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## CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS HOSTING CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DECEMBER

*Mother church of Archdiocese of St. Louis to host several must-attend events during Advent and Christmas Seasons*

**ST. LOUIS** – The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis will once again be full of Christmas joy this December as it plays host to a wide variety of events including Masses, prayer services, and concerts. Christmas follows four weeks of Advent, the season when Catholics prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Christmas Season traditionally concludes after twelve days on January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, although in the United States the feast is currently celebrated on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th.

**December 2:** Advent Day of Recollection with Archbishop Carlson, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

All are invited to join Archbishop Robert Carlson in this special day of reflection and recollection. Begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes with Mass at 5:00 p.m. Lunch is provided with RSVP.

**December 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics)

The Immaculate Conception is the doctrine of the Catholic Church that Mary, as the Mother of Jesus Christ, was preserved from all stain of original sin. Masses for the feast will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

**December 9 & 10:** Christmas at the Cathedral

13th Annual “Christmas at the Cathedral” concerts with the Archdiocesan Adult Choirs, Orchestra, Children’s Choir, and Handbell Choir. Celebrate the sounds of the season at the Cathedral Basilica!

Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket information: 314-533-7662 or cathedralconcerts.org

**December 17:** Festival of Lessons & Carols, 2:30 p.m.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is pleased to announce acquisition of a Heritage Edition of the Saint John’s Bible, the first hand-illuminated Bible to be created since the invention of the printing press. Archbishop Robert J. Carlson will preside over an afternoon of readings and music with the Archdiocesan Choirs, along with permanent placement of the Saint John’s Bible. The seven volumes can be viewed following the service. Event is free and open to the public.

This event will be recorded by HEC-TV and will air on Christmas Day on KTVI from 3pm-5pm. It will also be available on demand on hectv.org that same evening.

**December 24 & 25:** Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics)

Dec. 24: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

11:15 p.m. Music leads into Midnight Mass (Mass to be livestreamed on 102.5 KEZK-FM)

Dec. 25: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon

Additional event & tour information can be found at [cathedralstl.org](http://cathedralstl.org).

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