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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.

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 dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

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Week of June 8 2025

Saturday, June 7

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Melanie Humphrey (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Mollie Brewster
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Eugene McCarthy (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: James McCarthy
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

Saint Louis 9:00 am	Mark F. Dixon (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Pattie Smith Maureen Pratt
11:00 am	Req by: Manning Family
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Downtown Family of Parishes (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Souls in Purgatory (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday, June 9 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Amy Betros (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Rick Krolewicz

Tuesday, June 10

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Ronald Anthony Bagienski (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Hokan, Olivia, Ricky, & Isabelle (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Peter & Tracy Cromwell
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Fr. Rick Poblocki for his health (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Rick Krolewicz

Thursday, June 12

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Charles Kleindienst (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Intentions of the Downtown Parishes (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michaels Parishioners

Friday, June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Deceased Members of the Halicki Family (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Walter Geiger (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Intentions of the Downtown Family Parishes (Father's Day Intentions) Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

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Louis

NEW ADDITIONS TO ST. LOUIS

You have probably noticed two large angel holy water fountains at the front doors of the church. These angels were purchased from St. Anne's Parish on Broadway and join the St. Anne Shrine at St. Louis. They have spent a couple months at Swietek Studios getting repaired and restored. We thank an anonymous donor who has sponsored one of the fountains. The second is awaiting a generous donor!

The two angels make a very impressive welcome as parishioners enter the church.

Now if they would also take up the collection!

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.

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 \$5,890.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,225.72.

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION WAS \$7,115.72.

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 400.**

****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 14 & 15, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday June 14 4:00 - Diane Randazzo

Sunday June 15 9:00 - Steve Nosek

Sunday June 15 11:00 - Tom Caraher

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday June 14 4:00 - Ann Dumansky

Sunday June 15 9:00 - Patrick Kearns

Sunday June 15 11:00—Pam Nordstrom

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Lectors:

Sat. 4:30 pm

June 7 - R. Lehner

June 14 - P. Jones

June 21 - M. Cusack

June 28 - F. Conti

June 29 - M. Pitek

Sun. 10:30

June 8 - M. Flores

June 15 - S. Falleta

June 22 - L. Bauer

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 4:30

June 7 - Deacon Tom

June 14 - P. Manz

June 21 - D. Russell

June 28 - Deacon Tom

Sun. 10:30

June 8 - M. J. Carroll

June 15 - J. Knab

June 22 - M.J. Carroll

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.

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 annesharrington@yahoo.com

COLLECTION FOR JUNE 1, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$3,236.01

Weekly - \$1,364.00

Total - \$4,601.01

Second Collection June 8 for The Catholic Communion Campaign

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MICHAEL'S

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

5/18/2025 - 113

5/25/2025 - 124

6/1/2025 - 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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

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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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Doman

Mini Reflection: What's so special about Pentecost that it wasn't until this moment-and not any of the equally world-changing moments in the weeks before it – the Apostles became the Church?

Leaving the Room

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church”, and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost *was*, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible world-changing things that had come before, the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn't until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, *the Church*, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room? *But they were still in that room.*

