin G. Callahan, formerly pastor of St. Paul Parish in Fenton, is appointed senior associate pastor of Seven Holy Founders Parish in Affton.

Rev. Arthur J. Cavitt, formerly pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in St. Louis, is appointed part-time senior associate pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former Most Holy Trinity Parish in St. Louis, the former Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish in St. Louis, and the former St. Nicholas Parish in St. Louis. He is also appointed part-time senior associate pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. Augustine Parish in St. Louis, the former Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish in St. Louis, the former St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish in St. Louis, and the former St. Matthew Parish in St. Louis. He is to continue as part-time director of the St. Charles Lwanga Center in St. Louis with residence at the former parish of St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist.

Rev. Saji Mathew Cheruparambil, formerly pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Crystal City, is appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Manchester.

Rev. Patrick J. Christopher, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Apple Creek and pastor of St. Maurus Parish in Biehle, is granted the status of senior priest with residence at Seven Holy Founders Parish in Affton.

Very Rev. Richard V. Coerver, VF, formerly pastor of St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish in Imperial, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Clement of Rome Parish in Des Peres.

Rev. Msgr. Timothy P. Cronin, with continued service as pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brentwood, is also appointed pastor of Little Flower Parish in Richmond Heights.

Rev. Frank A. D'Amico, formerly senior associate pastor at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles, is appointed senior associate pastor of Queen of All Saints Parish in Oakville.

Rev. Anthony A. Dattilo, with continued service as pastor of St. Joachim Parish in Old Mines, is also appointed pastor of St. James Parish in Potosi.

Rev. John C. Deken, formerly pastor of Assumption Parish in New Haven and pastor of St. Paul Parish in Berger, is appointed senior associate pastor of Assumption Parish in New Haven and senior associate pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington.

Rev. Msgr. Dennis M. Delaney, formerly pastor of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Parish in St. Louis, is appointed to residence there and as rector of the Pro-Cathedral of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist and with continued service as executive director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Rev. Joshua S. Deters, newly ordained, is appointed associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville (effective July 1, 2023).



Rev. Joseph A. Detwiler, formerly associate pastor of Queen of All Saints Parish in Oakville, is appointed associate pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Wentzville.

Rev. Fredrick A. Devaraj, formerly associate pastor of St. Alban Roe Parish in Wildwood, is appointed full-time chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital with a continued residence at St. Alban Roe Parish (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Msgr. Michael E. Dieckmann, formerly senior associate pastor of Holy Infant Parish in Ballwin, is granted retirement with continued residence at Holy Infant Parish (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Mark A. Dolan, formerly pastor of Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Overland, is granted retirement at a private residence (effective 30 June 2023).

Rev. William F. Dotson, formerly pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles, is granted a leave of absence at his request.

Rev. Mitchell S. Doyen, formerly pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in St. Louis, is appointed pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. Nicholas Parish in St. Louis, the former Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish in St. Louis, and the former Most Holy Trinity Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Dennis M. Doyle, JCL, with continued service as pastor of St. Vincent Parish in Dutzow and as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Augusta, is also appointed pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Concord Hill.

Rev. Michael J. Esswein, with continued service as pastor of Annunciation Parish in Webster Groves, is also appointed pastor of Our Lady of Providence Parish in Crestwood.

Rev. Peter T. Faimega, formerly pastor of St. Norbert Parish in Florissant, is appointed pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. Norbert Parish in Florissant, the former St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant, and the former Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Bissell Hills.

Rev. Brian S. Fallon, formerly pastor of Church of the Magdalen Parish in St. Louis, is appointed director of the Catholic Student Center at Washington University with continued service as director of the Office of Vocations (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Charles F. Ferrara, formerly pastor of St. David Parish in Arnold, is appointed pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Shrewsbury.

Rev. Rodger P. Fleming, formerly pastor of St. James Parish in Potosi, is appointed pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in DeSoto and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bonne Terre with responsibility also for St. Anne Mission in French Village.

Rev. Peter J. Fonseca, formerly pastor of St. Theodore Parish in Flint Hill, is assigned to pursue graduate studies at St. Louis University with residence at the Basilica of St. Louis IX, King of France in St. Louis and with continued service as Director of Continuing Formation for Priests.



Rev. Bruce A. Forman, formerly pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in St. Louis, is granted the status of senior priest with residence at the former Sts. Peter and Paul rectory.

