



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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MON-FRI 9-3 PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT

"The Bishop's Chapel"



JULY 19, 2026
THE 16TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS

- St. Louis Parish: 4:00 pm
- St. Michael's: 5:30
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: 4:30 pm

SUNDAYS

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

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

- St. Louis Parish: 12:05 pm
- St. Michael's: 6:45 am
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: 12:10 pm (M-W-Th-F) 5:15 pm **Tuesday**

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 8:30 am, or by appt. - Fiore20b@gmail.com

- 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

All bulletin submissions must be pastor approved.

Email to dbfpbulletin@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY July 18 ~ St. Camillus de Lellis

St. Louis 4pm

Michael Zobel ~ Req by: Ann Dumansky

St. Michael's 5:30pm

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SUNDAY July 19

St. Louis 9am

All Souls

St. Louis 11am

Ruth Messina ~ Req by: Jim, Cindy, & Lisa Messina

Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's 10:30am

Katherine Gutheil ~ Req by: Sandy Falletta

St. Michael's 12pm

Anthony Siergiej ~ Req by: Joe & Nancy Hutzler

MONDAY July 20 ~ St. Apollinaris

St. Michael's 6:45am

Rob Pacer

St. Louis 12:05pm

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TUESDAY July 21 ~ St. Lawrence of Brinisi

St. Michael's 6:45am

Connolly & Seres Families ~ Req by: Robert Barone

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

THURSDAY July 23 ~ St. Bridget

St. Michael's 6:45am

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St. Louis 12:05pm

Alfreda Jurewicz ~ Req by: Andrew Wulf

FRIDAY July 24 ~ St. Sharbel Makhluf

St. Michael's 6:45am

Patricia Lehner ~ Req by: Richard Lehner

St. Louis 12:05pm

All Souls

SATURDAY July 25 ~ St. James, Apostle

St. Louis 4pm

Eunice Wozniak ~ Req by: Family

St. Michael's 5:30pm

Intentions of Pope Leo

SUNDAY July 26

St. Louis 9am

Dr. Richard Saab Anniversary ~ Req by: Maureen Saab & Family

St. Louis 11am

In Honor of St. Ann ~ Req by: Anne Bineszkrewicz

Blessed Sacrament at St. Michael's 10:30am

All Souls

St. Michael's 12pm

All Souls

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm

Saint Michael's Sundays 1pm to 2pm

Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Information, times/dates for the St. Ann Triduum is found on page 6 of this bulletin.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

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

The **Pieta Altar Candle** burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks by Donna and Dennis Burns.

The **St. Joseph Altar Candle** also burns in Loving Memory of Thomas and Sally Parks 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 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, Joyce Persico, Gail Neil, Ed Kast, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, Dr. William Fiden, Sharon Hunger, Fr. Drew Morgan, Larry Kennebeck, Denise Goodman, Jason Parks, Kienan Dugan, Hazel, Jeanine Miranda, John Campbell, Rebecca McCormick Boyle, Joan Kubiniec, Kyleena F., Greg Pratt, Stephanie Dickinson, Daniel Bamrick, Timothy Galbato, Marisa Restivo, Sal Polizzi, 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 \$8,857.00

SANCTUARY CANDLES \$265.00

VOTIVE CANDLES \$408.00

OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$1,259.55

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION WAS \$794.00

OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$11,583.55

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 387**

PLEASE CONTACT JENN COLASANO REGARDING A REQUIRED MINIMAL DEDUCTIONS (RMD)

****Please Note: We are only accepting
online giving through WeShare.**



**WeShare registration forms are provided
electronically for your convenience.**

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS JULY 25 & 26, 2026

Lectors:

Saturday, 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, 9:00 Christian Gugliuzza

Sunday, 11:00 Ed Kuzan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, 4:00 Jim Ferrini

Sunday, 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday, 11:00 Lisa McCarthy, Emily Schimert

Blessed



Sacrament

COLLECTION FOR JULY 12, 2026

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - To be documented next week

Weekly - \$2,036.00

Peter's Pence - \$502.00

Total - \$2,538.00

There will be one collection next week

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MASSES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Masses and services at Blessed Sacrament will be **Temporarily Suspended** for approximately one month **beginning Monday July 13** due to renovations.

Our Sunday 10:30 am Mass will relocate to St. Michael's Church (651 Washington St.) **beginning Sunday, July 19.**

In place of our Saturday Vigil Mass parishioners are invited to attend St. Louis (Main & Edward Streets) at 4:00 pm or St. Michael's at 5:30 pm.

