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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 religiously@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.

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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Email to dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

August 3, 2025 ~ The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025 ~ The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of August 3 2025

Saturday, August 2

St. Louis 4:00 pm	James Chassin Req by: The Dumansky Family
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Richard & Felicia Fronckowiak Req by: Leeann Fronckowiak

Sunday, August 3

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Mark Janicki Req by: Friends of the Brownseys

Monday, August 4 ~ St. John Vianney

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishioners Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Kevin O'Toole Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Marjorie Dolan Req by: Estate

Tuesday, August 5

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Marian Coco Reilly Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Thursday, August 7 St. Sixtus II

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Elmer Bataits Req by: Paul Krupinski

Friday, August 8 ~ St. Dominic

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Dwayne Gigante Req by: Linda Gigante
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Josie Barnes Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Paul V. Hale Req by: Paula Braunstein



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Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

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Saint



Louis

ST. LOUIS ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE!

We are in need of volunteers for our annual steeple chase on Friday, August 22 from 5 pm - 8 pm. We need volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and to work the event.

There will be food, drinks, old cars, and friends to celebrate.

Please call the Parish Office at 716-852-6040 with any questions.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Noreen Mary Lynch 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 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, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Gail Neil, Fred Wolf, Ed Kast, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, Dr. William Fiden, Sharon Hunger, Fr. Drew Morgan, Carl Brimo, Maverick Marchesi, 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, Dr. Richard Saab and our 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 \$8,256.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$439.43

THE COLLECTION FOR THE AFRICAN MISSION WAS \$686.00

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$9,381.00

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 314

****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.



LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS AUGUST 9 AND 10, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday - 9:00 Bob Sprague

Sunday - 11:00 Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday - 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday - 11:00 Tim and Lisa McCarthy

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LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - AUGUST, 2025

Lectors:

Sat. 4:30 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
August 2: M. Cusack	August 3: M. Flores
August 9: P. Jones	August 10: R. Lehner
August 16: R. Lehner	August 17: G. Riedel
August 23: F. Conti	August 24: M. Pitek
August 30: M. Cusack	August 31: S. Faleta

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 4:30 pm	Sun. 10:30 am
August 2: Deacon Tom	August 3: Deacon Tom
August 9: B. Bielecki	August 10: M. J. Carroll
August 16: C. Jones	August 17: P. Manz
August 23: D. Russell	August 24: M. J. Carroll
August 30: P. Manz	August 31: J. Knab

COLLECTION FOR 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,642.01
Weekly - \$1,907.00
Mission - \$464.00
Total - \$4,013.01

There will be a second collection next week for the Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits Fund

CATHOLIC ACADEMY CORNER

- Catholic Academy of West Buffalo graduation took place at Blessed Sacrament Church on June 18. Twenty-six students graduated and 62% will be attending private high schools. The class of 2025 earned **\$175,000 in academic scholarships**. Congratulations to all!
- Our wonderful STEAM Summer camp is in session July 7-25. The camp is free for any student at CAWB
- Our enrollment is good and several classes are near capacity. Please call 716-885-6111 for registration information or to schedule a tour
- Our popular part time Pre-K 3 year old program is almost at capacity. It runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-11am and is \$50 a week. Please call 716-885-6111 for further information.
- Summer office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-11:00 am.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

Meeting will be **Monday, Sept. 8, 2025 at 10:30 am** in **St. Joseph's Hall** to discuss **"No Guilty Bystander" by Frank Fromherz and Suzanne Sattler, IHM, Orbis Books, 2023**. This book tells the story of the Extraordinary Life of the late Bishop Thomas Bumbleton who served as an outstanding voice and witness for peace and justice in the Catholic Church. Copies of the book are available on line at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Target. **Members of the Downtown Family of Parishes are welcome to join the discussion. For information, contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com.**

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION

The next **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION** is the weekend of **AUGUST 9th and 10th**. Our parish collection supports the Food Pantry at the Network of Religious communities. With the changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), more people will be in need of the services of the Pantry.

Donations of unopened and non-perishable items can be placed in the blue bin in the church vestibule.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession - I say "probably" because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Thing Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

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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, Cheryl Radwan, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Mark Szpakowski, Angelo Tomsello, Ann Weihing.

ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

Email: StMichaelChurchBuffalo@gmail.com

Musicians: Mark Di Giampaolo, 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.

St. Michael's Update:

The Vatican has upheld the Diocese's decision to merge St. Michael's with St. Louis. An appeal has been filed to a higher Vatican Court. There is a 60 day waiting period for a decision. Updates forthcoming.

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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

News

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Happenings

STAINED GLASS TOUR MAP

AUGUST 10, 2025 - 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM



Stained Glass Windows Tours

All five churches in the Downtown Family of Parishes are hosting free tours of their sacred spaces which will showcase their beautiful stained-glass windows. A total of 15 tours will be given on Sunday, August 10, 2025, from 11:30 am until 5:30 pm.



