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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.

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

June 15, 2025

Week of June 15 2025

Saturday, June 14

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Elizabeth A. Gordon (& Father's Day Intentions) Req by: John Galvin
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Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Eugene McCarthy (& Father's Day Intentions) Req by: James McCarthy
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Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
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Sunday, June 15 – The Most Holy Trinity

Saint Louis 9:00 am	Joyce De Cecco (& Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Anthony and Kim Jordan
11:00 am	Mickey Harmon & Jordan Cellatto (& Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Michael Riester

Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Downtown Family of Parishes (& Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
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Saint Michael's 12 noon	All Souls (& Father's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners
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Monday, June 16

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
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Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Marguerite Geiger Req by: Richard Lehner
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Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Christine Req by: Anthony Lleras
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Tuesday, June 17

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
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Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
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Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Amy Betros Req by: Rick Krolewicz
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Thursday, June 19 – St. Romauld

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Joseph State Req by: The State Family
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Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
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Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Guitterez Req by: Rick Krolewicz
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Friday, June 20

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
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Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Patricia Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner
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Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Souls in Purgatory Req by: Anthony Lleras
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The Most Holy Trinity



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Dir. Of Music Anthony Domzal	Cantor Cory James Gallagher

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Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

St Louis will be having our Family Friendly Annual Festival in the parking lot on Friday, August 22, 2025. It will be held from 5 pm - 8 pm.

There will also be a Classic Car Show.

We are looking for volunteers for Kids Events, Selling tickets, set up and clean up.

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, Michael Hawkins 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 our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

COFFEE HOUR

A picnic type event after the 11:00 Mass Sunday, June 29, in the side yard. This will include hot dogs, snacks, desserts, & other treats. More information will be available next week!

Coffee hours will resume in the fall.

Please call the church office if you are interested setting up, staffing, baking, or cleaning up for future coffee hours.

Thank you in advance.

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 \$6,397.00
COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION WAS \$554.00.**

**OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$554.00
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION WAS \$6,954.00.**

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 318.**

****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 JUNE 21 & 22, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - June 21 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday - June 22 - 9:00 Bob Sprague

Sunday - June 22 - 11:00 Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - June 21 - 4:00 Marilyn Neil

Sunday - June 22 - 9:00 Patricia Doyle

Sunday - June 22 - 11:00 Emily Schimert, Lisa McCarthy

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Lectors:

Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 10:30

June 7 - R. Lehner

June 8 - M. Flores

June 14 - P. Jones

June 15 - S. Falleta

June 21 - M. Cusack

June 22 - L. Bauer

June 28 - F. Conti

June 29 - M. Pitek

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 4:30

Sun. 10:30

June 7 - Deacon Tom

June 8 - M. J. Carroll

June 14 - P. Manz

June 15 - J. Knab

June 21 - D. Russell

June 22 - M.J. Carroll

June 28 - Deacon Tom

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

BABY SHOWER AND DIAPER DRIVE MAY 11- JUNE 15

The **St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center** is in need of the following items:

- Diapers size 5 & 6
- Onesies 0-3 months (boys/girls)
- Baby bottles
- Wipes
- Receiving blankets (boys/girls)
- Bibs
- Baby wash & lotion

The above items can be brought to Mass and left in the back of the church to be collected and delivered to the Center by volunteers.

The Center will also accept **clean and gently used** items such as bassinets, pack-n-plays, bouncers, high chairs, swings, clothes, and toys.

Free will donations: please make check payable to **St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center**. Monies collected will be used to purchase items such as car seats and pack-n-plays, etc.

St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center, 76 Church St., Buffalo, 14202 - 716-847-2205

For further information, contact Anne Harrington, 716-864-0085 or annesharrinton@yahoo.com

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

Meeting on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 10:30 am in St. Joseph's Hall. The book selection is "Katari - A Beacon in the Wilderness" by Jack Casey. This is the story of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American to be canonized. For information, contact Bonnie Blum at blumfam7@gmail.com.

