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AUGUST 9, 2026
THE 19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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.

ANOIDING 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 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

All Souls

MONDAY August 10 ~ St. Lawrence

St. Michael's 6:45am

John & Margaret Randazzo ~ Req by: The Pelosi, Leman & Randazzo Families

St. Louis 12:05pm

Matthew Mitrione ~ Req by: Ashlee Campbell

TUESDAY August 11 ~ St. Claire

St. Michael's 6:45am

Sr. Mary Mahon ~ Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

THURSDAY August 13 ~ SS. Pontian & Hippolytus

St. Michael's 6:45am

Intentions of Pope Leo

St. Louis 12:05pm

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FRIDAY August 14 ~ St. Maximillian Kolbe

St. Michael's 6:45am

All Souls

St. Louis 12:05pm

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SATURDAY August 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Louis 4pm

Salvatore & Margaret Barba ~ Req by: Joanne Barba

St. Michael's 5:30pm

Deceased Members of the DeReu & Hutzler Families ~ Req by: Nancy & Joe Hutzler

SUNDAY August 16 ~ The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Louis 9am

Jane Rice ~ Req by: Brothers & Sisters

St. Louis 11am

Jack DeGrange, Jr. ~ Req by: Catherine Gatson

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

Rose Lazarony ~ Req by: Sandy Falletta

St. Michael's 12pm

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

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 Kubiniec, Kyleena F., Greg Pratt, Stephanie Dickinson, Daniel Bamrick, Timothy Galbato, Maverick Marchese, Judy Robinson, Sal Polizzi, Cheryl Goetz, 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, Tom Kennedy, 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 LAST WEEK WAS \$4,488.00

RETIRED PRIESTS MEDICAL BENEFITS \$1,211.00

VOTIVE CANDLES \$788.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,463.44

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$7,950.44

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

**THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK WILL
BE FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER COLLESANO, ESQ. REGARDING A REQUIRED MINIMAL DEDUCTION (RMD)

****Please Note: We are only accepting online giving through WeShare. WeShare registration forms will be provided electronically and at the back of the church for your convenience.**



FEAST OF ST. LOUIS

Please join us in praying the Litany of St. Louis, on our parish feast day, **Sunday, August 23rd** after the 11:00 Mass.

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS AUGUST 15 & 16, 2026

Lectors:

Saturday, 4:00 Krysta Doerfler

Sunday, 9:00 Bob Sprague

Sunday, 11:00 Ed Kuzan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday, 9:00 Paul State

Sunday, 11:00 Jim Ferrini, Kevin Brayer

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$3,220.01

Weekly - \$547.00

Retired Priests Medical Benefits - \$112.00

Total - \$3,879.01

There will be two collections next week. The second collection will be for the Catholic University.

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.

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday 10:30 am

J. Knab

R. Morgante

L. Buckley

M. J. Carrol Devine

ENSURE THAT GOVERNOR HOCHUL FOLLOWS THROUGH FOR SCHOOLS & CHILDREN

Starting 2027, the new **Federal Scholarship Tax Credit (FSTC)** will let taxpayers redirect up to \$1700 of their federal income taxes to nonprofit scholarship organizations that provide tuition assistance for students in Catholic schools and support for support for many services for students in public schools. If New York participates, it can generate hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funds to support the educational needs of New York's children.

Although Governor Hochul has already announced her intention to opt-in to the program, she won't make a final decision until she considers the federal regulations that are still being developed. It is vitally important that the Governor know how important this FSTC is to you and that you are counting on her to follow through and officially opt-in to the program.

Go to <https://www.nyscatholic.org/action-center> to encourage Gov. Hochul that you support NY State's participation in this program.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was a child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But as an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need - our doubt that causes us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

~ Tracy Earl Welliver

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

7/26/26 \$2,587.00

7/26/26 Attendance 139

The August 2, 2026 collection will be noted next week.

There will be two collections next week. The second collection will be for the Catholic University.