Rev. James J. Foster, formerly pastor of Holy Family Parish in Port Hudson with responsibility for St. Gerald Mission in Gerald, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Gertrude Parish in Krakow, senior associate pastor of St. Ann Parish in Clover Bottom, and senior associate pastor of Holy Family Parish in Port Hudson.

Rev. Timothy J. Foy, formerly pastor of St. John the Baptist (Gildehaus) in Villa Ridge, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Ellisville.

Rev. Anthony J. Gerber, formerly senior associate pastor of Incarnate Word Parish in Chesterfield, is appointed senior associate pastor of Ste. Genevieve Parish in Ste. Genevieve, senior associate pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Weingarten, and senior associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ozora.

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Gettinger, formerly pastor of St. Augustine Parish in St. Louis is granted retirement with residence at Regina Cleri.

Rev. Stephen P. Giljum, formerly pastor of St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish in St. Louis, is released for service to the Diocese of Fargo in North Dakota.

Rev. Edward J. Godefroid, formerly associate pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles, is appointed parochial administrator of Holy Rosary Parish in Warrenton and parochial administrator of St. Mary Parish in Hawk Point.

Rev. James C. Gray, formerly pastor of St. Jude Parish in Overland, is appointed pastor of St. Ann Parish in Normandy and part-time chaplain for the Catholic Newman Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Rev. Thomas J. Haley, formerly pastor of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Ferguson, is appointed senior associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Florissant.

Rev. Msgr. Patrick K. Hambrough, formerly pastor of Queen of All Saints Parish in Oakville, is appointed pastor of Ascension Parish in Chesterfield.

Rev. Msgr. Richard E. Hanneke, formerly pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in University City, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. Patrick T. Hayden, formerly assigned to the Latin American Apostolate in Bolivia, is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Ferguson.

Rev. Brian E. Hecktor, formerly pastor of St. Mark Parish in Lemay is appointed pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Sunset Hills.

Rev. Timothy J. Henderson, formerly pastor of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish in Japan, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington and senior associate pastor of Assumption Parish in New Haven.



Rev. Donald E. Henke, S.Th.D., formerly pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Shrewsbury, is to continue service on the faculty of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, now full-time, with residence at the seminary.

Rev. Michael L. Henning, formerly pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Bissell Hills, is granted retirement at a private residence (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Lawrence A. Herzog, formerly pastor of Little Flower Parish in Richmond Heights, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brentwood and senior associate pastor of Little Flower Parish in Richmond Heights.

Rev. David J. Hogan, formerly associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne Prairie, is appointed parochial administrator of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Green Park.

Rev. James A. Holbrook, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bonne Terre with responsibility also for St. Anne Mission in French Village, is appointed pastor of St. Gertrude Parish in Krakow, pastor of St. Ann Parish in Clover Bottom, and pastor of Holy Family Parish in Port Hudson.

Rev. Christopher F. Holtmann, formerly pastor of St. John Paul II Parish in Affton, is appointed pastor of St. Cletus Parish in St. Charles.

Rev. Ronald J. Hopmeir, formerly pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish in St. Louis, is appointed senior associate pastor of Queen of All Saints Parish in Oakville.

Rev. Samuel O. Inameti, formerly associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish in Melville, is appointed associate pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. Norbert Parish in Florissant, the former St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant, and the former Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Bissell Hills (effective July 1, 2023).

Very Rev. Scott A. Jones, VE, formerly pastor of Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish in St. Louis, is appointed Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis with residence to be determined (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Lijo S. Kallarackal, formerly pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Hazelwood, is appointed pastor of St. Ferdinand Parish in Florissant.

Rev. John A. Keenoy, formerly pastor of St. Mary Parish in Hawk Point, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. William G. Kempf, formerly pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Sunset Hills, is appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Florissant.

Rev. Gregory S. Klump, formerly pastor of Our Lady Parish in Festus, is appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Valley Park.

Rev. Msgr. Jeffrey N. Knight, formerly pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Arnold, is appointed pastor of Seven Holy Founders Parish in Affton.



Rev. Robert D. Knight, formerly pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Luebbering and pastor of St. Stephen Parish in Richwoods, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. Francis F. Koeninger, formerly pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Weingarten, is granted retirement at a private residence (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Philip D. Krill, formerly pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Lemay, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. Eric J. Kunz, formerly pastor of St. Clare Parish in St. Clair, is appointed senior associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Union, senior associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Neier, and senior associate pastor of St. Clare Parish in St. Clair.

