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AUGUST 2, 2026
THE 18TH SUNDAY IN
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FAMILY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish: 4:00 pm
- St. Michael's: 5:30
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: 4:30 pm

SUNDAYS

- St. Louis Parish: 9:00 & 11:00 am
 - Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's 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
 - 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 religioused@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 August 1 ~ St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Louis 4pm

James Chassin ~ Req by: Family

St. Michael's 5:30pm

All Souls

SUNDAY August 2

St. Louis 9am

Cathy DePlato & Betty Everett ~ Req by: Tom & Mary Everett & Robin Lee & Larry Havron

St. Louis 11am

Mary Gilbert Berg ~ Req by: Phoebe Collins

Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's 10:30am

Connie LaPena ~ Req by: Sandy Falletta

St. Michael's 12pm

The Bayerl & Pettit Families ~ Req by: The Pettit Family

MONDAY August 3

St. Michael's 6:45am

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St. Louis 12:05pm

Thomas Busmire ~ Req by: Ashlee Campbell

TUESDAY August 4 ~ St. John Vianney

St. Michael's 6:45am

Joseph Lehner ~ Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

THURSDAY August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

St. Michael's 6:45am

Raj K. Kaul ~ Req by: Robert Barone

St. Louis 12:05pm

Intentions of Pope Leo

FRIDAY August 7 ~ St. Sixtus II

St. Michael's 6:45am

Intentions of Pope Leo

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

SATURDAY August 8 ~ St. Dominic

St. Louis 4pm

David & Michael Sliwinski ~ Req by: St. Louis Friends

St. Michael's 5:30pm

All Souls

SUNDAY August 9

St. Louis 9am

Patricia Notarius ~ Req by: Anthony & Kim Jordan

St. Louis 11am

Lois Riester ~ Req by: Michael Riester

Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's 10:30am

All Souls

St. Michael's 12pm

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed Sacrament to resume in September

Saint Michael's Sundays 1pm to 2pm

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Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Reminder that we are still collecting for the Angel Tree for school supplies through next week after Mass, August 9th.

We appreciate your generosity!

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Michael Zobel by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Michael Zobel by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Michael Zobel 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., Greg Pratt, Stephanie Dickinson, Daniel Bamrick, Timothy Galbato, Sal Polizzi, Maverick Marchese, Judy Robinson, 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, Marisa Restivo, 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
\$3,395.00**

**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,199.00
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS
\$4,594.00**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 384**

**PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER COLLESANO,
ESQ. REGARDING REQUIRED MINIMAL
DEDUCTIONS (RMD)**



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

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS AUGUST 8 & 9, 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 Tim & Lisa McCarthy

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR JULY 26, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,110.01

Weekly - \$994.00

Total - \$2,104.01

There will be one collection next week

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE AUGUST 2026

Lectors

Sunday 10:30 am

August 2 A. Wulf

August 9 G. Riedel

August 16 M. J. Carrol Devine

August 23 A. C. O'Leary

August 30 M. Pitek

Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday 10:30 am

J. Knab

R. Morgante

L. Buckley

M. J. Carrol Devine

C. Pitek

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MASSES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Masses and services at Blessed Sacrament will be **Temporarily Suspended** for approximately one month **beginning Monday July 13** due to renovations.

Our Sunday 10:30 am Mass will relocate to St. Michael's Church (651 Washington St.) **beginning Sunday, July 19.**

In place of our Saturday Vigil Mass parishioners are invited to attend St. Louis (Main & Edward Streets) at 4:00 pm or St. Michael's at 5:30 pm.

Parishioners who attend Tuesday/Friday 8:00 Masses are invited to St. Michael's at 6:45 am Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri or St. Louis at 12:05 Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri. Please keep an eye on the bulletin and listen to announcements at Mass and check your email inbox for updates on when we can return.

If you have Masses scheduled during the times of the temporary suspension please call the Parish Office to reschedule. Masses can be said at St. Michael's or St. Louis. You can also reschedule at Blessed Sacrament for a future date.
Downtown Family of Parishes Office - 716-884-0053

Please continue to use your Blessed Sacrament envelopes at St. Michael's or St. Louis. Thank you.

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

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming Catholic? Are you seeking a deeper connection with God? Wherever you are on your faith journey, from those just beginning to those who would like to be confirmed, we welcome you.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a welcoming process for adults who are exploring the Catholic faith and discerning becoming full members of the Catholic Church.

OCIA is for adults who:

- Have never been baptized
- Were baptized in another Christian faith tradition and would like to become Catholic
- Were baptized Catholic but have not yet received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation

The Downtown family offers a flexible, self-paced OCIA program designed to meet you where you are. Through a combination of videos, readings, and monthly OCIA gatherings, participants are invited to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith, ask questions, and grown in their relationship with God. OCIA is offered throughout the year, so you can begin whenever you feel ready. The self-paced format allows you to move through the process in a way that fits your schedule while receiving support and guidance along the way.