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TOUR MAP
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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASSES AUGUST 15, 2025

Vigil - St. Louis, August 14 4:30 pm

St. Michael's - August 15 6:45 am

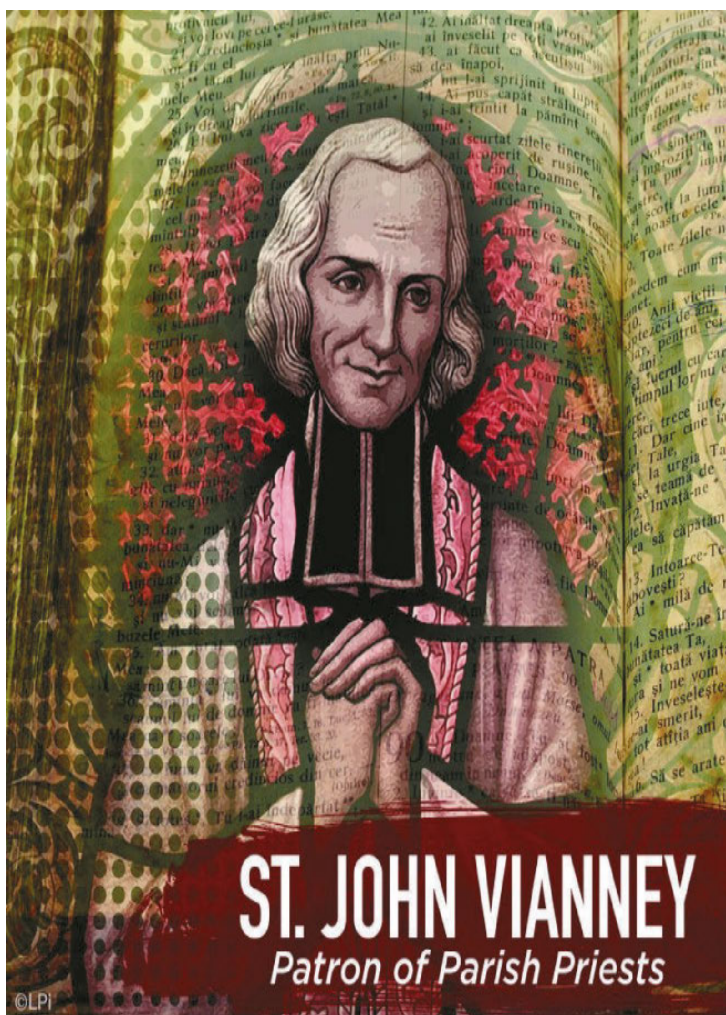
Blessed Sacrament - August 15 8:00 am

Oratory of St. Anthony Sung Latin August 15 9:00 am

St. Louis - August 15 12:05 pm

Cathedral - August 15 12:10 pm

Oratory of St. Anthony - Latin 6:00 pm



DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!*

Creeds

Mini Explanation - A creed (from Latin “credo;,” meaning “I believe”) is a summary of the most important articles of faith agreed upon by a group of people who hold them as truth. Tradition has given us not just the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds, but many more.

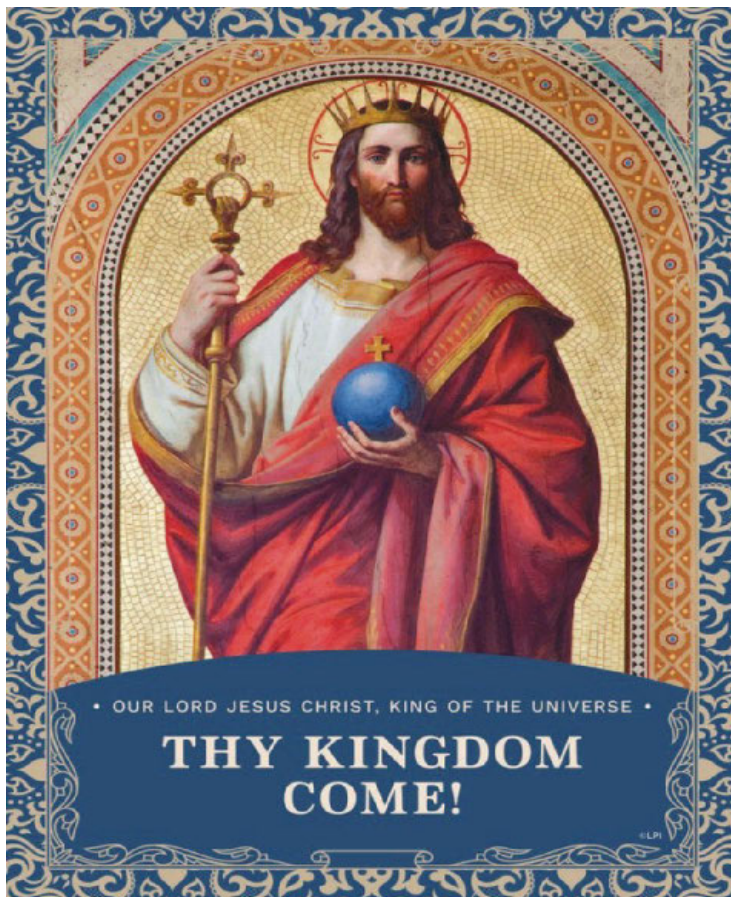
Creeds, *Explained!*

Most Catholics can recite at least portions of the Nicene and Apostles’ Creed by heart - but though these are perhaps the best-known two creeds of modern times, Church tradition has yielded many more.

A creed (from the Latin “credo,” meaning I believe”) is a summary of the most important articles of faith agreed upon by a group of people who hold them as truth. Tradition attributes authorship of the Apostles’ Creed to Christ’s 12 Apostles. The Nicene Creed originated at the first worldwide ecumenical council in Nicaea in 325 AD. The Athanasian Creed is another famous statement of belief approved by the Church, this one focusing particularly on the matter of the Holy Trinity.

All approved creeds fulfill Christ’s Great Commission to “make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) and the need for Christians to “always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you (1 Peter 3:15).

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