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JUNE 28, 2026
THE 13TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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@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

All bulletin submissions must be pastor approved.

Email to dbfpbulletin@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY June 27 ~ St. Cyril

St. Louis 4pm

Michael Zobel ~ Req by: Maureen & Paul Montgomery

Father's Day Intentions

Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm

Walter Waz ~ Req by: Patty Manz

Father's Day Intentions

St. Michael's 5:30pm

For the Souls of Joseph, Peggy, Erin, & Victorine Kennedy ~ Req by: Meghan Kennedy Riordan

Father's Day Intentions

SUNDAY June 28

St. Louis 9am

Father's Day Intentions

St. Louis 11am

Michael Bryzinski ~ Req by: The State Family

Father's Day Intentions

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

Charlotte & Joseph Kopera ~ Req by: John Kopera

St. Michael's 12pm

Intentions of Peggy & Kevin Lyons ~ Req by: Peggy & Kevin Lyons

Father's Day Intentions

MONDAY June 29 ~ SS. Peter & Paul

St. Michael's 6:45am

Fr. Rick Poblacki

Father's Day Intentions

St. Louis 12:05pm

Father's Day Intentions

TUESDAY June 30 ~ The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

St. Michael's 6:45am

Joseph VP Kennedy ~ Req by: Meghan Kennedy Riordan

Blessed Sacrament 8am

Patricia Lehner ~ Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05pm

George L. Grobe, Jr. ~ Req by: Family

THURSDAY July 2

St. Michael's 6:45am

All Souls

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

FRIDAY July 3 ~ St. Thomas

St. Michael's 6:45am

Intentions of Pope Leo

Blessed Sacrament 8am

First Name Last name ~ Req by:

St. Louis 12:05pm

Thomas Quinlavin ~ Req by: Paul State

SATURDAY July 4 ~ Independence Day

St. Louis 4pm

John & Margaret Randazzo, Kevin McCue ~ Req by: Diane

Randazzo, Jane Pelosi, Margaret Leman

Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm

Elaine Waz ~ Req by: Patty Manz

St. Michael's 5:30pm

All Souls

SUNDAY July 5

St. Louis 9am

All Souls

St. Louis 11am

Louise Mustillo ~ Req by: Louis Mustillo

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

Stephen Rogacki ~ Req by: John Kopera

St. Michael's 12pm

St. Michael's Parishioners ~ Req by: Peggy & Kevin Lyons

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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

Two weddings were held at the Downtown Parishes today - David Estrada & Sare Walters and Seamus McGovern & Jenna Senay were married at St. Louis. Congratulations to both couples.

There will be one collection next week.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

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

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Ian Churchill by The Dumansky Family.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Ian Churchill by The Dumansky Family.

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 Kubiniec, Kyleena F., Greg Pratt, Stephanie Dickinson, Daniel Bamrick, Timothy Galbato, Marisa Restivo, 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, Martin Brownsey, Joanne Walsh, and our 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 \$9,465.00

FLOWERS \$681.00

FATHER'S DAY \$55.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,099.63

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$1,099.6311,300.63

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 369.

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

WeShare registration forms are available electronically and at the back of the church for your convenience.



STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS JULY 4 & 5, 2026

Lectors:

Saturday, 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, 9:00 Christian Gugliuzza

Sunday, 11:00 Pam Nordstrom

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday, 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday, 11:00 Lisa & Tim McCarthy

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR JUNE 21, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,954.01

Weekly - \$1,175.00

Total - \$3,259.01

There will be one collection next week

ARE YOU A WELCOMING PERSON??



Blessed Sacrament Parish welcomes all who come to worship with us each week-end. But **we need more people to do the welcoming at the Saturday Mass at 4:30 pm and the Sunday Mass at 10:30 am.**

A greeter gives a warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors, distributes Missalettes and Bulletins, oversees the offertory collection, and selects persons to bring the wine and hosts to the altar.

Once a month service is needed now for the 3rd Saturday, the 5th Saturday, and the 5th Sunday.

If you want to help outreach to others, for more information contact Kathleen McCarthy at mccarthy2937@aol.com, or by text at 716-361-5392.

JOIN THE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

The next Book Club session will be August 10th at 10:30 am in St. Joseph's Hall at Blessed Sacrament.

The location is subject to change depending on construction activity.

The book selection is **"Liturgies for Resisting Empire: Seeking Community, Belonging, and Peace in a Dehumanizing World"** by Kat Armas (Brazos Press, 2025). The book is available Amazon, Target, Walmart, and the New York Public Library.

Parishioners from the Downtown Family of Parishes are most welcome to join the discussion.

Contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com if you have questions.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE JUNE/JULY 2026

Lectors

Saturday 4:30 pm

June 27 M. Cusack

July 4 P. Jones

July 11 F. Conti

July 18 D. Galucki

July 25 M. Cusack

Sunday 10:30 am

June 28 M. Pitek

July 5 G. Riedel

July 12 M. Pitek

July 19 M. Biedny

July 26 M.J. Carroll-Divine

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:30 pm

June 27 C. Jones

July 4 C. Jones

July 11 C. Jones

July 18 B. Mierszwa

July 26 D. Russell

Sunday 10:30 am

June 28 C. Pitek

July 5 L. Buckley

July 12 C. Pitek

July 19 R. Morgante

July 26 C. Pitek

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

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 **Day:** Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 28, 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 10:37-42

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."** (Matthew 10:37-38) Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange - almost insane - this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why He dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put Him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in Him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to Him in prayer.