COLLECTION FOR JUNE 8, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$2,703.01

Weekly - \$1,811.00

Catholic Communications - \$171.00

Total - \$4,685.01.

One collection for the week of June 22, 2025.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Mini Reflection: Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that's never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

The Best Kind of Mystery

"Do you have a mystery for me to solve?" If I've heard it once, I've heard it a hundred times. My daughter is obsessed with mysteries. It's not enough for her to read about them in the pages of a Nancy Drew book she can get her hands on. She wants more than that. She wants a real-life mystery. A puzzle that resists being solved. A question that eludes an answer. Something that isn't easy to wrap her head around.

And not surprisingly, she's not satisfied with the "mysteries" I can offer her. The Mystery of Mom's Missing Hair Tie (spoiler alert: it was in my purse). The Mystery of the Missing Lunch Ham (oops, Mom finished it).

Simple answers are so boring. "Will I ever have a real mystery?" she moans.

I get it. We're all this way, really. We are drawn to the mysterious, to the inscrutable. It's because we *know* that the answers to the really big questions are ones that can't be explained in a neat and tidy way. We know that the reality of life and love and the human condition is something we can't quite fit our heads around. We know that there is so much in this world, in this universe, that we can't...*understand*. So, in a way, mysteries are the only things that really make sense to us.

Why do we love mysteries so much? Because God is a mystery. And that's never as clear as it is today, on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the mystery that boondoggles us all. Four relations. Three persons. One God.

Don't ask me to explain it. I could, but I don't have the word space, and frankly, it might not even make sense then. It's a mystery, you see. A real one. The best kind.

SUMMER 2025 RETREATS

www.notredameretreat.org

June 22-27, 2025 - Mary in the Scriptures with Fr. Elliott Dees. Using the Scripture as our guide we will reflect on what the Bible says about Mary and what inspiration we as disciples draw from her as we walk our own journey of faith.

July 13-18, 2025 Meeting God: The Path of entering Quiet in the Midst of Everyday Life with Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM. This retreat provides the space to deepen our relationship with God and our capacity to incarnate the spirit of quiet and spaciousness in the reality of our everyday lives.

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

6/8/2025 - 142

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 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.

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: As of 4/1/25 the diocese has sent their response packet back to Rome as requested. The dicastery of the clergy will take all the information provided by the Diocese and will make the final decision. This will take approx. 6 months.

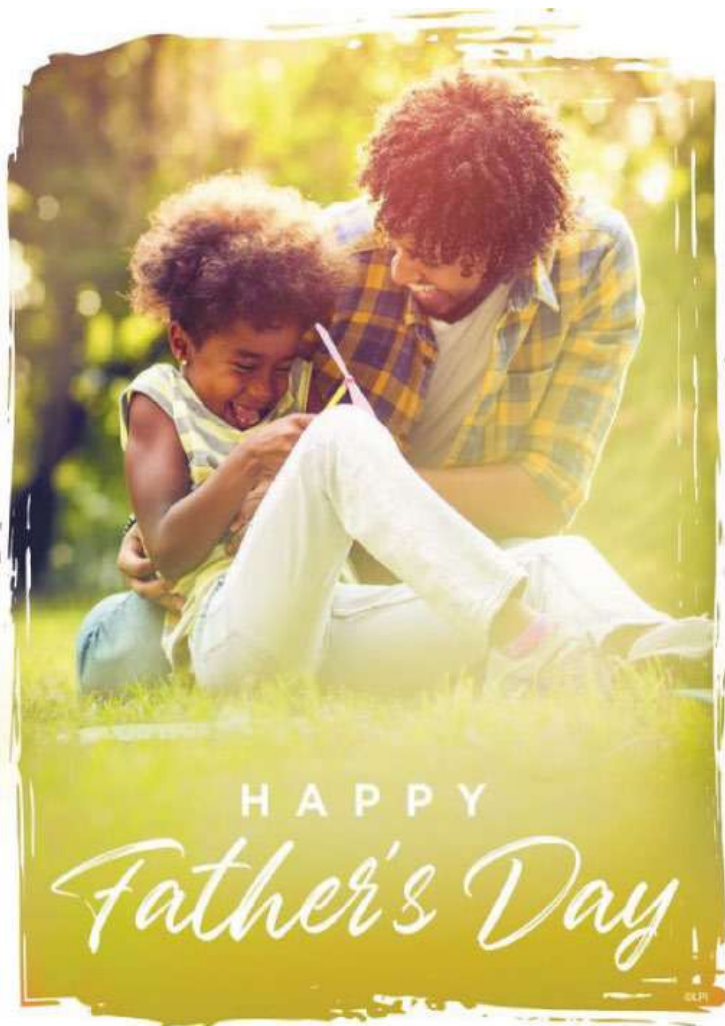
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THANK YOU, THOMAS R. BEECHER, JR. FOR THE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to submit this personal opinion piece for publication in the News. I understand if you find it too "Catholic" and so if you do not publish it within one month, I will have it published elsewhere. Thank you for consideration. I still am a great fan of the News and read it daily online, despite it now costing over \$500 per year.

