

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.

ANOIDTING 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

November 23, 2025 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Week of November 23, 2025

Saturday, November 22

St. Louis 4:00 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm	Andrea Deal Req by: The Deal Family
Saint Michael's 5:30 pm	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday, November 23

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am	William Roof Req by: John & Nancy Pax Susan Riester Bogner Req by: Michael Riester
Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 12 noon	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

*Monday, November 24 ~ St. Andrew
Dung-Luc*

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Downtown Family of Parishes Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	All Souls Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

*Tuesday, November 25 ~ St. Catherine
of Alexandria*

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Intentions of Pope Leo Req by: St. Louis Parishioners
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	All Souls Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Victor Recchia Req by: Rosamarie Recchia

Thursday, November 27 ~ Thanksgiving

St. Louis 10:00 am No 12:05 Mass	George & Fayelois Grobe Req by: Grobe Family
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	NO MASS
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	Those Seeking God Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Friday, November 28

St. Louis 12:05 pm	Rocco J. Diina Req by: Gina Roblin
Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am	Patricia Lehner Req by: Richard Lehner
Saint Michael's 6:45 am	H. Edward Smith Req by:

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Pastor Rev. Raymond Corbin 716-852-6040 x 202 FrRayssp@gmail.com	Permanent Deacons Thomas LaBelle deacon.labelle@gmail.com Carmelo Gaudioso
Family Clergy Msgr. Salvatore Manganello smanganello@buffalodiocese.org	Rev. Ben Fiore, S.J. Rev. Richard Zannoni, S.J. Fr. Ben and Fr. Rich can be reached at St. Michael's Rectory 716-854-6726
Dir. of Religious Education Ashlee Campbell	religiously@stlouiscrcchurch.org 443-744-0354

Saint Louis
35 Edward St

Dir. Of Music Frank Scinta	Trustees John Beller Erin Peradotto-Tehaar
Business Manager Kevin Brayer	Cantors James Mrozek Erin Peradotto-Terhaar

Blessed Sacrament
1035 Delaware Ave

Dir. Of Music Anthony Domzal Cantor Cory James Gallagher	Trustees Paul F. Jones Jim Knab
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Saint Michael's
651 Washington Ave.

Trustees David Granville Steven Nosek	Musicians Mark Di Giampaolo, Istvan Hernak
Cantor Michael Dobrasz	

DOWNTOWN FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Peter Rizzo - **President (BSC)**

Dennis Burns - **First Vice President (St. Louis)**

Alyssa Zakroczemski, **Second Vice President (BSC)**

Anne Harrington, **Secretary (BSC)**

Saint



Louis

EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS

Christmas Party ~ Join us for the St. Louis Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14th! We'll kick off the celebration right after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and continue until 2:00 p.m. Enjoy delicious food, a cozy hot chocolate bar, fun games for the kids, and a visit from Santa himself! All are welcome - come share in the joy of the season!

Confirmation Registration ~ Confirmation registration is now open! Families should register their child(ren) by January 1, 2026, to ensure they have enough time to complete all Confirmation requirements. Tenth through twelfth graders are eligible to receive their Confirmation this spring.

Forms, as well as a list of all dates and confirmation requirements, can be found on the St. Louis website: <https://stlouiscchurch.org/religious-education/sacrament-preparation/>

For questions, contact Ashlee Campbell via email (religioused@stlouiscchurch.org) or phone (443-744-0354).

Thank you to the Rev. Joseph M. Sorg Foundation for the payment to refurbish the 36 kneelers in St. Louis Church.

MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mary Mueller and Catherine Baumgartner by Nancy & Bryant Everard.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Mary Mueller and Catherine Baumgartner by Nancy and Bryant Everard

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Mary Mueller and Catherine Baumgartner by Nancy and Bryant Everard.

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, Larry Kennebeck, Denise Goodman, Jason Parks, 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 \$10,322.00
OUR COLLECTION FOR ALL SOULS WAS \$643.00
OUR COLLECTION FOR ALL SAINTS WAS \$303.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$467.72
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$11,268.72

**THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO
ATTENDED WAS 452**

****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.



St. Louis and Blessed Sacrament Church are having a competition of who can get 100 people to sign up for **WeShare** first. **We want to win!** A flyer is included in this week's bulletin for how to sign up.

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 NOVEMBER 29 AND 30, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday, November 29 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday, November 30 9:00 Ed Kuzan

Sunday, November 30 11:00 German Mass Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday, November 29 4:00 Ann Dumansky

Sunday, November 30 9:00 Mary O'Shea

Sunday, November 30 11:00 Pam Nordstrom

Lisa McCarthy

Blessed



Sacrament



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Principal

COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

E-giving - \$2,295.01

Weekly - \$1,037.00

Human Development \$183.00

Religious Retirement Fund \$25.00

World Mission Sunday \$10.00

Total - \$3,367.01

There will be one collection next week

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER, 2025

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

November 1 - R. Lehner

November 8 - L. Urbanski-Farrell

November 15 - D. Galucki

November 22 - M. Cusack

November 29 - P. Jones

Sun. 10:30 am

November 2 - G. Riedel

November 9 - M. J. Carroll

November 16 - A. Wulf

November 23 - C. O'Leary

November 30 - M. Pitek

Eucharist Ministers

Sat. 4:30 pm

November 1 - Deacon Tom

November 8 - C. Jones

November 15 - F. Conti

November 22 - D. Russell

November 29 - B. Bielecki

Sun. 10:30 am

November 2 - M. J. Carroll

November 9 N. O'Rourke

November 16 - M. Sulkowski

November 23 - J. Knab

November 30 - C. Pitek

IT'S TIME TO BE AN ANGEL

Once again Blessed Sacrament Parish will participate in the **ANGEL TREE PROJECT** which provides Christmas gifts for children with an incarcerated parent.

