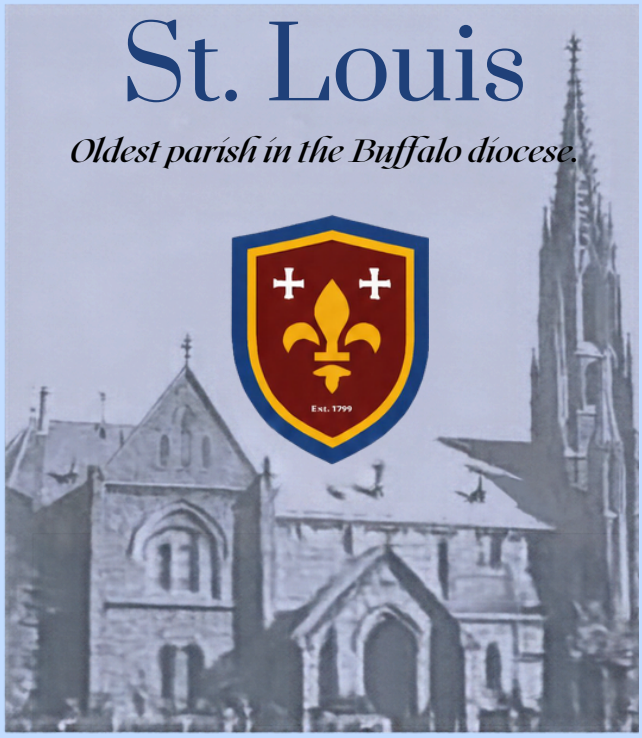
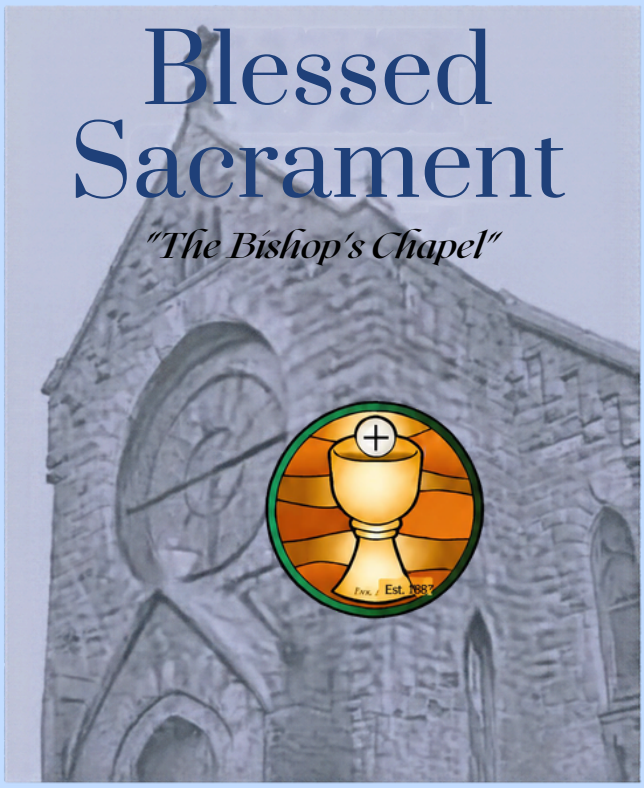
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October 25, 2026
The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish 4:00 pm
- Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm
- St. Michael's 5:30 pm
- 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 Cathredral 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- St. Louis Parish 12:05 pm
- St. MIchael's 6:45 am
- St. Joseph's Cathredral 12:10 pm (M/W/Th/Fr) 5:15 pm Tuesday

CONFESSION: ON REQUEST AFTER ANY MASS

St. Louis: Saturday 3:15-4:00 pm
St. Joseph's Cathredral: Wed & Sat 11:45 am, Saturday 4:00 pm
St. Michael's: After 6:45 am daily until 8:30 am or by appt.
Firoe20b@gmail.com

- St. Anthony's: 30 min 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

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 preparttionof 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

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The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 24 - November 1

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 24 ~ St. Anthony Mary Claret

St. Louis 4 pm
David Randazzo ~ Req by: Diane Randazzo

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm
Margaret & Joseph Rybak ~ Req by: Cathy Jones

St. Michael's 5:30 pm
Raymond A. Chamberlain ~ Req by: Robert Barone

Sunday October 25

St. Louis 9 am
Cynthia Stefano ~ Req by: Barbara & Peter Nagaro

St. Louis 11 am
Linda Huesler ~ Req by: The Frisina Family

Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am
Michael Schmidt ~~ Req by: Carl & Kathy Weigel

St. Michael's 12 pm
Intentions of Kevin & Peggy Lyons ~ Req by: Kevin & Peggy Lyons

Monday October 26

St. Michael's 6:45 am
For the Healing of Pope Leo, XIV

St. Louis 12:05 pm
For the Healht of Pope Leo, XIV

Tuesday October 27

St. Michael's 6:45 am
John Smolnicky ~ Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05 pm
Leo Reiter ~ Req by: Marla Bujnicki

Thursday October 29

St. Michael's 6:45 am
Margaret Considine ~ Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05 pm
For the Health of Pope Leo, XIV

Friday October 30

St. Michael's 6:45 am
Intentions of Kevin & Peggy Lyons ~ Req by: Kevin & Peggy Lyons

St. Louis 12:05 pm
Richard Arnone ~ Req by: Donna Arnone

Saturday October 31

St. Louis 4 pm
For the Health of Pope Leo,XIV

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm
Margaret & Joseph Rybak ~ Req by: Cathy Jones

