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FAMILY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS

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

SUNDAYS

- St. Louis Parish: 9:00 & 11:00 am
- Blessed Sacrament: 10:30 am
- St. Michael's: 12:00 pm

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- St. Louis Parish: 12:05 pm
- Blessed Sacrament: 8:00 am
- St. Michael's: 6:45 am
- St. Joseph's : 12:10 pm (M-F)

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 9:00 am, or by appt.
- 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.

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

Email to dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

August 10, 2025 ~ The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week of *August 10,* 2025

Saturday, August 9 ~ St. Theresa Benedicta

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Dwayne Gigante Req by: Linda Gigante
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Helena M. Hale Req by: Paula Braunstein

Sunday, August 10

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners Lois M. Riester Req by: Michael Riester
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Fr. Ben Fiore, SJ Req by: Prayer Warriors of Love

Monday, August 11 ~ St. Claire

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Paul Indelcato Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

Tuesday, August 12 ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Richard and Felicia Fronckowiak Req by: Leeann Fronckowiak

Thursday, August 14 ~ St. Maximillian Kolbe

St. Louis 4:30 pm	Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Louis Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Friday, August 15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Louis Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Agnes Ayers Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Fr. Richard Poblocki Req by: Rick Krolewicz



Pastor Rev. Raymond Corbin 716-852-6040 x 202 FrRayssp@gmail.com	Associate Vicar Rev. Jacek Mazur Japioma@hotmail.com
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Blessed Sacrament 1035 Delaware Ave

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Dir. Of Music Anthony Domzal	Cantor Cory James Gallagher

Saint Michael's 651 Washington Ave.

Trustees	David Granville Steven Nosek
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Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

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Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

~ We need volunteers to help with our annual Steeplechase on Friday, August 22 from 5pm - 8pm. Help is needed for setting up, cleaning up, and working the event. Please contact the church office with any questions, 716-852-6040.

~We are happy to announce our newest parishioner, August Carmela Ann Zavitto who was baptized Sunday, August 3, 2025.

Welcome to our St. Louis Family, August Carmela Ann!

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

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

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks 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 Fran Angelo, 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, Ryan Crnic, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Sr., Gail Neil, Fred Wolf, Ed Kast, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, Dr. William Fiden, Sharon Hunger, Fr. Drew Morgan, 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 Dr. Richard Saab, 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 \$6,916.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$652.36
THE RETIRED PRIESTS MEDICAL BENEFITS COLLECTION WAS \$1,153.00
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$8,721.36

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 342

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

WeShare is a Catholic owned and operated company whose rates benefit the Parishes. Please visit the Parish website for instructions to switch. You can also support the parish by mailing your donation or using our **WeShare** account on our web page or the QR code on the bottom of the page.

Thank you for your support.

Please note that starting September 1, 2025 we are starting a drive for WeShare with a goal of signing up 100 parishioners. Parishioners will be available to assist with signing up.



LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS AUGUST 16 AND 17, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - 4:00 Krysta Doerfler

Sunday - 9:00 Steve Nosek

Sunday - 11:00 Mike Wrona

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - 4:00 Marilyn Neil

Sunday - 9:00 Patricia Doyle

Sunday - 11:00 Emily Schimert, Paul State

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- Our popular part time Pre-K 3 year old program is almost at capacity. It runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-11am and is \$50 a week. Please call 716-885-6111 for further information, ask for Ellen Sullivan-Garcia.
- Summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-1:00 am.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - AUGUST, 2025

Lectors:

Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 10:30 am

August 2: M. Cusack

August 3: M. Flores

August 9: P. Jones

August 10: L. Bauer

August 16: R. Lehner

August 17: G. Riedel

August 23: F. Conti

August 24: M. Pitek

August 30: M. Cusack

August 31: S. Falleta

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 10:30 am

August 2: Deacon Tom

August 3: Deacon Tom

August 9: B. Bielecki

August 10: M. J. Carroll

August 16: C. Jones

August 17: P. Manz

August 23: D. Russell

August 24: M. J. Carroll

August 30: P. Manz

August 31: J. Knab

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

Meeting will be **Monday, Sept. 8, 2025 at 10:30 am** in **St. Joesph's Hall** to discuss **"No Guilty Bystander" by Frank Fromherz and Suzanne Sattler, IHM, Orbis Books, 2023**. This book tells the story of the Extraordinary Life of the late Bishop Thomas Bumbleton who served as an outstanding voice and witness for peace and justice in the Catholic Church. Copies of the book are available on line at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Target. **Members of the Downtown Family of Parishes are welcome to join the discussion. For information, contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com.**

