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The Downtown Family of Catholic Parishes



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ST. LOUIS

Oldest parish in the Buffalo diocese.



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"The Bishop's Chapel"



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FAMILY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish: 4:00 pm
- Blessed Sacrament Church 4:30 pm
- St. Michael's: 5:30

SUNDAYS

- St. Louis Parish: 9:00 & 11:00 am
- Blessed Sacrament: 10:30 am
- St. Michael's: 12:00 pm

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- St. Louis Parish: 12:05 pm
- Blessed Sacrament: 8:00 am
- St. Michael's: 6:45 am
- St. Joseph's: 12:10 pm (M-F)

CONFESSION: ON REQUEST AFTER ANY MASS

- St. Louis: Saturdays: 3:15-4:00 pm
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: Wed & Fri 11:45 am; Saturday 4:00 pm
- St. Michael's: after 6:45 am daily until 9:00 am, or by appt.
- St. Anthony's: 30 mins before all Masses

BAPTISMS:

New parents must participate in a virtual pre-baptismal instruction class. Information and registration forms are available on the St. Louis website for the Downtown Family of Parishes. Questions? Contact the Faith Formation Office at religiously@StLouisrcchurch.org.

WEDDINGS: AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

Registered parishioners should call the family office to discuss and check available dates. Arrangements should be made 8 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS: AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

We welcome you to the Downtown Family of Parishes! Registration forms can be found on the websites.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Anointing in preparation of surgery or illness can be done after any Mass. Communal anointing takes place the last Sunday of the month after the Noon Mass at St. Michael's.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Email to dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

October 26, 2025 ~ The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025 ~ The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of October 19, 2025

Saturday, October 18

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Michael Parishioners

Sunday, October 19

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Walter Kowal Req by: Peter and Barb Nagowski Charlotte Occek Req by: Wiser Family
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday, October 20 ~ St. Paul of the Cross

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Tuesday, October 21

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Caroline Menchini Req by: Ken and Paula Braunstein

Thursday, October 23 ~ St. John of Capistrano

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Friday, October 24 ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret

St. Louis 12:05 pm	David Randazzo Req by: Diane Randazzo
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Fr. Francis Staebell, SJ Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners



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DOWNTOWN FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Rizzo - **President (BSC)**

Dennis Burns - **First Vice President (St. Louis)**

Alyssa Zakroczemski, **Second Vice President (BSC)**

Anne Harrington, **Secretary (BSC)**

Saint



Louis

ANNUAL WEIHNACHTSMESSE AT ST. LOUIS

Please consider joining with fellow parishioners and the German-American community on Sunday, November 30, 2025 for this event celebrating our German heritage as we usher in the holiday season. A pre-Mass concert of traditional carols performed by the German-American Musicians begins at 10:30 am. At 11:00 am Fr. Daniel Jamros, SJ from Canisius University will celebrate Mass.

This year you must RSVP to secure a seat at the reception that follows in the Church Hall. The deadline is November 1, 2025. Please call Mike Riester to reserve your seat at the reception at 716-803-5773.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks by Donna and Dennis Burns.

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 honor requested dates as they are available.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shepherd, Joseph Barba, Sr., Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sonda Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Sr., Gail Neil, Fred Wolf, Ed Kast, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, Dr. William Fiden, Sharon Hunger, Fr. Drew Morgan, Larry Kennebeck, Denise Goodman, 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: Bill Roof, Mary Agoston, Tammy Miller, and 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 LAST WEEK WAS \$3698.

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$ 356.51

WORLD MISSION WAS \$ 715

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$4769.51

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 420**

****Please Note: We are only accepting online giving through 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 or the QR code on the bottom of the page. Thank you for your support.

Please note that starting September 1, 2025 we are starting a drive for WeShare with a goal of signing up 100 parishioners. Parishioners will be

COFFEE HOUR

Our next coffee hour will be held Sunday, October 26th after the 11:00 Mass.

Please join us for fellowship, meeting new parishioners and visitors, coffee, and snacks. All are welcome!

LECTORS/EUCCHARIST MINISTERS OCTOBER 25 & 26, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday, October 25	4:00	Diane Randazzo
Sunday, October 26	9:00	Steve Nosek
Sunday, October 26	11:00	Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, October 25	4:00	Ann Dumansky
Sunday, October 26	9:00	Patrick Kearns
Sunday, October 26	11:00	Emily Schimert, Jim Ferrini

ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY

New Date

The St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Saturday November 15th at 10am to begin the annual fall cleanup. New volunteers most welcome.

Blessed



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Mr. Earl Schunk
Principal

COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1780.01

Diaconate - \$50

World Mission - 212.05

Weekly - \$2730

Total - \$4772.06

There will be one collection next week

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held following the 10:30 Masses. We need volunteers to "host" the coming Coffee Hours. Please sign up at the Event Table at the Church entrance.



BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

The Blessed Sacrament Book Club will meet on Monday, November 17 at 10:30 am in St. Joseph's Hall.

