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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 dbfpbulletin@gmail.com

June 22, 2025 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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Week of June 22, 2025

Saturday, June 21

St. Louis 4:00 pm	Dr. James Ryan Req by: Donna Arnone
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Tess Marie O'Leary Req by: The O'Leary Family
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	Intentions of St. Michael's Parishioners Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, June 22, Corpus Christi

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	Mary Lesa O'Connor Req by: Evan and Trish Lewis E. Alan Nordstrom Req by: Donna Arnone
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Intentions of Pope Leo, XIV Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday, June 23

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Ruth June Smith Req by: The Grobe Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Charles Kleindienst Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Christine Req by: Anthony Lleras

Tuesday, June 24 - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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	Edward Huntley Req by: Rick Krolewicz

Thursday, June 26

St. Louis 12:05 pm	George L. Grobe, Sr. Req by: The Grobe Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Mary Homewood Req by: Anthony Lleras

Friday, June 27 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

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Saint Louis 35 Edward St

Parish Life President Pearl Brown	Trustees John Beller Erin Peradotto-Tehaar
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Blessed Sacrament 1035 Delaware Ave

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Dir. of Music Anthony Domzal	Cantor Cory James Gallagher

Saint Michael's 651 Washington Ave.

Trustees	David Granville Steven Nosek
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Cantor	Michael Dobrasz

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Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

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

Please call the church office if you are interested setting up, staffing, baking, or cleaning up for this event.

Coffee hours will resume in the fall.

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 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 Furiel, Carrie W., Joyce Persico, Jeanine L., Richard J. Wall, Gail Neil, Fred Wolf, Ed, Kast, Dr. Richard Saab, Linda Holben, Rachel Gaiser, Michael Hawkins, Allie Urbanski, 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.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the couples who were married at St. Louis!

June 7, 2025 *Anthony and Sara Di Cecca*

June 14, 2025 *Jensen and Marielle Hurley*

June 21, 2025 *Andrew and Kelsey Gibson*

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 \$5,694.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$301.69.
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$5995.69.

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 336.**

****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 remember St. Louis Parish in your will. To learn more about making a charitable contribution or leaving a bequest to St. Louis Church, please contact Mike Riester at 716-803-5773.

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS JUNE 28 & 29, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - June 28 - 4:00 - Ann Dumansky

Sunday - June 29 - 9:00 - Steve Nosek

Sunday - June 29 - 11:00 - Ed Kuzan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - June 28 - 4:00 - Diane Randazzo

Sunday - June 29 - 9:00 - Mary O'Shea

Sunday - June 29 - 11:00 - Pam Nordstrom

Lisa Mc Carthy

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AIA Buffalo/WNY "Friends of Architecture" 2013 Community Service Award

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - JUNE 2025

Lectors:

Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 10:30 am

June 7 - R. Lehner

June 8 - M. Flores

June 14 - P. Jones

June 15 - S. Fallea

June 21 - M. Cusack

June 22 - L. Bauer

June 28 - F. Conti

June 29 - M. Pitek

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sat. 4:30 pm

Sun. 10:30 am

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

June 29 - Deacon Tom

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

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 *Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles

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COLLECTION FOR JUNE 15, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$1,721.01

Weekly - \$1,811.00

Total - \$3,532.01

There will be one collection next week.

(PRACTICING CATHOLIC) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food - I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

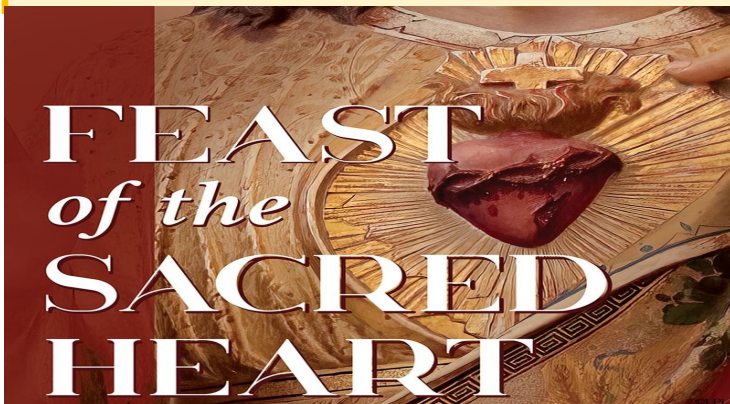
"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written - that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to Him and think, "Finally"? At any point He could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But He waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out.

Remember: The day is drawing to a close.

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MICHAEL'S

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE

6/1/2025 140 6/8/2025 - 142 6/15/2025 - 120

6/8 2025 - \$3,209.00

6/15/2025 - \$2,626.00

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 Buttner 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.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. RAY**

"You likely have heard or have read media reports recently that the Diocese of Buffalo has negotiated a settlement in connection with the proceedings now pending in the Bankruptcy Court. The Diocese is seeking contributions from every Parish in the Diocese to fund that settlement. This past Wednesday, parish trustees, lay leaders, and I met with our bishop and chancery officials with all the city parish families. We will be meeting to discuss our next course of action. In the next two weeks I will be communicating to you the details of our contribution.

"What I can tell you at this time is that we are confident that any contribution to the settlement has come from parish savings and not operating funds. The contribution, whatever that may be, will not be an impediment to the continued vibrancy and day to day life of our parish. Please be assured that any and all donations going forward will stay with our parish.

I will be giving you updates in the next couple weeks. This end is five years in the making and needs to happen so we can move on as a diocese and church."

**HOMILY SNIP-ITS!
HOLY TRINITY**

"I think we get too bogged down with a lot of theology regarding the Holy Trinity. The mystery of the trinity of God will remain mystery for the most part.

God is a God for us! He continues to be lived and experienced at every time and in all places.

It's up to us to see and feel that. The God whose very being is love, and that love is for us.

All in a Divine Embrace!"

PHONE USAGE

Please turn off or put on vibrate, all cell phones and electronic devices while in church. Also, please refrain from talking on your phone before or during Mass. It is a distraction for those who want or need this quiet time for reflection or prayer.

If you need to use your phone before or during Mass please step out of church to the vestibule and speak quietly as voices carry in our churches.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE RETREATS

July 13-18, 2025

Meeting God: The Path of entering Quiet in the Midst of Every Day Life, with Sr. Julie Vieria, 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.

August 3-8, 2025

Journeying to the God within: Reflections on the Wisdom of Teresa of Avila, with Gillian Ahlgren.

A week devoted to the wisdom of Teresa of Avila, one of history's most engaging spiritual writers and teachers. Explore the 'many mansions' of our relationship with God.

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Saturday, July 12, 2025 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Let's Get Hooked

Learn to crochet a Prayer Shawl Retreat Day

Crocheters and Non-Crocheters Welcome

Come enjoy a Retreat Day that can spread comfort, hope, and love for years to come. Retreat Day includes instructions on how to crochet prayer shawl history, prayers, patterns, inspirational music, lunch, and fellowship with other crocheter's.

Cost: \$55.00 includes Retreat, Lunch, Yarn & Crochet Needle; **\$45.00** includes Retreat, Lunch - **Bring your own Yarn and Needle.**

Reservation Deadline - June 27, 2025.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them - not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, and evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment. When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves - our bodies, our souls - with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we should reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?



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presence of Jesus in the
Eucharist.

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