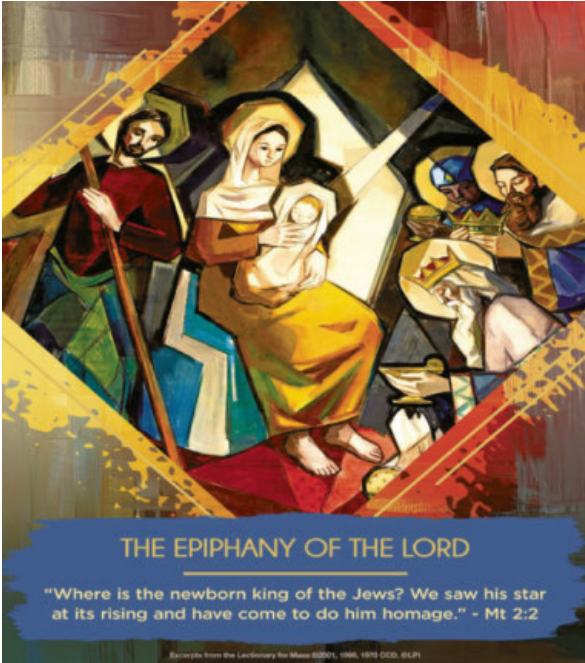


# 2023 St. Louis Church

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## *Celebrating Our 194th Anniversary*

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President..... Timothy McCarthy  
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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 by appointment. 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. 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  
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*Announced Masses of the Week*

**SATURDAY, January 7th: Vigil for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:**

4:00 pm: Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

**SUNDAY, January 8th: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:**

9:00 am: Mikey Blum, by Sue Villari

11:00 am: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

**MONDAY, January 9th: Feast of the Baptism of The Lord**

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

**TUESDAY, January 10th:**

12:05 pm: Dorothy & Edmund Radwan, by Marie Radwan Haremski

**WEDNESDAY, January 11th:**

12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by the Mary K. Crane Estate

**THURSDAY, January 12th:**

12:05 pm: Larry J. & Marie E. Schieber, by the Marie Schieber Estate

**FRIDAY, January 13th: St. Hillary**

12:05 pm: For All Souls

**SATURDAY, January 14th: Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm: Herbert C. Bucki, by Family

**SUNDAY, January 15th: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

9:00 am: Dr. Nicholas Carosella, by Sandy Curlett

11:00 am: Tom Gaiser, by Pam & Bill Nordstrom

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**

Weekend of January 14th & 15th:

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: John Loss

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Weekend of January 14th & 15th:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Tim McCarthy



"BODY OF CHRIST"



**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES**



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Jerry & Margaret Burns, requested by Donna & Dennis Burns. The St. Joseph Candle also glows this week in memory of Jerry & Margaret Burns, requested by Dennis & Donna. In addition, the Pieta Candle burns this week in tender memory of Jerry & Margaret Burns, arranged by Dennis & Donna.

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.

**A STAR OFFERS THE BLESSING OF GOD**

Today is Epiphany. The Christmas season has moved steadily toward this moment of great revelation. Today we acknowledge and celebrate that the child born in a lowly manger in the darkness of night is revealed as King of kings and the Light of the World.

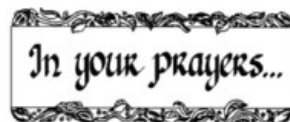
Today is also the traditional day for the blessing of homes by marking the lintel of the doorways with chalk. The markings commemorate the three Magi traditionally known by the names of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The markings for 2023 are 20+ C + M + B + 23. These letters represent the three initials of the Magi's names written between the numbers of the year, separated by four crosses.

A celebration of blessing of the home for Epiphany may begin at the manger and then proceed to each room of the house. Holy water may be used to bless each room of the house. After processing to and blessing each room of the house all gather once again at the manger to pray:

*Lord of heaven and earth,  
You revealed your only begotten Son to every  
Nation by the guidance of a star.  
Lord our God, bless this house and all who dwell in it.  
May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart,  
Gentleness and the keeping of your law.  
Fill us with the light of Christ,  
That our concern for others may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

May God fill your homes and your lives with His peace, joy, and love throughout the year of 2023.

*Msgr. Manganello*



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Clarence Forness, Laurie Hoehn, Tracy Allen Abram, Pasual Yauzzi, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers,

Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly Grover, 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. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, we will gladly include them as long as necessary.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially 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 256 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$9741.16. Our online donations totaled \$1160.00. The collection for Christmas totaled \$1431.00 and for the Solemnity of Mary \$801.00. An additional \$250 was contributed to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

You can also support your parish by mailing your donation or using our PayPal 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, January 7th:**

**4:00 pm:** Regular Offertory Collections

**SUNDAY, January 8th:**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Regular Offertory Collections

**9:50-10:50 am:** PreK-10th grade classes in the Church Hall

**12:00 noontime:** RCIA meets in the Sacristy

**MONDAY, January 9th:**

**5:30 pm:** Parish Council meets in the Church Hall

**SATURDAY, January 14th:**

**4:00 pm:** Regular Offertory Collections

**SUNDAY, January 15th:**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Regular Offertory Collections

## VOCATION THOUGHT

The Three Magi worshipped Jesus and then "departed by a different way." Is Jesus asking you to live your life in a new and different way for the Kingdom of God? If God is calling you to a church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org).

## WORD OF LIFE

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with Him ... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect His glory in the world."

"USCCB *"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*

## ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive so far. As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention, repair or upgrade. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we have been able to maintain our beautiful church in remarkable condition. With your support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

As this Bulletin goes to print, a total of \$134,644.62 has been so generously donated by St. Louis parishioners and friends.

## ST LOUIS CALENDARS FOR 2023

Unlike last year when supply chain issues delayed the arrival of our St. Louis Calendars, this year's calendars have arrived on time! Please take our 2023 calendar home with you

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Happy New Year!** Is giving back one of your goals for 2023? If so, consider becoming a Catholic Charities volunteer. View all current opportunities at [www.cwny.org/volunteer](http://www.cwny.org/volunteer) and start the year by becoming a beacon of HOPE in your community!

## CATHOLIC HEALTH

Volunteers are at the heart of our community! Catholic Health Services is looking for volunteers for all of our hospital sites - Kenmore Mercy, Sisters of Charity, South Buffalo Mercy and Mt. St. Mary's. If you are looking for a way to give back, call Lisa Carey, Supervisor of Volunteer Services at 716 862-1106 or apply online at [www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer](http://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer).

## RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2022 tax deduction must be postmarked or in the hands of the parish no later than December 31st. As in past years, we only issue year end contribution statements if requested.

Anyone that wishes to have a tax statement may contact the rectory at 716 852-6040 or write "TAX STATEMENT" on the front of your church envelope.

## BONNETS FOR BABIES

### PROVIDING COMFORT AND WARMTH FOR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT WNY

Bonnets for Babies is a non-for-profit 501c3 organization in Buffalo that serves children birth to age five. There is an urgent and ongoing need for new hand-crafted knitted hats, scarves, bonnets and blankets. We have provided children at Catholic Charities, Women Infant and Children's, St. Gianna Molla House and Jericho Road with these articles of warm clothing. This is a beautiful reminder of the church communities' love and prayer. Please join them in fulfilling the Gospel call to comfort those in need with warmth and love. Donations can be made online at [www.bonnetsforbabies.com](http://www.bonnetsforbabies.com) or check us on Facebook. **A special thank you on behalf of our children and families, and to all who have been so generous in this ministry.**



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