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 3, 2025

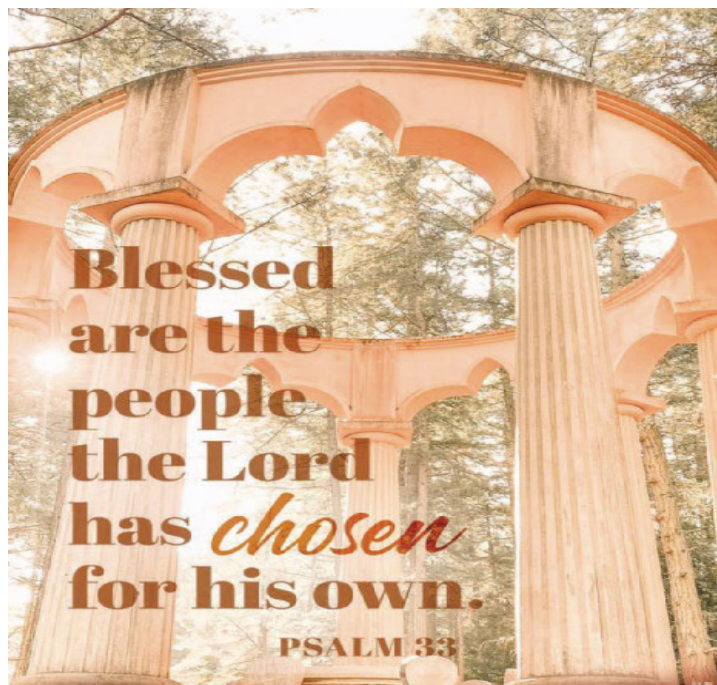
E-giving \$3,360.01

Weekly \$1,749.00

Retired Priests' Medical Benefits Fund \$115.00

Total \$5,224.01

There will be a Second collection next week For Catholic University



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC ~ BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it - because we think they were talking to someone else.

Are You Talking to Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance - or, as she so beautifully put it, to *embrace the hunger*.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not".

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

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And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it - because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the others. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable (of the absent master) meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, He says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

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ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

Email: StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com

Musicians: Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak

Cantor: Michael Dobrasz

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:

The Vatican has upheld the Diocese's decision to merge St. Michael's with St. Louis. An appeal has been filed to a higher Vatican Court. There is a 60 day waiting period for a decision. Updates forthcoming.

News

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Happenings

STAINED GLASS TOUR MAP

AUGUST 10, 2025 - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

3rd ANNUAL ART & HISTORY CRAWL
A PECK INTO BUFFALO'S HISTORY THROUGH
STAINED GLASS
TOUR SCHEDULES

1. BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
Edgewood Village
1029 Delaware Avenue - Buffalo, NY 14203
5 TOURS
11:30-12:15 | 1:00-1:45 | 2:30-3:15
4:00-4:45 | 4:45-5:30

2. ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY
Civic District
S. Elmwood & Court Street - Buffalo, NY 14202
2 TOURS
2:00-2:45 | 3:30-4:15

3. ST. LOUIS CHURCH
Allentown
Main & Edward Streets - Buffalo, NY 14202
3 TOURS
12:30-1:15 | 2:00-2:45
3:30-4:15

4. ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL
Harbor District
50 Franklin Street - Buffalo, NY 14202
2 TOURS
11:30-12:15 | 1:00-1:45
Organ Concert: 2:30

5. ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
Theatre District
651 Washington Street - Buffalo, NY 14203
3 TOURS
1:30-2:15 | 3:00-3:45 | 4:30-5:15

TOUR OVERVIEW

Map showing tour locations: BLACK ROCK, DELAWARE PARK, ELMWOOD VILLAGE, MASTEN PARK, FRONT PARK, BUFFALO, FIRST WARD, TIFIN.

**WINDOWS
TOUR MAP
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES AUGUST 15, 2025

Vigil - St. Louis, August 14 4:30 pm

St. Michael's - August 15 6:45 am

Blessed Sacrament - August 15 8:00 am

Oratory of St. Anthony Sung Latin August 15 9:00 am

St. Louis - August 15 12:05 pm

Cathedral - August 15 12:10 pm

Oratory of St. Anthony - August 15 Latin 6:00 pm

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JIM KIRKPATRICK TO ITALY

I am a priest serving the South Buffalo Catholic Family. Please feel welcome to join me on a trip to Italy during this Jubilee Year.

I am hosting this tour from December 1st through the 11th.

This includes Venice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome.

Visit St. Peter's and pass through the Holy Doors; enjoy guided tours and have an audience with our new Pope Leo XIV with people from around the world.

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Contact me at jkirkpatricknd@gmail.com

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes". Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present Him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give Him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer Him on this Cross, if it is your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes - one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way - she was a mere creation, like us - but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary's extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's. But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we die, so in Christ - through Mary - we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MT

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