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of Catholic Parishes**



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# ST. LOUIS

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**MON-FRI 9-3 PM**

# BLESSED SACRAMENT

*"The Bishop's Chapel"*



**May 10, 2026**

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dbfpbulletin@gmail.com)

**FAMILY WEBSITE:** [Downtownfamily.org](http://Downtownfamily.org)



# MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY May 9

**St. Louis 4pm**

Margaret Randazzo - Req by: Diane Randazzo, Jane Pelosi, Margaret Lem-an

**Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm**

Downtown Family of Parishes

**St. Michael's 5:30pm**

Thierry Manzi - Req by: Claire Nkundimfura

SUNDAY May 10 ~ Mother's Day

**St. Louis 9am**

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Louis 11am**

Jane Starring - Req by: Kevin Brayer

Mother's Day Intentions

**Blessed Sacrament 10:30am**

Olivia, Isabella, Ricky, & Hokan Cromwell - Req by: Peter & Tracy Cromwell

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Michael's 12pm**

Thierry Manzi - Req by: Claire Nkundimfura

Mother's Day Intentions

MONDAY May 11

**St. Michael's 6:45am**

Thierry Manzi - Req by: Claire Nkundimfura

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Louis 12:05pm**

Matthew Mitrione - Req by: Ashlee Campbell

Mother's Day Intentions

TUESDAY May 12~ SS. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras

**St. Michael's 6:45am**

Mother's Day Intentions

**Blessed Sacrament 8am**

Marguerite Geiger - Req by: Richard Lehner

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Louis 12:05pm**

Mother's Day Intentions

THURSDAY May 14 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

**St. Michael's 6:45am**

Charles Barone, Jr. (Birthday remembrance) -Req by: Robert Barone

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Louis 12:05pm**

Joseph & Ruth State - Req by: Children

**St. Louis 7:00 pm**

Mothers's Day Intentions

FRIDAY May 15 ~ St. Isadore

**St. Michael's 6:45am**

Mother's Day Intentions

**Blessed Sacrament 8am**

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Louis 12:05pm**

For the Health of Joyce Persico - Req by: Friends

Mother's Day Intentions

SATURDAY May 16 ~ Armed Forces Day

**St. Louis 4pm**

Maria Hennequin - Req by: Ashlee Campbell

Mother's Day Intentions

**Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm**

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Michael's 5:30pm**

Mother's Day Intentions

SUNDAY May 17 ~ The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**St. Louis 9am**

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Louis 11am**

Mark Brayer - Req by: Evan & Trish Lewis

Mother's Day Intentions

**Blessed Sacrament 10:30am**

Marie Dovey - Req by: Sandy Falletta

Mother's Day Intentions

**St. Michael's 12pm**

Richard E. Siefer - Req by: Paul Krupinski

Mother's Day Intentions

# FAMILY # 22 STAFF

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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm

Saint Michael's Sundays 1pm to 2pm

# Saint



# Louis

## EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

### With Gratitude - Mother's Day Gift Card Initiative

Wow! The Angel Tree Committee has been blown away by the Generosity shown over the past few weeks! The Mother's Day Gift Card Initiative raised \$1,905 in cash and gift cards. This allowed us to send each parent (18 Moms & 3 Dads) \$50 in gift cards, along with a beautiful hand-written Mother's Day or Father's Day card. The remaining funds will stay in the Angel Tree Fund and allow us to give parents gift cards at Christmas time. Thank you for helping make this outreach so meaningful! Your kindness continues to make a real difference in our community!

St. Louis presents "A Choral Evening" with the St. Louis Choir on **Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:30 pm.**

## 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 \$4,274.00**  
**COLLECTION FOR SANCTUARY CANDLES WAS \$250.00**  
**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$848.52**  
**OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$5,372.52**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 409**

**\*\*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.



## MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

**The Sanctuary Candle** burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of the Dumansky Family by Ann Dumansky.

**The Pieta Altar Candle** burns in Loving Memory of the Dumansky Family by Ann Dumansky.

**The St. Joseph Altar Candle** also burns in Loving Memory of the Dumansky Family by Ann Dumansky.

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.

## ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)

The St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet **Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00 pm.** Weather permitting, this will be a working evening, along with a planning meeting to discuss this year's flowers and plantings. New volunteers are most welcome. Come and spend your Wednesday evenings helping to beautify God's green acre at Main and Edward.

The SLGS - Alive in Christ and growing!

## 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 Kubiniec, Kyleena F., Greg Pratt, Daniel Bamrick, 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 Ruth Messina, J.J. Marotto, Bishop Henry Mansell, Myles Schimert, Msgr. Angelo Caligiuri, Rev. Robert Wardinski, Richard Wall, Sr., and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.*

## LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS MAY 16 & 17, 2026

### Lectors:

**Saturday, 4:00** Ann Dumansky

**Sunday, 9:00** Christian Gugliuzza

**Sunday, 11:00** Ed Kuzan

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**Saturday, 4:00** Diane Randazzo

**Sunday, 9:00** Paul State

**Sunday, 11:00** Pam Nordstrom & Tim Mc Carthy

# Blessed



# Sacrament

## COLLECTION FOR MAY 3, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$3,355.01

Weekly - \$2,620.00

Catholic Home Mission \$20.00

Church in Latin America \$40.00

Total - \$6,015.01

There will be two collections next week - For the Church in Latin America & Church in Africa.