~ Father John Muir

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

6/14/26 \$1,948.00
6/14/26 Catholic Communication \$160.00
6/14/26 Attendance 134

6/21/26 \$2,103.00

6/21/26 Attendance 112

There will be one collection next week

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

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.

News

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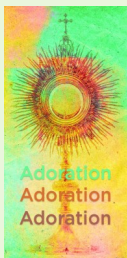


Happenings

ADORATION WITH ROSARY AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

Adoration with Rosary and Devotion to the Holy Face will not be held during the summer beginning Tuesday, June 30 due to the construction in Blessed Sacrament Church.

Adoration with Rosary and Devotion to the Holy Face will begin again in September. The date will be announced when available.



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CHURCH-WIDE SERVICE DAY AT SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 | 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Join us for a meaningful Church-Wide Service Day at *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (in Williamsville, NY) as we come together to make beds to help children in our community who do not have a bed of their own.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national organization dedicated to providing a free, fully made, ready-to-sleep-in bed for children ages 2-18 who don't have a bed. The organization relies 100% on volunteers and donations to build and deliver beds to children in need.

Adults, couples, families, and children ages 8 and older are invited to volunteer alongside trained professionals to help build beds. Sleep in Heavenly Peace will provide all materials and instructions needed for the project. **Wear clothes that can get dirty and closed-toe shoes.**

Volunteers should be prepared to stand and work in the shop for the full 4-hour service period. We will rotate stations about every hour, and there will be a short 20-minute break with a snack.

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited to **30 volunteers**, so be sure to register early.

Come serve with your church community to give every child a safe and comfortable place to sleep. We are stronger together!

Pre-registration: <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/opportunities/pLzXO58kDW>

Contact Ashlee Campbell at 443-744-0354 for questions.

What we mean by
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than God, more Catholic than the
Pope, workaholic, bad speller,
screaming babies, three-times
divorced, passive-aggressive,
obsessive-compulsive tourists,
seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts.

OH, AND YOU!

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

Discernment

Mini Explanation

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply *go* - he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea: the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment.

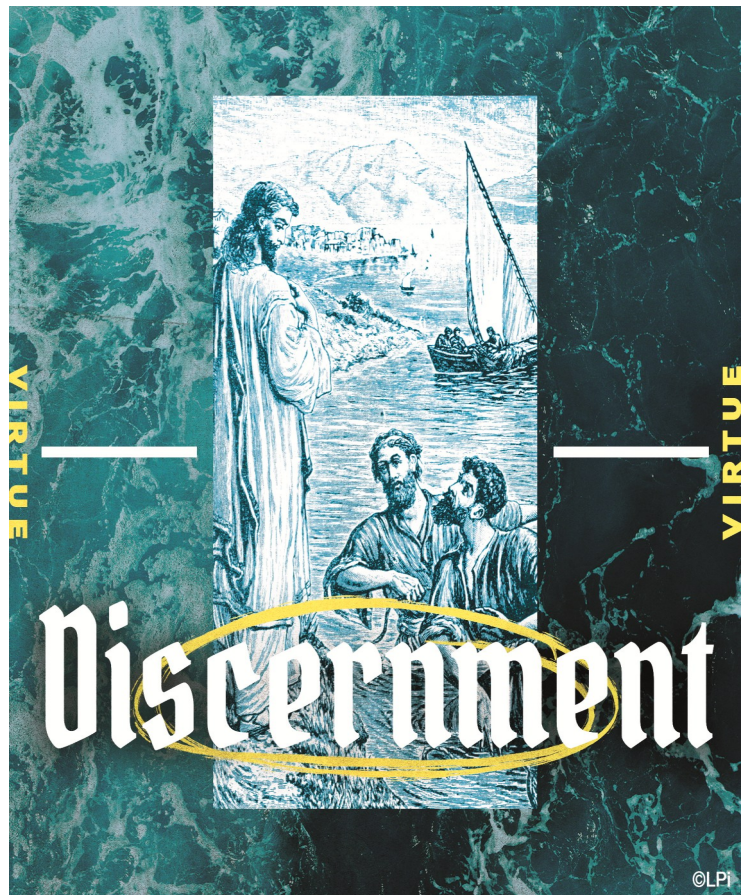
Discernment, Explained!

We most often hear the term "discernment" when a man or woman prayerfully considers a religious vocation. This is a helpful context in which to think of the virtue of discernment, which all Christians are called to develop, lay and religious alike.

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply *go* - he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea of becoming priest, a sister, a missionary, a husband, a wife - the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment, which "unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good...when in reality its fruit is death," says the Catechism. (CCC2846)

We run this background check of discernment on our feelings, our intentions, and our inclinations under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through a diligent regimen of prayer and reflection. "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius" is highly regarded as a useful tool for spiritual discernment.

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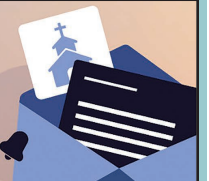
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