Parishioners who attend Tuesday/Friday 8:00 Masses are invited to St. Michael's at 6:45 am Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri or St. Louis at 12:05 Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri. Please keep an eye on the bulletin and listen to announcements at Mass and check your email inbox for updates on when we can return.

If you have Masses scheduled during the times of the temporary suspension please call the Parish Office to reschedule. Masses can be said at St. Michael's or St. Louis. You can also reschedule at Blessed Sacrament for a future date.

Downtown Family of Parishes Office - 716-884-0053

Please continue to use your Blessed Sacrament envelopes at St. Michael's or St. Louis.

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE JULY 2026

Lectors

Saturday 4:30 pm

July 4 P. Jones

July 11 F. Conti

July 18 D. Galucki

July 25 M. Cusack

Sunday 10:30 am

July 5 G. Riedel

July 12 M. Pitek

July 19 M. Biedny

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4:30 pm

July 4 C. Jones

July 11 C. Jones

July 18 B. Mierszwa

July 25 D. Russell

Sunday 10:30 am

July 5 L. Buckley

July 12 C. Pitek

July 19 R. Morgante

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt
12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-
11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt
13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt
13:44-52 or 13:44-46

ST. ANN TRIDUUM

Please join us at St. Louis Church on Main and Edward Streets for a triduum in honor of St. Ann.

Dates - Friday, July 24th at 6:00 pm, Saturday, July 25th after the 4:00 Mass, and Sunday, July 26th after the 11:00 Mass.

St. Ann is the patroness of mothers, grandmothers, and single parents.

Support for this program is from the Joseph M. Sorg Foundation.

ANGEL TREE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES JULY 18 - AUGUST 9

The Angel Tree Committee is collecting backpacks and school supplies for the children in the Angel Tree program. Angel Tree is part of the Prison Ministry Fellowship program that teaches Christian values by supporting the spiritual growth and restoration of incarcerated individuals and their families.

This back-to-school supply drive is our third outreach to the families this year. Through these efforts, we seek to share Christ's love and extend a welcoming invitation to our parish community. All gifts come with a note identifying them as being "From Your Friends at St. Louis Church". The backpacks and supplies will be provided to the same children who received Christmas gifts through Angel Tree and whose parents received gift cards through our Mother's Day & Father's Day outreach.

You can participate by:

- Donating new school supplies (drop them off at the bins in church)
- Making a monetary donation - donation centers will be set up at the church
- Purchasing items through our Amazon Wish List (supplies will be shipped directly to the church)

Thank you for helping us share Christ's love and support local children as they prepare for a successful new school year.

Questions, contact Ashlee Campbell (443-744-0354) / religioused@stlouiscchurch.org

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MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

7/12/26 \$1,115.00

7/12/26 Attendance 88

Weekly Collection needed to cover expenses— \$3,200
Registered Families - 42

INFORMATION REQUESTS

For any Parish Information regarding St. Michael's Masses, funerals, prayer requests, please contact the Downtown Family of Parishes office -

Phone - 716-884-0053 **Email** - dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ST. MICHAEL'S

Evan, Fran, and Mo Angelo, Judith Barone, Alexander & Michael Brickel, Alonso/Caceres/Rios Santa Cruz, Peter Caruso, Annie Feldman, Mary Biuttner Gutierrez, Gloria Knight, Elaine Love, Dr. David Marchetti, Jean McCarthy, Tom Passmire, Arlo Thomas Stadler, Jack Stepniak, Angelo Tomsello, Mark Lisiecki.

ST. MICHAEL'S INFORMATION

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:

As of 4/16/2026, twice, the Dicastery of the clergy (Vatican) has upheld Bishop Fisher's decision to merge St. Michael's with St. Louis.

A third and final petition has been filed with the Signatura of the Dicastery of the clergy.

We are awaiting this final decision of the Vatican.

News

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Happenings

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER?

The Ignatian Volunteer Corp. - IVC - is a national, lay run organization serving 16 regions around the country. It was started in 1995 by two Jesuit priests.

IVC connects mature men and women with local nonprofits in its unique mission to help the poor and marginalized while providing a robust spiritual program to help deepen the faith of the corps community members.

How's it work?

