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Family Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish: 4:00pm
- Blessed Sacrament: 4:30pm
- St. Michaels: 5:30pm

SUNDAYS

- St. Louis Parish: 9:00 & 11:00am
- Blessed Sacrament: 10:30am
- St. Michaels: 12:00pm

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

- St. Louis Parish: 12:05pm
- Blessed Sacrament: 8:00am
- St. Michaels: 6:45am
- St. Joseph's: 12:10pm (M-F)

Confession

ON REQUEST AFTER ANY MASS

- St. Louis: Saturdays 3:15-4pm
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: Wed. & Fri. 11:45am; Saturday 4:00pm
- St. Michaels: after 6:45am daily until 9:00am, or by appt.
- St. Anthony's: 30 mins before all Masses.

Baptisms

ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

New parents must participate in a virtual pre-baptismal instruction class. Information and registration forms are available on the St. Louis website for the Downtown Family of Parishes.

Questions?

Contact the Faith Formation Office at religioused@StLouisRCChurch.org

Weddings

AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

Registered parishioners should call the family office to discuss and check available dates. Arrangements should be made 8 months in advance.

New Parishoners

AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

We welcome you to the Downtown Family of Parishes! Registration forms can be found on the websites.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing in preparation of surgery or illness can be done after any Mass. Communal anointing takes place the last Sunday of the month after the noon Mass at St. Michael's.

March 9, 2025 | The First Sunday of Lent

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Week of March 9th, 2025

Saturday March 8

St. Louis 4:00 pm	William Boylin Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

Sunday March 9

Saint Louis 9 am	Jean Mustillo Req by: Louis Mustillo
11 am	Susan Kolbe Req by: Jim Kolbe
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Diocese of Buffalo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Diocese of Buffalo Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday March 10

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	For our Catechumins in RCIA Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

Tuesday March 11

St. Louis 12:05 pm	For our Catechumins in RCIA Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	David Roycroft Req by: Paul and Mary Dowling
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Deceased Mothers of St. Michael's Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Thursday March 13

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Diocese of Buffalo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	John Smolnicki Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Friday March 14

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Anthony & Margaret DiLiberti Req by: Josephine DiLiberti
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Deceased Fathers of St. Michael's Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners



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Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

March 23, 2025 at 2:30 pm a piano recital featuring Polish music.

Opening of a new exhibit - Please join us in the opening of a new Clock Hands exhibit in our museum in the church hall on Sunday, March 23rd at noon. The event will include dramatic readings and song. All are welcome!

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in honor of Francisco Wence - for the intentions for his sons and for Francisne Vaquero's daughters, by Renee Vaquero.

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 or use the QR code at the bottom of page 3. We try to honor requested dates as they are available.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, Kim Bach, Bill & Donna Reeves, Richard Shephard, 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, Sr. Mary Victoria Furiel, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Richard J. Wall, Gail Neil, Cathy DePlato, Fred Wolf, Ed, Kast, Dr. Richard Saab, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, and Margaret Foegen.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARNATION SALE

The Faith Formation program will be selling green carnations for St. Patrick's Day before and after all Masses on Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th. Carnations will be \$1.00 each and available at the Main Street entrance and

ST. LOUIS FELLOWSHIP HOUR

All are welcome to join in an impromptu "pot luck" hospitality and fellowship gathering at noon, most Sundays after the 11:00 Mass which is held in the St. Louis Church Hall. There is an elevator for your convenience.

A snack to pass and a beverage of your choice is much appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

COFFEE HOUR

A coffee hour will be held every first weekend of the month. This will be held in the back of the church after the 11:00 am Mass. Times and dates will be noted in the bulletin and announcements.

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 FOR LAST WEEK WAS \$6,492.00

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 402.

****Please Note: We are only accepting online giving through 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 or the QR code on the bottom of the page.

Thank you for your support. Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will.

To learn more about making a charitable contribution or leaving a bequest to St. Louis Church, please contact Mike Riester at 716-803-5773.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence refers to the absence of **meat (mammals)** or fowl. This is because traditionally, meat was more expensive & considered a luxury.



Fish is allowed, which is why many parishes have Fish Friday during the Lenten season!



CHURCH
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Sacrament

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to active participation in our parish life.

