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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.

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 dbfbulletin@gmail.com

November 2, 2025 ~ All Souls Day

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<i>November 2, 2025</i>	
<i>Saturday, November 1</i>	
St. Louis 4:00 pm	Charlotte Occek Req by: Wisner Family
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Irene Sulkowski Req by: Mary Lee Sulkowski
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Sunday, November 2 ~ All Souls Day</i>	
Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Mary A. Deveau Req by: Jay Deveau Eleanor Riestler Treiber Req by: Michael Riestler
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Monday, November 3 ~ St. Martin de Porres</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Patrick Zachary Latimer Req by: Sandy Curlett
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Tuesday, November 4 ~ St. Charles Borromeo</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Walter Geiger Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Those Seeking God Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Thursday, November 6</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Richard Agoston Req by: Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
<i>Friday, November 7 ~ First Friday</i>	
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Paul Quinlivan Req by: Paul State
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Downtown Family of Parishes 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

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 try to 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, Jason Parks, 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, Mary Agoston, 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 \$3,706.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$470.42
MISSIONS COLLECTIONS WAS \$35.00
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$4,211.42**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 388**

****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 NOVEMBER 8 AND 9, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday, November 8 4:00 Ann Dumansky
Sunday, November 9 9:00 Bob Sprague
Sunday, November 9 11:00 Mike Wrona

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, November 8 4:00 Jim Ferrini
Sunday, November 9 9:00 Mary O'Shea
Sunday, November 9 11:00 Pam Nordstrom
Emily Schimert

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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.

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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 - NOVEMBER, 2025

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

November 1 - R. Lehner

November 8 - L. Urbanski-Farrell

November 15 - D. Galucki

November 22 - M. Cusack

November 29 - P. Jones

Sun. 10:30 am

November 2 - G. Riedel

November 9 - M. J. Carroll

November 16 - A. Wulf

November 23 - C. O'Leary

November 30 - M. Pitek

Eucharist Ministers

Sat. 4:30 pm

November 1 - Deacon Tom

November 8 - C. Jones

November 15 - F. Conti

November 22 - D. Risse;;

November 29 - B. Bielecki

Sun. 10:30 am

November 2 - M. J. Carroll

November 9 N. O'Rourke

November 16 - M. Sulkowski

November 23 - J. Knab

November 30 - C. Pitek

COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 19 AND 26, 2025

The collection report for last two weeks is as follows:

October 19, 2025

E-giving - \$1,780.01

Weekly - \$3,730.00

Diaconate - \$50.00

World Mission - \$212.05

Total - \$5,772.06

October 26, 2025

E-giving - \$1,439.01

Weekly - \$7,434.54

World Missions - \$182.00

Total - \$9,055.55

November 2 collections will include All Saints and All Souls Mass Remembrance collections.

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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MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

10/20/25 \$1,705.00

10/27/25 \$1,633.00

Weekly Collection needed to cover expenses—

\$3,200.

Registered Families - 45

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:

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.



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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Thank you Fr. Jacek!

Downtown Family of Parishes says goodbye to Fr. Jacek.

Fr. Jacek will be joining the East Side Family of Parishes to become the Parochial Vicar there to help cover the Polish ministries.

Thank you and Blessings, Fr. Jacek!

ST. LOUIS ANGEL TREE TIMELINE

Ashlee Campbell will be handling the Angel Tree this year, along with a lot of faith formation volunteers and Jacqueline Bermudez. Here is the timeline for November & December.

Friday, November 14 - Tree is up in the back of St. Louis Church

Saturday morning, November 15 - Volunteers decorate with tags.

Saturday evening, November 15 - Tree becomes "active" and parishioners can take tags.

