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AUGUST 16, 2026
THE 20TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish: 4:00 pm
- Blessed Sacrament: 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
- 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 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Louis 4pm

Salvatore & Margaret Barba ~ Req by: Joanne Barba

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm

All Souls

St. Michael's 5:30pm

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

SUNDAY August 16

St. Louis 9am

Jane M. Rice ~ Req by: Brothers & Sisters

St. Louis 11am

Jack DeGrange, Jr. ~ Req by: Catherine Gatson

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

Rose Lazarony ~ Req by: Sandy Falletta

St. Michael's 12pm

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

MONDAY August 17

St. Michael's 6:45am

Patricia Ruh

St. Louis 12:05pm

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TUESDAY August 18

St. Michael's 6:45am

Stephen Rogacki ~ Req by: John Kopera

St. Louis 12:05pm

Jacqueline Church ~ Req by: Family

THURSDAY August 20 ~ St. Bernard

St. Michael's 6:45am

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St. Louis 12:05pm

Special Intentions for Nikkei Goodwin

FRIDAY August 21 ~ St. Pius X

St. Michael's 6:45am

All Souls

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

SATURDAY August 22 ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Louis 4pm

Pasquale Frisina ~ Req by: Frisina Family

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm

All Souls

St. Michael's 5:30pm

UB Department of Engineering ~ Req by: Robert Barone

SUNDAY August 23

St. Louis 9am

Fr. Sal ~ Req by: The Campbell Family

St. Louis 11am

JoAnn Brooks ~ Req by: Louis Mustillo

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

Carol Ann LaBelle ~ Req by: Deacon Tommy

St. Michael's 12pm

Sandra Montrone ~ Req by: Thomas R. Beecher, Jr.

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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 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.

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, Sal Polizzi, Maverick Marchese, Judy Robinson, Cynthia 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, 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 \$9,352.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,270.51
VOTIVE CANDLES \$193.00
ST. ANN ALTAR \$25
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$10,840.00

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 312**

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

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS AUGUST 22 & 23, 2026

Lectors:

Saturday, 4:00 Diane Randazzo
Sunday, 9:00 Christian Gugliuzza
Sunday, 11:00 Pam Nordstrom

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, 4:00 Ann Dumansky
Sunday, 9:00 Mary O'Shea
Sunday, 11:00 Jim Ferrini, Emily Schimert

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 9, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,490.01

Weekly - \$1,230.00

Parish Insurance \$50.00

Peter's Pence \$50.00

Total - \$2,280.01

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT MASS NEWS

The regular weekend Mass schedule will resume at Blessed Sacrament starting Saturday, August 15th, with the usual 4:30 pm Mass on Saturdays and 10:30 Mass on Sundays.

We hope to see you there!

Mass intentions will also be accepted for Blessed Sacrament.

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 non-profit scholarship organizations that provide tuition assistance for students in Catholic schools and 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.

OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY POPE LEO XIV'S ENCYCLICAL

A three-session program about Pope Leo XIV's encyclical "**Magnifica Humanitas**" will be presented by the Spiritual Life and the Peace & Justice Committees in St. Joseph's Hall on **September 16th, 23rd, & 30th**. The presentation will focus on the Dignity of Humanity, the Ethical Use of Technology and Safeguarding Human Life in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.

Deacon William Hynes will be the instructor. Reservations are required.

Sign up on the parish's website or at the table in the rear of the church.

See the insert in today's bulletin for additional information.



QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will take place in St. Joseph's Hall at **Blessed Sacrament Church** on September 16, 23, and 30, 2026 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Spirit Jeopardy will take place Wednesday, October 21, 2026 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the **Church Hall at St. Louis Church** at Main and Edward Streets. All are welcome to attend.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 15:21-28

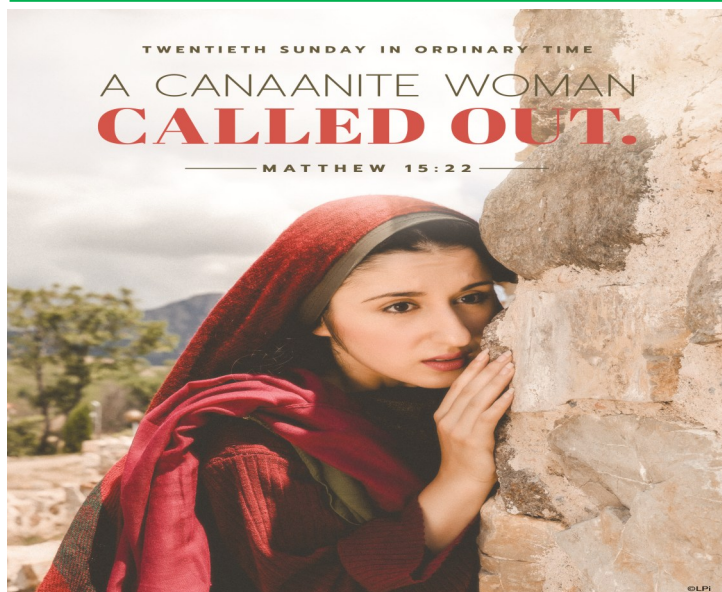
Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, He is silent. Then He rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns into compassion. When Jesus says, "O woman, great is your faith," It is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

~ Father John Muir

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

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8/2/26 Attendance 127

8/9/26 \$1,825.00

Attendance 128

There will be a Second Collection for the Catholic University 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, Elaine Love, Dr. David Marchetti, Jean McCarthy, Tom Passmire, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Angelo Tomsello, Mark Lisiecki, Cynthia Goetz.

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.



CHRISTMAS IN THE MANSION

We are planning a Victoria Christmas Party in the Rectory. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, August 31, 2026 at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph's Hall at Blessed Sacrament Church for anyone who would like to help plan this event.

Please email Cindy Russell at cindyrussell132@gmail.com to let me know if you are able to come or are interested in helping but cannot make this time.

We will need decorators and bakers!

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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

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!

Wisdom

Mini Explanation

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does - but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom - and remember to be ready when it comes.

Wisdom, Explained!

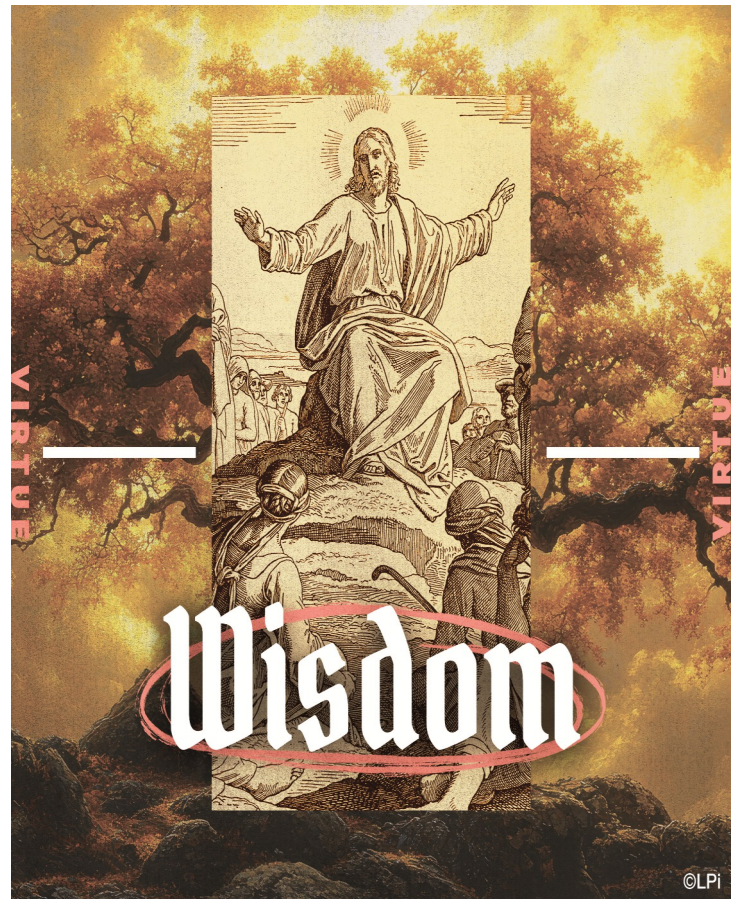
It may seem unfair, at first, to say that wisdom is a virtue - after all, doesn't everyone know one or two people who seem incapable of wisdom?

Well, that depends on what we actually mean when we talk about "wisdom." Wisdom is not mere scholarliness. It is more than being smart. They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does - but only if you accept it.

Wisdom, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, is a gift of the Holy Spirit born of charity and originating in the human will. But it is also connected to the intellect, because the intellect is where we discern between right and wrong based on all we have been taught and all we have experienced (Sum. II-II, 45, Art.2).

Therefore, we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, and we must make ourselves ready to receive - remembering always that we cannot recognize it alone.

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