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January 11, 2026 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

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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)

#### CONFESSOR: 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 [reli-gioused@StLouisrcchurch.org](mailto:reli-gioused@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

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Week of January 11, 2026

## Saturday, January 10

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	Amadore and Mary Lleras

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<b>Cantor</b> Michael Dobrasz	

## DOWNTOWN FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Rizzo - President (BSC)

Dennis Burns - First Vice President (St. Louis)

Alyssa Zakrocemski, Second Vice President (BSC)

Anne Harrington, Secretary (BSC)

## Monday, January 12

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Maureen Robinson Req by: Fran and Moe Robinson

## Tuesday, January 13 ~ St. Hilary

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Michelle Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Downtown Family of Parishes

## Thursday, January 15

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Rita Marie Rozbicki Req by: Estate
Blessed Sacrament	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls

## Friday, January 16

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	Michelle Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner

# Saint



# Louis

## EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

### WHERE FAITH AND ROYALTY MEET: THE ROYAL PRIORY OF ST. LOUIS DE POISSY, FRANCE

You're invited to a 30-minute presentation on the early life of St. Louis, Blanche of Castile, and the priory named in his honor, presented by Kandace Brill Lombart, literary & archival scholar, on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 5 pm in the St. Louis Church Hall. There will be a Q&A session afterwards, followed by a reception. This event is free to attend, but please register to secure your seat. The event and reception are generously sponsored by the Joseph M. Sorg Foundation.

Register online, or contact Ashlee Campbell at 443-744-0354 / [religiou-ous@stlouisrcchurch.org](mailto:religiou-ous@stlouisrcchurch.org).

## 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, Kieran Duggan, Martin (Marty) Brownsey, Cathrynn 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, Neil Lang, Evelyn Williamson, 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 12/21 WAS \$5,159.93**

**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,818.45**

**RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS WAS \$50.00**

**OUR CHRISTMAS COILLECTION WAS \$16,448.00**

**OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$23,426.38**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 2,278 (INCLUDING CHRISTMAS)**

**OUR COLLECTION FOR 1/4/26 WAS \$6,208.00**

**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$709.26**

**OUR COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT WAS \$50.00**

**OUR COLLECTION FOR FATHER'S DAY NOVENA WAS \$100.00**

**OUR TOTAL COLLECTION WAS \$7,067.26**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED 378**

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## LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS JANUARY 17 AND 18, 2026

### Lectors:

**Saturday, January 17 4:00 Diane Randazzo**

**Sunday, January 18 9:00 Steve Nosek**

**Sunday, January 18 11:00 Pam Nordstrom**

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Saturday, January 17 4:00 Ann Dumansky**

**Sunday, January 18 9:00 Bob Sprague**

**Sunday, January 18 11:00 Tim & Lisa McCarthy**

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## COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 4, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

Total - \$4,888.75

There will be one collection next week

Please see the WeShare information at the bottom of this page.

## THE HANGOUT IS BACK!

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## 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

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," He is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist - and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as He bids.

### When Jesus Wades In:

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren't ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And He screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is - if even for a brief moment - hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" - with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

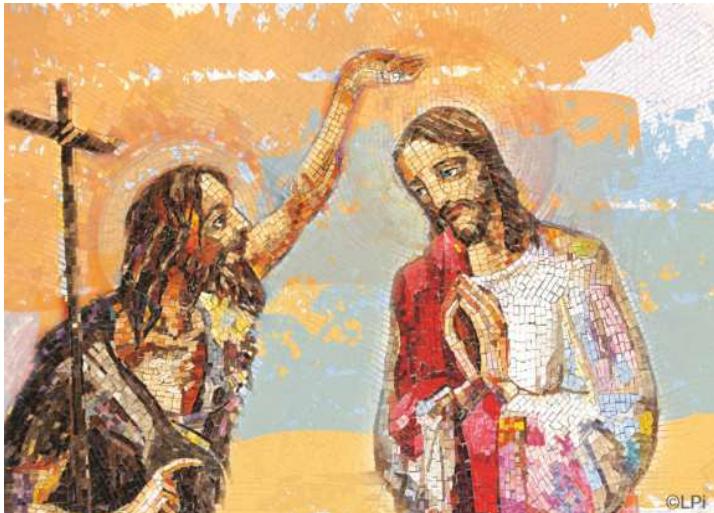
Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," He is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist - and all of those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as He bids.

