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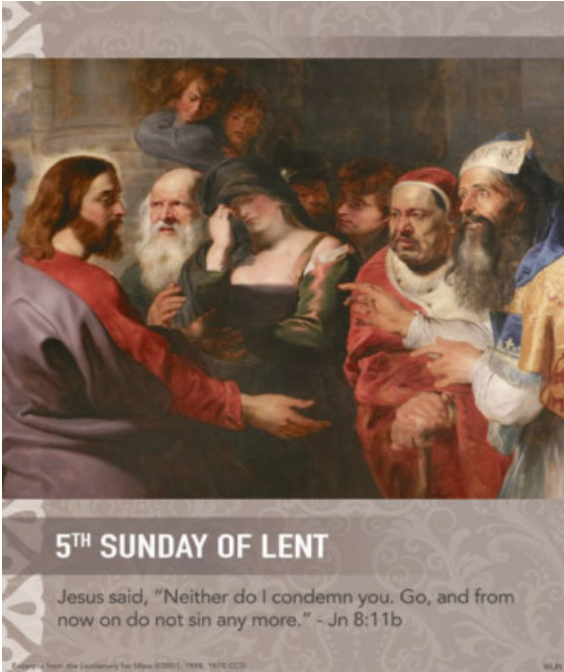
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Salvatore Manganello, J.C.L., S.T.L. Pastor
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MASSES

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Eve of the Holy Day 4:30 p.m.
 Holy Day 12:05 p.m.
 Mon-Fri 12:05 p.m.
 Confessions Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

BAPTISMS

First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered bi-monthly. Please call the Rectory for information.

DEADLINE

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Monday at noon.

FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL

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HEARING ASSISTANCE

With our sound system we now have **the Phonic Ear**. This hearing assistance system is available to all who are hearing impaired. This system provides a transmitter with a headset and earplugs. Please come to the Sacristy for assistance.

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz 1829-1836
 Reverend Alexander Pax 1836-1843
 Reverend Francis Guth 1844-1850
 Reverend Joseph Raffener 1850-1851
 Reverend William Deiters 1855-1861
 Reverend J. E. Moshall 1861-1862
 Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber 1862-1863
 Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff 1864-1867
 Reverend Joseph M. Sorg 1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher 1888-1916
 Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach 1917-1944
 Reverend Michael A. Anstett 1944-1948
 Reverend Howard J. Schwartz 1948-1964
 Reverend Clarence Ott 1964-1965
 Reverend Alfred M. Mosack 1965-1979
 Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger 1979-1995
 Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, April 2nd: Vigil for the Fifth Sunday of Lent
 4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski, by Dan Martin

SUNDAY, April 3rd: Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9:00 am: Mary K. Crane, by Estate
 11:00 am: Gladys Saul, by Linda Holben

MONDAY, April 4th: St. Isidore
 12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, April 5th: St. Vincent Ferrer
 12:05 pm: For All Souls

WEDNESDAY, April 6th:
 12:05 pm: Michael Missert, by Tom Pirrung

THURSDAY, April 7th: St. John Baptist de la Salle
 12:05 pm: For All Souls

FRIDAY, April 8th:
 12:05 pm: Ro Jordan, by Liz & Camilla Busch

SATURDAY, April 9th: Vigil for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 4:00 pm: Michael J. Sliwinski, by Dan Martin

SUNDAY, April 10th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 9:00 am: Repose of the Souls of Jessica M. Caputi & Aloisius Joseph Oczeck, by Family
 11:00 am: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS
 Weekend of April 9th & 10th

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky & Diane Randazzo
 9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta & Krysta Doerfler
 11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom & Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
 Weekend of April 9th & 10th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini
 9:00 am: Susan Ministero
 11:00 am: Keith Boerner



"BODY OF CHRIST"

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As of March 30, 2022:

Diocesan Goal: \$9,500,000 Raised: \$6,060,391.67
 Amount to Raise: \$3,439,608.33
 St. Louis Goal: \$130,047 Raised: \$88,751.11
 Amount to Raise: \$41,295.89

The Appeal is now underway. Your generosity will help Catholic Charities to meet their goal.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The **Sanctuary Light** burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Melvin & Geraldine Sliwinski, requested by David Sliwinski. The **St. Joseph Altar Candle** burns this week in memory of Darlene Sliwinski, requested by David Sliwinski and the **Pieta Candle** burns this week in memory of Michael Sliwinski, requested by David Sliwinski.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your special intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

PLEASE HELP US COMPLETE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

For the past several weeks, the diocese has been seeking feedback from parishioners across the diocese by way of a survey. The Survey named **Disciple Maker Index Survey**, seeks input from parishioners in the diocese about their experience of the church and their parish. The survey became available on March 2nd and is due to close on April 4th at 11:59PM.