Rev. Michael L. Lampe, formerly associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne Prairie, is appointed parochial administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Old Monroe.

Rev. Msgr. John J. Leykam, formerly pastor of Annunziata Parish in Ladue, is appointed senior associate pastor of Ste. Genevieve du Bois Parish in Warson Woods and senior associate pastor of Annunziata Parish in Ladue.

Rev. Stephen En Suan Lian, formerly pursuing graduate studies, is appointed associate pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Hillsboro, associate pastor of Our Lady Parish in Festus, and associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Crystal City.

Very Rev. Michael J. Lydon, VE, formerly pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Troy, is appointed Episcopal Vicar for the Southern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis with residence to be determined (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Jeffrey A. Maassen, J.D., formerly pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Valley Park, is appointed pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington and pastor of Assumption Parish in New Haven.

Rev. Mark R. Madden, with continued service as associate pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in St. Louis, is also appointed associate pastor of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Clark B. Maes, formerly senior associate pastor of St. Simon Parish in Green Park, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville.

Very Rev. Christopher M. Martin, VE, formerly Vicar for pastoral Planning, is appointed Vicar for Parish Mission and Vitality and is assigned residence at St. Joseph Parish in Clayton (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. John W. Mayo, formerly pastor of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in St. Louis, is appointed Spiritual Director at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary with residence at the seminary and with continued service to the Catholic Renewal Center.



Rev. Msgr. William W. McCumber, formerly senior associate pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Brentwood and senior associate pastor of Little Flower Parish in Richmond Heights.

Rev. Gerald A. Meier, retired and formerly in residence at Holy Spirit Parish in Maryland Heights, is granted residence at Regina Cleri (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. James R. Michler, formerly senior associate pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in St. Louis, is granted retirement with residence at St. Cecilia Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Msgr. Gregory R. Mikesch, formerly senior associate pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, is granted retirement with residence at St. Joseph Parish in Imperial.

Rev. Thomas C. Miller, formerly pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in New Melle, is appointed pastor of St. Anthony Parish in High Ridge and pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in House Springs.

Rev. Msgr. Matthew M. Mitas, formerly pastor of St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant, is appointed senior associate pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. Norbert Parish in Florissant, the former Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Bissell Hills, and the former St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant.

Rev. Bradley E. Modde, formerly pastor of St. Simon Parish in Green Park, is appointed pastor of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Louis, the former Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in St. Louis, and the former Church of the Magdalen Parish in St. Louis.

Very Rev. Thomas M. Molini, VF, formerly pastor of Ascension Parish in Chesterfield, is appointed pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in St. Louis and pastor of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Donald C. Morris, with continued service as associate pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Washington, is also appointed associate pastor of St. John Gildehaus Parish and Chaplain of St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington.

Rev. Msgr. Daniel E. Mosley, formerly pastor of Ste. Genevieve du Bois Parish in Warson Woods, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. Sebastian M. Mundackal, formerly pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in St. Louis, is appointed pastor of St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur.

Rev. Michael G. Murphy, formerly pastor of St. Ferdinand Parish in Florissant, is appointed pastor of Queen of All Saints Parish in Oakville.

Rev. Edward G. Nemeth, with continued service as pastor of Ste. Genevieve Parish in Ste. Genevieve, is also appointed pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Weingarten and pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ozora.



Rev. John C. Nickolai, formerly pastor of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish in Florissant, is appointed pastor of St. Paul Parish in Fenton.

Rev. Paul J. Niemann, formerly pastor of St. Pius V Parish in St. Louis, is appointed senior associate pastor of Annunciation Parish in Webster Groves and senior associate pastor of Our Lady of Providence Parish in Crestwood.

Very Rev. Aaron P. Nord, JCD, Adjutant Judicial Vicar for the Metropolitan Tribunal and formerly pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in St. Louis, is appointed pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish in St. Louis with continued service part-time to the Metropolitan Tribunal.

Rev. Alexander M. Nord, formerly associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville, is appointed parochial administrator of St. Bridget of Kildare Parish in Pacific, parochial administrator of St. Mary Parish in Moselle, and parochial administrator of St. James Parish in Catawissa with responsibility for St. Patrick of Armagh Mission in Catawissa.

Rev. Vincent R. Nyman, DMin, formerly pastor of Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish in St. Louis, is appointed part-time senior associate pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in De Soto and part-time senior associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bonne Terre, assisting the pastor also in his responsibility for St. Anne Mission in French Village. He is also appointed part-time senior associate pastor of St. Joachim Parish in Old Mines and part-time senior associate pastor of St. James Parish in Potosi.

