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December 21, 2025 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 (Tuesday & Friday only)
- 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

December 21, 2025 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Wee	ek of December 21	
Saturday, December 20		
St. Louis 4:00 pm	Michael Zobel Req by: St. Louis Friends	
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners	
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners	
Sunday, December 21		
Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Kathleen Robinson Req by: Family Luigi Mustillo Req by: Louis Mustillo	
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, December 22		
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Rita Marie Rozbicki Req by: Estate	
Blessed Sacrament	NO MASS	
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners	
Tuesday, December 23 St. John Kanty		
St. Louis 12:05 pm	D. William Nordstrom Req by: Donna Arnone	
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners	
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners	
Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve		
St. Louis 4:00 pm	Ladd Campbell Req by: The Campbell Family	
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	The Living and Deceased of Blessed Sacrament Church Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners	
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	NO VIGIL Req by:	
Thursday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day		
St. Louis 10:00 am	The Living and Deceased of St. Louis Parish Req by: St. Louis Parishioners	
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	The Living and Deceased of Blessed Sacrament Church Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners	
St. Michael's	Les and Anne Corbin	
12:00 pm	Req by: Family	



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Cory James Gallagher		
Saint Michael's 651 Washington Ave.		
Trustees	David Granville Steven Nosek	
Musicians	Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak	
Cantor	Michael Dobrasz	

Fríday, December 26		
St. Louis 12:05 pm	Rita Marie Rozbicki Req by: Estate	
Blessed	All Souls	
Sacrament 8:00 am	Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners	
Saint Michael's	H. Edward Smith	
6:45 am	Req by: Family	





Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at St. Louis Church Sunday, December 21st at 5:00 pm. It traces in scripture and song, the Nativity story as foretold by the Old Testament prophets, narrated by the Gospel writers. Featured will be carols and anthems of Ord, Wood, Praetorius, Forest, and others.

Please join us for this beautiful evening of music and song.

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 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, Larry Kennebeck, Denise Goodman, Jason Parks, Kienan Duggan, 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, Michael Zobel, Anthony Cassetta, 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 12/7/25 WAS \$4,062.00 OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$939.71 OUR THANKSGIVING COLLECTION WAS \$228.00 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLECTION WAS \$147.00 OUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION WAS \$737.00 OUR TOTAL COLLECTION FOR 12/7/25 WAS \$6,232.71

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 399.

**Please Note: We are only accepting online giving through WeShare.

WeShare is a Catholic owned and operated company whose rates bene-

fit 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.



LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS DECEMBER 24, 25, 27 & 28, 2025

Lectors:

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 Ann Dumansky, Diane Randazzo

Thursday, December 25 10:00 Pam Nordstrom

Saturday, December 27 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, December 28 9:00 Ed Kuzan

Sunday, December 28 11:00 Pam Nordstrom

Thursday, January 1 12:05 Michael Reister

Eucharistic Ministers:

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 Ann Dumansky, Diane Randazzo,

Mary O'Shea, Bob Sprague, Jim

Ferrini

Thursday, December 25 10:00 Paul State

Saturday, December 27 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday, December 28 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday, December 28 11:00 Lisa McCarthy, Emily Schimert

Thursday, January 1 12:05 Pam Nordstrom









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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

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 7, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$3,544.01

Weekly - \$2,280.00

E-Giving Religious Retirement - \$50.00

Total - \$5,874.01

There will be one collection next week

JOIN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB **DISCUSSION**

Start the New Year by reading and then joining a discussion of Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM's latest book "The Tears of Things-Prophetic Wisdom in an Age of Outrage" (Convergent Books, 2025, 208 pages).

Discover the ancient prophets - Amos, Elijah, and Jonah - along with modern prophetic voices. Encounter those whose wisdom and actions shaped their world and continue to call us toward deeper transformation. All are welcome to join the discussion on Monday, January 26th at 10:30 am in St. Joseph's Hall.

For questions, contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com.

The book is available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, Target, and Walmart.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 3 AND 10, 2026

Lectors

Eucharist Ministers

Sat. 4:30 pm

Sat. 4:30 pm

December 24 - Christmas Eve - M. Pitek C. Pitek, C. <u>Jones</u>

December 25 Day - 10:30 M. Cusack

December 27 - F. Conti C. Jones

Sun. 10:30 am

Sun. 10:30 am

December 21 - A. Wulf

December 25 - 10:30

C. Jones F. Conti

December 28 - C. O'Leary J. Knab

JANUARY 2026

January 3 - R. Lehner D. Russell

January 10 - L. Urbanski-Farrell C. Jones

The remainder of January 2026 will be posted after Christmas

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)

CHRISTMAS CARD!

