

# 2023 St. Louis Church

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### PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

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  
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, January 28th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

### SUNDAY, January 29th: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Mary A. Deveau, by Her Son & Daughter  
11:00 am: Pasquale Frisina, Sr., by Jim Scudlo & Patty Chicoine

### MONDAY, January 30th:

12:05 pm: James Speciale, by Family

### TUESDAY, January 31st: St. John Bosco

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

### WEDNESDAY, February 1:

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

### THURSDAY, February 2nd: Presentation of the Lord

12:05 pm: George Milanovich, by Family & Friends

### FRIDAY, February 3rd: St. Blaise

12:05 pm: Richard Suchan, by Tim Redinger

### SATURDAY, February 4th: Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Susan Riester Bognar, by Michael Riester

### SUNDAY, February 5th: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Special Intentions of the Debra Ann & James Richard Caputi Family, by Family  
11:00 am: Bill Kurzdorfer, by Bill & Pam Nordstrom

## SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of February 4th & 5th:

4:00 pm: Krysta Doerfler  
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta  
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



## SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of February 4th & 5th:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky  
9:00 am: Mary O'Shea  
11:00 am: Tim McCarthy



## WORD OF LIFE

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>.

... USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

## VOCATION THOUGHT

Before preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus went up to the mountain "and his disciples came to him." These days, Jesus is calling disciples, but often they won't come. Break the trend and answer the call today! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org).



## 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.

## THE ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER

The Annual Preservation Fund Drive is now complete. Even though we got off to a late start, the Preservation Fund Drive did the best it has ever done surpassing the over \$108,000 last year. 183 people have donated \$137,494.62. We are still being challenged by the ups and downs of our economic times. Inflation, high interest rates, and continued disruptions in supplies, continue to slow our economy, but through your generosity St. Louis is able to face the future with a solid foundation.

We are continuing to see more people returning to Mass that have been away for a very long time. Through the grace of God and the intercession of St. Louis this will continue. Still, in the midst of our trying times, your generosity has made it possible to maintain our parish operations and pay our bills.

We had set our sights on completing several projects. The sealing and striping of the parking lot was completed along with trimming the trees on the church property, and replacing the fence on the north side of the church. Once again, repairs to the fence on Edward Street that seems to be a favorite target for passing motorists needed to be made.

One of the projects that we had hoped to complete this year was the painting of the rectory. Because of the slow response of the painters, we hope to be able to do this in the spring or early summer.

I thank you for your continued substantial support of our parish. May St. Louis reward all of you for your kindness and generosity.

*Msgr. Manganello*



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Clarence Fomess, 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, Sonda 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 Msgr. Thomas Moran 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 308 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$4,418.00. Our online donations totaled \$70.00. The Fuel Collection totaled \$610.00.

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**

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

### SATURDAY, January 28th:

**4:00 pm:** Regular Weekly Offering Collection and Catholic Relief Services Collection.

### SUNDAY, January 29th:

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** Regular Weekly Offering Collection and Catholic Relief Services 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

### FRIDAY, January 3rd:

**12:05 noontime:** Blessing of Throats following Mass

### SATURDAY, February 4th:

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

### SUNDAY, February 5th:

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

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

**12:00-5:00pm:** Confirmation Retreat in the Church Hall

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

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants and advocates for the powerless. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

## BISON FUND

The Bison Fund is a tuition assistance program helping economically eligible children attend private grammar schools of their choice. The application process is now open for new families. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **March 15, 2023**. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms and all applicants will be notified of lottery results via mail on March 16th, 2023.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the BISON Fund office at 716 854-0869 or email [cmcdonald@bisonfund.com](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.com).

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Evan was ready to give up. "I lost my job, had no relationships with anyone and was having money problems. I was mad, sad and didn't see a future for me," he said. But when he came to **Catholic Charities**, things began to turn around. "For the first time I could remember, I felt like someone was really listening to me and wanted to help. If it hadn't been for them, I don't know where I'd be today." Your gift to **Appeal 2023** helps ensure that people like Evan receive help when they need it most. Give **HOPE** today at [www.ccnny.org/donation](http://www.ccnny.org/donation) or text GIVE HOPE23 to 44321.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST SPRING 2023

St. Louis will be offering the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring. All children making a sacrament this spring must attend sacrament preparation classes on Saturday March 11th, Saturday March 18th and Saturday March 25th from 9:30-11:30AM in the Church Hall. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, May 6th and the First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, May 7th.

First Reconciliation classes are open to all children who are in second grade. First Eucharist classes are open to children who are in third grade. All children should be actively participating in Faith Formation classes either at St. Louis or at their school. **Parents must register by February 11th.**

Registration forms can be found on the St. Louis website <https://stlouisrcchurch.org>. Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell, with any questions (443 744-0354 or [religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org](mailto:religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org)).

## CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

There will be an OPEN HOUSE for families interested in enrolling children for the 2023—2024 academic year on Tuesday, February 7th from 9:00AM to 1:00PM and Thursday, February 9th from 5:30PM to 7:00PM. Please come and meet faculty members, parents and staff and learn about our wonderful school. The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo is our parish school. Call 716 885-6111 for more information.

## BONNETS FOR BABIES

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.**

## CATHOLIC SINGLES GATHERING

Enjoy an evening of hot chocolate and fellowship by the fireplace of Lafayette Brewing Company (391 Washington Street, Buffalo, NY 14203) on Friday, February 10, 2023 for "Catholic Singles Mingle". This St. Valentine's Day Celebration is for Catholic single adults in their 30s and 40s. All proceeds to be donated to the Mother Teresa Home, which provides shelter, community service, and education referral services for all mothers in need. For more information and to reserve your free spot visit <https://CatholicSinglesMingle.eventbrite.com>



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