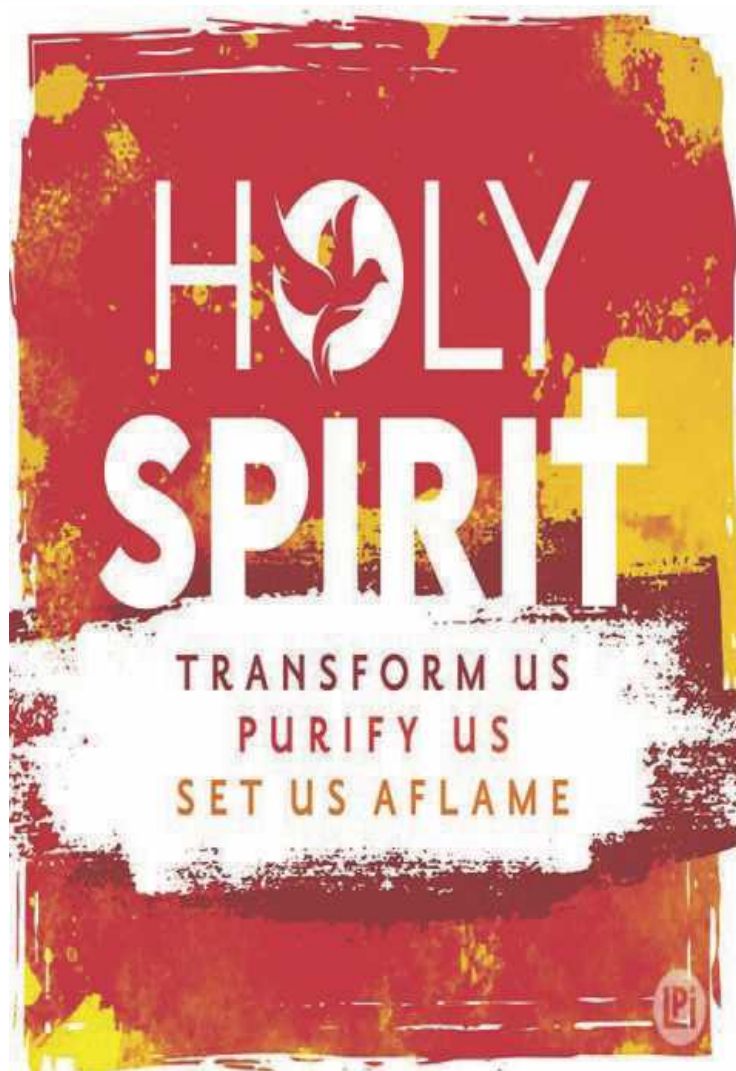
When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn't enough, even with a *capital T*. They needed the Spirit - capital S - and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It's what makes *us* the church. Without it, we're just a bunch of guys in a room.

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Pentecost Sunday / June 8, 2025 SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21)

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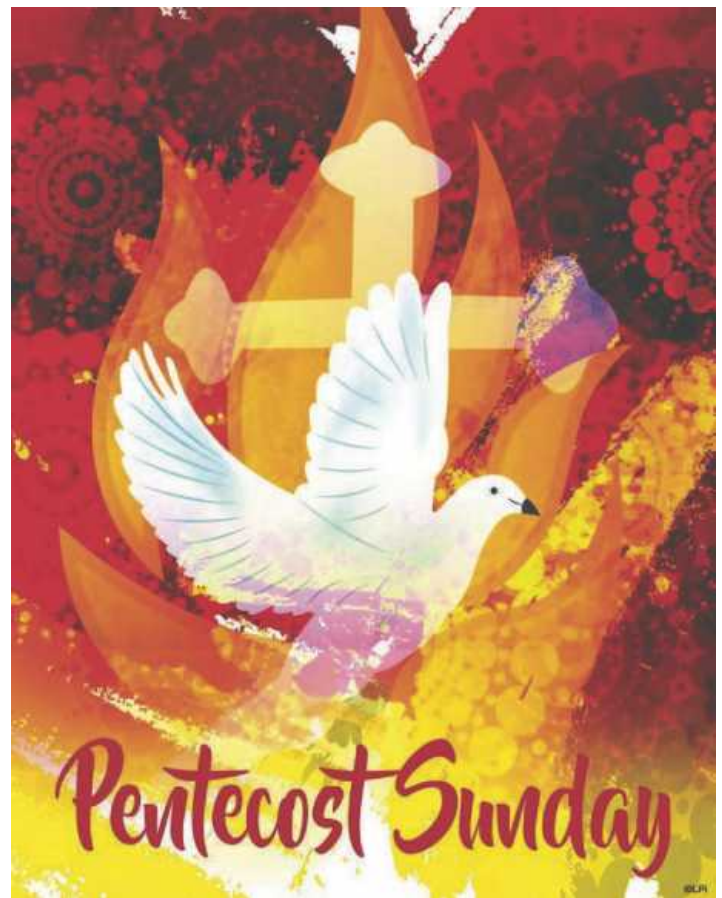
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