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FAMILY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish: 4:00 pm
- Blessed Sacrament Church: 4:30 pm
- St. Michael's: 5:30

SUNDAYS

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

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

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

CONFESSION: ON REQUEST AFTER ANY MASS

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

BAPTISMS:

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 PARISHIONERS: AT ST. LOUIS OR BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

ANNOINTING 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Email to dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

April 6, 2025 | The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Week of April 6th, 2025

Saturday, April 5

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Fortunata M. Fajura Req by: Dr. Noah Gomez
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Intentions of Pope Francis Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Jose Vincente & Eduardo Lleras Req by: Anthony Lleras

Sunday, April 6

Saint Louis 9 am 11 am	Elizabeth Schaefer Req by: Tom and Adrienne Schulz Jennie Montalto Req by: Louis Mustillo
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Randy Bennett Req by: Michael and Catherine Pitek
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Intentions of Kevin and Peggy Lyons Req by:

Monday, April 7 - St. John the Baptist

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Joseph Miller Req by: Buffalo Grand
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Maria Spinella Req by: Mary Jo Carroll
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Nungero and Christine DeMaioribus Req by: Anthony Lleras

Tuesday, April 8

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Douglas Schulte Req by: Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Diocese of Buffalo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	MaryAnn Constantine Balon Req by: Her Loving Son

Thursday, April 10

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Gabrielle Gigante Req by: Ursula, Ray, and Linda Gigante
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Willam Wiedman Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

Friday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Jamie Hoelscher Req by: Daniel & Elizabeth Sigurdson
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	David Leiser Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Carl Galli Req by: Anthony Lleras



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Dir. Of Music Anthony Domzal	Cantor Corey Gallagher
Saint Michael's 651 Washington Ave.	
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Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

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Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

The **St. Louis Garden Society (SLGS)** will meet on **Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 am** to clean and decorate the church for Easter. Please join us and help prepare our most beautiful church for the Lord's Resurrection.

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Saturday, April 19, 7:00 pm - The Vigil of Easter

Sunday, April 20, 11:00 am - choral Prelude and Mass for Easter.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Margaret and Jerry Burns by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The **Pieta Altar Candle** burns in Loving Memory of Margaret and Jerry Burns by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The **St. Joseph Altar Candle** also burns in Loving Memory of Margaret and Jerry Burns by Donna and Dennis Burns.

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.

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 Furriel, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Gail Neil, Cathy DePlato, Fred Wolf, Ed, Kast, Dr. Richard Saab, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Dr. William Fiden, 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 **E. Alan Nordstrom, Jr. 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.

OUR COLLECTION FOR LAST WEEK WAS \$4,986.00

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 428.

****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.



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

- Jn 8:6b-7

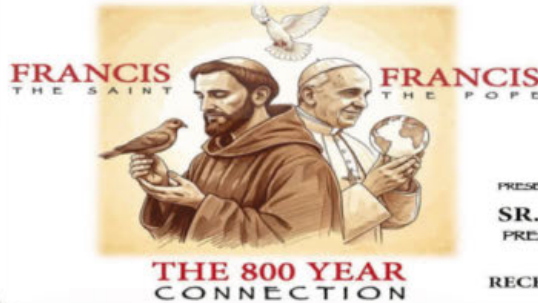
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Sacrament

SUNDAY
April 6:
12:00pm

The 5th and Final Church on Fire II Lecture in 2024-2025 Series



Two men named Francis separated by 800 years, yet united by a powerful vision to **renew, reform, and re-imagine** the Church.

What thread runs through the life of the Saint of Assisi and the Pope of Rome? What does it mean for the Church today to walk the path first forged in the hills of Assisi? Join us and find out!

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SR. MARGARET CARNEY, OSF, STD
PRESIDENT EMERITA, ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

RECEPTION FOLLOWS LECTURE: PLEASE RSVP**

FRIDAY
April 18:
7:00pm



Your Prayerful Presence is Requested on
GOOD FRIDAY

for
A TAIZÉ / TENEBRAE SERVICE
of Songs, Scripture, & Silence at
**THE FUNERAL
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Limited Seating: Please RSVP**

This unique prayer service will include readings from all four Gospels, meditative chants, instrumental music, and 9th and 20th Century prayer traditions of the Church. Discover a new meaning to Good Friday.

