



May 1, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Bicentennial Jubilee Year, we are living a sacred season of gratitude and renewal as we give thanks for 200 years of Catholic faith in our region. We remember with reverence those who carried the Gospel before us, we rejoice in the life of the Church today, and we ask the Lord to strengthen us for the years ahead.

**On July 18, 2026, the anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of St. Louis, you are invited to gather in thanksgiving at the Bicentennial Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis at 10:00 a.m.**

At this historic celebration, the **Prayer of the People** will bring together the intentions of our archdiocesan family in one shared act of prayer. The prayers of the faithful will be gathered and presented to the Lord during the Entrance Procession as a sign of our unity and trust in His care.

**I invite you to take part by submitting a personal prayer intention. Bring before the Lord what rests in your heart: thanksgiving for blessings, prayers for loved ones, petitions for healing or reconciliation, or hopes for priestly vocations and renewed faith.**

Jesus reminds us in the Gospel of John, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." He assures us, "I am the way and the truth and the life." These words have sustained the Church in every age. As we mark this Jubilee milestone, we look to Christ with confidence, trusting that He continues to guide His Church.

Information on how to submit your prayer intentions will be available through your parish and on the Bicentennial website at [archstl200.org](http://archstl200.org).

May the Lord renew our hearts in faith and draw us ever closer to Himself.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis