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AUGUST 23, 2026
THE 21ST. 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 22 ~ The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

St. Louis 4pm

Pasquale Frisina ~ Req by: The Frisina Family

Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm

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St. Michael's 5:30pm

UB Department of Electrical Engineering ~ Req by: Robert Barone

SUNDAY August 23

St. Louis 9am

Msgr. Salvatore Manganello ~ Req by: The Campbell Family

St. Louis 11am

Joanne Brooks ~ Req by: Louis Mustillo

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

Carol Ann LaBelle ~ Req by: Deacon Tommy

St. Michael's 12pm

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

MONDAY August 24 ~ St. Bartholomew

St. Michael's 6:45am

Mary Goulding ~ Req by: Son

St. Louis 12:05pm

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TUESDAY August 25 ~ St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

St. Michael's 6:45am

Michelle Lehner ~ Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

THURSDAY August 27 ~ St. Monica

St. Michael's 6:45am

Thierry Manzi ~ Req by: Claire Nkundimsura

St. Louis 12:05pm

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FRIDAY August 28 ~ St. Augustine

St. Michael's 6:45am

Thierry Manzi Req by: Claire Nkundimsura

St. Louis 12:05pm

Joseph & Ruth State ~ Req by: Children

**SATURDAY August 29 ~ The Passion of
St. John the Baptist**

St. Louis 4pm

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

Blessed Sacrament 4:30pm

All Souls

St. Michael's 5:30pm

Thierry Manzi ~ Req by: Claire Nkundimsura

SUNDAY August 30

St. Louis 9am

Marilyn Swanick ~ Req by: Pattie Smith

St. Louis 11am

Dolores Adams ~ Req by: Marilyn Lew

Blessed Sacrament 10:30am

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St. Michael's 12pm

Thierry Manzi ~ Req by: Claire Nkundimsura

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Angel Tree Back-to-School Initiative! We were truly blown away by the generosity of our church community. The incredible amount of school supplies and donations we received allowed us to provide 21 local children from 7 families with everything they need to begin the school year prepared and excited.

Each child received a brand-new book bag full of school supplies, all made possible by your kindness & generosity. Thank you for helping us remind these children & families that they are supported, cared for, and remembered by their friends.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue our Angel Tree Ministry with our Christmas Initiative in November and December. If you are interested in helping plan and support our Angel Tree outreach by serving on the committee, we would love to have you join us! Please contact Ashlee Campbell at 443-744-0354 or religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org to learn more.

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, Frank Floyd, Daniel Floyd, 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.

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 \$5,640.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,245.59
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$6,885.59

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 364**

**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 29 & 30, 2026

Lectors:

Saturday, 4:00 Krysta Doerfler

Sunday, 9:00 Bob Sprague

Sunday, 11:00 Christian Gugliuzza

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, 9:00 Paul State

Sunday, 11:00 Tim & Lisa McCarthy

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 16, 2026

E-Giving ~ To be noted next week

Weekly ~ \$1,31.00

Catholic University ~ \$284.00

There will be one collection next week

BLESSED SACRAMENT MASS NEWS

The regular weekend Mass schedule has resumed at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Masses are Saturdays, at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 10:30 am.

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 nonprofit 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.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE AUGUST 2026

Lectors

Saturday 4:30 pm

August 22 F. Conti

August 29 D. Galucki

Sunday 10:30 am

August 23 A. C. O'Leary

August 30 M. Pitek

Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday 4:30 pm

Deacon Tom

B. Mierszwa

Sunday 10:30 am

M. J. Carrol Devine

C. Pitek

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.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Only Peter Has the Answer

"What do you think of the Pope?"

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority that stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope - whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, "What do you think of him?" I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: "What do you think of Him, and why?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask His disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

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8/16/26 Attendance 104

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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.

NOTHING
is far from
GOD

-St. Monica^{LPI}



CHRISTMAS IN THE MANSION

We are planning a Victorian 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!

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 an/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 religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org

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NEXT BOOK CLUB SESSION

All are welcome to discuss the latest Blessed Sacrament Book Club selection: **"Seeking God with John Henry Newman: by Ryan Marr (Our Sunday visitor Press., 2020). The session will be on Monday, November 2nd at 10:30 am in St. Joseph's Hall** The book is available online with amazon, Barnes & Noble, Thriftbooks, or OSV Publishing.

Contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com for information.

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!

Valor

Mini Explanation

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means “strength,” we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield - of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Valor, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means “strength,” we often associate it with the gift of fortitude. Specifically, it conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield - of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack

When Christ presides at the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, He speaks to His Apostles of the persecutions that will soon be suffered by Him and by them. He also speaks of the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) who will “guide you to all truth” - a significant choice, since fortitude is not only a virtue, but a gift of the Holy Spirit.

“Behold, the hour is coming...when each of you will be scattered...and you will leave me alone,” Christ then tells them. “But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”

In the world, He concludes, there will be pain and suffering. “But take courage, I have conquered the world.” (John 16:1-33).

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