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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
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: 4:30 pm

SUNDAYS

- St. Louis Parish: 9:00 & 11:00 am
 - Blessed Sacrament: 10:30 am
 - St. Michael's: 12:00 pm
 - St. Joseph's Cathedral: 10:30 am
- 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: St. Joseph's Cathedral: 12:10 pm (M-W-Th-F) 5:15 pm Tuesday

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 8:30 am, or by appt. - Fiore20b@gmail.com

- 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@StLouisrchurch.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

FAMILY WEBSITE: Downtownfamily.org

April 19, 2026 ~ The Third Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY April 18

St. Louis 4pm

Sidney Warren Prince - Req by: Gina Roblin

Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm

Intentions of Pope Leo - Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

St. Michael's 5:30pm

Intentions of Pope Leo

SUNDAY April 19

St. Louis 9am

Intentions of Pope Leo - Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

St. Louis 11am

Bill Nordstrom - Req by: Michael Riester

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

Miriam Lanegan - Req by: Kathleen Seeger

St. Michael's 12pm

All Souls

MONDAY April 20

St. Michael's 6:45am

All Souls

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls - Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

TUESDAY April 21 ~ St. Anselm

St. Michael's 6:45am

Downtown Family of Parishes

Blessed Sacrament 8am

Michele Lehner - Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05pm

Carey Burke - Req by: Family

THURSDAY April 23 ~ St. George, St. Adalbert

St. Michael's 6:45am

Intentions of Pope Leo

St. Louis 12:05pm

Downtown Family of Parishes - St. Louis Parishioners

FRIDAY April 24 ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

St. Michael's 6:45am

All Souls

Blessed Sacrament 8am

All Souls - Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls - Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

SATURDAY April 25 ~ St. Mark

St. Louis 4pm

Anniversary Blessing for Maria & Vincence Delmont - Req by: Maria & Vincence

Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm

Zachary Olson - Req by: Carey, Michael, & Zoe Olson

St. Michael's 5:30pm

Downtown Family of Parishes

SUNDAY April 26 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Louis 9am

Dorothy Plemens - Req by: Barbara & Peter Nagowski

St. Louis 11am

The William Riester Family - Req by: Michael Riester

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

Carol Norrie - Req by: Kathleen & Carl Weigel

St. Michael's 12pm

Fay Menchini - Req by: Kathleen & Tommy Menchini

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm

Saint Michael's Sundays 1pm to 2pm

Saint



Louis

MUSIC EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Saturday, May 2nd at 7:30 pm the Incipio Choir will perform at **St. Louis Church**.

Sunday, May 3rd at 5:00 pm, **Blessed Sacrament Church** will host the *Ars Nova Musicians* and the St. Louis Choir.

Join us for two special evenings of beautiful music.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Roger Van Druff by Anthony and Kim Jordan.

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 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, Joyce Persico, Gail Neil, 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, Hazel, Jeanine Miranda, John Campbell, Rebecca McCormick Boyle, Joan Kubinieć, Kyleena F., Ruth Messina, 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, 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 \$4,562.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$485.86
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$5,047.86

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 471

****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.

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 APRIL 25 & 26, 2026

Lectors:

Saturday, April 25 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, April 26 9:00 Christian Gugliuzza

Sunday, April 26 11:00 Ed Kuzan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, April 25 4:00 Jim Ferrini

Sunday, April 26 9:00 Bob Sprague

Sunday, April 26 11:00 Jim Ferrini & Lisa McCarthy

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR APRIL 12, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,779.01

Weekly - \$1,309.00

Fuel - \$325.00

Rice Bowl - \$180.00

Total - \$3,593.01

There will be one collection next week

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, by **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until He breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened - and at that very moment, He vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if He were absent, we learn to recognize Him unveiled in hidden ways - in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of Him is true of us. Just as He disappears into the mission of His Body, we too are meant to be hidden in Him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

~ *Father John Muir*

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LECTORS/EM ~ APRIL 2026

Lectors

Saturday 4:30 pm

April 4 No Mass

April 11 F. Conti

April 18 R. Lehner

April 25 L. Urbanski-Farrell

Sunday 10:30 am

April 5 M. Pitek

April 12 S. Falleta

April 19 M. Biedny

April 26 G. Riedel

Eucharist Ministers

Saturday 4:30 pm

April 4 No Mass

April 11 C. Russell

April 18 B. Mierszwa

April 25 C. Jones

Sunday 10:30 am

April 5 C. Pitek

April 12 M. J. Carroll-Devine

April 19 N. O'Rourke

April 26 J. Knab

FULLY
PRESENT,
YET
HIDDEN



ATTENTION

Loud Kid Policy

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Regarding any families bringing children to Catholic Churches, please consider this your **official** notice:

The following options are available if you are considering bringing potentially loud child(ren) to Mass:

- Option 1: **The family should bring the kid**
- Option 2: **Don't forget to bring the children**
- Option 3: **Ensure that the children are brought to Mass**
- Option 4: **Children are welcome at Mass and expected to be there**

*As referenced by Jesus:

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:10

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

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4/12/26 \$2,217.00

4/12/26 Attendance 159

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 the Downtown Family of Parishes office -

Phone - 716-884-0053 Email - dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S

Evan, Fran, and Mo Angelo, Judith Barone, Alexander & Michael Brickel, Alonso/Caceres/Rios Santa Cruz, Peter Caruso, Annie Feldman, Mary Biuttner Gutierrez, Gloria Knight, Elain Love, Dr. David Marchetti, Jean McCarthy, Tom Passmire, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Angelo Tomsello, Mark Lisiecki.

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.

As of Thursday, February 12, 2026 we are still waiting on the Vatican's decision on St. Michael's.