Another Opinion

I have been a practicing Catholic for the 90 years God has permitted me to spend on this earth. I am concerned about the way many of my fellow Catholics are treating the dedicated and overworked priests in our Church. There seems to be an expectation on the part of many that a priest must come to them in what they call "my church". My faith has taught me that this is the church of Jesus Christ, and we go to Him where a priest is to share in the Eucharistic banquet. We do not command the priest to come to "my church". Two of the most wonderful churches I have ever had were located on army maneuvers and in a very poor section of Durban South Africa. I was a cook on winter maneuvers in the army 65 years ago. Our Chaplain asked me to serve Mass but said it was so cold the water would be frozen all over camp at 5 AM, time of the Mass in the morning. I solved the problem by taking a canteen into my winter sleeping bag with me. Mass was in an unheated tent, and it was "my beautiful church" on assignment in South Africa I thought of Sunday Mass and was looking for "my church". This Holy Cross graduate joined a Notre Dame graduate, and we found a beautiful church celebrating the Eucharist with the most amazing in a very poor area in Durban.

Let us take into consideration the demands on the diminishing clergy in our Faith. With the much-needed renewal my church is trying to service 80 parishes but with 122 worship sites. Today we have 100 active Diocesan priests to minister to the Diocese. Not perfect but it is working. By 2030 we will only have 66 active priests under the age of 70 and by 2040 we will be down to 36 active priests under the age of 70 with just as many churches as we now have. Let's start now to go to where the priest is to celebrate the Eucharist and not demand that the priest come to "my church". We will find Christ in the Eucharist there, that is the heart of our Faith. We will be reducing the physical and mental stress of our loyal priests in preparation for their even further reduced number. They are good, dedicated men. Respect them and show the compassion Christ teaches to our priests.

Thomas R. Beecher, Jr. Buffalo, NY

THE TWELVE JEWISH APOSTLES

1. **Andrew** - Crucified
2. **Bartholomew** - Beaten then crucified
3. **James**, son of Alphaeus - Stoned to death
4. **James**, son of Zebedee - Beheaded
5. **John** - Boiled in oil, but when that failed he was exiled for his faith; died of old age
6. **Matthew** - Speared to death
7. **Judas** - (not Iscariot) Speared to death
8. **Peter** - Crucified upside down
9. **Philip** - Crucified
10. **Simon** - Crucified
11. **Thomas** - Speared to death
12. **Matthias** - Stoned to death

There is only one reason these Jews were willing to suffer such terrible persecution for Yeshua's name, because they had seen the **MESSIAH CRUCIFIED & THEN RISE FROM THE DEAD**, and the Truth was worth dying for.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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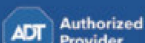
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