

2023 St. Louis Church



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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.

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.

WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

BAPTISMS

Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered by appointment. Please call the Rectory for information. Baptisms will be held during Mass or after.

Downtown Family of Parishes

St. Joseph's Cathedral, 50 Franklin Street, 716-854-5855
Email: cathedral@buffalodiocese.org
Website: www.buffalocathedral.org

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 115 O'Connell Street, 716-852-2671
Email: Olphpets@gmail.com

Blessed Sacrament, 1035 Delaware Ave, 716-884-0053
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St. Anthony of Padua, 160 Court Street, 716-854-2564
SaintAnthonyBuffalo@yahoo.com
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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 30th

2:00 pm: Wedding of Marc Cange and Laura Conboy
4:00 pm: Ron Foegen, by Mike and Krye Elam

SUNDAY, December 31st

9:00 am: Deceased members of St. Louis Pastors
11:00 am: Intentions of the Holy Father

MONDAY, January 1, 2024

12:05 pm: Peace, Joy, and Health in 2024 of our Downtown Family of Parishes

TUESDAY, January 2nd,

12:05 pm: Intentions of the Downtown Family of Parishes

THURSDAY, January 4th,

12:05 pm: Milton and Florence Speyer, by the Pirrung Family

FRIDAY, January 5th,

12:05 pm: Ron Foegen, by Mike and Krye Elam

SATURDAY, January 6th,

4:00 pm: Robert Sprague, Sr. & Margaret (Mickey) Sprague, by Family

SUNDAY, January 7th

9:00 am: John Courtney, by Joyce Persico
11:00 am: Helen M. Kearns, Anniversary of her 100th Birthday

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 6th and 7th

4:00 pm: Krista Doerfler
9:00 am: Steve Nosek
11:00 am: Pam Nordstrom



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 6th and 7th

4:00 pm: Marilyn Neil
9:00 am: Mary O'Shea
11:00 am: Keith and Kathy Boerner



PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

For an appointment please contact Mike Riester at flinthill57@yahoo.com

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Stanley Cieslar by his St. Louis friends.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in loving memory of Stanley Cieslar by his St. Louis friends.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns this week in loving memory of Stanley Cieslar by his St. Louis friends.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your special intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

SPRING 2024 FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children actively participating in faith formation (St. Louis or their Catholic school) are eligible to make their First Reconciliation starting in second grade and their First Eucharist starting in third grade.

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by Friday, February 9, 2024. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org/>) and emailed or mailed to the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell at (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend in-person sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 2nd, March 9th, and March 19th. All classes will be from 9:30-11:30am in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

ADDRESSING SECURITY ISSUES

In these turbulent times, the need for providing security is being addressed by our Pastor, Fr. Ray Corbin and the Finance Council. We have contracted undercover security for all our Masses.

If you would like to help underwrite this additional cost to the Parish, please contact Fr. Ray.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Fran Angelo, Diane Andriaccio, Gabriella Parisi, Rosemary Bloch, Laurie Hoehn, Tracy Allen Abram, Greg Joseph, Marcella Ng, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, Ryan Cmic, Brian Burns, 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.

Our collection for the week of December 17th and 18th was \$7,657 and the attendance was 362.

The Preservation Fund's current amount is \$94,055.

Our collection and attendance for the week of December 24th will be reported in the next bulletin.

****Please Note: We are switching online giving companies from PayPal to WeShare.**

WeShare is a Catholic owned and operated company whose rates benefit the Parishes. Please visit the Parish website for instructions to switch.

You can also support the parish by mailing your donation or using our **WeShare** account on our web page.

Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

SATURDAY, December 30th

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering and Second Collection for The Solemnity of Mary Offering and Initial Offering

SUNDAY, December 31st, The Holy Family

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly Offering and Second Collection for The Solemnity of Mary Offering and Initial Offering

SATURDAY, January 6th, 2024

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly and Monthly Offering

SUNDAY, January 7th,

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly and Monthly Offering

LET'S WARM UP:

Downtown Parish Winter Get-Together

Calling all members of Blessed Sacrament, St. Michael's, OLPH, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Joseph's Cathedral, and St. Louis! Please join us for a family-friendly night of good food, games, and fellowship! Following the 4:00 pm Mass at St. Louis on Saturday, January 27th, we will gather in the St. Louis Church Hall.

For those who want to compete for the title of *2024 Downtown Parish Chili Cook-off Champion*, bring a pot to share. Everyone else, bring a dish to share (side dish, dessert, or roll). The event will run from 5 to 7:30 pm (come when you can),

There will be games, story time, and a hot chocolate bar for the kids. For adults—there will be games and time to socialize. Feel free to bring your favorite board game to play with others and get to know the wonderful members of the Downtown Parishes.

We will also be collecting clothes to donate—please consider bringing an item.

This event is open to everyone! Come for fellowship and enjoy a delicious meal!

**FAMILY OF PARISHES
TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE**

The "Downtown Family of Parishes" (Family #22) temporary Mass schedule is being presented below. New options have been added.

Daily Liturgies

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:

St. Michael: 6:45am
 Confessions Daily after Mass-8:00am
 Blessed Sacrament: 8:00am
 St. Louis: 12:05pm
 St. Joseph Cathedral: 12:10pm
 St. Anthony: 6:00pm (Latin Mass)
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help (no daily Mass): 6:00pm Rosary & Novena on Tuesdays

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday Vigil Masses:

St Louis: 4:00pm. Confession 3:15—3:45pm
 Blessed Sacrament: 4:30pm
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 4:30pm
 St. Joseph Cathedral: 4:30pm
 St. Michael: 5:30pm
 St Anthony: (no vigil Mass)

Sunday Masses:

St. Louis: 9:00am & 11:00am
 St. Anthony: 9:00am (Latin) & 11:00am (Italian/English)
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am
 Blessed Sacrament: 10:30am
 St. Joseph Cathedral: 10:30am
 St. Michael: 12noon—Adoration & Rosary until 2:00pm

Christ the King Chapel at Canisius University: Mass Times to be announced. Confessions are scheduled for Monday-Friday from 11:00am-12:00 noon and Wednesday evenings from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Anointing of the Sick

St. Michael: Last Sunday of each month following the 12:00 noon Mass

Adoration / Holy Hour

St. Michael: Sunday 1:00pm-2:00pm
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help: First Friday at 6:00pm
 St. Louis: Third Friday at 6:00pm

ADORATION/HOLY HOUR

The Adoration/Holy Hour will be held at St. Louis Church on the Third Friday of each month at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.



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