The survey is provided by and will be compiled by the Catholic Leadership Institute. It is made possible by a grant funded by the Lilly Foundation which requires that all parishes and priests within our diocese will have participated in this survey. The purpose of the survey is to give beneficial information to all parishes for future ministry and continued viability.

If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to complete the survey using the link provided in the bulletin. There are just a few more days before the survey will be closed. As of this writing, 36 surveys have been completed online.

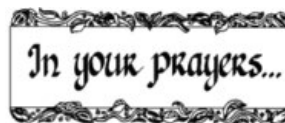
Thanks you for your attention to this important matter.
Msgr. Manganello

ACCESSING THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

There are two ways you can complete the survey:

- 1) **Online.** Use the link below to access the survey: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/y5tgby>
- 2) **On Paper.**
 - A limited number of printed surveys are available on the tables at the Main Street entrance or parking lot entrance of the church
 - Return the completed surveys: (1) to the boxes on these tables, (2) in the collection basket, (3) directly to the rectory. Paper copies must be submitted by April 2nd, 2022



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Ginski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Msgr. Albert Clody, Michael Missert and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It enables the preservation, ministry and maintenance of our historic church. It assists us in reaching out to the people of our neighborhood.

Last weekend 280 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,854.00. Our online donations totaled \$103.00.

You can also support your parish by mailing your donation or using our pay pal account on our web page.

Thank you for your support.

Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. A bequest may be worded in this fashion - "I give to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church of Buffalo, NY the sum of _____ to be used for its general purposes."

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, April 2nd:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Monthly Collection, and Easter Flowers Collection

SUNDAY, April 3rd:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly & Monthly Collection, and Easter Flowers Collection

9:50-10:50 am: PreK-10th Grade Faith Formation Classes
Meet in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: RCIA Meets in the Sacristy on the Topics: "Consistent Life Ethic & Dignity of Life" and "Holy Week"

TUESDAY, April 5th:

5:30 pm: Finance Committee Meets in the Sacristy

FRIDAY, April 8th:

Following the 12:05 Mass: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 9th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly Offering and Maintenance & Repairs Collection

SUNDAY, April 10th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly Offering and Maintenance & Repairs Collection

PALM SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 10th, all children are invited to join in a procession of palms at the beginning of the 11:00AM Mass that day. Children interested in participating should meet by 10:50AM at the Main Street Entrance of the church. Families of children participating are asked to sit near the front of the church so that children can easily join their parents after the procession.

HOLY THURSDAY OPEN HOUSE

Following the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 14th at 7PM, we will be keeping the church open until 10:30PM. In past years before the pandemic there were many visitors who came either individually or in small groups, or by bus to view the beauty of our church building.

If you are able to help staff the church after Mass, so we can continue to welcome those who have never seen St. Louis, please sign up on the sheet located in the Sacristy. Come and enjoy visiting with your fellow parishioners and meeting people from other churches and those of other faiths.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet on Saturday, April 16th at 9AM to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Please join us and help prepare our most beautiful church for the Lord's Resurrection.

New volunteers are always most welcome and appreciated!

SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This weekend, we welcome Mr. Thomas Beecher, co-chair of the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal and also a parishioner of St. Louis. He will speak at all Masses this week encouraging our continued support of the good works that Catholic Charities does in our diocese. He will also be here to thank us for our past support of the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Through the intercession of St. Theresa of Calcutta may God bless and bring to fruition the 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal.

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. BENEDICT THE AFRICAN

St. Benedict the African (1524-1589), was born in San Fratello, Sicily to Cristoforo and Diana Manasseri, Africans who had been brought from Africa as slaves. Some accounts claim that because of his parent's loyal service that Benedict was given his freedom at birth, other sources say that his freedom was granted when he turned 18. At 21 Benedict joined a society of hermits at Montepellegrino living under the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Eventually he succeeded his friend, Jerome Lanze, as their leader. When Benedict was 38 Pope Pius IV disbanded the independent hermit society.

Benedict then joined the Order of Friars Minor and he was sent to Palermo, to the Franciscan Friary of St. Mary of Jesus. There Benedict worked in the kitchens and despite being illiterate and a lay brother (not a priest), he also served as Master of Novices, and as Guardian of the Community. St. Benedict was known throughout his life as a brilliant cook under whose hands food seemed to multiply miraculously, a healer, and a spiritual leader with profound understanding.

After Benedict's death, King Philip III of Spain paid for a special tomb for this holy Friar. He was canonized in 1807 and is recognized as the patron saint for African Americans.

VOCATION THOUGHT

St. Paul considered the things of this world "rubbish" compared to the grace of God. Priesthood requires much sacrifice, but we surrender it all for a much higher good. Don't be afraid of the cost! If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.ation



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