Rev. Eric F. Olsen, formerly pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Ferguson, is appointed pastor of the newly established St. Juan Diego Parish, a personal parish for Hispanic Catholics, at the Church of St. Barnabas in O'Fallon.

Rev. Gerson A. Parra Meza, formerly associate pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Wentzville, is appointed associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Florissant.

Rev. Thomas M. Pastorius, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Manchester, is appointed pastor of St. James the Greater Parish in St. Louis and pastor of Epiphany of our Lord Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Clark A. Philipp, formerly associate pastor of St. Clement of Rome Parish in Des Peres, is appointed parochial administrator of St. Alban Roe Parish in Wildwood.

Rev. Dennis R. Port, formerly pastor of St. Matthias Parish in Lemay, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Very Rev. Joseph S. Post, VF, formerly pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Union, is appointed pastor of St. Paul Parish in St. Paul and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Josephville.

Rev. Henry K. Purcell, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Zell, is appointed pastor of St. Theodore Parish in Flint Hill.



Rev. Ryan T. Quarnstrom, newly ordained, is appointed associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish in Mehlville (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Richard J. Quirk, PhD, formerly pastor of St. James the Greater Parish in St. Louis is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. Richard J. Rath, formerly pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Old Monroe, is appointed full-time chaplain for SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital -St. Charles and SSM DePaul Hospital-St. Louis and part-time senior associate pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Maryland Heights.

Rev. Robert J. Reiker, formerly pastor of St. Bernadette Parish in Lemay, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. John H. Reiker, formerly pastor of St. Anthony Parish in High Ridge, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Anthony Parish in High Ridge and senior associate pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in House Springs.

Rev. Michael R. Rennie, formerly pastor of Epiphany of our Lord Parish in St. Louis, is appointed Vice-Rector of the Oratory of Sts. Gregory and Augustine at the Church of St. Luke the Evangelist in Richmond Heights.

Rev. Anthony N. Ritter, formerly associate pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington, is appointed associate director of the Archdiocesan Vocation Office with residence at St. Gabriel Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Eugene G. Robertson, formerly pastor of St. Richard Parish in Creve Coeur, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur.

Rev. Stephen P. Robeson, formerly pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Concord Hill, is appointed pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish in South County.

Rev. Jonathan R. Ruzicka, with continued service as associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Imperial and continued service as part-time Chaplain for St. Pius X High School, is also appointed associate pastor of St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish in Imperial.

Rev. Robert J. Samson, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Josephville, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. Charles K. Samson, STD, formerly providing sacramental ministry at the Chapel of Our Lady of Victories in St. Louis with residence at the Basilica of St. Louis IX, King of France, is assigned residence at Holy Redeemer Parish in Webster Groves with continued service full-time on the faculty of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Rev. James W. Schaefer, formerly pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ozora, is granted retirement with residence at Sacred Heart Parish in Ozora.

Rev. Eugene W. Schaeffer III, formerly associate pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Webster Groves, is appointed associate pastor of Ascension Parish in Chesterfield.



Very Rev. Carl J. Scheble, *VG*, formerly pastor of St. Gertrude Parish in Krakow and pastor of St. Ann Parish in Clover Bottom, is granted a sabbatical from June 15, 2023, through September 8, 2023, after which he is appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Moderator of the Curia with residence at the former St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Scott L. Scheiderer, formerly associate pastor of St. Paul Parish in Fenton, is appointed parochial administrator of a newly established parish comprised of the former St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish in St. Louis, the former Our Lady of the Holy Cross Parish in St. Louis, the former St. Augustine Parish in St. Louis, and the former St. Matthew Parish in St. Louis.

Rev. Richard J. Schilli, formerly pastor of Our Lady of Providence Parish in Crestwood, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Mark Parish in Lemay.

Rev. Dennis C. Schmidt, formerly pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in House Springs, is granted retirement with residence at Regina Cleri.

Rev. Christopher J. Schroeder, formerly associate pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Sunset Hills, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles and senior associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in St. Charles.

Rev. Msgr. John A. Schuler, formerly pastor of St. Cronan Parish in St. Louis, is granted the status of senior priest with residence at the former St. Cronan rectory.

Rev. Stephen R. Schumacher, formerly associate pastor of Ascension Parish in Chesterfield, is appointed associate pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles.