SUNDAY
April 20:
11:30 am



**1st Annual
Easter Egg
Hunt**

Following the Mass of the Resurrection
approximately 11:30 am

Please register your children for
the Easter Egg Hunt: Sign up at
Event table at church entrance. **

BRING YOUR OWN BASKETS

**** TO MAKE RSVPs:
Contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-8313 or Michael@thepitekgroup.com**

HOLY WEEK FOOD COLLECTION

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **Contributing food items during Holy Week can be a form of almsgiving.** From April 12th through Good Friday, April 18th please bring non-perishable and unopened food items for the **Food Pantry at the Network of Religious** communities. Items may be placed in the **blue bin in the vestibule of Blessed Sacrament Church.** Contact Kathleen McCarthy, Peace & Justice Committee at

COLLECTION FOR 3/31/2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$2070.01

Weekly - \$1,999.00

Total - \$4,069.01

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 Easter.



BAKED GOODS SALE

St. Michael's will hold a baked goods sale on Saturday, 5/3 before and after the 5:30 Mass and Sunday, 5/4 before and after the 12:00 noon Mass.

We will offer various pies, breads, cookies, pizelles, brownies.

Please join us and enjoy all the delicious items that parishioners have put their hearts into.

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MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

3/22/2025 144

IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S

Evan, Fran, and Mo Angelo, Judith Barone, Alexander & Michael Brickel, Lorraine Brown, Alonso/Caceres/Rios Santa Cruz, Peter Caruso, Annie Feldman, Phyllis Galie, Mary Biuttner Gutierrez, Gloria Knight, Ben Lisiecki, Elain Love, Dr. David Marchetti, Jean McCarthy, Tom Passmire, Fr. Richard Poblocki, Cheryl Radwan, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Mark Szpakowski, Angelo Tomsello, Ann Weihing.

ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

Email: StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com

Musicians: Mark DiGiampaolo, Istvan Hernak

Cantor: Michael Dobrasz

Holy Hour: Join us Sundays for a Holy Hour starting at 1pm, featuring exposition, adoration, rosary, and silent prayer until 2pm at which time the church will close.

AA Groups:

Tuesday 4 pm

Thursday 6:30 pm

Friday 1 pm

UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE FUTURE OF ST. MICHAEL'S

The Jesuits at St. Michael's have been withdrawn from the parish by their superior and will not return to staff the parish even if it remains open.

UPDATE: The petition to close the parish has been received by The Vatican. They will take all the information provided by the Diocese and will make the final decision.

This should take between 6-8 months.



HOLY WEEK MASSES

Chrism Mass 4/15: 7:00 pm St. Joseph's Cathedral
Holy Thursday 4/17: 7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church
Good Friday 4/18:
 St. Louis 3:00 pm
 St. Michael's 3:00 pm
 Blessed Sacrament Church - Tenebrae with
 Veneration of the Cross 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday 4/19:
 Blessing of Baskets (*Swieconka*) 11:00 am St. Louis
 Vigil 7:00 pm: St. Louis
Easter Sunday 4/20:
 St. Anthony 7:15 am (Latin Mass)
 St. Anthony 9:15 am (Latin Mass)
 St. Joseph's Cathedral 10:30 am
 Blessed Sacrament Church 10:30 am
 St. Louis 11:00 am
 St. Anthony 11:15 am (Italian Mass)
 St. Michael's 12:00 noon