St. Michael's 5:30 pm
Carol Menchine ~ Req by: Tommy & Kathleen

Sunday November 1 ~ All Saints

St. Louis 9 am
Robert Bujnicki ~ Req by: Marla Bujnicki

St. Louis 11 am
Eleanor Rieter Bischof ~ Req by: Michael Riester

Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am
Robert Metzger ~ Req by: Carl & Kathy Weigel

St. Michael's 12 pm
Intentions of Kevin & Peggy Lyons ~ Req by: Kevin & Peggy Lyons

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Blessed Sacrament	Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm
Saint Michael's	Sundays 1pm to 2pm

SAINT LOUIS

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Last Sunday's Coffee Hour was a great success! Thank you to the choir members and parishioners for all their contributions!
We are looking at November 15th for our next coffee hour gathering. Stay tuned!
Congratulations to Samuel Caleo & Melissa Glieco who were married at St. Louis this weekend!

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 of for your special intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose. We honor dates as they are availsble.

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 Shepheard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Craw- ford, 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 Galba- to, Sal Polizzi, Maverick Marchese, Judy Robinson, Cynthia Goetz, Frank Floyd, Sabia Family, Richard Brohman, III, Suzette LaFrance-Burley, 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, Kim Moser, and especially our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

SPIRITUAL & 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 asists in reaching out to the people of our neighborhood.

OUR COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK WAS $4,523.00OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS $1,261.00
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS $5,784.00
THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 471

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER COLLESANO, ESQ. REGARDING MINIMAL DEUCTIONS (RMD)

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

ST. LOUIS GARDEN SOCIETY (SLGS)

The St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS) will meet Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 am to begin the annual fall cleanup.

New volunteers are most welcome!

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS, OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1, 2026

LECTORS

Saturday 4:00	Ann Dumansky
Sunday 9:00	Ed Kuzan
Sunday 11:00	Pam Nordstrom

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

Saturday 4:00	Bob Sprague
Sunday 9:00	Mary O'Shea
Sunday 11:00	Tim & Lisa McCarthy

Blessed Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 18 , 2026

The collecon report for last week is as follows:

E-giving $1,465.01

Weekly $1,842.00

Total $3,307.01

There will be one collecon next week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Our Parish joyfully congratulates these five children celebrating their First Eucharist! May receiving Jesus in the Eucharist deepen their faith and fill their hearts with His love.
Please keep these children and their famileis in your prayers as as they continue to grow in friendship with Christ.

Gemma Maddalena Barone
Sofia Aislinn Bauer
Pierce Jsseph Rodgers
Grace Chiara Sanchez
Adalae Helen Sheron



LECTORS EM'S OCTOBER 24- NOVEMBER 12026

Lectors Saturday 4:30 pm	Eucharistic Ministers Saturday 4:30 pm
Oct 24: D. Galucki	F. Conti
Oct 31: M. Cusack	B. Mierszwa
Nov 7: P. Jones	C. Russell
Nov 14: L. Urbanski-Farrell	D. Russell
Nov 21: D. Galucki	B. Mierszwa
Nov 28 F. Conti	C. Jones
Sunday 10:30 am	**Sunday 10:30 am**
Oct 25: M. Pitek	C. Pitek
Nov 1: G. Riedel	J. Knab
Nov 8: M. J. Carroll-Devine	R. Morgante
Nov 15: M. Pitek	M. J. Carroll-Devine
Nov 22: A. Wulf	L. Buckley
Nov 29: M. Pitek	C. Pitek

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

Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 25, 2026
Matthew 22:34-40

When I was in seventh grade, like most boys that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristen more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says**, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37).** He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else *because* we love Him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

~ Father John Muir ©LPi

Next Book Club Session

All are welcome to discuss the at 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, and Thriftbooks, or OSV Publishing.

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



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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

10/18/26	$2,582.00
10/18/26	Attendance 127

There will be one collection next week.

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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 McCarhty, 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 1 pm, featuring exposition, adoration, rosary, and silent prayer until 2 pm 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 Happenings

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Adoration with Rosary and Devotion to the Holy Face

Adoration with the Rosary and Devotion to the Holy Face will occur Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Delaware Ave.

All are invited to come and spend time in prayer and reflection before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC ~ RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Love God First

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

"After all," I heard someone argue. "History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion."

Close, but - as my father likes to say - no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It's a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful - it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can't start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God. If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. "We're putting our people first," governments say - always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it's worth, the Church hasn't owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason - the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can't start with love of people, because we will always displace some of the other people. Only by starting with love of God - heart, soul, and mind - can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.

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VIRTUES, *EXPLAINED!*

Perseverance
Mini Explanation

Perseverance is unique because without it. we cannot grow in any of the other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross.

Perseverance, *Explained!*
"It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance," we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1811). "Christ's gift of salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere int he pursuit of the virtues."

Perseverance is unique because without it, we cannot grow in any of te other virtues. If we cannot persevere, we cannot carry the cross. Faith, hope, love, mercy, justice, temperance - these virtues are the fruits of a Christian life, and perseverance si the soil in which they take root.

Like the soil in any garden, it has to be nourished. Perseverance is fed by trials, difficulties, and temptations. "We rejoice in our sufferings," writes St. Paul, "Knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us." (Romans 5:4-5). ©LPi



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