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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](mailto: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

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September 28, 2025 ~ The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week of September 28 2025

## Saturday, September 27

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Michael McGuire Req by: Kenneth Zahm
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Joseph T. and Joan A. Ricotta Req by:
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

## Sunday, September 28

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Mary Catherine Mullins Mollie Brewster 60th Anniversary of John & Peggy Messina Req by: Jim & Cindy Messina
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Thomas Menchini Req by: Kathleen and Tommy

## Monday, September 29 ~ St. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael ~ Archangels

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Deceased Religious of St. Michael's Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

## Tuesday, September 30 ~ St. Jerome

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Fr. Ray Mahar Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

## Thursday, October 2 ~ The Holy Guardian Angels

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Julia Bischof Riester Req by: Michael Riester
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	<b>NO MASS</b>
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Intentions of Pope Leo XIV Req by: St. Michaels Parishioners

## Friday, October 3

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners



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# Saint



# Louis

## EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Please join us at coffee hour after the 11:00 Mass Sunday, September 28th.

Join us for fellowship, meeting new parishioners, visitors, coffee and snacks!

## 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 Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra 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, Jacque Dejardins, 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 LAST WEEK WAS \$8,497.**

**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$422.79**

**TOTAL FOR SEMINARIAN COLLECTION WAS \$159.00**

**TOTAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WAS \$311.00**

**OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$9,389.49.**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 395.**

**\*\*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 available to assist with signing up.**

Thank you for your support. Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. To learn more about making a charitable contribution or leaving a bequest to St. Louis Church, please contact Mike Riester at 716-803-5773.

## LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS OCTOBER 4 AND 5, 2025

### Lectors:

**Saturday, October 4 4:00** Ann Dumansky

**Sunday, October 5 9:00** Bob Sprague

**Sunday, October 5 11:00** Pam Nordstrom

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Saturday, October 4 4:00** Diane Randazzo

**Sunday, October 5 9:00** Mary O'Shea

**Sunday, October 5 11:00** Jim Ferrini, Paul State



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# Sacrament



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## COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,660.01

Weekly - \$1,764.00

Seminarians - \$85.00

Total - \$3,509.01

There will be one collection next week



## COFFEE HOUR TO RESUME

Coffee Hour will resume on September 7, following the 10:30 Mass. We need volunteers to "host" the coming Coffee Hours. Please sign up at the Event Table at the church entrance.

## LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2025

### Lectors

#### Sat. 4:30 pm

September 27: M. Cusack

October 4: R. Lehner

October 11: D. Galucki

October 18: L. Urbanski-Farrell

October 25: P. Jones

#### Sun. 10:30 am

September 28: S. Faletta

October 5: S. Falleta

October 12: G. Riedel

October 19: M.J. Carroll

October 26: G. Riedel

### Eucharist Ministers

#### Sun. 10:30 am

September 28: D. Russell

October 4: D. Russell

October 11: B. Bielecki

October 18: F. Conti

October 25: C. Jones

#### Sun. 10:30 am

September 28: M. J. Carroll

October 5: M.J. Carroll

October 12: M. Sulkowski

October 19: J. Knab

October 26: M. Sulkowski

## 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](mailto: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

## 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDER-  
STANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 16:19-31

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster, and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: **"My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented: (Luke 16:25).**

Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved *that*, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

~ Father John Muir

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MICHAEL'S

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE &  
COLLECTIONS

9/21/25 - counts and attendance will be noted in next week's bulletin.

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, Elain 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

Musicians: Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak

Cantor: Michael Dobrasz

**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:**

**Beginning on September 22 any calls to the St. Michael Parish Office should be directed to the Family of Parishes Main Office at 716-852-6040.**





# News

*Mater Ecclesiae*  
**The Downtown  
Family of Parishes**



# Happenings

## 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



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### ATTENTION TEENS THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU LET'S BE FRIENDS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Everyone hopes to have at least one good friendship. Some think they do but after a closer look, they may find out that they don't. This retreat will guide your youth into a closer look at their friendships and how true friendships are a blessing from God.

Presented by: Mary Douglas-Witherspoon, the Author of *"Are You My Friend?"*

Understanding that God never meant for us to journey through life alone, Mary has learned how to be intentional with those who are closest to her and wants to instill that knowledge in others. She continues to navigate through the many nuances of friendship to define how God sees them and hopefully guide others into becoming a good friend.

**Cost \$65.00 (Limited Reservations)**

**Includes: Retreat, Lunch, & Signed Copy of *"Are You My Friend?"***

**Reservation Deadline October 10, 2025**



## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." - Lk 16:25

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## DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!*

### Mini Explanation:

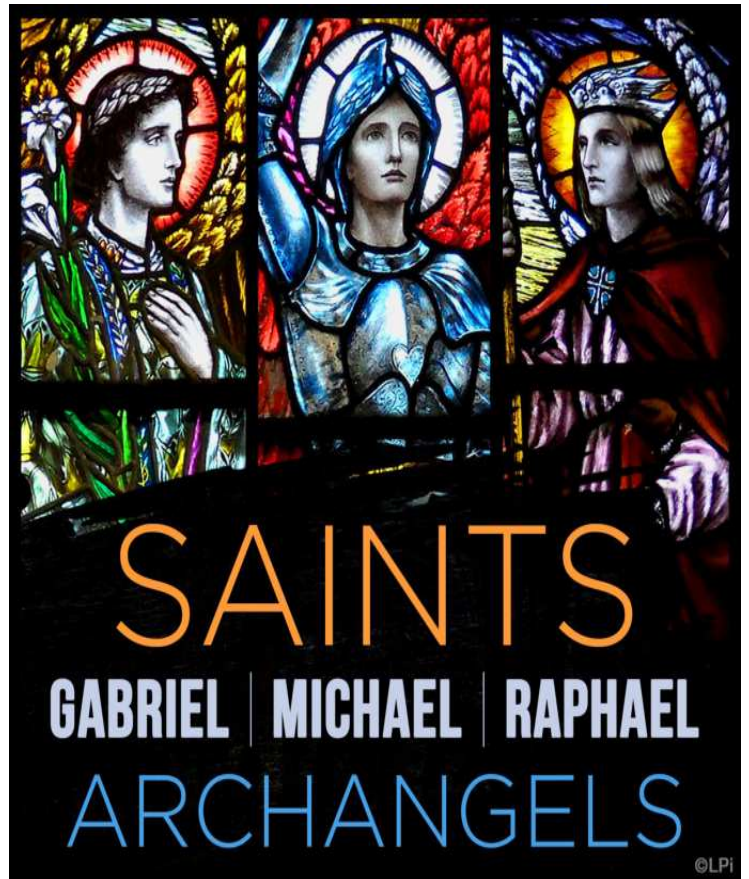
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### Morning Offering, *Explained!*

There are many variations of the Morning Offering, but all share the same purpose: to begin each day by offering oneself to God, along with all the experiences, struggles and blessings that the day will bring.

The ancient Israelites practiced the *bikkurim* ("first fruits") as described in Deuteronomy, chapter 26. This was a ritual by which the first fruits of the harvest were offered back to God in a sacrificial act of gratitude and obedience. The theology behind the Morning Offering is similar: giving to God the first moments of each day.

The most traditional form of the Morning Offering, attributed to Fr. Francois-Xavier Gautrelet, begins "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings for this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart..." A full version of this text can be found at [uscgb.org/prayers/morning-offering](http://uscgb.org/prayers/morning-offering). CLPi



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