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## MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

1/4/26 \$2,369

1/4/26 121

**Weekly Collection needed to cover expenses—  
\$3,200.**

**Registered Families - 45**

### INFORMATION REQUESTS

For any Parish Information regarding St. Michael's Masses, funerals, prayer requests, please contact St. Louis Parish. -

Phone - 716-852-6040

Email - [churchoffice@stlouisrcchurch.org](mailto:churchoffice@stlouisrcchurch.org)

### 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 Weihsing.

### ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

**Email:** [StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com](mailto: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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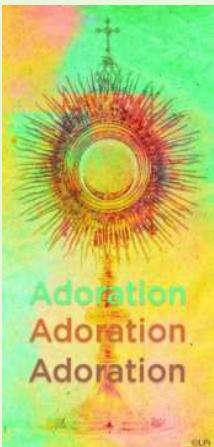


# Happenings

### 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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2. Select the item(s) you'd like to donate and add them to your cart.
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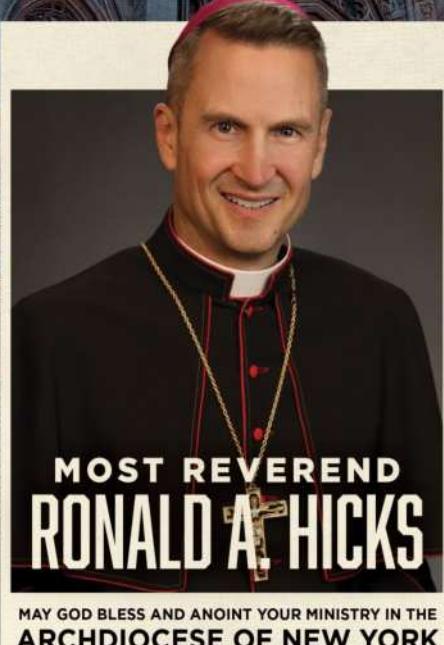
We are grateful for your support. Thank you and God Bless.

### THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who participated in our first Annual Reverse Advent Calendar for hunger.

Between St. Louis, Blessed Sacrament, St. Michael's, Oratory of St. Anthony, and the Cathedral we collected over 200 bags of groceries that were given to various agencies that support our neighbors in need!

Great job Downtown Parishes!



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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 11, 2026

### The Baptism of the Lord - Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac - Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

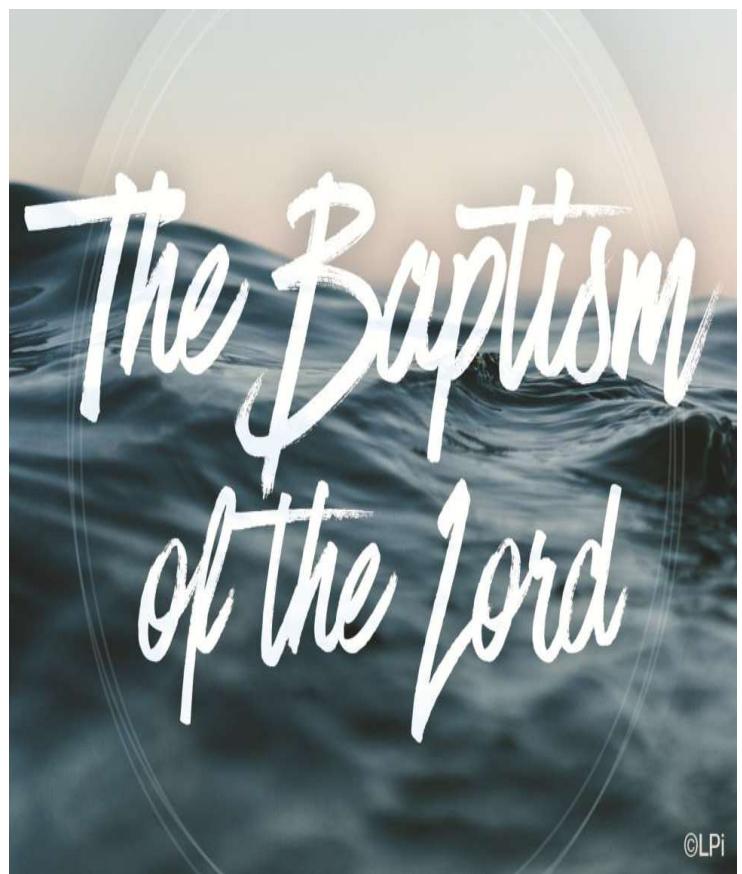
Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before He does anything "great", Jesus receives the greatness of His identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: Look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

~ Father John Muir

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