## NEXT DISCUSSION BY BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

The Blessed Sacrament Book Club will meet on **Monday, June 1 at 10:30 am in St. Joseph's Hall**. There will be a discussion of "**Mere Christianity**" by **C. S. Lewis** (2001 edition), Harpers, 224 pages.

The book is based on Lewis' BBC radio talks on the BBC during World War II. These talks include arguments for the existence of God, Christian ethics, and his famous "Liar, Lunatic, or Lord" trilemma regarding Jesus' identity. **All are welcome to join the conversation.** The book is available online at Amazon, Thrift Books, and Walmart.

For questions contact Bonnie Blum at [blumfam7@gmail.com](mailto:blumfam7@gmail.com)

## MAY LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE

### Lectors

#### Saturday, 4:30

May 2 R. Lehner

May 9 F. Conti

May 16 M. Cusack

May 23 D. Galucki

May 30 P. Jones

#### Sunday, 10:30

May 3 M.J. Carroll-Devine

May 10 S. Falleta

May 17 G. Riedel

May 24 S. Wulf

May 31 M. Pitek

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Saturday, 4:30

May 2 C. Russell

May 9 D. Russell

May 16 C. Jones

May 23 B. Mierszwa

May 30 F. Conti

#### Sunday, 10:30

May 3 J. Knab

May 10 N. O'Rourke

May 17 M. J. Carroll-Devine

May 24 J. Knab

May 31 C. Pitek

## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

### Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

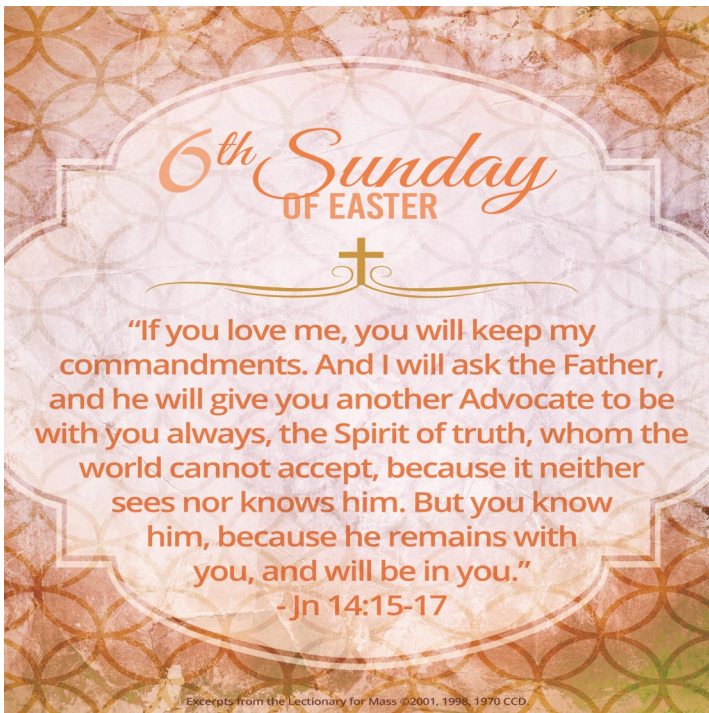
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

The Ascension of the Lord; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter;  
*World Communications Day*

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**May 10, 2026**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**John 14:15-21**

In my family, we can hardly speak about orphans without tears. My father was adopted as a baby. He frequently told us stories of how his parents welcomed him not just into their home but into their hearts. It was never merely a relocation or a legal transaction. It was the joy of being chosen, of receiving a family, a name, and a place where he belonged forever. Even in his later years, recalling that gift still moves him to tears of tender gratitude.

That is the kind of tenderness behind Jesus' words in today's Gospel: **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** (John 14:18) He is going away, but not abandoning us. Instead, He sends us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit - His own Spirit, shared with the Father - who dwells in us. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in us, and we are present in Him. His Spirit gives us a home and a family.

We deepen this knowledge in the sacraments, in prayer, and in the daily life of the Church. The Spirit is the bond of belonging, the power that makes us God's sons and daughters, not spiritual orphans. And this is not a one-time event. There is always a deeper outpouring of the Spirit available to us, a fresh appropriation of the promise that we are never abandoned.

If only we could be as grateful as my dad is for his adoption, realizing that we have been adopted by God Himself. In Christ, we are never left as orphans.

~ *Father John Muir*

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

**5/3/26**

**\$2,431.00**

**5/3/26 Attendance 121**

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

**Registered Families - 42**

**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](mailto: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**

**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:***

**As of 4/16/2026, twice, the Dicastery of the clergy (Vatican) has upheld Bishop Fisher's decision to merge St. Michael's with St. Louis.**

**A third and final petition has been filed with the Signatura of the Dicastery of the clergy.**

**We are awaiting this final decision of the Vatican.**

**SPIRIT**



**"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."**

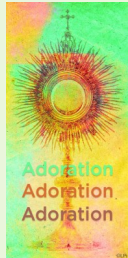
**JOHN 14:16-17A**



### 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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**WHEN:**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026  
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**PLEASE RSVP TO:**

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Each year at this time we collect much needed items for donation to the **St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center**. This year the Center is particularly in need of bibs, and clothing for both boys & girls, in size 0-3 months. The following items are always appreciated: diapers, baby bottles, receiving blankets, wipes, as well as baby wash & lotion.

