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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
- (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 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 dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

January 4, 2026 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

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Week of January 4, 2026

Saturday, January 3

St. Louis 4:00 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Kristen Trickle Req by:

Sunday, January 4

Saint Louis 9:00 am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Louis Church Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
11:00 am	Deceased Members of the Albert Riester Family Req by: Michael Riester
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Don Hall Req by: Paul Krupsinski

Monday, January 5 ~ St. John Neumann

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Dr. Paul Creighton Req by: 6:45 am Mass Friends

Tuesday, January 6 ~ St. Andre Bessette

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Rita Marie Rozbicki Req by: Estate
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Michelle Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioner

Thursday, January 8

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	H. Edward Smith Family Req by: Family

Friday, January 9

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Jack DeCarlo Req by: Phoebe Collins
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Michelle Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners



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Louis

LESSONS AND CAROLS

A huge thank you to Frank Scinta, the St. Louis Choir, and the readers at Lessons and Carols that was held Sunday, December 21st.

Attendance was great and the evening was beautiful.

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, 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, Fr. James Vacco, Sr. Edmunette Paczesny, FSSJ, and 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 \$11,145.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,566.57

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT WAS \$893.00

MISCLEANIOUS \$307.00

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$13,911.57

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 474**

****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 JANUARY 10 AND 11, 2026

Lectors:

Saturday, January 10 4:00 Krysta Doerfler

Sunday, January 11 9:00 Steve Nosek

Sunday, January 11 11:00 Pam Nordstrom

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, January 10 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, January 11 9:00 Bob Sprague

Sunday, January 11 11:00 Lisa and Tim McCarthy

Blessed



Sacrament

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION - GREAT SUCCESS

MANY THANKS to all those who brought food each of the four Sundays of Advent for the Food Pantry at the Network of Religious Communities. Once again, the Blessed Sacrament parishioners showed their commitment to helping their neighbors.

The staff expressed its gratitude for the total of 65 bags of groceries, many of which were loaded with cans and packages of food

The next regularly scheduled MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION will be February 7th and 8th.

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 28, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$2,564.00

Weekly - \$1,407.01

Total - \$3,991.01

There will be the Initial Offering and the Solemnity of Mary Collection next week.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - JANUARY 2026

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

January 3 - R. Lehner

January 10 - L. Urbanski-Farrell

January 17 - D. Galucki

January 24 - M. Cusack

January 31 - F. Conti

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

January 4 - A. Wulf

January 11 - M. Biedny

January 18 - G. Riedel

January 25 - M. J. Carroll

Eucharist Ministers

Sat 4:30 pm

D. Russell

C. Jones

M. Mierszwa

F. Conti

C. Jones

Eucharist Ministers

Sun. 10:30 am

J. Knab

M. J. Carroll

C. Pitek

N. O'Rourke


Jesus is Here!
TRIALS AND RESURRECTION
Conference
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
10:00 AM — 3:00 PM AT ST. STANISLAUS
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Enjoy a day filled with presentations, interactive small-group conversations, music, and a lunch with fellow participants.

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Keynote Speaker: FR. CARL GALES, SVD