New families and individuals should register with us online or at our Parish Office

TENEBRAE / TAIZE

Experience an intimate funeral for Our Lord

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

Church of Buffalo

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZATION

Please notify the Blessed Sacrament Parish Office if you know someone who is in the hospital, nursing home facility, or homebound and in need of visitation. 7169884-0053

A CALL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Parish is looking for new liturgical ministers which includes lectors, greeters, and ushers.

We are also looking for all interested youth and adults who would like to become altar servers.

If you're interested, please stop by the event table and sign the interest sheets or contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or Michael@thepitekgroup.com.

We will be doing training for these ministries in the very near future.

COFFEE HOUR

Sundays after the 10:30 Mass in St. Joseph's Hall. We are looking for volunteers to host each Sunday. There is a sign up sheet available at Coffee Hour. You can also call/ text Celine La Duca ay 716-352-4771

Collection Report

3/2/2025 will be posted next week.

E-Giving	\$
General Collection	\$
Total	\$

2025 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL BLESSSED SACRAMENT

Our goal for this year is the same as last year's, \$65,921.00. You can make your contribution at www.ccnny.org, click on menu/appeals or by mailing in your pledge card.

More information will be forthcoming at the Masses on March 22nd and 23rd.

St. Vincent de Paul is our patron saint for this year's appeal.

Please help us support his worthwhile drive. Thank you.

MEAT RAFFLE

The Home School Association of Catholic Academy is hosting a meat raffle on Saturday, March 29th. Ticket prices are \$65 for a reserved table of 8, \$10 per person presale, and \$15 per person at the door. Tickets include unlimited beer, wine, pop, and water. Bring your own snack/ Call the school office at 716-885-6111 to purchase tickets.

MOVING AWAY

Our parish will miss you! Please notify our office and call us at 716-884-0053 to give us your new address.

WHAT IS FASTING?

Spiritual Discipline & Penance

Fasting consists of having one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



full meal



smaller meals



LENTEN RETREAT/REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES

THE BEST LENT EVER! Dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html
WORD ON FIRE! Wof.org/lent-retreat
IN PERSON: Lenten Mission/Retreat with Fr. Matthew Waiter.
Sunday, March 3-Tuesday, March 11 at Oratory of St. Anthony of Padua, 160 Court St., Buffalo

LENTEN MISSION

March 30 - April 5 at 6 St. John Paul II Parish, 2052 Lakeview Rd., Lake View. This year's theme is *"Building a Community in Christ"*. Each evening offers dynamic speakers, prayer, fellowship, and faith sharing to accompany you on your journey through Lent, strengthen your faith and relationship with God. Mission is free and open to everyone. Register on website at www.lakeshorecatholicfc.org/lenten-mission or by calling the office at 716-780-7020.

Established in 1989, Mission has brought hundreds of people closer to Christ and His Church. Be apart of a spiritual journey like nothing else.

"REBUILD MY CHURCH"

Join us on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 pm as Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes one of the world's most popular saints, Francis of Assisi, in a live theatrical performance entitled "Rebuild my Church". Experience the power of a personal encounter with Christ and St. Francis through this one-man multimedia event. This inspiring dramatic performance brings this well-known saint to life. Accompany Francis on his journey as he recounts his transformative life: a well to do, fun-loving youth, a soldier, touched by suffering, called by God, and transformed by the poor and beggars of his time. See how the son of a wealthy merchant gave up everything for the sake of Christ. Discover how his life touched millions of people with his simple and humble approach amidst an affluent society. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free Event. Our Lady Help of Christians is located at 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS NEEDED

Catholic Health is currently seeking Eucharistic Minister Volunteers for South Buffalo Mercy Hospital and Mercy Skilled Nursing Facility at Our Lady of Victory. Weekend availability is requested. For details, contact Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or email at lcarey2@chsbuffalo.org.

A MUSICAL EVENING OF REFLECTION—"THE PATH TO HOPE AND HEALING...SEEKING GOD, FINDING GOD, RESTING IN GOD"

All are welcome for a Lenten musical evening of reflection led by Msgr. Paul Litwin on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 pm at Christ the King Church, 30 Lamark Dr., Snyder.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAINT LOUIS

Friday's at 7:00 PM

March 14

March 28

April 11

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday's at 7:00 PM

March 7

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 6PM-9PM, ST. LOUIS HALL MINISTRY NIGHT OF REFLECTION AND RETREAT

Directed by Eileen Warner, MAPM

If you serve in a parish ministry or parish operations of any kind, please join with the four parishes of our family (St. Louis, Blessed Sacrament, oratory of St. Anthony, St. Michael's) in this night to re-charge our mission together!

