

# 2022 St. Louis Church

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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.

### WEDDINGS

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

### 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.

### 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

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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 Raffener ..... 1850-1851  
Reverend William Deiters ..... 1855-1861  
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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry B. Laudenschach..... 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  
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger ..... 1979-1995  
Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

## Announced Masses of the Week

### SATURDAY, January 22nd: Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

12:00 noon: Wedding of Michael Grano & Emily Kraft  
4:00 pm: Michael Sliwinski, by Joann Fronczak

### SUNDAY, January 23rd: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Carol Asher, by Howard Curlette  
11:00 am: Leonard, Evelyn & Peter Sawicz, by the Sawicz Family

### MONDAY, January 24th: St. Francis de Sales

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

### TUESDAY, January 25th: The Conversion of St. Paul

12:05 pm: Dorothy & Edmund Radwan, by Marie Haremski

### WEDNESDAY, January 26th: Sts. Timothy & Titus

12:05 pm: For the People of St. Louis Parish

### THURSDAY, January 27th: St. Angela Merici

12:05 pm: Roman "Ray" Jawoiski, by the Carlin family

### FRIDAY, January 28th: St. Thomas Aquinas

12:05 pm: Florence Rembold, by Estate

### SATURDAY, January 29th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Michael Sliwinski, by Ray Haas

### SUNDAY, January 30th: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: John A. Pirrung, by Family  
11:00 am: Betty Everett, by Kevin Brayer

## SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

### Weekend of January 29th & 30th

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo  
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta  
11:00 am: Mike Riester



## SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Weekend of January 29th & 30th

4:00 pm: Jim Ferrini  
9:00 am: Mary O'Shea  
11:00 am: Keith Boerner



"BODY OF CHRIST"

## VOCATION THOUGHT

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives." Jesus' first sermon reminds us that so many in our culture are held captive by addictions. Priests have a special ability to set them free through the grace of Confession. Are you called to join this rescue mission? If so, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org).

## MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of the many generous parishioners of St. Louis who share their resources, time and talents to sustain our beautiful church and parish community in so many ways.

If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a specific loved one or for your own special intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

## THE ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER

The Annual Preservation Fund Drive is now complete. Even though we got off to a late start the Fund Drive did the best it has ever done. 160 people have donated \$108,580. We are still being challenged by the ups and downs of the Covid-19 pandemic especially as we contend with the delta variant and now the omicron variant which continues to spread. There has been some good news as of late that shows a slowing of the spread of Covid. Our prayers continue for an end to this disease that has put a damper on life.

We are still seeing more people returning to Mass that have been away for a very long time. Through the grace of God and the intercession of St. Louis this will all end and we will be able to return to normal. Still, in the midst of all this, through your generosity, we have been able to maintain our parish operations and pay our bills.

We had set our sights on completing several projects and some of them were able to be completed. The side vestibules at the Main Street entrance of the church and stairwells to the choir loft are complete as are the refurbishing of the exterior doors on Main Street and the Sacristy and the entrance to the parking lot has been repaired with a new concrete entrance installed.

We also had a couple of unexpected projects that came upon us suddenly. We repaired some of the Sacristy windows that were bowed in. If left undone the windows could have blown in. There was also some minor roof repairs and repairs to the fence along Edward Street that seems to be a target for passing motorists.

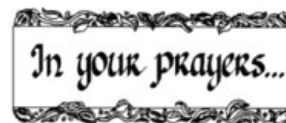
The projects yet to be completed are: cleaning the north side of the church of moss and repoint around the handicap ramp; replacing the porch railing on the rectory. Unfortunately, because of supply issues and delays it looks like these projects will have to wait until next year.

I thank you for your continued substantial support of our parish. May St. Louis reward all of you for your kindness and generosity.

*Msgr. Manganello*

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Cathy DePlato, Bill & Donna Reeves, Michael Daumen, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Gary Whitnauer, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Glinski, Richard Devita, Frank Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

We remember all those recently deceased, especially Richard G. Taylor, 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.

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.

Last weekend 212 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$3613 and our Fuel Offering was \$727.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at [www.frddb.org](http://www.frddb.org).

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."**

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS

### SATURDAY, January 22nd:

4:00 pm: Weekly Offering Collection

### SUNDAY, January 23rd:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Weekly Offering Collection

9:50-10:50 am: PreK-10th grade Religious Education  
Classes meet in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: RCIA meet in the Sacristy for the topic  
"Your Special Gifts & Discernment"

12:00 noontime: Baptism of Lennon Levan & Romi Levan

### SATURDAY, January 29th:

4:00 pm: Weekly Offering Collection and Second  
Collection for Catholic Relief Services

### SUNDAY, January 30th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Weekly Offering Collection and  
Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

9:50-10:50 am: PreK-10th grade Religious Education  
Classes meet in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: RCIA meet in the Sacristy for the topic  
"Christian Moral Living & Social Justice", and  
"Your Prayer Life"

## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The BISON Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children K-8th grade. If selected, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. The deadline to apply is February 28th. The average scholarship is \$1500 and the maximum award is \$2500. For more information, call Cindy McDonald at 716 854-0869.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

*Saint Thomas Aquinas—January 28th*

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225—1274), is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*". Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become the abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him of his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with St. Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole church, however, remains alive today.

## NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Do you know anyone looking for a great Catholic School? Please tell them about Notre Dame Academy. Please call 716 824-0726 today. For more information on South Buffalo Catholic School Notre Dame Academy please visit [www.notredamebuffalo.org](http://www.notredamebuffalo.org). Save the Date for an NDA Open House! Notre Dame Academy will hold a safe Open House on Friday, February 4th from 5 - 7 pm at 1125 Abbott Road. Please watch our Facebook page for more details.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST SPRING 2022

St. Louis will be offering the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring. All children making a sacrament this spring must attend sacrament preparation classes on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, & March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 AM in the church basement. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and the First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

First Reconciliation classes are open to children who are in second grade. First Eucharist classes are open to children who are in third grade. All children should be actively participating in faith formation classes, either at St. Louis or their school. Parents must register by February 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms can be found on the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org/>). Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell, with questions (443 744-0354 / [stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com)).

## RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to everyone who has notified the parish office that you desire a tax statement by either a phone call or "TAX STATEMENT" written on your church envelope. We will begin to process requests soon. Please feel free to call if you have not already at 716 852-6040. If you have written your request on an envelope, it is not necessary to continue doing so. By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2021 tax deduction must have been made no later than December 31st.



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