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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 by appointment. 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

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo

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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
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
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
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, December 10th: Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent

2:00 pm: Wedding of John Becker & Nicole Dworzanski
4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Peter Berst Family, by Marilyn Young

SUNDAY, December 11th: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: Herbert Bucki, by the Bucki Family
11:00 am: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

MONDAY, December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:05 pm: For the Parishioners of St. Louis Church

TUESDAY, December 13th: St. Lucy

12:05 pm: The Crane Family, by the Mary K. Crane Estate

WEDNESDAY, December 14th: St. John of the Cross

12:05 pm: Lucy Missert, by Tom Pirrung

THURSDAY, December 15th:

12:05 pm: Thaddeus Mikos, by Family

FRIDAY, December 16th:

12:05 pm: John A. Kraus, by Estate

SATURDAY, December 17th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

2:00 pm: Wedding of William Vogel & Kara Marie Borowiak
4:00 pm: Jerry Stockman, by Family

SUNDAY, December 18th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am: "In Gratitude to St. Anthony"
11:00 am: Deceased members of the Mikos Family

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 17th & 18th:

4:00 pm: Ann Dumansky
9:00 am: Wendy Mistretta
11:00 am: Ed Kuzan



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 17th & 18th:

4:00 pm: Marilyn Neal
9:00 am: Pat Doyle
11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

The Choir of St. Louis Church, under the direction of organist/choirmaster Frank Scinta, will present a **Festival of Lessons and Carols** on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00PM in St. Louis Church. Featured will be carols and anthems of Ord, Wood, Praetorius, Forrest and others.

The service of **Lessons and Carols** traces, in scripture and song, the Nativity story as foretold by Old Testament prophets and narrated by Gospel writers. Begun in King's College Chapel, Cambridge University, more than a century ago, the service of **Lessons and Carols** is repeated in churches of nearly every denomination worldwide. Please join us for this beloved holiday tradition!

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for 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. The **St. Joseph Altar Candle** burns this week in memory of Mary Kontos, requested by Barbara Bonanno. Mary sat by the Altar of St. Joseph weekly at the early Sunday Mass for many years and shared her time decorating the church for holidays.

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.

ADVENT — SEASON OF JOY

The Advent wreath has three purple candles and one rose-colored or pink candle. The rose-color candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, which is called **Gaudete** Sunday. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that the Advent-Christmas Season is a season of joy. We celebrate our salvation brought about by the birth of Christ into our world. Christ is called the 'Joy of the World' and we too are called to be a gift of joy in our world today.

Our Christmas celebrations have already begun, the decorations we have displayed, our special foods we share, and our gift giving are all signs of the joy we experience during this special Holiday Season.

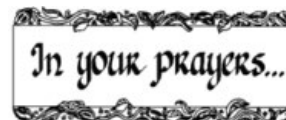
This joy that we experience in the Advent-Christmas Season is truly evident in the generosity shown to the poor and needy at this time of year. Donations of toys, food, and warm clothing for those who do not have, are a true witness of Christ's birth into the world. The actual birth of Jesus into the world was not just a one-time event. It is a repeated manifestation of God's love each time we bring joy to others.

May the Joy of the World we celebrate now, be with us always.

Msgr. Manganello

ADVENT SEASON PENANCE SERVICE

Our Penance Service this Advent will be held Wednesday, December 14th at St. Louis Church at 3:30PM and at St. Michael's Church at 6:30PM. Please join our family of parishes for this celebration of pardon and peace.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Tracy Allen Abram, Pasual Yauzzi, Greg Joseph, Claire Meyers, Marcella Ng, Joan Smeader, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Maria Madden, Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, and 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 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 507 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish including the German Mass. Our regular collection was \$6,349.00. Our online donations totaled \$185.00. Christmas Flowers donations totaled \$980.00.

You can also support your parish by mailing your donation or using our pay pal account on our web page.

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, December 10th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Maintenance & Repairs Collection and also the second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

SUNDAY, December 11th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Maintenance & Repairs Collection and also the second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

MONDAY, December 12th:

5:30 pm: Parish Council meets in the Church Hall and on Zoom

SATURDAY, December 17th:

4:00 pm: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Pew Rent Collection

SUNDAY, December 18th:

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Offertory including the Weekly and Pew Rent Collection

DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The Saint Louis Garden Society (SLGS) and Christmas decorators will meet in church on Thursday, December 22nd at 6:00PM to decorate our church for Christmas. New volunteers are always welcome! Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for this joyful time of anticipation as we prepare for the coming of Our Savior.