Eileen Warner will lead our evening retreat as we reflect on how we have been called into ministry, why God chose us to serve in this time, in place, and ways to recharge and strengthen our spiritual lives.

Eileen is an engaging workshop presenter and retreat director; she holds a Master's degree in Theology; has taught at Canisius University, and Christ the King Seminary; and has served in parish and diocesan ministry for over 30 years.

As we navigate transitions and challenges in our parishes and local Diocese, our retreat will offer us time for prayer, reflection, and insights for renewing our hearts and minds.

All involved in any aspect of parish life are invited! PLEASE RSVP 716-852-6040 or churchoffice@stlouisrcchurch.org by March 10, 2025

TEENAGERS - YOU'RE INVITED...

Young people in grades 8- 12 are invited to **No Matter What: a Day for Catholic Teens**, Sunday, March 30th from 12-5:30 pm at Hilbert College in Hamburg!

Gather with teenagers from across the Diocese of Buffalo for an interactive day with national speaker Paul J. Kim! The day concludes with Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

For more information visit



LITTLE WOMEN

Canisius University presents Little Women on March 6 at 8 pm, March 7 at 8 pm, March 8 at 2 pm 8 pm at the Montante Cultural Center at Canisius University, Buffalo. Free admission. Doors open an half hour before each performance.

WHAT CAN WE DO AS A FAMILY TO OBSERVE LENT?

Prayer:

1. Read and meditate on some Scripture each day.
2. Attend Mass more often than each Sunday.
3. Pray family morning, night, and meal prayers
4. Attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays (or make them as a family or alone if your parish does not offer them).
5. Make a pilgrimage.
6. Learn to pray the Divine Office, the official daily prayer of the whole Church.

Fasting:

1. Give up smoking, sweets, coffee, or something else you like.
2. Fast (one full meal per day only on one or more days of the week, health permitting).
3. Turn the TV off to make time for prayer or family time.

Almsgiving:

1. Give of your time to your family, an elderly neighbor, or a relative in need.
2. Eat more simply and donate the savings to the hungry.
3. Make a financial contribution to a charitable organization.

Repentance:

Another important theme which comes to light in this quotation is the need for repentance. A thorough, good confession is a traditional and praiseworthy way to prepare for

SAINT



MICHAEL'S



A "Souper" Sacramental Lenten Experience

The Catholic Family of Cheektowaga announces a Healing and A Spiritual Experience for the Diocese during four Fridays of Lent. March 14: Our Baptism: Entering into the Paschal Mystery at Queen of Martyrs; March 21: Penance: Reconciling with Our God and One Another at St. Josaphat Church; March 28: Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Experiencing the Lord's Shalom at Resurrection Church; and April 4: The Eucharist— The Transforming and Healing Power of Our Sacred Meal at Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel. Each of the Fridays' Lenten events will begin at 5:30 pm with soup and bread during the presentation, followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. For information, contact Fr. Adams at Frjohnbestill@hotmail.com or at 716-868-5871.



BAKED GOODS SALE

A baked goods sale sponsored by the Ladies Society of Holy Cross Church will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 1-4 pm and Sunday, April 13th from 11 am-2 pm at Holy Cross School Hall, Niagara and Maryland Sts., Buffalo.

Enjoy cannoli, pizza, breads, cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes, and refreshments. In addition, there will be a large chocolate bunny raffled.

For more information, call the rectory office at 716-847-6930.

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille, a program for struggling couples, simply means "rediscovery".

The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next weekend is April 4-6.

For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit <https://helpourmarriage.org>. All calls are confidential.

HOW IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HELPING THE WORLD?

EVERYDAY (24 hours, 7 days, 365 days/year)
the Catholic Church feeds, clothes, shelters, and educates more people than any organization in the world.

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525+ Homes for People with Leprosy	10,589+ Nurseries for Babies and Children	10,500+ Marriage Counseling Centers	3,141+ Social Rehabilitation Centers
33,677+ Other Kinds of Institutions	410,000+ Lay Missionaries	5,353+ Bishops	407,730+ Priests

**from 2024 Catholic Church's book of statistics*

ATTENTION

Please note that we are going through a transitional period with our new, combined bulletin.

Some of the advertisements may take a bit to get into/onto the bulletin.

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