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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

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

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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, November 26th: Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm: Happy Repose of the Souls of Jim & MaryAnn Cannon, requested by the Burns Family

SUNDAY, November 27th: First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Theresse Carlin Pirrung, by Jay & Ellen Young

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

MONDAY, November 28th:

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

TUESDAY, November 29th:

12:05 pm: Andrew & Rosalia Bortzmeier, by Estate

WEDNESDAY, November 30th: St. Andrew, Apostle

12:05 pm: Mary Stockman, by Family

THURSDAY, December 1st:

12:05 pm: Herbert Bucki, by the Bucki Family

FRIDAY, December 2nd:

12:05 pm: Deceased Members of the Sylvester Eagan Family, by Estate

SATURDAY, December 3rd: Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm: Joseph State & Richard Agoston, by the State Family

SUNDAY, December 4th: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Mary K. Crane, by Estate

11:00 am (German Mass): Richard Agoston, by Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 3rd & 4th:

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: John Loss
11:00 am: (German Mass)



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 3rd & 4th:

4:00 pm: Paul State
9:00 am: Susan Ministero
11:00 am: (German Mass)



VOCATION THOUGHT

Advent begins! "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." When our Savior returns, we want Him to find us carrying out His will. What is Jesus asking of you? If it's a call to ordained ministry, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit [www. Buffalo vocations.org](http://www.Buffalo vocations.org).



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Richard "Dick" Agoston, requested by family members and arranged by Jeff & Tina Gutekunst.

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. Call the Rectory if you have questions about available dates.

THE STORY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Each season in the liturgical year comes with its own rituals. Today is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin the Advent Season by lighting our Advent wreath. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining rooms or living rooms. People gather around the Advent wreath to pray and take a turn lighting the candles on the wreath.

The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

The Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. On the third Sunday of Advent, we light a Rose color candle. This is *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we are roughly halfway through the season. The church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate and enjoy our anticipation of Christmas.

This is a holy season of prayer to help us focus on how Christ's coming into the world has impacted our lives. One of the ways to help us prepare for Christmas is to receive the Sacrament of Penance by which God renews us. Our Penance Service this Advent will be held Wednesday, December 14th at 3:30PM and at St. Michael's at 6:30PM. Please join our family of parishes for this celebration of pardon and peace.

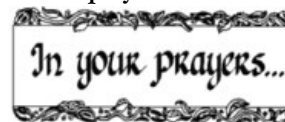
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Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Pasual Yauzzi, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers, Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph 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 in 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. 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.

Due to required early submission of the Bulletin for printing prior to the weekend to accommodate the holidays and delayed shipping due to snow, we do not have attendance and collection totals to post here. We will report the totals for November 19th and 20th next weekend.

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, November 26th:

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

SUNDAY, November 27th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

SATURDAY, December 3rd:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Monthly Offering and Christmas Flowers Collection

SUNDAY, December 4th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Monthly Offering and Christmas Flowers Collection

12:00 noontime: RCIA meets in the Sacristy

12:00 noontime: German Mass reception in the Church Hall

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Donations are still coming in; we will post the total when available. The Campaign supports programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling in the United States. In addition, 25% of the funds raised remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty programs. For more information, or to donate otherwise, see www.usccb.org/cchd.

WORD OF LIFE

"We have received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.

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.

So far, \$57,854.62 has been donated.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER NEWS

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo wants you to win! The 2023 Calendar Club calendar has **TWO NUMBERS for \$25.00 and is good for the entire year.** Purchase your calendar and be eligible for daily drawings of \$50, weekend drawings of \$100 and selected holiday drawings of **\$250 and \$25** awarded if you have the number **above or below the number drawn.** A **GRAND PRIZE of \$2000.00** will be awarded on December 18th for Christmas Day 2023. **Calendars are located in church for your convenience.**

Call 716 885-6111 for further information or calendars.

WEIHNACHTSMESSE AT ST. LOUIS

Since 1968, with the exception of the pandemic period, there has been an annual Weihnachtsmesse Christmas Mass, formerly at Canisius College, more recently hosted at St. Louis Church. Please consider joining the German-American community on Sunday, December 4th, 2022 for this wonderful event celebrating our German heritage as we usher in the holiday season.

A pre-Mass concert of traditional carols will begin at 10:30AM with Mass at 11:00AM celebrated by Fr. Daniel Jamros, S.J. and concelebrated by Fr. Daniel Ulmer.

This year, a reception will follow in the Church Hall.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are happy to announce that we will be having our Christmas Party this year on Sunday, December 11th, after the 11:00AM Mass and will last until 2:00PM. There will be food, games for the kids, and Santa. Please join your parish family members as we resume this wonderful event.

WARMTH TREE

It has become a holiday tradition. St. Louis parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will be given to area families. Help make this year's tree the most festive ever. Donations are accepted the weekends of December 11th & 12th and December 18th & 19th.

NATIVITY COLLECTION DISPLAY

This year, Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna will host Fr. Roy Herberger's unique collection of Nativity sets and figures on display in the lower level of the Basilica from November 26th, 2022 to January 6th, 2023. This Christmas tradition is a **must see** featuring hundreds of Nativity sets from around the world.



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