Rev. John M. Seper, formerly pastor of St. Peter Parish in St. Charles, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Alban Roe Parish in Wildwood.

Rev. Msgr. John B. Shamleffer, *JCL*, formerly pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in St. Louis, is appointed pastor of Ste. Genevieve du Bois Parish in Warson Woods and pastor of Annunziata Parish in Ladue with continued service as a Collegiate Judge on the Tribunal of Second Instance for the Province of St. Louis.

Rev. Daniel G. Shaughnessy, with continued service as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Imperial, is also appointed pastor of St. John the Beloved Disciple Parish in Imperial.

Rev. Christopher D. Smith, *PharmD*, formerly associate pastor of Holy Infant Parish in Ballwin, is appointed associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne Prairie.

Rev. Nicholas W. Smith, with continued service as director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, is appointed pastor of the newly established personal and territorial parish of the Basilica of St. Louis IX, King of France, in St. Louis.



Rev. George A. Staley, formerly associate pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Oakville, is appointed part-time associate pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles, part-time associate pastor of St. Peter Parish in St. Charles, and part-time priest-chaplain for the Newman Center at Lindenwood University in St. Charles.

Rev. Msgr. Dennis R. Stehly, formerly in residence at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in St. Louis, is appointed senior associate pastor of Assumption Parish in O'Fallon with continued service as Vicar General of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Moderator of the Curia until September 8, 2023.

Rev. Richard L. Stoltz, formerly pastor of St. Alban Roe Parish in Wildwood, is granted retirement with residence at St. Ambrose Parish in St. Louis (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Conor M. Sullivan, PsyD, formerly pursuing graduate studies, is appointed to the faculty of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and Director of Mental Health Services for Priests with residence at Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Paul E. Telken, formerly pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Sullivan, is granted retirement at a private residence.

Rev. James D. Theby, formerly pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Washington, is appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles and pastor of St. Peter Parish in St. Charles.

Rev. Msgr. Michael E. Turek, VF, with continued service as pastor of Christ the King Parish in University City, is also appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Clayton.

Rev. Msgr. Mark C. Ullrich, VF, formerly pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Florissant, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Francis Assisi Parish in Oakville.

Rev. Edward J. Voltz, formerly associate director of the Office of Vocations, Chaplain at Duchesne High School, and chaplain for the Newman Center at Lindenwood University with residence at St. Peter Parish in St. Charles, is appointed parochial administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Troy.

Rev. Thomas A. Vordtriede, formerly pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Warrenton, is appointed pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles.

Rev. Noah A. Waldman, formerly pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Lemay, is appointed pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Sullivan and pastor of Holy Martyrs of Japan Parish in Japan with responsibility also for St. Gerald Mission in Gerald.

Rev. Joseph A. Weber, formerly pastor of St. John Bosco Parish in Maryland Heights, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur.

Rev. Ryan M. Weber, formerly parochial administrator of Good Shepherd Parish in Hillsboro, is appointed pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Bloomsdale and pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Zell.



Rev. Richard L. Wehrmeyer, CM, is appointed pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in St. Louis and pastor of St. Pius V Parish in St. Louis (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Jacob R. Wessel, newly ordained, is appointed associate pastor of Ste. Genevieve Parish in Ste. Genevieve, associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ozora, and associate pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Weingarten (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Dane J. Westhoff, formerly associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville, is released to the Archdiocese for the Military Services for service as a U.S. Army chaplain (effective July 1, 2023).

Rev. Mark G. Whitman, formerly part-time senior associate pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in St. Charles and part-time senior associate pastor of St. Cletus Parish in St. Charles, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Paul Parish in Fenton.

Rev. Nicklaus E. Winker, formerly pastor of St. Ann Parish in Normandy and part-time priest-chaplain for the Newman Center of the University of Missouri – St. Louis, is appointed pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Washington and pastor of St. John Gildehaus Parish.

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, formerly pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Neier, is appointed senior associate pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne Prairie.

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Witt, PhD, formerly pastor of All Saints Parish in University City, is appointed to continued service on the faculty of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary with domicile at a private residence.

Rev. Thomas W. Wyrsh, formerly pastor of St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur, is appointed senior associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish in Mehlville.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is All Things New?

All Things New is a strategic pastoral planning process where the Archdiocese examines all of our parishes, schools, ministries and agencies, evaluating our effectiveness as a local Church in proclaiming the Gospel and identifying opportunities for improvement and renewal.

