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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

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

Grades Pre-K to 8

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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. Laudenbach..... 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, August 6th: Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00 pm: Wedding of Kristian Merchant & Claire Payne
4:00 pm: Kevin McCue, by Rich Ryan & Steve mesmer

SUNDAY, August 7th: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Alfonso "Sonny" Mazzariello, by Dominic Corigliano & Family
11:00 am: Bishop Donald W. Trautman, by Kevin Brayer

MONDAY, August 8th: St. Dominic

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

TUESDAY, August 9th: St. Teresa Benedicta

12:05 pm: For the Repose of the Soul of Jessica Marie Caputi, by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 10th: St. Lawrence

12:05 pm: For Repose of the Souls of Mary, John, Joseph & Thaddeus Klosko, by Family

THURSDAY, August 11th: St. Clare

12:05 pm: For the Repose of the Souls of Helen Fink & the Deceased Members of the Fink Families, by Family

FRIDAY, August 12th: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

12:05 pm: For the Repose of the Souls of the Szkutak, & Rusnak Families, by Family
2:00 pm: Wedding of Adam Schaffer and Andrea May

SATURDAY, August 13th: Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2:00 pm: Wedding of Adam Rezza & Tara Benczkowski
4:00 pm: Lucy Missert, by Bill & Pam Nordstrom

SUNDAY, August 14th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: The Crane Family, by the Mary K. Crane Estate
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of August 13th & 14th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Joyce Persico
11:00 am: Mike Wrona



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of August 13th & 14th

4:00 pm: Paul State
9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



"BODY OF CHRIST"

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION FOR 2022

According to the General Norms Regarding Holy Days of Obligation, August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation only when it falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Sunday. Given that in 2022 August 15th falls on a Monday, it is NOT a day of obligation.



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Ignatius & Mary Scaduto, requested by Edward Scaduto.

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

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THOSE SURVEYS?

Remember those surveys you were asked to complete a few months ago? It is called the *Disciple Maker Index*. The intent of these surveys was to give the parish an idea of how it is doing.

There were 55 surveys completed. Among the categories contained in the survey were strengths and opportunities of the parish and insights from parishioners involved in the parish.

The survey found that of the strengths of St. Louis is the belief that the Eucharist is the Body/Blood of Christ and that Scripture is the Word of God. The parish was described as a welcoming community where 88% of respondents describe attending Mass weekly.

One of the questions posed was, "To what degree do you think your parish needs to change in order to best fulfill its mission in the next five years?" 50% of the respondents said the parish is in a really good place and there is a need to do more of what is working. The other 50% of those responding said the parish is on the right track and needs some minor tweaks.

The survey revealed that the majority of those who answered the survey found the parish supportive in spiritual growth, prayer life, Mass music, and preaching.

These are just some of the insights that we have gained through this tool. Obviously, no parish is perfect but it appears that St. Louis is still a vibrant faith community.

Thank you to all who participated in this very useful tool in evaluating our parish.

Msgr. Manganello

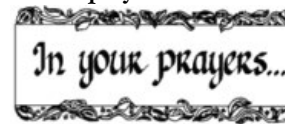
WORD OF LIFE

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love. We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life." *Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae*

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Gary Witman, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them in one month increments as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Bill Kurzdorfer, Samuel Leone 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 243 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4035.00. Our online donations totaled \$90.00.

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, August 6th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly & Monthly Collection and also the Collection for the Retired Priests' Medical Benefits Fund

SUNDAY, August 7th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly & Monthly Collection and also the Collection for the Retired Priests' Medical Benefits Fund

TUESDAY, August 9th:

5:30 pm: St. Louis Picnic Committee meets in the Church Hall: **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

SATURDAY, August 13th:

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

SUNDAY, August 14th:

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

WIN A LABOR DAY PICNIC AND BENEFIT THE ST. LOUIS PRESERVATION FUND

Three great prizes will be raffled at a drawing on Sunday, August 28th, 2022:

First Prize is a Weber Spirit Gas Grill with 3 lbs. of Steak, 3 lbs. of Hamburgers and 3 lbs. of Hot Dogs.

Second Prize is a Picnic Table also with 3 lbs. of Steak, 3 lbs. of Hamburgers and 3 lbs. of Hot Dogs.

Third Prize is a YETI Cooler also with 3 lbs. of Steak, 3 lbs. of Hamburgers and 3 lbs. of Hot Dogs.

Tickets are only \$10 each and proceeds benefit the St. Louis Preservation Fund. Tickets will be available after Mass and by contacting Tim (Mac) McCarthy at tmcc24249@yahoo.com or 716 345-7054.

VOCATION THOUGHT

If you are feeling the call, don't put it off. "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." May he find you faithful, doing His will. To answer the call, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org

ST. LOUIS PICNIC—SAVE THE DATE

The St. Louis Picnic is back! The Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 28th after the 11:00AM Mass. There will be music, games, food, and much more. Please bring a dish to pass. Volunteers are always needed.

INTERESTED IN BEING A CATECHIST?

A Poem by St. Teresa of Avila, entitled *Christ Has No Body*, says:

"Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good ..."

The St. Louis Faith Formation program is looking for individuals to serve as catechists—to embody Christ's love and help teach our Faith to the next generation. Classes are held in-person three times each month, from September to April, on Sunday mornings from 9:50AM to 10:50AM. Classes are multi-age (PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, & 9-10) and are typically small, between 8-10 students. St. Louis provides all classroom and educational resources. Please prayerfully consider this ministry! If interested, or for more information, contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (443 744-0354 / email religiously@stlouisrcchurch.org).

RCIA REGISTRATION

Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who is being called to join our faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which adults are received into the Catholic Church. The process is intended for adults: (1) who were never baptized; (2) those baptized in another Christian faith who wish to become Catholic; and (3) those baptized Catholic, but who did not make their First Communion or Confirmation.

Classes are free and are held on Sundays directly after the 11:00AM Mass (approximately 12:00Noon to 1:00PM), in the Sacristy. RCIA will begin in Mid-September and continue through March. St. Louis provides all class materials. More information and the registration form are on the St. Louis website. Contact Ashlee Campbell, Director of Religious Education, at 443 744-0354 or email religiously@stlouisrcchurch.org with inquiries or to register. Interested individuals must register and/or contact Ashlee Campbell no later that Sunday, August 28th to ensure there will be class materials for everyone.

2022-2023 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

The St. Louis Faith Formation program will begin Sunday, September 18th and will run through April 2023. In-person classes will be held on Sundays from 9:50AM—10:50AM. There will be two PreK-10th grade classes each month and one Family Faith Formation class each month. Regular class attendance is expected.

All children age 4 through 10th grade, are welcome to attend and there is no cost to enroll. Families new to St. Louis need to register by Sunday, August 21st. The registration form, class schedule, and more program information are available on the St. Louis website. Contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (443 744-0354 / religiously@stlouisrcchurch.org) with questions.



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