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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.

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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 Raffeiner ............... 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
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .......... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott .................... 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack .......... 1965-1979

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dr. Paul Hoelscher ........ 1888-1916
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenbach ...... 1917-1944
Reverend Michael A. Anstett .......... 1944-1948
Reverend Howard J. Schwartz .......... 1948-1964
Reverend Clarence Ott .................... 1964-1965
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack .......... 1965-1979

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in memory of Carol Zobel, requested by Dick and Mary Agoston. The St. Joseph Candle will be lit this week for the special intentions of James Vasi.

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.

JUST SOME THOUGHTS

Sunday, September 17th I am celebrating 35 years as a priest. It has been a very rewarding and blessed 35 years for me. I feel truly blessed to be serving at St. Louis. I have been a part of your wonderful parish now for 13 years and I am looking forward to being a part of this faith community for many years to come.

The last couple of weeks you have seen me wandering around with my face bandaged. Everyone has been very sympathetic and I am grateful for your prayers and wishes.

I had a growth removed from my nose which was a squamous cell carcinoma a type of skin cancer. It is non-aggressive. I required further surgery to remove all the cancer cells. The surgery is called Mohs surgery, also known as chemosurgery, developed in 1938 by a general surgeon, Frederic E. Mohs, is microscopically controlled surgery used to treat common types of skin cancer. During the surgery, after each removal of tissue and while the patient waits, the tissue is examined for cancer cells. That examination informs the decision for additional tissue removal.

Facial surgery was then used to repair the damage and so I will be bandaged for a couple of weeks when I see the doctor again at the end of the month.

This weekend we also celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The 2017 theme is “Living as Missionary Disciples.” Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity for us all to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to re-dedicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

This weekend Wendy Mistretta, our Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, will be speaking about our role in continuing our growth in faith throughout our lives reminding us that faith formation is an ongoing process that never comes to an end.

Msgr. Manganello

In your prayers... Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Bud Vetter, Ben Cambria, Amy Vilz, Raymond Sharrar, Deborah Buyers, John Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Barbara Yellen, Marnise Reaves, Spencer Daly, Joseph Acquino, Eleanor Brayer, Linda Campbell, Barbara Suffoletto, Caitlin Kasberg, James Palka, Susan Bertin, Bernadette R. Crawford, Heidi Cornell, Niziti Ascela, Donald Kopp, Geraldine Sliwinski, Catalina Alois, Paul Sweeney, Ronald Beller, Larry DiGuglio, James Watson, Carlos Calhoun, Marie Miller 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 Garrett Gallivan, Mary Witherspoon 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 371 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was $7,704.00.00 and the Hurricane Harvey collection was $3,255 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, September 16th**

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

4:00 pm: Second Collection: Campaign for Catholic Education Collection

**SUNDAY, September 17th**

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

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Second Collection: Campaign for Catholic Education Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

12 noon: Baptism of Dominic Robert Bova and Veronica Yustina Carlino

**SATURDAY, September 23rd**

4:00 pm: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Christ the King Seminary Collection

**SUNDAY, September 24th**

9:00 am & 11:00 am: The Regular Offertory Collection Including Christ the King Seminary Collection

After 11:00 am Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

12 noon: Baptism of Lorenzo Rian Mistretta and Fiona Jo Anne Cheney

After 11:00 Mass: RCIA—Sacristy

**CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

The annual Campaign for Catholic Education will be conducted in our parish this weekend. 100% of your campaign gift stays right here in our parish providing much needed resources to support our religious education program.

You can make a difference. Please help us in our effort by placing your Campaign envelope in the *second collection* or the Campaign mailing you have received. The children of our parish deserve an education that teaches them the Gospel message of Jesus.

**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OKTOBERFEST**

On Sunday, October 1, 2017, the Sisters of St. Joseph are sponsoring their 16th Oktoberfest. It will be held at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, NY (corner of Century Drive) from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., featuring the music of “The Auslanders”.

German food, including Knockwurst and Weisswurst, limburger cheese sandwiches and homemade German Potato Salad will be served. Dancing, singing and raffles will be part of the event. Entrance fee is $5.00 ($6 at the door).

Any questions or request for tickets, please call 759-6454, ext. 200, Marilyn Peterson.

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**OKTOBERFEST 2017**

It’s that time of year again for St. Louis to celebrate their amazing volunteers. Set aside Sunday, October 22nd after the 11:00 Mass for our annual Oktoberfest! See you in the church hall!

**PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!**

Being a catechist by “helping children, young people, and adults to get to know and love God more and more deeply is one of the most beautiful educational adventures you can have” (Pope Francis, 2013).

St. Louis is in need of individuals to join a team of catechists, willing to teach 1 to 3 hours each month from late September through April. Classes are multi-age (PreK-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10) and typically small, between 8-10 students. St. Louis provides all classroom and educational resources. Classes run on Sunday, from 9:50 a.m.-10:50 a.m. Please prayerfully consider this ministry! If interested, or for more information, please contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

**2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

St. Louis’ 2017-2018 Pre-K to 10th grade Faith Formation program will begin in late September and continue through April. All children are welcome to attend and there is no cost to enroll. Classes are held on Sundays, from 9:50-10:50 a.m., in the church hall. Families new to St. Louis need to register. Families who completed Faith Formation last year do not need to re-register. The registration form is available on the St. Louis website (http://www.stlouisrcchurch.org or families can contact the DRE, Ashlee Campbell, (834-2439/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

**LITTLE SAINTS**

St. Louis’ Early Childhood Ministry

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19:14). Are you interested in your young child(ren) learning about God’s love through fun, faith-based lessons? “Little Saints” is faith formation designed for children from birth to five years old (through kindergarten). Children will sing songs, hear Bible stories, pray, and do crafts to learn about our Catholic Faith. Parents are welcome to attend with their child(ren). Classes are held during regular faith formation class time, from 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. on Sundays. Check the St. Louis website for class dates (http://stlouisrcchurch.org). For more information or to register, please contact Ashlee Campbell (834-2349/stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER OF JESUS**

at the Carmelite Monastery

75 Carmel Road—Buffalo, NY

The annual Public Novena in honor of Saint Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus, beginning on Saturday, September 23 and closing on the feast day, October 1, will be conducted by Rev. Robert McTeigue, SJ of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, a professor of theology and philosophy who has taught and lectured worldwide. The Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Buffalo, will be the Principal Celebrant on the feast day, October 1.

Services each evening of the Novena will be begin with the Rosary at 7:00, followed by Mass. We ask that all who attend be modestly and suitably dressed, as is proper in the House of God.

Confessions will be heard after services on weekdays, but not on Sunday or the feast day. There will be no afternoon Benediction services on either Sunday during the Novena.
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