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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

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

Announced Masses of the Week

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

MONDAY, December 5th:

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

TUESDAY, December 6th: St. Nicholas

12:05 pm: Special Intentions of Heather Ann & James Thomas Caputi

WEDNESDAY, December 7th: St. Ambrose

4:30 pm: Dr. & Mrs. George O'Grady, by Family

THURSDAY, December 8th: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm: Msgr. Paul Hoelscher, by Estate

FRIDAY, December 9th: St. Juan Diego

12:05 pm: Living & Deceased Members of the Occek, Klosko & Fink Families, by Family

SATURDAY, December 10th: Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent

2:00 pm: Wedding of John Becker & Nicole Dworzanski

4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 11th: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Herbert Bucki, by the Bucki Family

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

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 10th & 11th:

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo

9:00 am: Joyce Persico

11:00 am: Mike Wrona



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 10th & 11th:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky

9:00 am: Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



FESTIVAL OF LESSON & CAROLS

The Choir of St. Louis Church, under the direction of organist/choirmaster Frank Scinta, will present a **Festival of Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00PM in St. Louis Church. Featured will be carols and anthems of Ord, Wood, Praetorius, Forrest and others.

The service of **Lessons and Carols** traces, in scripture and song, the Nativity story as foretold by Old Testament prophets and narrated by Gospel writers. Begun in King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, more than a century ago, the service of **Lessons and Carols** is repeated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide. Please join us for this beloved holiday tradition!

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Ethel & Otto Agoston, requested by family members.

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. Feel free to call the rectory if you have questions about specific dates.

SHARE IN THE CARE

Many of us recall a special Catholic sister, brother, or priest who had a profound influence on our lives. Never counting the cost, these dedicated individuals shared with us faith, love and a belief in all that we could become, choosing to invest in our futures rather than their own. Today, that sister, brother or priest may be elderly and need care.

Traditionally, Catholic sisters, brothers or religious order priests, known collectively as women and men religious, worked for little or no pay. Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by nearly three to one. As a result, many religious communities now lack retirement savings. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.

To help address this challenge, U.S. Catholic Bishops established the Retirement Fund for Religious in 1988. Each year, proceeds from the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal are distributed to hundreds of eligible U.S. religious congregations. Nearly 25,000 senior women and men religious benefit. Ongoing support for the collection has helped numerous religious congregations stabilize their retirement outlooks, yet many others are still struggling to meet eldercare needs.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for assisted-living and home-health services, nursing care, and more. It also helps to ensure ongoing viability for religious communities, so that younger members can continue the good works begun by their elders.

Next weekend December 10th & 11th, the second collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious. As always, your generosity is most appreciated.

Msgr. Manganello

PENANCE SERVICE

Our Penance Service this Advent will be held Wednesday, December 14th at St. Louis Church at 3:30PM and at St. Michael's Church at 6:30PM. Please join our family of parishes for this celebration of pardon and peace.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Tracy Allen Abram, Pasual Yauzzi, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers, Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly

Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Sheppard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sonda Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, and Margaret Foegen.

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 207 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$6,832.00. Our online donations totaled \$85.00 including a \$50 donation for the Sandwich Program. The total Sandwich Program collection totaled \$1763.00. The Fuel Collection totaled \$587.00.

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, December 3rd:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection

SUNDAY, December 4th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory Collection including the Weekly & Monthly Collection

12:00 noontime: RCIA meets in the Sacristy

WEDNESDAY, December 7th:

4:30 pm: Collection for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, December 8th:

12:05: pm: Collection for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY, December 10th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly Collection and Maintenance & Repairs Collection and also the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

SUNDAY, December 11th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly Collection and Maintenance & Repairs Collection and also the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

12:00 Noontime to 2:00pm: Christmas Party in the Church Hall

DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in church on Thursday, December 22nd at 6:00PM to decorate our church for Christmas. New volunteers are always welcome! Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for this joyful time of anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Our Savior.

VOCATION THOUGHT

The Jesse Tree is a popular Advent activity for families, tracing the lineage of Jesus back to David, Jesse, and the Patriarchs. In the Old Testament, God tended to work through a few specific families. Now, He calls servants from anywhere. Maybe He's calling you to serve the Church! Take a closer look by contacting Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

The *Women of St. Louis* will present an Advent recital entitled "*Carols by Candlelight*" on Friday, December 9th at 7:30PM in St. Louis Church. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The *Women of St. Louis* are six members of the St. Louis Choir's soprano section. Together they will offer a program of lovely solo and ensemble carols for Advent and Christmas—all in the muted candlelight of St. Louis' majestic nave. Featured will be carol settings of Samuel Scheidt, Gustav Holst, Charles Wood, J.S. Bach, John Jacob Niles and many others.

Please join us as we pause from the rush and noise of the season and, in doing so, find the "comfort and joy" that comes amidst the evenings stillness!

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.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The Encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." ... USCCB *Evangelium Vitae*



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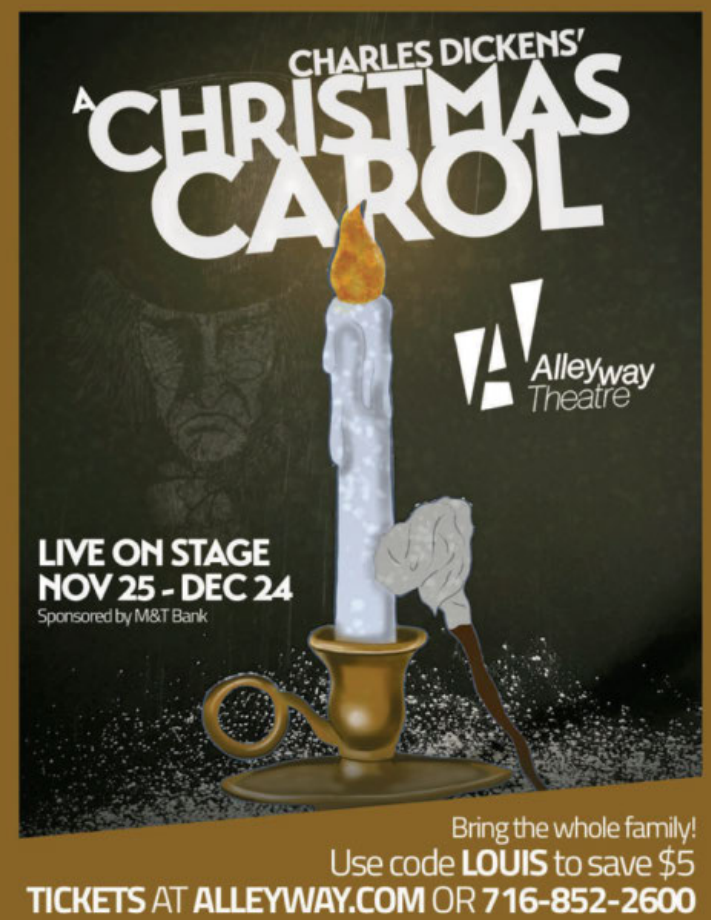
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