HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

BAPTISMS
First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered bi-monthly. Please call the Rectory for information.

DEADLINE
All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Monday at noon.

WEDDINGS
Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Msgr. John W. Madsen ........................................Weekend Assistant
Rev. Andrew R. Lauricella .............................................12:05 Mass—Friday
TRUSTEES .................................................................Rosemary Bloch, Michael Mikos
CURATOR OF 1903 KIMBALL PIPE ORGAN ...........William Kurzdorfer
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER ..............................................Frank Scinta
CANTOR ..........................................................James Mrozek
DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION ..............Ashlee Campbell
BUSINESS MANAGER ...........................................John Beller
SECRETARY ..............................................................Dolores Vasi

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS
President .................................................................James Reeves
Vice-President ...........................................................Ryan McGowan
Secretary .................................................................Keith Boerner

MASSES
Saturday .................................................................4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)
Sunday ...............................................................9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Eve of the Holy Day ................................................4:30 p.m.
Holy Day ...............................................................12:05 p.m.
Mon-Fri .................................................................12:05 p.m.
Confessions .............................................................Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION
We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

OUR PARISH SCHOOL
The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo
Grades Pre-K to 8
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HEARING ASSISTANCE
With our sound system we now have the Phonic Ear. This hearing assistance system is available to all who are hearing impaired. This system provides a transmitter with a headset and earplugs. Please come to the Sacristy for assistance.

PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS
Reverend John Nicholas Mertz .........................1829-1836
Reverend Alexander Pax ..................................1836-1843
Reverend Francis Guth ....................................1844-1850
Reverend Joseph Raffeinier .........................1850-1851
Reverend William Deiters ..............................1855-1861
Reverend J. E. Moshall ..................................1861-1862
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ..................1862-1863
Reverend Sergus Schoulepnikoff .................1864-1867
Reverend Joseph M. Sorg ..................................1867-1888

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ......................1888-1916
Reverend Michael A. Anstett ...........................1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz ..........................1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott .....................................1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ............................1965-1979

Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, February 11:
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Helen Frost, by Family

SUNDAY, February 12: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Matthew Morris, by Lori Ann Conti
11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by State Family

MONDAY, February 13: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: Robert V. Halicki, by Family

TUESDAY, February 14: SAINT VALENTINE, SAINT CYRIL AND SAINT METHODIUS
12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by Estate of Mary K. Crane

WEDNESDAY, February 15: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: For the People of Saint Louis Parish

THURSDAY, February 16: WEEKDAY
12:05 pm: The Curtis Family, by Irene D. Curtis Estate

FRIDAY, February 17: THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER
12:05 pm: Dennis Kotch, by Father Andrew Lauricella

SATURDAY, February 18:
12 noon: Wedding of Gary Garrett and Jessica Thiele
4:00 pm: **VIGIL FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Deceased of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, February 19: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am: Deceased Members of the Vetter Family
11:00 am: Carol Zobel, by Bob, Ann and Dan McCarthy

**SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**
Weekend of February 18th and February 19th
4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan

**SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLYCOMMUNION**
Weekend of February 18th and February 19th
4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini, Jane Pelosi and Ron and Margaret Foegen
9:00 am: Judy Perkowski, Jim Brigante and Tim and Mary O’Shea
11:00 am: Sue Kolbe, Debbie Beller and Keith and Kathy Boerner

**MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**
The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Aloisius J. Oczek and Dennis Fink, requested by Family. If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

**PROMOTING THE VOCATION OF PRIESTHOOD**

Jesus commissioned His apostles to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age,” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Through this commissioning, it is clear that all people throughout the world are called to be disciples of Christ, regardless of upbringing, race, degree of involvement in the Church, or any other matter.

St. John Paul II’s letter “Pastores Dabo Vobis” written following the 1990 Synod of Bishops which met to discuss the formation of priests facing the challenges of the modern age. The letter speaks to the necessity of the faithful to encourage priestly vocations: “There is an urgent need, especially nowadays, for a more widespread and deeply felt conviction that all members of the Church, without exception, have the grace and responsibility to look after vocations.” This statement echoes what was stated by the Second Vatican Council: “The duty of fostering vocations falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives.”

This weekend William (Bill) Papaj will be visiting St. Louis to encourage all of us in our duty to assist with promoting vocations to the priesthood. In the past other seminarians have visited and spoken to us about vocations including Ryan Keating.

Bill is in his third year at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora studying for the Diocese of Buffalo. He is a member of St. Andrew’s Parish in Kenmore. Bill is a graduate of St. Joseph Collegiate High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management and also holds a Masters Degree in Finance from Canisius College. He worked ten years in the field of retail management at Hills Department Store and T.J. Maxx. For 15 years he worked at Ingram Micro in Williamsville in the Finance and Sales Departments.