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

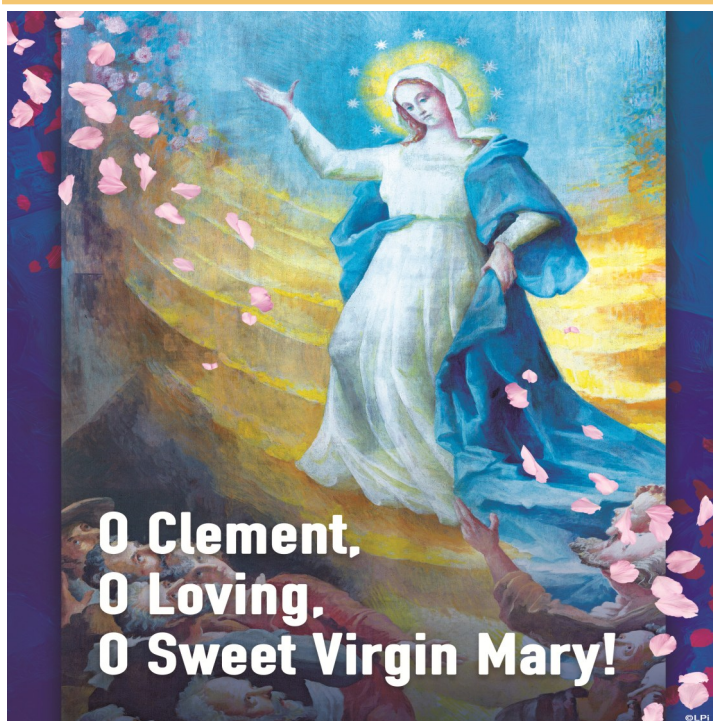
Holy Hour: Join us Sundays for a Holy Hour starting at 1pm, featuring exposition, adoration, rosary, and silent prayer until 2pm at which time the church will close.

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.



O Clement,
O Loving,
O Sweet Virgin Mary!



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, falls on Saturday, August 15th and is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

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 grow 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 religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org

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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://stlouisrcchurch.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 religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org

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

VIRTUES, EXPLAINED!

Serenity

Mini Explanation

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God's mercy.

Serenity, Explained!

The word "serenity" is found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: in the section describing the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, quoting the Council of Trent when it declared that a good confession "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience." (CCC 1468)

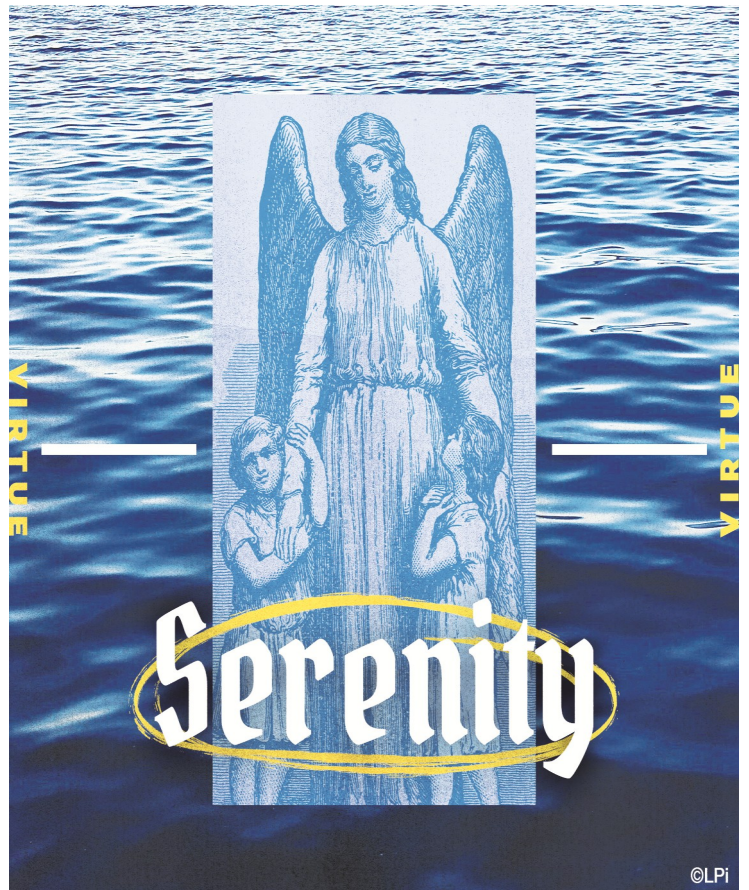
This may give the impression that serenity is not a foremost Catholic virtue, but the succinctness of the Catechism's reference is actually proof of serenity's importance.

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves.

That the Catechism links it exclusively with reconciliation to God tells us all we need to know about this virtue. Where can we find calm in turmoil, stillness in storm? Where can we find serenity?

There is only one place: the merciful embrace of God in His sacraments.

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