The goals are to "make All Things New" by 1) Gospel renewal in our parishes, schools and other ministry efforts, 2) enhancing evangelization efforts to those on the margins of society, and 3) securing a vibrant future for the Church in St. Louis.

This initiative is in response to the call of our Lord to be missionary disciples, and to the Church's desire to "make All Things New" by the Power and Joy of the Gospel.

Why now?

The landscape of Catholic faithful in our archdiocese looks different today than it did even a few decades ago. This process will allow us to move our ministries forward to meet people where they are—spiritually and geographically—while remaining constant in mission and rooted in faith.

How is the landscape of the Archdiocese different now than it was just a few decades ago?

Over the last ten years, the number of priests has been declining, the number of Catholics attending Masses has declined, where Catholics live has shifted, the availability of resources has decreased and the need for evangelization and social outreach has increased. See <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Resources/Statistics-and-Trends>

What was the process behind All Things New?

For the last two years, the question we have been asking is “Which parish communities make the most sense to come together in light of demographic shifts, evangelization and social outreach efforts, resources, and priest availability?”

We compiled sacramental, financial and demographic statistics over the last decade for every parish and school in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

In addition to the feedback we received from 70,000 parishioners across the Archdiocese through the Disciple Maker Index survey, we hosted nearly 350 Listening Sessions for 178 parishes, surveyed 18,000 parish school parents, administrators, teachers, staff, donors, community partners, and volunteers, met with community, civic and business organizations, held focus groups, and had conversations at the deanery and parish



levels, both in groups and one-on-one.

Our Planning Committee created three consecutive and different draft models, building on feedback from the previous draft model.

The Priest Council, as required by Church law, provided consultative input to the Archbishop by reviewing all of the data pertaining to each parish that is a part of any of the recommended models involving any potential change.

Who advised Archbishop Rozanski?

In addition to the feedback the Archbishop received from priests, parish and school employees and parishioners, various subcommittees also helped guide the conversation and discernment process:

- Key Parish Leaders
- ATN Planning Committee
- Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
- Deans of the Archdiocese
- Archdiocesan Council of Priests
- Ministry Team Advisors and Archdiocesan Officials
- Archdiocesan Finance Council
- Professional Advisory Board
- Evangelization Subcommittee
- School Advisory Task Force
- Young Adult Subcommittee
- Young Ministry Subcommittee
- Social Justice Subcommittee

What did Archbishop Rozanski decide?

After prayerful discernment, the Archbishop has decided the following: (information can be viewed in detail at <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org>)

- Moving forward, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be reshaped from 178 individual parishes into 134 parishes. These parishes will be overseen by about 90 diocesan pastors and 17 religious order pastors. These modifications include the merging of 35 parishes that will be subsumed into neighboring parishes and 15 parishes being merged to create 5 new parishes. There will also be a new personal parish for the Spanish speaking community in St. Charles County.
- Even in parishes where there is no change to the pastor or parish structure, all of our communities are asked to re-evaluate their current pastoral care, social outreach and evangelization efforts to see if they can be streamlined, refined or re-invented. Our new Vicariate structure will support this.



- Over the next several months our priests will be discerning with their people what the best use of our facilities should be to provide the Sacraments and necessary pastoral care to all who live in their boundaries and begin to reimagine what a vibrant, evangelizing parish ought to look like.
- Implementation of these plans will begin in summer/fall of 2023 and may continue through 2026.

What's next?

Now that decisions have been made regarding parishes and with implementation beginning in August 2023, the Archbishop will begin to look at how the staff of the Archdiocese and social and evangelization outreach efforts can best support the parishes and their ministries. Over the next several months our priests will be discerning with their people what the best use of our facilities should be. Priority will be given to providing the Sacraments and necessary pastoral care to all who live in their boundaries and reimagining what a vibrant, evangelizing parish ought to look like.

Is there an appeals process?

Once the decree is published, anyone who is a parishioner of a parish who considers themselves to be aggrieved (injured or treated unfairly) by the Archbishop's decision has the right to appeal the decision to him in writing concerning the way their parish is being altered. According to the norms of the Church's law (Canon 1734), the written appeal must be made in writing and postmarked no later than June 12, 2023, and addressed to the Archbishop at 20 Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119. We cannot accept emails or phone calls as a request for appeal.

I think All Things New went too far/didn't go far enough.