We welcome Bill this weekend to address us on the need to support vocations to the priesthood that will sustain the ministry of the Church in the future.

Msgr. Manganello

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Nizati Ascela, Leah Manth, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Sara Rinnmer, Joan Taylor, Catalina Alsi, George Calhoun, Miriam Teksie, Mary Almeida, Debbie Buyers, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Kathleen Walter, Spencer Daly, Raymond Sharrer, John Zawistowski, John Forsythe, Amy Vitz, Paulette Snavley, Sharon Warner, Larry DiGiulio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller, Tracy Abram and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them in one month increments as long as necessary. We remember all those recently deceased, especially Kenneth Boerner, Ruth H. Uebler and 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. Last weekend 385 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $6,922.00.

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.

Thank you for your support.

Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. A bequest may be worded in this fashion - “I give to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church of Buffalo, NY the sum of __________ to be used for its general purposes.”

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS**

**SATURDAY, February 11th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

**SUNDAY, February 12th**

9:50 am—10:50 am: Pre-K—Grade 10—Church Hall
9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection
12 noon: Baptism of Jackson Anthony Przepiora

**MONDAY, February 13th**

7:00 pm: Parish Council—Sacristy

**SATURDAY, February 18th**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: Chili Cook-Off—Church Hall

**SUNDAY, February 19th**

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Pew Rent Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy
12 noon: Baptism of Henry Timothy Kraus and Shannon Grace Smith

**VOCATION THOUGHT**

God has given us His commandments so that our joy may be complete. God also calls some of us to be shepherds, and to help His followers know and appreciate the purpose and promise of His commandments. Is God calling you to this kind of leadership? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Andrew Lauricella at 847-5535.

You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website—[www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)

**JOURNEY INTO LOVE**

The Office of Family Life Ministries is looking for married couples to assist with the monthly diocesan marriage preparation program, Journey Into Love. Married couples help by giving a 20 minute talk once or twice a year on essential topics and issues that engaged and newly married couples face. Married couples that support this ministry find it beneficial to their own marriage and their efforts contribute to the strengthening of family life as couples prepare for their marriage. If you are interested in finding out more about this very successful diocesan marriage program, call the Family Life Office at 716-847-2210.

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**CHILI COOK-OFF AT ST. LOUIS**

Please join us at our annual Chili Cook-Off in our hall on Saturday, February 18th after the 4:00 vigil Mass. We are not only looking for contestants to bring their best chili to see who will be St. Louis’ Chili Cook-Off champion, but for great company and fun with our fellow parishioners. Everyone will have a chance to sample the entries and cast a vote for your favorite. If you are interested in entering the Cook-Off, please either email Debbie Beller at dbjb2@roadrunner.com or call and leave a message at the rectory.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY CARNATION SALE**

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick’s Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 11th and Sunday, March 12th. Carnations will be $1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and parking lot entrance. All sales will be donated to Catholic Charities.

**IMMIGRATION EXHIBIT PLANNED**

A new exhibit highlighting the great Catholic immigration of the 1840’s and 50’s is being planned for our parish museum. We are looking for any materials regarding our pioneer families and their journey to America. Photos of the immigrants are especially desired. Material would be duplicated and returned to you. Please contact Michael Riester, parish archivist via the rectory.

**ST. VALENTINE**

Did you know…

Who was Saint Valentine?

Valentine was a priest who lived in Rome in the third century. Because he assisted persecuted Christians, and refused to denounce his own faith, he was put to death. Legend has it that on the night before he died, he scrawled a message on a heart-shaped stone...“to those who love me, and to those I love, know that my heart is with you to the end...” He signed the message...

Your Valentine

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Jesus calls us to help our neighbors, especially those who are struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, housing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the 2017 Appeal helps us to continue giving food to the hungry, clothing to the naked and shelter to the homeless. To make a donation or to find out more about the 2017 Appeal, call 716-218-1400 or visit [ccwny.org/donation](http://ccwny.org/donation). **Finite time. Infinite good.**

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION**

We’ve heard it said that the battle between good and evil starts within. In other words, our decision to do something good or to do something bad begins with our thoughts. Sinful thoughts lead to poor choices and harmful behaviors. But we can take control of our thoughts and see our way through to better outcomes. That is the essence of free will we learn about in today’s readings. God gives us free will to choose the direction we take in life—one that is life-giving or one that is harmful. In order to choose one path or the other, our thoughts must lead us in that direction. When we direct our thoughts toward God and meditate on His Word, we receive His counsel and head in the right direction. Free will, then, offers us the opportunity to walk closely with God so that we grow in compassion, kindness, and love for one another.