On **November 29/30**, and **December 6/7** gift tags with gift ideas for specific children will be available in the back of church.

Parishioners are asked to bring **individually wrapped gifts** to Blessed Sacrament **no later than Sunday, December 14th**.

In addition to your generosity in purchasing gifts, a **number of volunteers are needed to:**

- 1) Contact caregivers to verify the child's information,
- 2) Distribute gift tags after Masses on November 29/30 and December 6/7, and
- 3) Pick up gifts at Blessed Sacrament and deliver to caregivers.

An in-person announcement will be made at Masses on **November 15/16** and **November 29/30**. At that time, we will be available to answer any questions and sign up volunteers.

UNNEEDED 2026 CALENDARS, ROSARIES, RELIGIOUS MEDALS

Don't Toss All Those Unneeded 2026 Calendars, Rosaries, & Religious Medals Received in the Mail From Charitable Organizations This Time of Year!

The Peace and Justice Committee will be collecting them **until the end of January**. Place them in the basket on the table in the back of the church. Greeting cards are not being collected this year, as more than could be used were donated last year. Calendars and other items will be distributed to the Buffalo Center Nursing Home at Utica and Delaware, and the Sisters of St. Joseph Residence in Clarence.

OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

A **SPECIAL THANKS** to all who contributed items on November 8 and 9 to the Blessed Sacrament's **Monthly Food Collection** for the Network of Religious Communities Food Pantry.

The response was overwhelming. **Heavy bags** of groceries filled the trunk and back seat of the car of the person delivering to the pantry.

You not only heeded the usual reminders, but you **responded** to the news of the many people in our community affected by the disruption to the **SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)**. "...I was hungry, and you gave me food..." (Matthew 5:31-46).

2025 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR THE DOWNTOWN FAMILY OF PARISHES

Taize Prayer Service

December 14, 7:00 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

December 21 5:00 pm St. Louis Lessons and Carols

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, 12/24

4:00 pm St. Louis (Choral Prelude)

4:30 pm Blessed Sacrament

4:30 pm St. Joseph's Cathedral

Midnight

12 am St. Joseph's Cathedral - 11:30 Carols

12 am St. Anthony's High Latin Mass

Christmas Day December 25

7:15 am St. Anthony's, Low Latin Mass

9:15 am St. Anthony's High Latin Mass

10:00 am St. Louis

10:30 am Blessed Sacrament

10:30 am St. Joseph's Cathedral

11:15 am St. Anthony's Italian/English

12:00 pm St. Michael's

January 1, 2026 Mary Mother of God

9:00 am St. Anthony's Latin

10:30 am St. Joseph's Cathedral

12:05 pm St. Louis

Advent Retreat

St. Anthony's. Given by Fr. Jeff Donovan

December 14, 15, 16. Call St. Anthony's or email

stanthonysbuffalo.org

Advent Vespers Monday, December
15, 7:00 pm St. Joseph's

Cathedral



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MICHAEL'S

651 Washington St.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

11/16/25 \$2,160.00

11/16/25 110

**Weekly Collection needed to cover expenses —
\$3,200.**

Registered Families - 45

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 Tom-sello, 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.

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.

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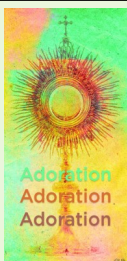


Happenings

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.

All are invited to come and spend time in prayer and reflection before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament



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BAD WEATHER CLOSING POLICY DOWNTOWN FAMILY OF PARISHES (BLESSED SACRAMENT, ST. LOUIS, ST. MICHAEL'S)

In keeping with the North Buffalo and the East Side Family of Parishes:

Effective November 10, 2025 -

Weekdays: If the City of Buffalo Public Schools are closed - **the Parish Family will be closed. Offices closed. No Masses.**

Weekends: If closings are required, please watch for information on the local television stations (Channels 2, 4, or 7).

ST. LOUIS ANGEL TREE TIMELINE

November 15 - Tree is "active", parishioners can take tags

November 15/16 - A volunteer will make sure all tags are accounted for

Starting November 22 - Parishioners can drop off presents.

November 29/30 - Holiday weekend/German Mass - We will not do anything with the Angel Tree that weekend.

We are supporting up to 40 children (2 presents for each child)

Gift collection will "hopefully" end on **December 7th** or be mostly done.

Presents will be organized and given to drivers by **December 13th/14th** so they can be dropped off to families by the 20th.

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Thank you, Ashlee Campbell, Jackie Bermudez and the

ST. LOUIS NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

The families in our St. Louis Faith Formation program are collecting, organizing, and delivering non-perishable food items to support the West Side Community Services Food Pantry.

Donations will be accepted all month long. The pantry is especially in need of rice, pasta, oatmeal, cereal, and flour, but will take any non perishable food item.

Donations can be placed in the Main Street and Parking Lot entrances of the church. Please consider donating a few items this month to help families in need - your kindness truly makes a difference!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Luke 23:35-43

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80's. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering - it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely - a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel, Jesus hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him see through the suffering and says, **"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42).** That word - *remember* - literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of His body. And Jesus says, **"Today you will be with me in paradise."**

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, **"You will be with me."**

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with Him - paradise begins even today.

~ Father John Muir

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