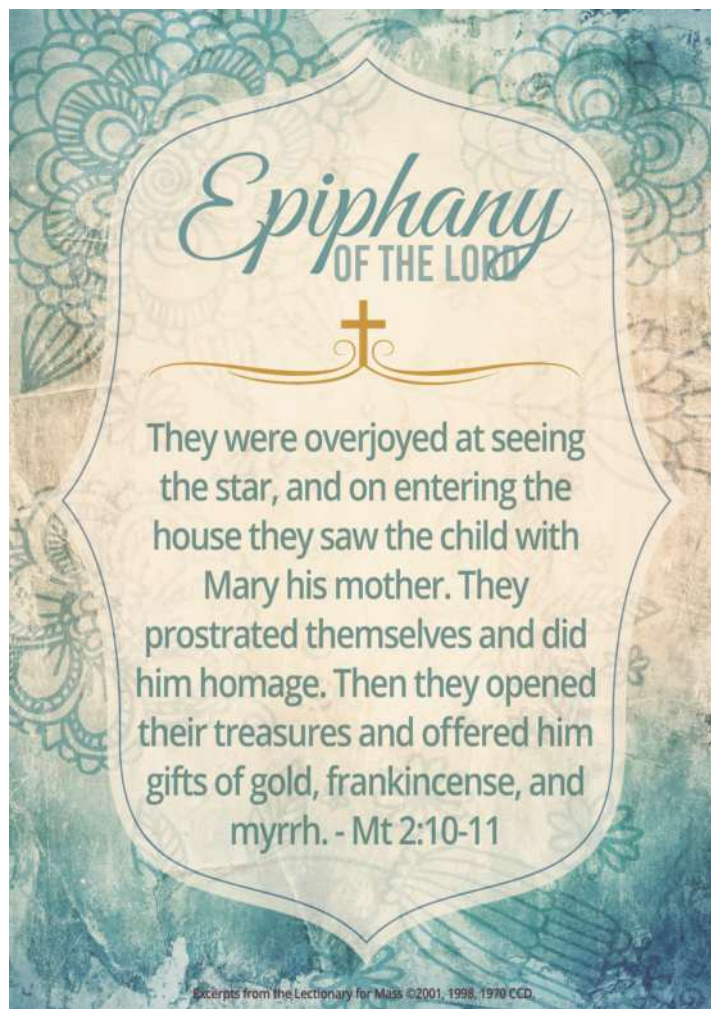
Father Gales, who was born in Baltimore, was a musical prodigy. In his youth, he performed as a concert pianist at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2021, he professed Final Vows with the SVD and was ordained to the priesthood in 2022.

Current pastor of Our Lady of Africa, Fr. Gales helped merge together five parishes through the Archdiocese of Chicago's Renew My Church process.

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER
BY JANUARY 14



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice - that one deep within you - tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak - to say, "I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough." Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they are seeking - really, truly, knew. They were seeking "the newborn King of the Jews," yes, but they did they understand who He was? *What He was?* I don't see how they could have. There were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice - that one deep within you - tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

12/28/25 \$2,255.00

Building Fund \$236.00

12/28/25 Total \$2,491.00

12/28/25 115 attended

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 Tom-sello, 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.

News

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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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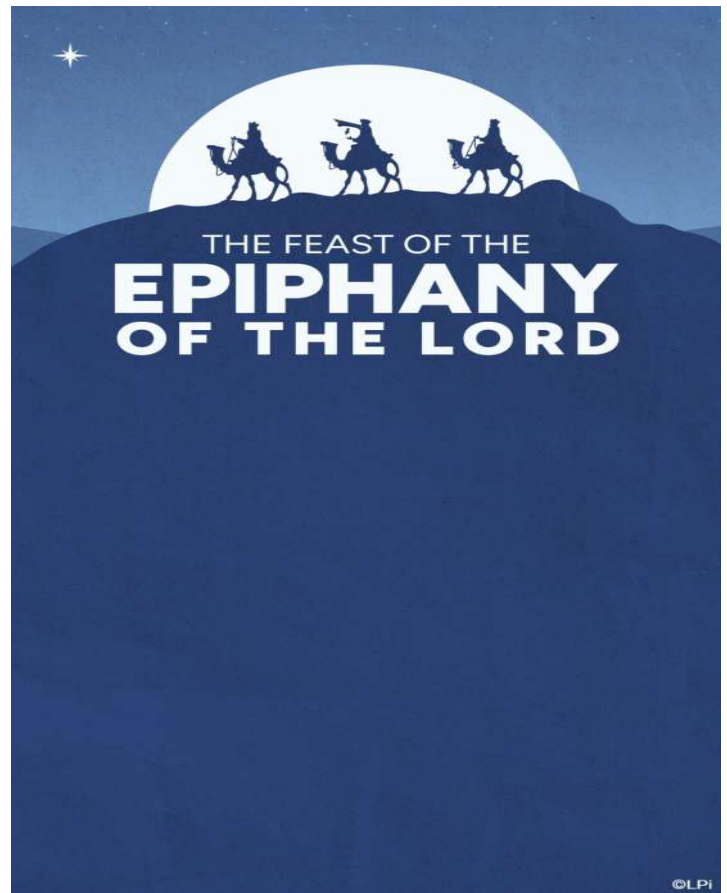
DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!*

Mini Explanation: The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the Magi while evoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

Epiphany Blessing, *Explained*

The Epiphany household blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year +C +M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M, and B represent the names of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar - and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house" ©LPi



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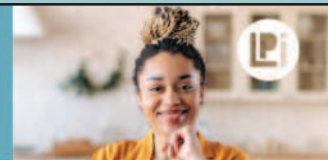
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