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August 17, 2025 ~ The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, TUES-DAY, 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 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

Email to dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

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| Week of August 17 2025 | | |
| Saturday, August 16 | | |
| St. Louis 4:00 pm | Elizabeth (Becky) Mecca Req by: Gina Roblin | |
| Blessed Sacrament | Mary Charlton | |
| 4:30 pm | Req by: Florence Conti | |
| Saint Michael's 5:30 pm | Intentions of Pope Leo XIV Req by: St. Michaels Parishioners | |
| Sunday, August 17 | | |
| Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am | All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners Charolotte Oczek Req by: Miser Family | |
| Blessed Sacrament | All Souls | |
| 10:30 am | Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners | |
| Saint Michael's 12 noon | Elmer Bataitis Req by: Paul Krupinski | |
| Monday, August 18 | | |
| St. Louis 12:05 pm | Gabrielle Gigante Req by: Ursula, Ray, Linda Gigante | |
| Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am | Marie Ayers Req by: Richard Lehner | |
| Saint Michael's 6:45 am | Austin Bennett - For His Health Req by: Rick Krolewicz | |
| Tuesday, August 19 | | |
| St. Louis 12:05 pm | All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners | |
| Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am | Intentions of Pope Leo XIV Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners | |
| Saint Michael's 6:45 am | Michael Coggins Req by: Mary Lamm | |
| Thursday, August 21 | | |
| St. Louis 12:05 pm | Downtown Family of Parishes 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 | Livio Bastiani Req by: Paula Braunstein | |
| Fríday, August 22 | | |
| St. Louis 12:05 pm | Pasquale Frisina, Jr. Req by: Family | |
| Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am | Patricia Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner | |
| Saint Michael's 6:45 am | Bishop Turner Class of 1975 | |
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EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

We are having our second annual Steeplechase which is a family friendly event on Friday, August 22, from 5-8 pm. Please feel free to bring your friends

Help is needed for setting up/cleaning up and working the event.

To volunteer please call the church office at 716-852-6040.

Food will be provided by the Cheesy Chick food truck and Oakley's ice cream truck. There will also be Sahlen's hot dogs for sale along with a wine/beer tent.

There will be face painting, games for kids, & Finnegan's Punch will be providing the music.

We are also having a classic car show and classic cars are welcome.

For more information, please see the flyer in this week's bulletin.

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 Shepheard, 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 \$4,843.00 OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$482.51 RETIRED PRIESTS' MEDICAL FUND \$5.00 OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$5,330.51

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 351

**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.

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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 23 AND 24, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday - 9:00 Bob Sprague

Sunday - 11:00 Mike Wrona

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday - 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday - 11:00 Jim Ferrini, Paul State









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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 To 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

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 10, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,448.01

Weekly - \$1,156.86

Total - \$2,604.87

There will be one collection next week.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOSEPHINE!

The parishioners and priests at Blessed Sacrament Church would like to congratulate Josephine Di Liberti on her retirement as sacristan.

Josephine has been sacristan for 25 years keeping the daily and weekend Masses proceeding behind the scenes making sure linens were taken care of, candles were full, Holy Water fonts were changed weekly, and many other duties.

Thank you, Josephine, for your many years of service to Blessed Sacrament, the priests, and parishioners! Enjoy your retirement!

You will be missed!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Get to know Jesus

When I speak and write, I mention my family quite often. Those of you who have been reading these reflections for the past 5+ years - or who have read my books - may think you know them. When I travel, I do get asked about my family by those who have entered my life through the words on a page. My hope is that by sharing stories about my family and life the reader gets a chance to see himself or herself in the story as well. Then the point being made in the article or reflection can take on stronger meaning because it hits home. However, no matter how much I write about my family and how much you read about them, you will only have a glimpse as to the real people. It will take an actual relationship with one of them to get you to the point where you can say you know them.

That is the same way with Jesus. First, more Catholics need to read more and learn more about Jesus. Bible studies should be the norm and not the exception in our lives.

Second, too many of us in the Church can explain who Jesus is from our past formation classes and reading, but we do not actually know Him. Jesus is not a topic, a theological term, or simply a historical figure. He is a real being who is alive! He is not dead, but alive! He calls us to do more than read about Him. He calls us into an intimate relationship with Him. We grow in relationship with Jesus by worshipping at the Mass, spending time with Him in adoration, resting in Him in the quiet and by having the Jesus in us meet the Jesus in others. If you do not know Him personally, get to know Him. I would love for you all to meet my family someday, but I would much rather you get to know Jesus instead.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on your or made you go "Hmmm".

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come.

Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

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IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S

Evan, Fran, and Mo Angelo, Judith Barone, Alexander & Michael Brickel, Lorraine Brown, Alonso/Caceres/Rios Santa Cruz, Peter Caruso, Annie Feldman, Phyllis Galie, Mary Biuttner Gutierrez, Gloria Knight, Ben Lisiecki, Elain Love, Dr. David Marchetti, Jean McCarthy, Tom Passmire, Cheryl Radwan, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Mark Szpakowski, Angelo Tomsello, Ann Weihing.

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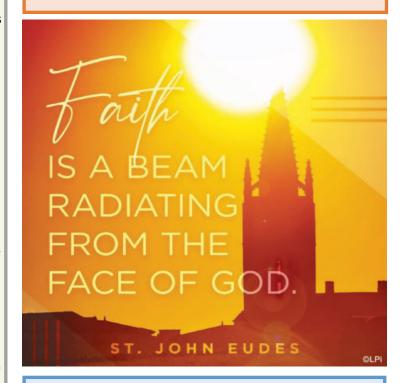
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ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

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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.

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TAILGATE PARTY



Sunday September 14, 2025



TAILGATE 1:00 pm



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TAILGATE PARTY LINEUP

10:30 am: Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church

11:30 am: Family Picnic on Rectory Lawn: Hamburgers, hotdogs & fixins for All!

Please bring the rest of your picnic goodies including BYOB, Chairs/Tents

Games, Activities & Prizes for the Kids

1:00 pm: Tailgate Party in Parking Lot of Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

TICKET RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please reserve your FREE tickets by Sunday, September 7, 2025

How to Register:

- At the Event Table located at church entrance
- Via Reservations QR Code
- Contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or michael@thepitekgroup.com



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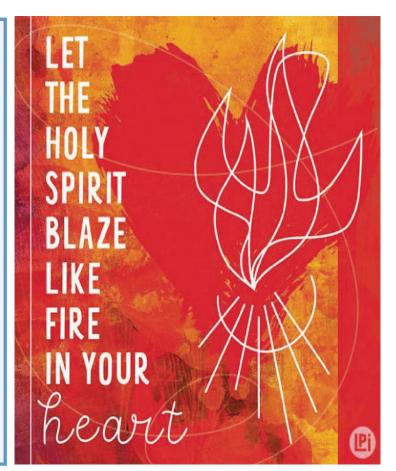
Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" He asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me - in fact, all the earth - to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why He speaks of Himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if He stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank Him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

Father John Muir ©LPi



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