

ALTARS OF REPOSE 2024

Visiting an Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper is a tradition that dates back hundreds of years and originated in Rome. As no Mass is celebrated on Good Friday, but communion is distributed at a Liturgy of the Word, enough hosts to distribute on Friday must be consecrated on Holy Thursday. That having been said, it is also tradition, after the end of Holy Thursday Mass, to strip the altar and have the principal tabernacle remain open and empty as a sign of Christ's imprisonment the night before his passion and to remain empty through the Easter Vigil Mass as a reminder of the fact that Christ was not alive and present to his followers after his crucifixion and until his resurrection. We are however invited to spend a few minutes praying with our Lord the night before His passion, just as his apostles were invited to do, in the garden. To facilitate this, we follow the custom of setting up an altar where the faithful may come, until midnight, and keep vigil with the Lord, to pray with him in preparation for the events we will recall the next day, and in joyful expectation of His triumph over death on Easter.

Here is a list of churches which will be having Altars of Repose if you would like to visit them on Holy Thursday.

CHURCH	ADDRESS: <i>All in church unless noted.</i>	HOURS: all follow Mass of the Lord's Supper
All Saints	7 McMenamy Rd, St. Peters, 63376	until Midnight
Annunziata	9305 Clayton Rd, St. Louis, 63124	until 10:00pm
Assumption	401 N. Main St, O'Fallon, 63366 Chapel (old church)	until Midnight
Assumption-Mattese	4725 Mattis Rd, St. Louis	until Midnight
Christ, Prince of Peace	415 Weidman Rd, Manchester, 63011	8pm to Midnight
Holy Infant	627 Dennison, Dr, Ballwin, 63021	until Midnight
Immaculate Conception	7701 Town Square Ave, Dardenne Prairie, 63368: Little Church	until Midnight
Immaculate Heart of Mary	8 W. Highway D, New Melle, 63365-St. Joseph Chapel; if rain, it will be in main church	until Midnight
Mary, Queen of Peace	676 W. Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, 63119	until Midnight
Most Sacred Heart	350 E. Fourth St., Eureka, 63025	until Midnight
Our Lady of Lourdes-Washington	1000 Madison Ave, Washington, 63090	8:30pm to Midnight
Our Lady of Lourdes-University City	7148 Forsyth Blvd, St. Louis, 63105	until 10:00pm
Our Lady of the Pillar	401 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, 63131	8:00pm-10:00pm
Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine	7230 Dale Ave, Richmond Heights, 63117 Street parking or in lot by baseball field.	7pm-Midnight
Queen of All Saints	6603 Christopher Rd, St. Louis, 63129	8:30pm-11:00pm

Sacred Heart-Valley Park	17 Ann Ave, Valley Park, 63088	until Midnight
St. Alban Roe	2001 Shepard Rd., Wildwood, 63038	until Midnight
St. Ambrose	5130 Wilson Ave., St. Louis, 63110	until Midnight
St. Anselm	530 Mason Rd, St. Louis, 63141-Abbey Church: enter through second entrance to get to church	until Midnight
St. Catherine Laboure	9740 Sappington Rd, St. Louis, 63128: in Parish Hall unless rain, then church gathering space	until 10:00pm
St. Charles Borromeo	601 N. Fourth St., St. Charles 63301	Until 9:00pm
St. Clare of Assisi	15642 Clayton Road, Ellisville, 63011	until Midnight
St. Francis Borgia	100 Cedar St, Washington, 63090-in Family Chapel	until 11:00pm
St. Francis of Assisi	4556 Telegraph Rd, St. Louis, 63129	until 11:30pm
St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus	5567 Gildehaus Rd, Villa Ridge, 63089	8pm-Midnight
St. Joseph-Cottleville	1355 Motherhead Rd, St. Charles, 63304: Adoration Chapel	until 11:00pm
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	4900 Ringer Rd, St. Louis, 63129-Adoration Chapel	until Midnight
St. Mary Magdalen	2618 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, 63144	until Midnight
St. Patrick	405 S. Church St, Wentzville, 63385 in Social Hall inside main church building	until Midnight
St. Paul	1223 Church Rd, St. Paul, 63366	until 10:00pm
St. Peter (St. Charles)	221 First Capitol Dr., St. Charles, 63301	until 9:00pm
St. Peter (Kirkwood)	243 W. Argonne Dr, Kirkwood, 63122	until 11:00pm
St. Simon the Apostle	11011 Mueller Rd, St. Louis, 63123	8:00pm to Midnight
St. Stephen Protomartyr	3949 Wilmington Ave, St. Louis, 63116	until 10:30pm
St. Theodore	5051 Hwy P, Wentzville, 63385	until Midnight