The book selection is "Light from Light - A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed" by Bishop Robert Barron (Word on Fire Academic Publishers, 2021).

Hard cover only copies are available online at Amazon (new and used); E-bay Books; and Word on Fire Academic Publishers. All are welcome to join the group. For further information contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com.

FERTILITYCARE™

Wanting to understand the way God created us? Be empowered with knowledge, learn how your fertility works and plan your family naturally.

Upcoming introductory Sessions in the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System will be held at Sisters Hospital on Monday, October 20th at 6:00 pm and Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 am. To preregister, please contact Sisters Hospital Catholic FertilityCare™ Center of WNY at 716-862-1944.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - OCTOBER, 2025

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

October 4: R. Lehner

October 11: D. Galucki

October 18: L. Urbanski-Farrell

October 25: P. Jones

Sun. 10:30 am

October 5: S. Falleta

October 12: G. Riedel

October 19: M.J. Carroll

October 26: G. Riedel

Eucharist Ministers

Sun. 10:30 am

October 4: D. Russell

October 11: B. Bielecki

October 18: F. Conti

October 25: C. Jones

Sun. 10:30 am

October 5: M.J. Carroll

October 12: M. Sulkowski

October 19: J. Knab

October 26: M. Sulkowski

BLESSED SACRAMENT OUTREACH HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS

Hearts For the Homeless of Western New York, Inc. is a mobile soup kitchen that feeds the poor and homeless on the street, characterized by a profound spiritual motivation. The program offers nourishing food as well as winter clothing, pertinent information regarding area services, companionship, and hope for the future.

Please take the time to think about both programs (Coats 4 Kids and Hearts for the Homeless) and contribute what you can. The good news is that you don't necessarily need to spend money, just some time going through drawers, closets, pantries, etc. and donating items that are still useful and in good condition. You will find two large **Bins** in the back of the church where you can deposit your items, to be picked up by volunteers and transported to the designated locations.

Thank you all.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection:

In the same way that a judge cannot go looking for conflicts to mediate, God will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God?

The Prayers We Don't Say:

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer - specifically constant, unwearied prayer - with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is He trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force His way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance - adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearied prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too - but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't over step His bounds.

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MICHAEL'S

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

OUR COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK: \$1,834 ATTENDANCE: 105

IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S

Evan, Fran, and Mo Angelo, Judith Barone, Alexander & Michael Brickel, Lorraine Brown, Alonso/Caceres/Rios Santa Cruz, Peter Caruso, Annie Feldman, Phyllis Galie, Mary Biuttner Gutierrez, Gloria Knight, Ben Lisiecki, Elaine Love, Dr. David Marchetti, Jean McCarthy, Tom Passmire, Cheryl Radwan, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Mark Szpakowski, Angelo Tomsello, Ann Weihing.

ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

Email: StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com

Cantor: Micael Dobrasz

Musicians: Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak

Holy Hour: Join us Sundays for a Holy Hour starting at 1pm, featuring exposition, adoration, rosary, and silent prayer until 2pm at which time the church will close.

St. Michael's Update:

The Vatican has upheld the Diocese's decision to merge St. Michael's with St. Louis. An appeal has been filed to a higher Vatican Court. There is a 60 day waiting period for a decision. Updates forthcoming.



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Happenings

THE ART OF DYING WELL

4 sessions on “The Art of Dying Well”

Explore and dialogue about the Catholic understanding of this important life event for everyone.

Offered by the Augustine Institute and led by Fr. Ray.

1. The story of death,
2. The after life,
3. The hour of our death,
4. The faithful departed.

The last session will include an actual guide to planning our own funeral liturgy.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm, November 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Where: St. Louis Parish Hall, church basement, handicap accessible.

Register for this free workshop:

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or Frrayssp@gmail.com

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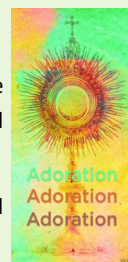
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ADORATION WITH ROSARY AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

Adoration with Rosary and Devotion to the Holy Face will occur Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Delaware Ave.

All are invited to come and spend time in prayer and reflection before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



JENNIFER PASCUAL ORGANIST AT ST. PATRICK CATHEDRAL NEW YORK TO PERFORM AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 7:00 PM

The American Guild of Organists and the Church Musicians Guild of Buffalo are delighted to present a concert of organ music at St. Joseph Cathedral with Dr. Jennifer Pascual, the Director of Music and Organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

She is the first woman to hold this position, one of the most prestigious sacred music appointments in the United States.

Dr. Pascual has received many awards and traveled worldwide performing and conducting for popes and clergy, heads of state and special events.

Find out more about Dr. Jennifer Pascual at saintpatrickscathedral.org/people/dr-Jennifer-pascual

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special concert followed by a reception.

All are invited. Free admission

A free-will offering will be received.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Luke 18:1-8

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day.

She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable - crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words - his fear of being "struck" - He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice - the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. Infact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world - suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

~ Father John Muir

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