All Masses November 15/16 & 22/23 - We will have a volunteer to make sure all tags are accounted for

November 29 & 30 - Holiday weekend & German Mass - We will not do anything with the Angel tree that weekend

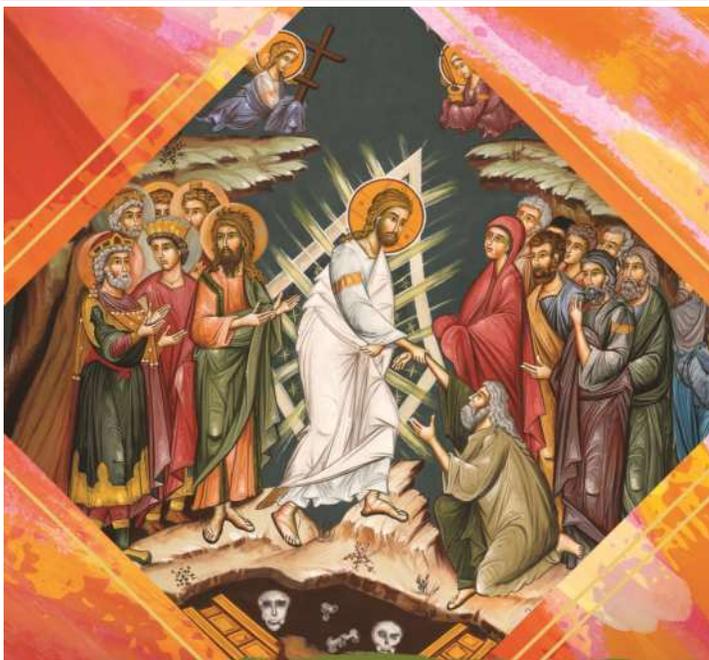
Starting November 22— Parishioners can return presents

We are supporting up to 40 children (2 presents for each child)

Gift collection will "hopefully" end on December 7th or be mostly done.

Presents will be organized and given to drivers by the 13th/14th so they can be dropped off to families by the 20th.

Thank you in advance for your donations!



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:40

DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED!

Mini Explanation - God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Or our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity which exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

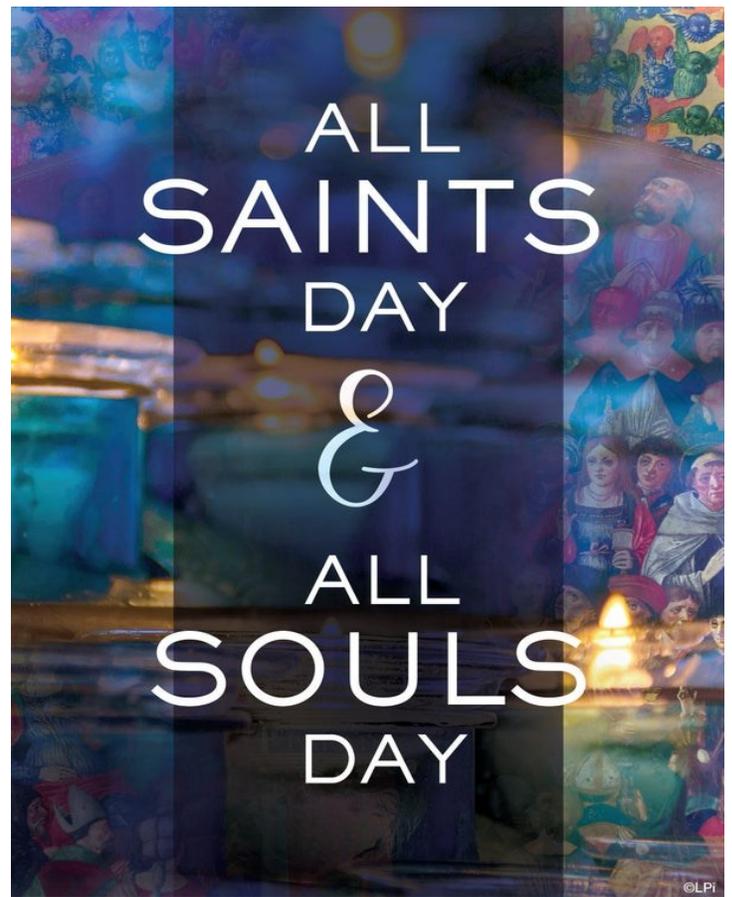
Prayer for the Dead, Explained!

IT may seem strange to pray for someone which is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgment. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45).

“By virtue of the ‘communion of saints,’ the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1055).

The most common Catholic prayer for the dead is as follows: “Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.” ©LPi



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