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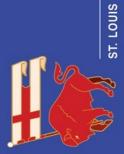
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October 5, 2025 ~ The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, TUES-DAY, 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 religioused@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.

ANOINTING 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

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Mack	of October 5, 2025		
	Week of October 5 2025		
Saturday, October 4			
St. Louis 4:00 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners		
Blessed Sacrament	Don Campanella		
4:30 pm	Req by: Francine Conti		
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners		
Sunday, October 5			
Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Mary Catherine Mullins Req by: Mollie Brewster Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners		
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Repose of the Soul of Henry Rodriguez Req by: Family		
Saint Michael's 12 noon	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners		
Monday, October 6 ~ St. Bruno			
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	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate		
Tuesday, October 7 ~ Our Lady of the Rosary			
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Jean Ann Haar Req by: Marilyn Neil		
Blessed	Downtown Family of Parishes		
Sacrament 8:00 am	Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners		
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Deceased Members of the Downtown Family of Parishes		
	Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners		
Thursday, October 9 ~ St. Denis			
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Thursday St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners		
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St. Louis 12:05 pm Blessed	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners		
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ANNUAL WEIHNACHTSMESSE AT ST. LOUIS

Please consider joining with fellow parishioners and the Berman-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 Noreen Mary Lynch by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch 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 Shepheard, 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, Denise Goodman, Jacquie Des Jardins Lo Mato, Tammy Miller, 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, Caleb Raymond, 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 \$4,174.00 OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$429.00 SEMINARIAN COLLECTION WAS \$60.00 CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION WAS \$135.00 OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$4,798.81

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 404

**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 11 AND 12, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday, October 11 - 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, October 12 - 9:00 Steve Nosek

Sunday, October 12 - 11:00 Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, October 11 - 4:00 Jim Ferrini

Sunday, October 12 - 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday, October 12 - 11:00 Diane Randazzo

Jim Ferrini









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COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,734.01

Weekly - \$2,095.00

Catholic Education \$110.00

Total - \$3,939.01

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 <u>blumfam7@gmail.com.</u>

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Upcoming introductory Sessions in the Creighton Model Fertility*Care*[™] 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 Fertility*Care*[™] Center of WNY at 716-862-1944.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - OCTOBER, 2025

Lectors **Eucharist Ministers** Sat. 4:30 pm Sun. 10:30 am October 4: R. Lehner October 4: D. Russell October 11: B. Bielecki October 11: D. Galucki October 18: L. Urbanski-Farrell October 18: F. Conti October 25: P. Jones October 25: C. Jones Sun. 10:30 am Sun. 10:30 am October 5: S. Falleta October 5: M.J. Carroll October 12: G. Riedel October 12: M. Sulkowski October 19: M.J. Carroll October 19: J. Knab October 26: G. Riedel 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:

"Increase my faith." I've said to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith - that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn't faith at all.

The Father Who Knows What You Want:

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, that's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants - whether he realizes it or not - is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you given him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, and acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith - that 's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, hear you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 am move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds His breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul - and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

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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:

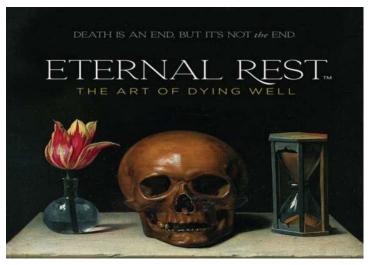
The Vatican has upheld the Diocese's decision to merge St. Michael's with St. Louis. An appeal has been filed to a higher Vatican Court. There is a 60 day waiting period for a decision. Updates forthcoming.





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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:

dbfpbulletin@gmail.com or Frrayssp@gmail.com.

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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 <u>saintpatrickscathedaral.org/people/dr-Jennifer-pascual</u>

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.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED!

God is Good, All the Time

Mini Explanation:

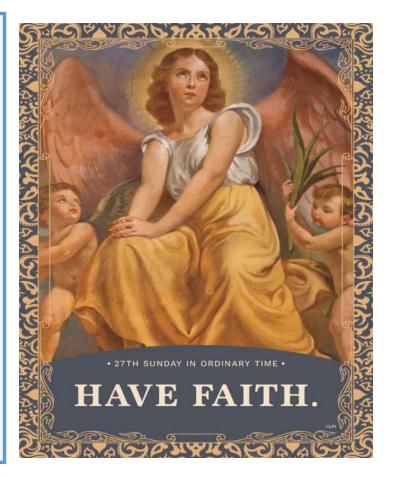
This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

God is Good, All the Time: Explained!

Perhaps you have been a member of a congregation to whom the pastor says, expectantly, "God is good!" The congregation responds, faithfully, "All the time." In turn, the speaker repeats: "All the time." And the congregation affirms: "God is good!"

A collective affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, this refrain communicates a theme presented again and again in Scripture: Come what my, God will be with us.

There is no official consensus on the origins of this saying, though it is often associated with African Christianity. Whatever this saying's roots, its message is truth: "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations," says Psalm 100:5. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever," echoes 1 Chronicles 16:34. Jesus confirms this in Matthew 28:20: "I am with your always, even to the end of the age. ©LPi



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