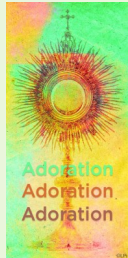
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ADORATION WITH ROSARY AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

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



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MOTHER'S DAY GIFT CARD DRIVE

Help us bless the mothers of our Angel Tree children this Mother's Day! We are collecting \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20 gift cards to local shops, such as grocery stores, gas stations, coffee shops, Target, Walmart, etc., from Saturday, April 18 to Sunday, May 3. You can drop off the gift cards after all St. Louis Masses. All gift cards will be lovingly placed in Mother's Day cards and mailed to Angel Tree moms. These moms are both mom and dad right now as their partner is incarcerated. Let's show them a little support with a gift card to brighten their day.

Thank you for helping us share kindness and appreciation this Easter season!

Questions, please contact Ashlee Campbell (443-744-0654 / religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org).

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection

Christ gave us everything. He gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with everything? What do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we know, logically, that it isn't - there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist - for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out He's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted - and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

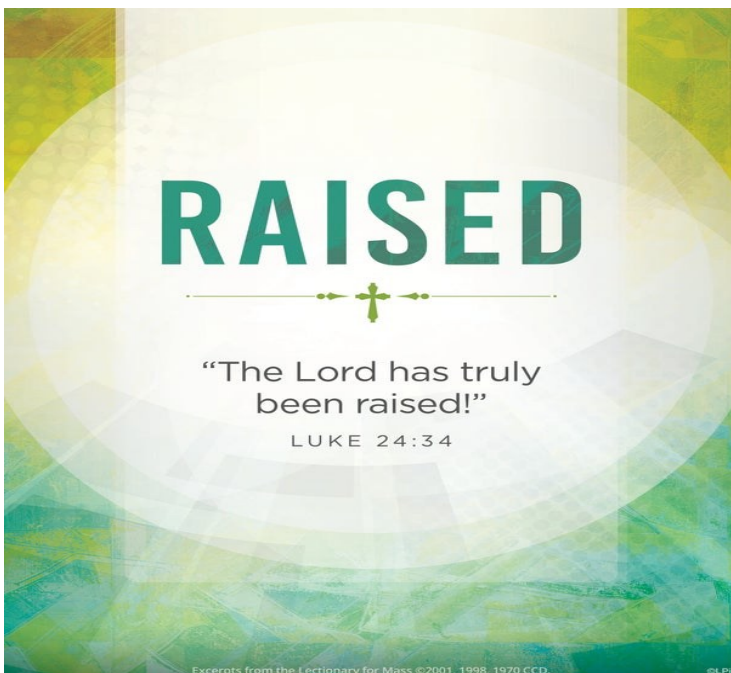
Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends - not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness - with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

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VIRTUES, *EXPLAINED!*

Temperance

Mini Explanation

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

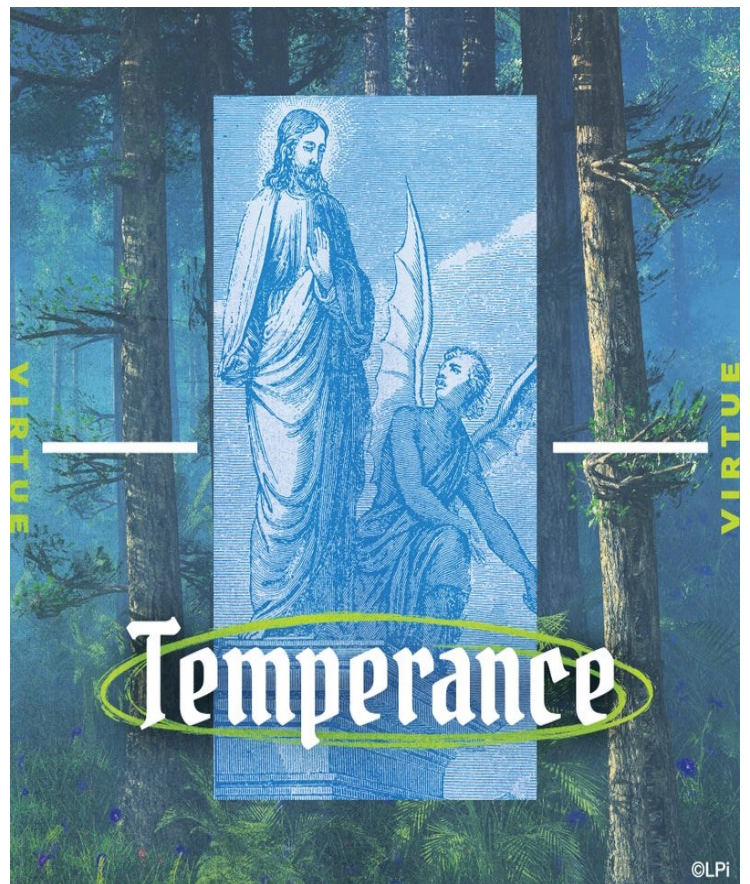
Temperance, *Explained!*

"For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to the entire human race...(teaching) us to reject godless ways and worldly desires," reads Titus 2:11-12, "and in the present age to lead lives that are temperate, just, and godly."

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism (CCC 1809).

Temperance is not repression of feeling; it is an exercise of the will, a careful and calculated choice. In this way, temperance actually safeguards virtuous love, keeping it "whole and uncorrupted," said St. Augustine. The practice of temperance is intimately linked to the virtue of chastity, which "protects the intimate center of the person...refusing to unveil what should remain hidden" (CCC 2521).

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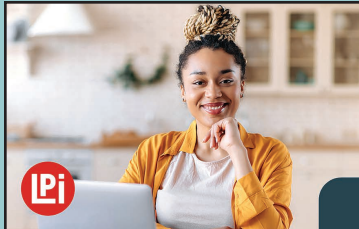


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