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MASSES

| Saturday | |
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| 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. |
| Eve of the Holy Day | 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.

WEDDINGS

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

BAPTISMS

Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered by appointment. Please call the Rectory for information. Baptisms will be held during Mass or

Downtown Family of Parishes

St. Joseph's Cathedral, 50 Franklin Street, 716-854-5855 Email: cathedral@buffalodiocese.org Website: www.buffalocathedral.org

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 115 O'Connell Street, 716-852-

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Announced Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, December 23rd, Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

4:00 pm: Deceased members of the Mikos Family, by

Family

SUNDAY, December 24th, Mass for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve

9:00 & 11:00 am: For intentions of the Downtown Family of

Parishes.

4:00 pm: Ladd Gabriel Campbell, by Family

MONDAY, December 25th, Christmas Day

12:05 pm: Eleanor B. Brayer, by Mark and Kevin Brayer

TUESDAY, December 26th, St. Stephen

12:05 pm: Intentions of the St. Louis Preservation Fund

Donors

THURSDAY, December 28th, The Holy Innocents

12:05 pm: For All Souls

FRIDAY, December 29th, St. Thomas Becket 12:05 pm: For the Intentions of the Holy Father

SATURDAY, December 30th

2:0 pm: Wedding of Marc Cange and Laura Conboy **4:00 pm:** Ron Foegen, by Mike and Krye Elam

SUNDAY, December 31st, The Holy Family New Year's Eve

9:00 am: Deceased Pastors of St. Louis Church

11:00 am: Intentions of Downtown Family of Parishes (22)

SCHEDULE OF LECTORS

Weekend of December 30th and 31st

4:00 pm: Diane Randazzo 9:00 am: John Pax 11:00 am: Mike Reister



SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Weekend of December 30th and 31st

4:00 pm: Marilyn Neil 9:00 am: Nancy Pax 11:00 am: Jim Ferrini



PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

For an appointment please contact Mike Riester at flinthill57@yahoo.com

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Agoston.

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. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

SPRING 2024 FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST ERUHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION

Children actively participating in faith formation (St. Louis or their Catholic school) are eligible to make their First Reconciliation starting in second grade and their First Eucharist starting in third grade.

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by Friday, February 9, 2024. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (https://stlouisrcchurch.org/) and emailed or mailed to the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell (stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend in-person sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays: March 2nd, March 9th, and March 19th. All classes will be from 9:30-11:30 am in the church hall Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

ADDRESSING SECURITY ISSUES

In these turbulent times, the need for providing security is being addressed by our Pastor, Fr. Ray Corbin, and the Finance Council.

We have contracted undercover security for all our Masses. If you would like to underwrite this additional cost to help the Parish, please contact Fr. Ray.



Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Fran Angelo, Diane Andriaccio, Gabriella Parisi, Rosemary Bloch, Laurie Hoehn, Tracy Allen Abram, Greg Joseph, Marcella Ng, Beverly Grover, Billy Jacobbi, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shepheard, Joseph Barba, Sr., Dr. Fred Luongo, Michael MacPherson, Patricia Guerra, Jay Deveau, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, David Marchetti, Frank Zawistowski, Bernadette R. Crawford, Ryan Crnic, Brian Burns, 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.

Our collection and attendance for the week of December 17/18 will be reported in the December 31st bulletin. **Please Note: We are switching online giving companies from PayPal to WeShare. WeShare is a Catholic owned and operated company whose rates benefit the Parishes. Please visit the Parish website for instructions to switch.

You can also support the parish by mailing your donation or using our **WeShare** 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 23rd Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering and Christmas Offering

SUNDAY, December 24th, the Fourth Sunday in Advent, Christmas Eve

9:00 am & 11:00 am: Regular Weekly Offering and Christmas Offering

SATURDAY, December 30th, Vigil for the Holy Family 4:00 pm: Regular Weekly Offering and Initial Offering

SUNDAY, December 31st, Mass for the Holy Family, New Year's Eve

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

DIVINE MERCY IN MY SOUL

Fr. Jacek Mazur, Parochial Vicar for the Downtown Family of Parishes, presents "Divine Mercy in My Soul", a talk show with Moderator Rick Paolini on the diary of Sr. Faustina on WLOF Radio (FM 101.7) on Tuesday evenings at 8:00 pm and also Sunday mornings at 11:00 am). Consider listening to this show on Catholic Radio!

CHURCH MINISTRY

Have you ever thought about serving the church in the capacity of being a Lector, Eucharist Minister, or Altar Server? If so, please contact Kevin Brayer at 716-852-6040, ext 4.

FAMILY OF PARISHES TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

The "Downtown Family of Parishes" (Family #22) temporary Mass schedule is being presented below. New options have been added.

Daily Liturgies

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:

St. Michael: 6:45am

Confessions Daily after Mass-8:00am

Blessed Sacrament: 8:00am

St. Louis: 12:05pm

St. Joseph Cathedral: 12:10pm St. Anthony: 6:00pm (Latin Mass)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (no daily Mass): 6:00pm Rosary

& Novena on Tuesdays

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday Vigil Masses:

St Louis: 4:00pm. Confession 3:15—3:45pm

Blessed Sacrament: 4:30pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 4:30pm St. Joseph Cathedral: 4:30pm

St. Michael: 5:30pm St Anthony: (no vigil Mass)

Sunday Masses:

St. Louis: 9:00am & 11:00am

St. Anthony: 9:00am (Latin) & 11:00am (Italian/English)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am Blessed Sacrament: 10:30am St. Joseph Cathedral: 10:30am

St. Michael: 12noon—Adoration & Rosary until 2:00pm

Christ the King Chapel at Canisius University: Mass Times

to be announced. Confessions are scheduled for

Monday-Friday from 11:00am-12:00 noon and Wednesday

evenings from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Anointing of the Sick

St. Michael: Last Sunday of each month following the 12:00 noon Mass

Adoration / Holy Hour

St. Michael: Sunday 1:00pm-2:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: First Friday at 6:00pm

St. Louis: Third Friday at 6:00pm

ADORATION/HOLY HOUR

The Adoration/Holy Hour will be held at St. Louis Church on the Third Friday of each month at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.



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