

Mater Ecclesiae

The Downtown Family of Catholic Parishes



ST. LOUIS • BLESSED SACRAMENT • ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA • ST. MICHAEL • ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

ST. LOUIS

Oldest parish in the Buffalo diocese.



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BLESSED SACRAMENT

"The Bishop's Chapel"



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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.

ANOIDING 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 dbfbulletin@gmail.com

August 24, 2025 ~ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week of *August 24* 2025

Saturday, August 23

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Carol La Belle Req by: Marilyn Neil
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Paul V. Hale Req by: Paula Braunstein

Sunday, August 24

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Joann Brooks Req by: Louis Mustillo
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Caroline Menchin Req by: Paula Braunstein

Monday, August 25 ~ St. Louis

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Darcie Hutson - For Healing and Health Req by: St. Louis Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Joseph Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Gutierrez Req by: Rick Krolewicz

Tuesday, August 26

St. Louis 12:05 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Thomas B. Menchini Req by: Paula Hale

Thursday, August 28 ~ St. Augustine

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Ruth State Req by: The State Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Robert Pacer - For Health Req by: Rick Krolewicz

Friday, August 29 ~ The Passion of St. John the Baptist

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Cecelia Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Richard and Felicia Fronckowiak Req by: Leeann Fronckowiak

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Pastor Rev. Raymond Corbin 716-852-6040 x 202 FrRayssp@gmail.com	Associate Vicar Rev. Jacek Mazur Japioma@hotmail.com
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Dir. of Music Frank Scinta	Cantors James Mrozek Erin Peradotto-Terhaar
Business Manager Kevin Brayer	
Blessed Sacrament 1035 Delaware Ave	
Parish Life President Peter Rizzo	Trustees Paul F. Jones Jim Knab
Dir. of Music Anthony Domzal	Cantor Cory James Gallagher
Saint Michael's 651 Washington Ave.	
Trustees	David Granville Steven Nosek
Musicians	Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak
Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

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Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Many thanks to all who helped with the Steeplechase Friday, August 22nd.

In about a month the St. Louis offices will be moving to Blessed Sacrament Church on Delaware Ave. More details will be offered as they arise.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The St. Joseph Altar Candle in the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Etta Majors by Dennis and Brandy Harmon.

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, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Sr., Gail Neil, Fred Wolf, Ed Kast, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, Dr. William Fiden, Sharon Hunger, Fr. Drew Morgan, 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 FOR LAST WEEK WAS \$10,209.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$418.71.
THE COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY WAS \$317.00
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$10,944.18

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 323.

****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 note that starting September 1, 2025 we are starting a drive for WeShare with a goal of signing up 100 parishioners. Parishioners will be available to assist with signing up.

COFFEE HOUR

The Coffee Hour will resume in September after the 11:00 Mass.

Details to follow.



LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS AUGUST, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday, August 30 4:00 Diane Randazzo
Sunday, August 31 9:00 Steve Nosek
Sunday, August 31 11:00 Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, August 30 4:00 Ann Dumansky
Sunday, August 31 9:00 Mary O'Shea
Sunday, August 31 11:00 Tim & Lisa McCarthy

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 17, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$2,707.01
Weekly - \$1,704.00
Catholic University \$121.00
Total - \$4,532.01

There will be one collection next week

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - AUGUST, 2025

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

August 23: F. Conti

August 30: M. Cusack

Eucharist Ministers

Sun. 10:30 am

August 24: M. Pitek

August 31: S. Falleta

CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE

The 4:30 p mass will not be held on Saturday, September 13 due to the Bills Tailgate Party and Family Picnic that weekend.

ONLY the 10:30 am Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 14. We hope you'll join us!

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting September 1, 2025 the daily Mass schedule at Blessed Sacrament will be Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 am.

Daily Masses will continue to be held at:

St. Michael's 6:45 am M/T/Th/F

St. Louis 12:05 pm M/T/Th/F

The Cathedral 12:10 pm M-F

St. Anthony's 6:00 pm M-F



RESERVE YOUR **FREE** TICKETS NOW for the
3rd Annual
TAILGATE PARTY & FAMILY PICNIC!

Reservations due by September 7th
TICKET RESERVATION QR CODE



THEMED BASKET RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

During our Tailgate Party & Family Picnic, we'll be holding our annual Themed Basket Raffle & Silent Auction Fundraiser, and we need your help to make it a success! We're asking parishioners to donate themed baskets—Bills baskets, Buffalo baskets, or any special basket filled with favorite goodies.



We're also accepting Bills items of value for our Silent Auction, which this year will include a shoe signed by wide receiver Curtis Samuel!



RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION
QR CODE

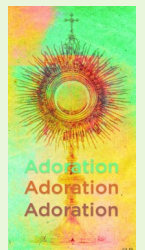
To contribute, please click on this RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION QR CODE, and give us the details of your donation. Baskets and Auction items may be brought to any Mass at Blessed Sacrament and placed on a blue table in St. Joseph's Hall.

Donations are due by Sunday, September 7. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

ADORATION WITH ROSARY AND DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

Adoration with Rosary and Devotion to the Holy Face will occur Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Delaware Ave.

This will begin September 2, 2025.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Through your work, Blessed Sacrament Church contributed \$61,712.85 to Appeal 2025

These are resources that will provide life-changing services to people right in your parish and beyond.



COFFEE HOUR TO RESUME

As we head into the Fall, Coffee Hour will resume starting Sunday, September 7th, after the 10:30 Mass. We need people to volunteer to "host" Coffee Hour and you can do that by signing up at the Event table. Celine LaDuca, chairperson of the Coffee Hour Ministry will follow up with you to finalize dates and other details. Last year's program was quite the success and we're hoping this continues to be an active way that our new and current members meet each other and enrich our Faith community.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do You Know Him, or Just Know About Him?