The parish is the main place where the faithful have access to pastoral care. Therefore, the diocesan Bishop has to assure that parishes are established and that churches are set up in a way that is equitable throughout the diocese. In all such matters, the Church's law favors preserving the stability of parishes (leaving them as they are).

All the requirements of the Church law seek to assure that the diocesan bishop makes well-informed, prayerfully discerned decisions for the spiritual well-being of the archdiocese, taking into account the needs of the faithful for pastoral care as well as the overall needs of the archdiocese.

What will happen to the parish buildings that will close?

Pastors will work with their parish communities, Catholic Charities, the Archdiocese of St. Louis and other entities to determine the best course of action regarding any unused buildings on a parish property.



What will happen to the money parishioners have donated to the parishes that close?

Church law mandates that money donated will go to the parish that subsumes the parish that is closing.

If two or more parishes merge, which will be the worship site?

Pastors will work with their parish communities and the Archdiocese of St. Louis to determine the best use of the parish buildings as worship sites.

Will there be any more parish closures or mergers?

Parish communities may work collaboratively to make a recommendation to close or merge their parishes.

What happens to the parish schools of the parishes that are either merging or closing?

The Archbishop's decision does not immediately affect school operations. The Office of Catholic Education and Formation will work with parishes to continue to discern the future of their parish schools in the months ahead. As we prepare to implement changes regarding the 2024-25 school year, we will also address immediate needs as they arise, and this could include school closures that are unrelated to All Things New.

What about parish cemeteries?

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has a moral and canonical obligation to care for the dead in perpetuity.

The Archbishop has also created a new personal parish for the Spanish speaking community. What does this mean for Spanish speaking ministries that currently exist in parishes?

The Archbishop has created a new personal parish for the Spanish speaking community, St. Juan Diego, located at the former campus of St. Barnabas parish. It is important to clarify that the presence of Hispanic ministry in the rest of our parishes should not be discontinued entirely.

Our Episcopal Vicars will be working with our Hispanic community to initiate discussions and foster collaboration to ensure effective ministry to our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters in the St. Charles area.



TRANSCRIPT OF ARCHBISHOP ROZANSKI VIDEO

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we recognize the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us. In this moment, as I prepare to share the future structure of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, I'm struck by the constant need for Pentecost to happen in our Church each and every day. It is the Spirit that allowed the early Church to move from fear to courage - from silence to bold proclamation of the Gospel. As we have arrived at this moment in the Archdiocese, this indeed is a new Pentecost for us.

I understand the profound impact that a parish community can have on us and how these good and faithful institutions have formed our families. I - of course - grew up in a parish, Sacred Heart of Mary. I received the Sacraments in my parish. I first felt the calling to the priesthood through my parish, and for the first 20 years of my priesthood, lived the life of a priest and pastor in a parish. My heart is with our priests and with you as we become better stewards of the gifts God has given to us.

As your archbishop, I have the duty to provide for the pastoral care of all of the people in the Archdiocese. *All Things New* has called us to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries and institutions need to look like in order to effectively share the faith that is sustainable for our children and generations to come.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis currently has 178 parishes and 6 missions encompassing the City of St. Louis and 10 surrounding counties. It's a large and diverse territory - urban, suburban and rural. As a significant number of our Catholic population has moved from St. Louis City to St. Louis County and further, we find ourselves with too few priests in large parishes and a disproportionate number of priests in small parishes. For example, in North County we have ten priests ministering to 18,000 Catholics in several parishes. In St. Charles County we have three priests serving the same number of parishioners at one parish.

Our diocesan priests are aging. 41% of active and retired priests are over the age of 70.

And the number of priests is declining. Without these changes, we predict we will have more parishes than diocesan priests serving in parishes by 2025.

Over the past decade, we've also seen fewer people attending Mass. Our numbers *should* be growing. We have more baptisms than funerals. Nearly 1,000 people enter the Church each year. But in 2021, the number of Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis dipped below 500,000 for the first time since the 1960s. As many as 5,000 Catholics are "leaving" the Church or not re-engaging in the Church after high school or college every year.

The Church experience in our parishes today is not the same as it was 50 years ago. Yet we are still functioning in many ways out of the same mode of evangelization with the same structures. We have inherited a great treasure of Catholic institutions from previous generations, but many of them are no longer as effective or sustainable as they once were.



Since the beginning of *All Things New*, we have been asking the question “Which communities make the most sense to bring together for collaboration in light of demographic shifts, evangelization and social outreach efforts, resources, and priest availability?”

