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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

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 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, January 21st: Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the Albert Riestler Family, by Michael Riestler

SUNDAY, January 22nd: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Kathleen Miller, by John & Melanie Loss
11:00 am: Mary Del, by Bill & Pam Nordstrom

MONDAY, January 23rd: St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope

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

TUESDAY, January 24th: St. Francis de Sales

12:05 pm: Phyllis Metz, by Tom Pirrung

WEDNESDAY, January 25th: Conversion of St. Paul

12:05 pm: Larry J. & Marie E. Schieber, by the Marie Schieber Estate

THURSDAY, January 26th: Sts. Timothy & Titus

12:05 pm: For All Souls

FRIDAY, January 27th: St. Angela Merici

12:05 pm: The intentions of Fr. Frederick C. Betti, by Doug & Liz Benz

SATURDAY, January 28th: Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm: Deceased Members of the St. Louis & Blessed Sacrament Choirs, by the St. Louis Choir

SUNDAY, January 29th: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am: Mary A. Deveau, by Son & Daughter
11:00 am: Pasquale Frisina, Jr., by Jim Sczudlo & Patty Chicoine

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of January 28th: & 29th:

4:00 pm: Krysta Doerfler

9:00 am: Joyce Persico

11:00 am: Mike Riestler



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of January 28th & 29th:

4:00 pm: Paul State

9:00 am: Susan Ministero

11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



"BODY OF CHRIST"

WORD OF LIFE

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude with the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting *is always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

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.

NO GOOD DEED GOES UNNOTICED

Another Christmas season has come and gone such as it was this year. You will remember two years ago people skipped Christmas due to the pandemic. This year we just plain missed Christmas due to the Blizzard of 2022.

Eventually, I was able to shovel a path around the garage with some help from Jim Mrozek. Once around the garage I was able to get into the Church to celebrate the 11:00 Mass with Jim. It wasn't the same but it was nice nonetheless.

Even though we were not able to come together to celebrate Christmas Day together, there were still many people who worked hard to prepare for Christmas Day. We thank Frank Scinta, Jim Mrozek, Erin Terhaar, and the choir for all their hard work in preparing the music that would have been enjoyed by all. We did get to enjoy some sounds of Christmas the week after Christmas.

We thank all those who came together the night before the storm to decorate the Church which was beautiful as usual.

We pray that the bad weather that has plagued us and the west coast may now be behind us.

Msgr. Manganello

VOCATION THOUGHT

The Chosen streaming series has shown us powerful human stories of ordinary people being called to follow Jesus. He's still calling people today to be "fishers of men." Respond to the call, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit www.buffalovocations.org.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Rosemary Bloch, Clarence Fomess, Laurie Hoehn, 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 248 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$11,486.00. Our online donations totaled \$225.00. The Fuel Collection totaled \$656.00.

You can also support your parish by mailing your donation or using our PayPal 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, January 21st:

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering Collection

SUNDAY, January 22nd:

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

9:50-10:50 am: FAMILY FAITH FORMATION LESSON

12:00 noontime: RCIA meets in the Sacristy

SATURDAY, January 21st:

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

SUNDAY, January 22nd:

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

9:50-10:50 am: PreK-10th Grade classes meet in the Church Hall

12:00 noontime: RCIA meets in the Sacristy

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love for the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

BISON FUND

The Bison Fund is a tuition assistance program helping economically eligible children attend private grammar schools of their choice. The application process is now open for new families. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is **March 15, 2023**. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted pre-application forms and all applicants will be notified of lottery results via mail on March 16th, 2023.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact the BISON Fund office at 716 854-0869 or email cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

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.

As this Bulletin goes to print, a total of \$137,494.62 has been so generously donated by St. Louis parishioners and friends.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST SPRING 2023

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 11th, Saturday March 18th and Saturday March 25th from 9:30-11:30AM in the Church Hall. The First Reconciliation ceremony will be on Saturday, May 6th and the First Eucharist ceremony will be on Sunday, May 7th.

First Reconciliation classes are open to all 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 11th.**

Registration forms can be found on the St. Louis website <https://stlouisrcchurch.org>. Contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell, with any questions (443 744-0354 or religioused@stlouisrcchurch.org).

RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS

By law, contributions that are to be used as a 2022 tax deduction must have been postmarked or in the hands of the parish no later than December 31st. As in past years, we only issue year end contribution statements if requested.

Anyone that wishes to have a tax statement may contact the rectory at 716 852-6040 or write "TAX STATEMENT" on the front of your church envelope.

BONNETS FOR BABIES

PROVIDING COMFORT AND WARMTH FOR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT WNY

Bonnets for Babies is a non-for-profit 501c3 organization in Buffalo that serves children birth to age five. There is an urgent and ongoing need for new hand-crafted knitted hats, scarves, bonnets and blankets. We have provided children at Catholic Charities, Women Infant and Children's, St. Gianna Molla House and Jericho Road with these articles of warm clothing. This is a beautiful reminder of the church communities' love and prayer. Please join them in fulfilling the Gospel call to comfort those in need with warmth and love. Donations can be made online at www.bonnetsforbabies.com or check us on Facebook. **A special thank you on behalf of our children and families, and to all who have been so generous in this ministry.**



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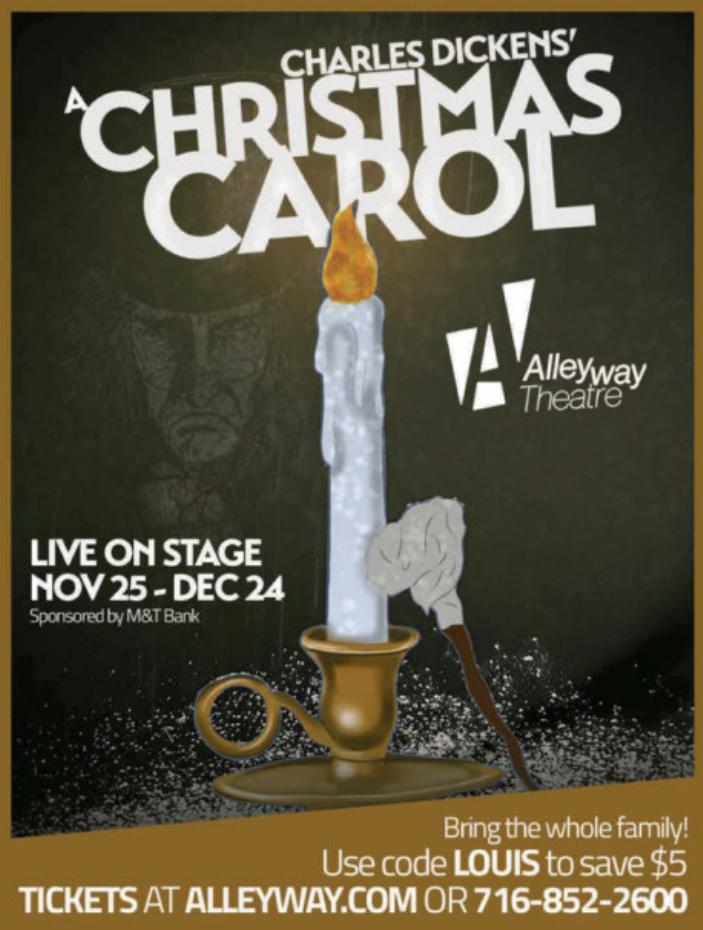
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