If you are interested in beginning OCIA or have questions, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Ashlee Campbell at 443-744-0354 or religiously@stlouisrcchurch.org

ANGEL TREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES JULY 18 - AUGUST 9

The Angel Tree Committee will continue to collect backpacks and school supplies for the children in the Angel Tree program through next Sunday, August 9th after the 11:00 am Mass. The backpacks and supplies will be provided to the same children who received Christmas gifts through Angel Tree and whose parents received gift cards through our Mother's Day & Father's Day outreach.

You can participate by:

- Donating new school supplies (drop them off at the bins in church)
- Making a monetary donation - donation centers will be set up at the church
- Purchasing items through our Amazon Wish List (supplies will be shipped directly to the church)

Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and support local children as they prepare for a successful new school year.

Questions, contact Ashlee Campbell (443-744-0354) / religiously@stlouisrcchurch.org

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MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

7/19/26 \$2,675.00

7/19/26 Attendance 125

The collection for July 26, 2026 will be posted next week.

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

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

2026 - 2027 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

We are excited to welcome families to the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Program! Our year will begin on **Catechetical Sunday, September 20th**, and continue through April.

Faith Formation sessions will alternate between Blessed Sacrament and St. Louis Churches, and will include a variety of opportunities for families to grow in faith together, including family faith formation lessons, service experiences, and at-home sessions each month.

All children, ages 4 through 10th grade, are warmly invited to participate. Whether your family is returning or joining us for the first time, we look forward to growing together in faith and community throughout the year.

Detailed program information can be found here:

<https://stlouiscrcchurch.org/religious-education/prek-10-grade-faith-formation/>

New Families: Please complete the online registration form and submit via email to Ashlee Campbell.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Ashlee Campbell at 443-744-0354 or religoused@stlouiscrcchurch.org

We look forward to a wonderful year full of faith, service, and community!

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 14:13-21

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, His cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us **"When Jesus heard of it, He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by Himself."** Until now He had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

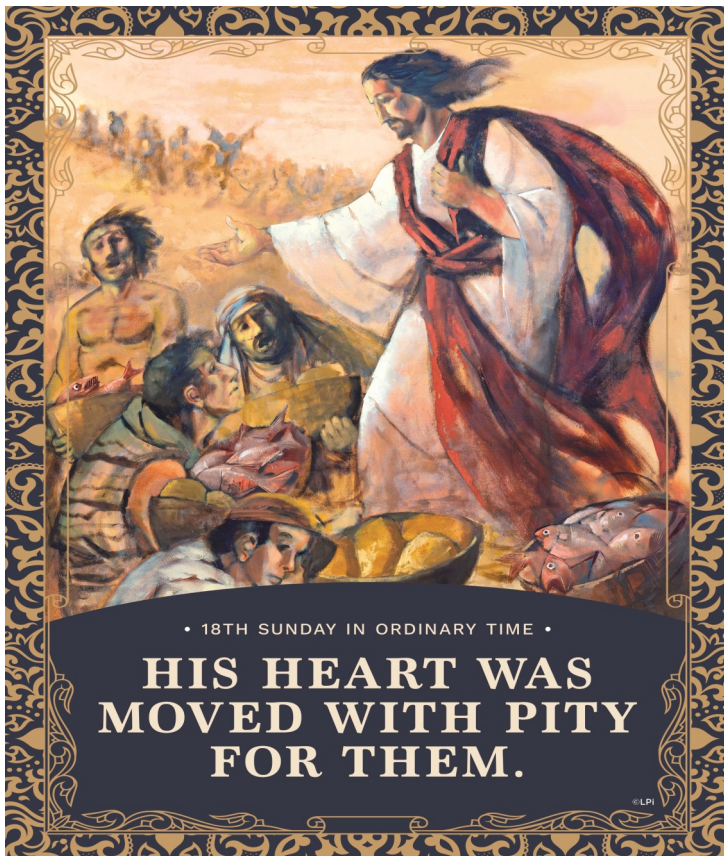
And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communication with His Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer - like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

~ Father John Muir

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• 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**HIS HEART WAS
MOVED WITH PITY
FOR THEM.**

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VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

Respect

Mini Explanation

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the “everyday form of reverence.” It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God’s image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Respect, Explained!

Respect, as defined in the Oxford Dictionary, means a feeling of admiration for someone’s good qualities or achievements.

This is also how we understand respect in terms of Catholic virtue. Let’s consider that: the Catechism tells us that “man must...respect the particular goodness of every creature” (CCC 339) in God’s world. So what are the admirable qualities shared by each and every creature?

There is only one, and it’s quite simple: the Creator Himself. Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the “everyday form of reverence.”

Respect is a admiration of the sacredness of a thing. Respect for those made in God’s image flows from our primary respect for God Himself. Because of this, it is particularly important that we, as Christians, show respect for those segments of society that only we will recognize as being sacred: the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the stranger.

If we do not respect them, who will?

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