WARMTH TREE

It has become a holiday tradition. St. Louis parishioners are once again decorating our gigantic Warmth Tree with colorful winter hats, mittens, scarves and gloves. These items will be given to area families. Help make this year's tree the most festive ever. Donations are accepted the weekends of December 11th & 12th and December 18th & 19th.

ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY

Please join us for the duration or stop by for a little while at our Christmas Party today after the 11:00AM Mass. It will continue until 2:00PM. There will be food, games for the kids, and Santa. ***Please join your parish family members as we resume this wonderful event.***

HELP AGING RELIGIOUS

Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please give generously.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS

During the Advent Season we traditionally prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ. On Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00PM and 9:00PM. On Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00AM and 11:00AM. There will be no Midnight Mass.

ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to our Preservation Fund Drive so far. As the structure of our church ages, there are always items that need attention, repair or upgrade. Thanks to your generosity in the past, we have been able to maintain our beautiful church in remarkable condition. With your support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair.

So far, \$64,219.62 has been donated.

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER NEWS

The Catholic Academy of West Buffalo wants you to win! The 2023 Calendar Club calendar has **TWO NUMBERS for \$25.00 and is good for the entire year.** Purchase your calendar and be eligible for daily drawings of \$50, weekend drawings of \$100 and selected holiday drawings of **\$250 and \$25** awarded if you have the number **above or below the number drawn.** A **GRAND PRIZE of \$2000.00** will be awarded on December 18th next year for Christmas Day 2023. ***Calendars are located in church for your convenience.*** Call 716 885-6111 for further information or calendars.

WORD OF LIFE

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in the state of slavery; intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB "***Prayer to St. Bakhita***"

VOCATION THOUGHT

"Be strong, fear not!" the prophet Isaiah encourages us. God will come with vindication! It's also good advice for following God's call. Fear not! Whatever Jesus calls you might be difficult, but it must be a good thing for your life. Consider the priesthood. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.



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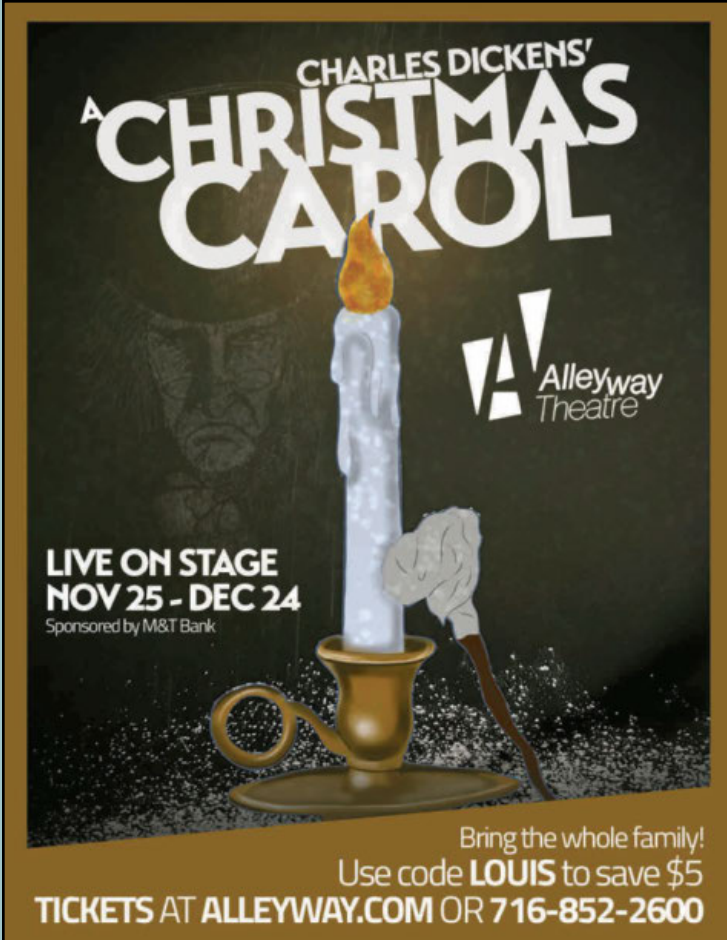
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