Donations can be brought to Mass and left in the bin at the back of Blessed Sacrament Church to be collected and taken to the Center by volunteers. For questions about other gently used items or monetary donations, please reach out to Ann Harrington at 716-864-0085 or [annesharrington@gmail.com](mailto:annesharrington@gmail.com)

Thank you

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, May 14, 2026

#### Mass Times

St. Michael's	6:45 am
St. Anthony's	9:00 am (High Mass)
St. Louis	12:05 pm
St. Joseph's Cathedral	12:10 pm
St. Anthony's	6:00 pm (Low Mass)
St. Louis	7:00 pm

### MAJOR GIFT OFFICER

"I would love to remember my parish in my will or planned giving." We would like to introduce a new ministry within the Downtown Family of Parishes. Director of restricted large gifts, wills, and bequests. Jennifer Collesano, Esq., will be helping our parishioners remember our parishes for their future stability. Jen would love to discuss a gift that would remain at the parish level!

You can reach her at 716-288-5198 or [Jen@jrcollesano.com](mailto:Jen@jrcollesano.com)

### PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY Blessing for the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit! Bless me with Your presence today!  
Gather what has been scattered, assure what has been frightened, ignite what has been dry. Breathe new life into my body, new joy into my soul, new vision into my mind, new hope into my heart. Amen

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## VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

### Courage

#### Mini Explanation

The virtue of courage is intimately linked with that of fortitude - roughly understood as courage in action - and is shown by the person who makes a choice to place his trust in God, not in circumstance.

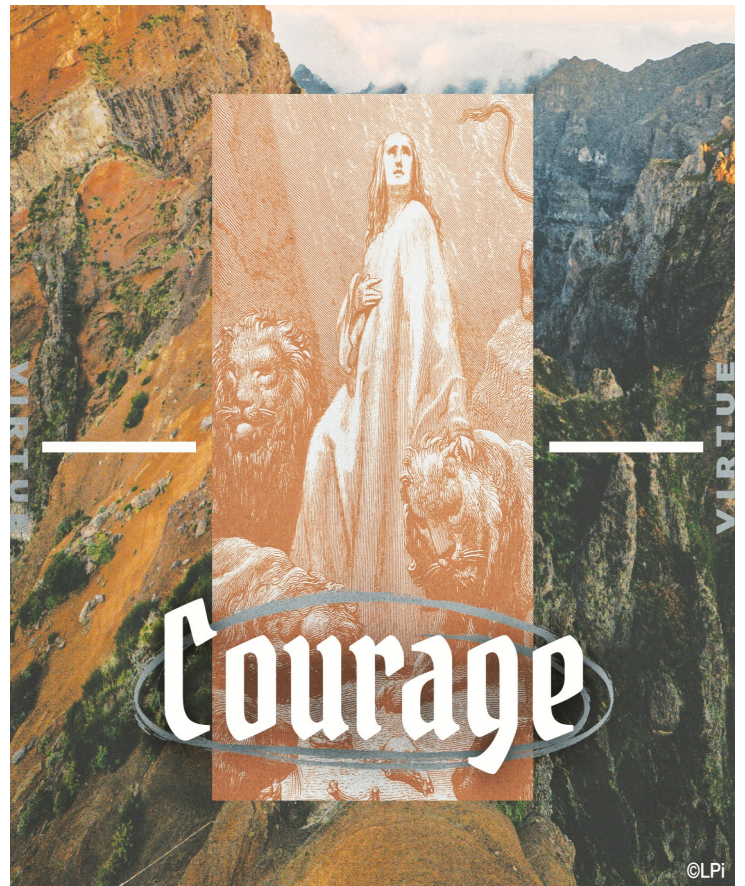
#### Courage, Explained!

In the Roman Rite, bishops extend their hands over confirmandi, praying that they will be given "a spirit of right judgement and courage."

This invocation echoes countless passages of sacred Scripture extolling the virtue of courage. "Be strong and courageous in your hearts, all you who place your hope in the Lord," says Psalm 31:25. "I have given you a command. Be strong and brave, do not be afraid or dismayed. I, the Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go," the Lord says in Joshua 1:0. Courage is also a frequent watchword of Christ: "Take courage! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

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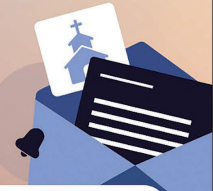
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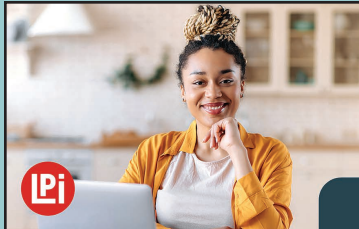


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