We all remember and miss Annie from Church. She would love a Christmas Card!

Annie Szyjka

Ellicott Center, Rm 314

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2025 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR THE DOWNTOWN FAMILY OF PARISHES

Taize Prayer Service December 14, 7:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

St. Louis Church ~ Lessons and Carols December 21 5:00 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm St. Louis (Choral Prelude)

4:30 pm Blessed Sacrament

4:30 pm St. Joseph's Cathedral

Midnight

12 am St. Joseph's Cathedral - 11:30 Carols

12 am St. Anthony's High Latin Mass

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25

7:15 am St. Anthony's, Low Latin Mass

9:15 am St. Anthony's High Latin Mass

10:00 am St. Louis

10:30 am Blessed Sacrament

10:30 am St. Joseph's Cathedral

11:15 am St. Anthony's Italian/English

12:00 pm St. Michael's

January 1, 2026 Mary Mother of God

9:00 am St. Anthony's Latin

10:30 am St. Joseph's Cathedral

12:05 pm St. Louis

Advent Retreat

St. Anthony's. Given by Fr. Jeff

Donavan

December 14, 15, 16. Call St.

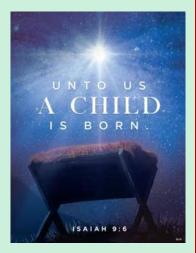
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Advent Vespers

Monday, December 15, 7:00 pm St. Joseph's

Cathedral



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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

12/7/25 \$2,323.00

12/7/25 \$ 376.00 Christmas Flowers

12/7/25 103

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.







PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Downtown Parish Family of St. Louis, Blessed Sacrament, St. Michael's, Oratory of St. Anthony, and St. Joseph's Cathedral,

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:1).

As we gather to celebrate the glorious Nativity of our Lord we are reminded of this profound truth. In the stillness of a holy night in Bethlehem, our God entered our world, choosing to be born like us in a humble manger to associate Himself with all of humanity - in our joys, our struggles, our grief, but also our HOPE.

Christmas is not just an annual celebration; it is an invitation to a personal and real encounter with Jesus, Emmanuel, "God with us". He comes to us not as a distant sovereign but as a vulnerable infant, encouraging us to open our heart and lives to His transforming presence. Our hands are His in this world and in the Church.

This year, as we gaze upon the Nativity scene, let us not just be spectators, but active participants in the mystery of God's love. Let us allow the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, and the eagerness of the shepherds to inspire us to:

- ~ Embrace Hope: Trust in God's promise that we are never alone on our journey.
- ~ Practice Radical Hospitality: Extend a genuine welcome, a smile, and an open heart to all our brothers and sisters, especially those on the margins of society.
- ~ **Serve Others:** Use our unique gifts of time, talent, and treasure to build our parish communities and show others how the mystery of God is among us and in us.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our parishes this past year. Bringing 3 parishes together is an interesting journey to say the least. I sincerely appreciate your support in my leadership. We have only just begun! Your generosity and service are integral and the heart of our vibrant communities of faith. My prayer for you this Christmas is that the Light of Christ will shine brightly in your heart and homes, guiding you through the new year with courage and peace.

On behalf our entire staff and clergy, I wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas and a graceful New Year!

In His service, your pastor, Fr. Ray Corbin

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BAD WEATHER CLOSING POLICY DOWNTOWN FAMILY OF PARISHES (BLESSED SACRAMENT, ST. LOUIS, ST. MICHAEL'S)

In keeping with the North Buffalo and the East Side Family of Parishes:

Effective November 10, 2025 -

Weekdays: If the City of Buffalo Public Schools are closed -

The Parish Family will be closed.

Offices closed. No Masses.

Weekends: If closings are required, please watch for information on the local television stations (Channels 2, 4, or 7).

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- 3. Important: at checkout the items will automatically be shipped to us.

We are grateful for your support. Thank you and God Bless.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR OR-DINARY MOMENTS

St. Joseph the Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betray-

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one. Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely.

Let us pray that we have the grace to follow his example.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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