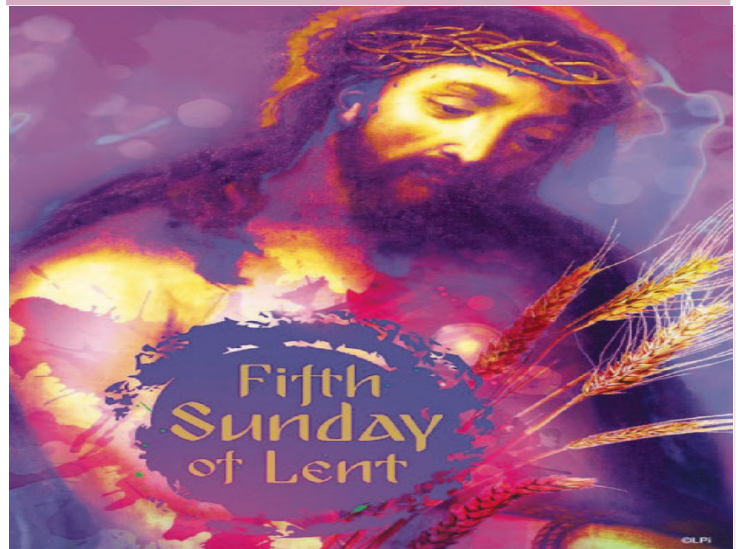
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAINT LOUIS

Friday's at 7:00 PM
 March 14
 March 28
 April 11

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday's at 7:00 PM
 March 7
 March 21



BAKED GOODS SALE

The Ladies Society of Holy Cross Church is sponsoring the baked goods sale on Saturday 12th from 1-4 pm and Sunday, April 13th from 11 am-2pm 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.
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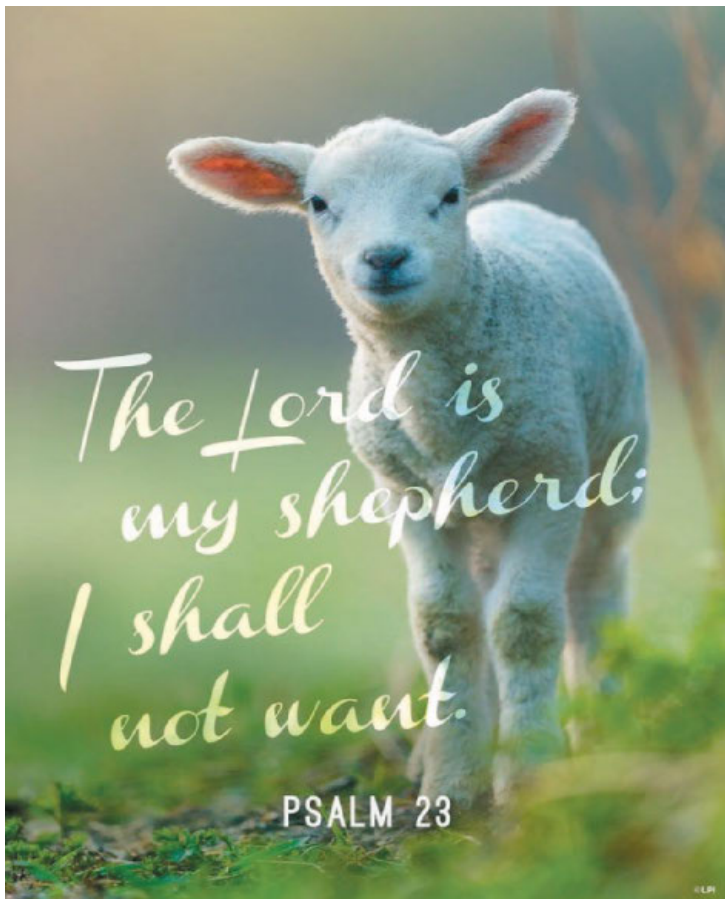
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For a brochure with complete details contact or email Fr. Ray at St. Louis Roman Catholic Church

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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.

If there are any questions or concerns please call the St. Louis Office at 716-852-6040.

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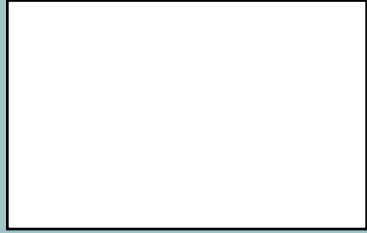
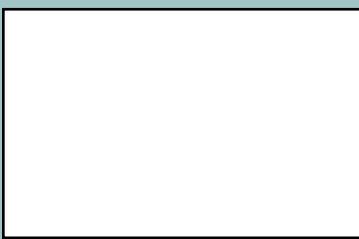
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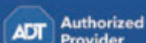
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