Ignatian Volunteers commit to **one or two days per week of service** over ten months (600 hours of service per year). Ignatian Volunteers are placed with partnering **community organizations** where their skills and experience can make a difference. Ignatian Volunteers **meet monthly with a trained Spiritual Reflector** to reflect on the meaning of their service. All Ignatian Volunteers in the community **gather together monthly** to share their experience.

How do I become an Ignatian Volunteer? To apply to become an Ignatian Volunteer, or to learn more contact **Tom Schwendler**, thomaschwendler@gmail.com.

Learn more at www.ivcusa.org

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KINGDOM

"The righteous will shine
like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father."

MATTHEW 13:43A

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2026 - 2027 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

We are excited to welcome families to the 2026-2027 Faith Formation Program! Our year will begin on **Catechetical Sunday, September 20th**, and continue through April.

Faith Formation sessions will alternate between Blessed Sacrament and St. Louis Churches, and will include a variety of opportunities for families to grow in faith together, including family faith formation lessons, service experiences, and at-home sessions each month.

All children, ages 4 through 10th grade, are warmly invited to participate. Whether your family is returning or joining us for the first time, we look forward to growing together in faith and community throughout the year.

Detailed program information can be found here:

<https://stlouiscchurch.org/religious-education/prek-10-grade-faith-formation/>

New Families: Please complete the online registration form and submit via email to Ashlee Campbell.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Ashlee Campbell at 443-744-0354 or religious@stlouiscchurch.org

We look forward to a wonderful year full of faith, service, and community!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the Master allows both to grow together until harvest. To His listeners, this sounds strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

When we see the church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that His Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds.

~ Father John Muir

VIRTUES, *EXPLAINED!*

Generosity

Mini Explanation

Generosity is a hallmark of Christian discipleship. Christ placed our needs above His own, so we likewise place the needs of others above our own. Our concern for our brothers and sisters must be evident not just in what we do but in how we do it - with cheerfulness and love.

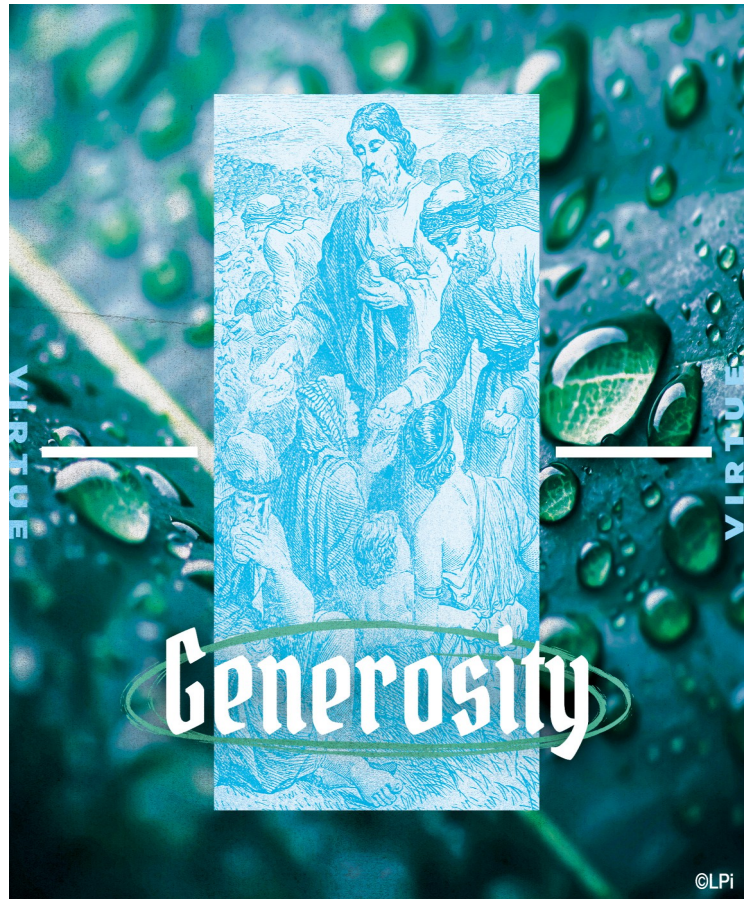
Generosity, *Explained!*

In the early Church, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, "all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

This doesn't mean we are obligated to sell our homes and cars, move in with our fellow parishioners and split the water bill. But it certainly does describe the spirit with which we must live as Christians - and it is a generous spirit, a spirit of self-denial, a spirit that prioritizes the welfare of our brothers and sisters as it does our own.

Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated in our hearts by a closeness to the sacraments and a persistence in prayer: "The one who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10)

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