



**St. Louis Archdiocese
2022 Collection for Retired Priests
Archbishop's Announcement Letter
April, 2022**

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

During the Lenten season, we seek to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer and sacrifice. Lent also provides us the opportunity to demonstrate our devotion to the Lord and those in His service, cultivating a spirit of charity by sharing what we have and who we are with those in need or suffering.

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is an important opportunity for our Church to provide support and care for the priests who devote their lives to the Lord, their parishes, and the communities of this Archdiocese. Through their ministry and decades of service, our priests have been there when you, your family and your fellow parishioners have sought their guidance. They are there to celebrate the happiest moments of your life as well as provide comfort in times of need. But in retirement, it is they who count on you for prayers and support.

Your individual gifts to this collection help meet the needs of our aging priests including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability. It is essential that we support our priests and provide them with the peace of mind that they will be cared for in retirement.

This year's collection will once again be taking place in our parishes on Easter Sunday, April 17. However, because our priests need ongoing support, you are also welcome to contribute at any time through June 30 by donating online at archstl.org/retiredpriests, texting 4PRIESTS to 314-648-2391 or scanning the QR code that will be included on all of the collection's support materials.

Please consider a gift to the collection and join me in honoring the *Everlasting Devotion* of our retired priests. Together, we can help to ensure that care is available to them so that they can continue to give the entirety of their effort towards serving you, your loved ones, and our faith.

Please know our retired priests are praying for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARSH NEWS

Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: "Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as he said. Alleluia!"

The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing...while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today's scandal.

In the face of or in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: "Jesus who was crucified has risen." It speaks to us not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God, rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples.

The crucified Jesus, none other, has risen from the dead. God the Father raised Jesus, his Son, because he fully accomplished his saving will. Jesus took upon himself our weakness, our infirmity, even our death. He endured our sufferings and bore the weight of our sins. Because of this, God the Father exalted him and now Jesus Christ lives forever; he is the Lord.

- From Pope Francis's *Ubi et Orbi* Address, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

This week, we will continue to pray the Novena for Divine Mercy.

Today, on Easter Sunday, we invite you to pray this day of the novena in private. From Monday to Saturday after the 7:00am Mass each day, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the prayer intentions for the day.

These days of preparation will culminate in the Great Feast of Mercy next Sunday. I invite you to join us at one of our Masses that day at 8:00am or 10:00am.

Jesus came to suffer and die for us on the cross. Today, Easter Sunday, is proof of His great victory.

Join us to receive the fruits of this victory at the feast of Divine Mercy, next Sunday.

School Enrollment

A reminder that open enrollment for the 2022-2023 academic year is ongoing. If you are interested in touring our pre-school or our grade school, please call the school office at 314.352.9474.

On behalf of Msgr. Stehly, Deacon Jerry, our entire parish and school staffs, and I, we pray that the power of the Resurrection will continue to bear fruit in the lives of your families today and always.

I will see you online or in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong

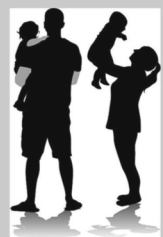
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Building a culture of life one step at a time

The St Louis LIFE Runners and Postpartum Support International together present **The St Gianna Culture of Life Relay** which will be stopping at St Raphael's Gymnasium Steps on Sat., April 23rd between 10:30-11 AM. Come to pray and support the relay team & our mission of supporting Moms, babies & families. Visit www.stgiannacultureofliferelay.weebly.com

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