Facebook, Twitter, and other forms of social media can be powerful tools of communication. They allow people to stay in touch. They provide an avenue for fresh ideas. People can be engaged in conversations and be exposed to issues of the day in ways few could have dreamed of just a few decades ago. But social media can also give the false sense of really knowing someone, when only the surface has been scratched about who a person is in reality.

You don't really know someone just because you know a lot about him or her and are linked to a profile online. Unfortunately, people develop emotional attachments to the idea of a person all the time. If they do find themselves fortunate enough to meet the person face-to-face one day, they can often find out they never really knew the person in the first place.

There are people who believe they know Jesus so very well. They can readily share their view of what Jesus would do or wouldn't do in a given situation. They own items like crosses and Bibles and seem to provide evidence of this person they know so well. Sometimes, they even strongly admonish others because their view of Jesus is certainly not in line with their own.

But in Luke 13, Jesus speaks about those who claim to know Him, but they really do not belong to Him at all. They make claims based upon what they have seen and heard, but they have never allowed Jesus to truly change them. They are like Facebook followers; seemingly close, but with no real relationship at all.

Do you know Jesus? Don't just be a fan. Invite Jesus into your life and let the real relationship begin.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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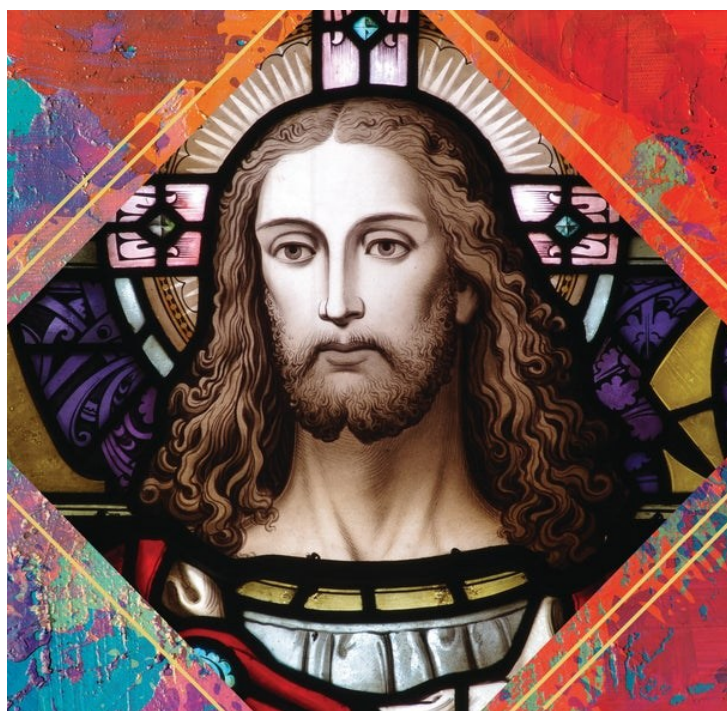


MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

8/17/25	105
8/17/25	\$2,628.00



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.

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.

NEW 2025-2026 Church on Fire III Events & Programs

SUNDAY
SEPT. 14
10:30am-
4:30pm



**RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED:**

Reserve **FREE** tickets
by **9.7.25**

3rd ANNUAL BILLS TAILGATE & FAMILY PICNIC

Blessed Sacrament Church & Campus

10:30: Mass in the Church

11:30: Family Picnic on the Campus

- Free Hot Dogs/Hamburgers; BYOB and sides, tents/chairs

- Kids Games/Activities, Facepainting and Prizes

1:00: Tailgate Party in the CAWB Parking Lot

- Watch the game on 18' screen

- Tailgate "your style" with your own tents, chairs & BYOB

- Basket Raffles & 50/50 Raffle

To Reserve Tickets:

- Click QR Code

- Or contact Michael Pitek: 716-480-9313 or michael@thepitekgroup.com

*Come One,
Come All!*



**Reservations
QR Code**

WEDNESDAYS
SEPT. 17-
OCT. 15:
6:30pm-
8:00pm

PAPAL SOCIAL TEACHING: *An Introduction*

Deacon William Hynes: Instructor

Join us to celebrate Pope Leo XIV, the first Pope from the USA. He chose his name to honor Leo XIII who is well known for promoting Catholic Social Teaching (CST). Our **free**, five-week course will cover the major themes of CST via papal encyclicals. All materials will be provided. No previous knowledge is necessary.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To ENROLL CONTACT

LIZZA BUCKLEY, COURSE CO-ORDNATOR

716-939-3483 OR EABUCKLEY@MSN.COM

CLASS FORMAT: LIVE, IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM

CLASS LOCATION: ST. JOSEPH'S HALL AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

SUNDAY
SEPT. 21:
12:00pm

In Recognition of National Migrant Week
Join Us For a VIEWING & DISCUSSION of

A Worldwide Documentaries Film



Migrants Search for Hope in the Promised Land

In St. Joseph's Hall at Blessed Sacrament Church

Discussion Facilitated
by

Matt Tice, LCSW

Director, Immigrant Services

Jericho Road Community Health Center

Free Event:

Registration Required

Contact Kathleen McCarthy

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or Text: 716-361-5392

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**The Peace & Justice
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDER- STANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 24, 2025 The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous 45 minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate: (Luke 13:24)**. How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomene* in Greek).

Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins.

Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

Father John Muir

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