We gathered feedback about which communities it made sense to be under the care of one pastor. In addition to the feedback we received from 70,000 local Catholics across the Archdiocese, we hosted listening sessions and surveyed school parents, staff, teachers, donors, and community partners. We compiled statistics for every parish and school and met with community, civic and business organizations, held focus groups, and had conversations at the deanery and parish levels, both in groups and one-on-one. I’m grateful for all your feedback and participation.

Beginning in Fall 2022, the *All Things New* planning committee, which includes priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, lay leaders, and religious from across the Archdiocese, reviewed the parish feedback summaries, parish workbooks, and financial data of every parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Using that information, the planning committee refined the first Draft Models to a second set of Draft Models which varied greatly due to the insightful feedback we received. After a final round of feedback from our pastors and Key Parish Leaders, final recommendations were provided by the planning committee and reviewed in great detail by the Priest Council.

I acknowledge this has been a challenging time for many of us. Asking ourselves these questions and changing the landscape of the Archdiocese is uncomfortable. It would be easier *not* to do this. As Archbishop of this incredible community, I wish these changes were not necessary; but, it is what we are called to do at this moment. All the data, input, and feedback affirm this - I would encourage you to look at it if you haven’t already. I pray this first phase of work will equip us to build new, creative models of ministry together.

As Pope Francis reminds us, “We are not living an era of change, but a change of era.”

Today I share with you the future landscape for the parish structures throughout our Archdiocese of St. Louis. Implementation of these changes will begin as early as August and continue through 2026.

Moving forward, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be reshaped from 178 individual parishes into 134 parishes. These parishes will be overseen by 86 diocesan pastors and 17 religious order pastors. These modifications include the merging of 35 parishes that will be subsumed into neighboring parishes, and 15 parishes being merged to create 5 new parishes. There will also be a new personal parish for the Spanish-speaking community in St. Charles County.

All of our communities should be re-evaluating their current pastoral care, social outreach and evangelization efforts to see how they can be refined or re-invented, even those parishes where there is no change to the pastor or parish structure.



Our new Vicariate model, with parishes grouped by geographic region, will reinforce this by helping streamline parish support and administration. I am also establishing a new Office of Parish Mission and Vitality that will help me oversee these efforts.

Over the next several months our priests will be discerning with their people what the best use of our facilities should be. Priority will be given to providing the Sacraments and necessary pastoral care to all who live in their boundaries and reimagining what a vibrant, evangelizing parish ought to look like.

The details of the new parish configurations and priest assignments can be found on the *All Things New* website.

My desire is to build a vibrant Catholic presence in every square mile of the Archdiocese for the next century not only by physical structures, but by YOU, the Body of Christ!

Our strategic planning work affects every ministry, agency, office, parish, and entity of the Archdiocese. As we pray our way through these changes, we are all called to work together toward one common mission: to make all things new for the glory of our Risen Lord.

In support of this:

- I have reached out to parishes with a request that they explore new modes of evangelization. I have asked them to work together and share their resources so we are able to more effectively and efficiently go into our communities and bring Christ to the people in tangible ways. I am edified to already see three parishes in South St. Louis City attending Mass together and collaborating to create a more vibrant Sunday experience, which can lead to evangelization in other areas. These parishioners are delighted to be attending Mass in a full church again!
- I have asked Catholic Charities to work with each parish to expand their direct social outreach services throughout all our counties to provide a more comprehensive communion of care.
- I have established a new Vicariate model that will allow us to place our pastoral service closer to the people and parishes to help foster collaboration across parish boundaries. Parishes are taking a look at their vacant spaces and brainstorming how to use them for the enrichment of their community as a whole. For example, Saints Teresa and Bridget Catholic Church has been renting one of its buildings to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery.
- I have asked our education office to explore possibilities for more comprehensive and accessible Catholic education through the creation of mission schools.
- And I am seeing many of you rising up to take on more responsibility for your own personal faith and service to others. Just in the past few months, 2,000 parishioners across the Archdiocese have participated in our “Evangelization 101” series, empowering them to ignite a new spark of evangelization in their parishes.



In St. Louis, we are called today to start a new chapter in our 200-year history. May a *new* Pentecost set us each ablaze for the Gospel of Christ. We humbly ask the Holy Spirit to guide us, and I hope and pray that we will work together to forge new pathways and ensure that the treasure of our Faith may continue to bring healing and hope to a broken world.

Let us be Steadfast in Faith as we look Forward in Hope.

Come, Holy Spirit. And May God bless you.

