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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
(Tuesday and Friday only)
- 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.

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

September 7, 2025 ~ The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week of September 7, 2025

Saturday, September 6

St. Louis 4:00 pm The Living and Deceased Members of the Bayerl and Pettit Families
Req by: Family

Blessed Sacrament 4:30 pm All Souls
Req by: Blessed Sacrament Parishioners

Saint Michael's 5:30 pm Elaine Mattar
Req by: Thomas Beecher, Jr.

Sunday, September 7

Saint Louis 9:00 am 11:00 am Pasquale Mustillo
Req by: Louis Mustillo
Intentions of Pope Leo
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 10:30 am Gloria Canindo Certibo
Req by: Lilien Getz

Saint Michael's 12 noon All Souls
Req by: St. Michael's Parishioners

Monday, September 8 ~ The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Louis 12:05 pm Rose Marie Rozbicki
Req by: Estate

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am **NO MASS**

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Marjorie Dolan
Req by: Estate

Tuesday, September 9 ~ St. Peter Claver

St. Louis 12:05 pm Florence Remboldt
Req by: Estate

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Ricky, Hoka, Olivia, Isabelle Cromwell
Req by: Peter & Tracy Cromwell

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Livio Bastiani
Req by: Paula Braunstein

Thursday, September 11

St. Louis 12:05 pm Kevin Fletcher
Req by: Mike and Rose Fletcher

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am **NO MASS**

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Michael Banaziak
Req by: His 6:45 am Friends

Friday, September 12 ~ The Most Holy Name of Mary

St. Louis 12:05 pm All Souls
Req by: St. Louis Parishioners

Blessed Sacrament 8:00 am Loretta Schneider
Req by: Richard Lehner

Saint Michael's 6:45 am Rev. Raymond Sweitzer, SJ
Req by: Rosemaria Recchia



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COFFEE HOUR

Our coffee hour will resume after the 11:00 Mass October 5, 2025.

The date will be noted in a future bulletin.



MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLES

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Kevin Christner, by Don, Sue, and Orrie Christner.

The Pieta Altar Candle burns in Loving Memory of Memory of Kevin Christner, by Don, Sue, and Orrie Christner.

The St. Joseph Altar Candle also burns in Loving Memory of Memory of Kevin Christner, by Don, Sue, and Orrie Christner.

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, 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 \$4,644.00
OUR WESHARE COLLECTION WAS \$366.93.
ST. ANN ALTAR COLLECTION WAS \$110.00
OUR TOTAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK WAS \$5,120.93.

THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED WAS 323.

****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 note that starting September 1, 2025 we are starting a drive for WeShare with a goal of signing up 100 parishioners. Parishioners will be available to assist with signing up.

LECTORS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14, 2025

Lectors:

Saturday - 4:00 Diane Randazzo

Sunday - 9:00 Ed Kuzan

Sunday - 11:00 Mike Wrona

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday - 4:00 Jim Ferrini

Sunday - 9:00 Patrick Kearns

Sunday - 11:00 Lisa and Tim McCarthy

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2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Family #22 Faith Formation program will begin on *Catechetical Sunday, September 21st* and will continue through April. Classes will alternate between Blessed Sacrament and St. Louis. The program includes family faith formations lessons, service sessions, and at-home lessons. All children, age 4 through 10th grade, are welcome to attend. Detailed program information is available on the St. Louis website: <http://stlouiscrcchurch.org/religions-education/prek-10grade-faith-formation>

~ **New Families:** Please complete a registration form and send it to Ashlee Campbell, CRE

~ **Returning Families:** Families have received an email about the program on August 15th. Simply reply to this email to let the CRE know you're coming back!

If you have any questions about the program, contact Ashlee Campbell at 443-744-0354 / religioused@stlouiscrcchurch.org

LECTOR/EM SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER, 2025

Lectors

Sat. 4:30 pm

September 6: P. Jones
September 13: NO MASS
September 20: R. Lehner
September 27: M. Cusack

Sun. 10:30 am

September 7: M. Pitek
September 14: G. Riedel
September 21: M. Flores
September 28: S. Falleta

Eucharist Ministers

Sat. 4:30 pm

September 6: Deacon Tom
September 13: NO MASS
September 20: B. Bielecki
September 27: D. Russell

Sun. 10:30 am

September 7: Deacon Tom
September 14: M. J. Carroll
September 21: J. Knab
September 28: M. J. Carroll

NEW DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Starting September 1, 2025 the daily Mass schedule at Blessed Sacrament will be Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:00 am.

Daily Masses will continue to be held at:

St. Michael's 6:45 am M/T/Th/F

St. Louis 12:05 pm M/T/Th/F

The Cathedral 12:10 pm M-F

St. Anthony's 6:00 pm M-F (Latin Mass)

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



THEMED BASKET RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

During our **Tailgate Party & Family Picnic**, we'll be holding our annual **Themed Basket Raffle & Silent Auction Fundraiser**, and we need your help to make it a success! We're asking parishioners to donate themed baskets—Bills baskets, Buffalo baskets, or any special basket filled with favorite goodies.



We're also accepting Bills items of value for our **Silent Auction**, which this year will include a shoe signed by wide receiver **Curtis Samuel**!



RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION
QR CODE

To contribute, please click on this RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION QR CODE, and give us the details of your donation. Baskets and Auction items may be brought to any Mass at Blessed Sacrament and placed on a blue table in St. Joseph's Hall.

Donations are due by **Sunday, September 7**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



COFFEE HOUR TO RESUME



As we head into the Fall, Coffee Hour will resume starting Sunday, September 7th, after the 10:30 Mass. We need people to volunteer to "host" Coffee Hour and you can do that by signing up at the Event table. Celine LaDuca, chairperson of the Coffee Hour Ministry will follow up with you to finalize dates and other details. Last year's program was quite the success and we're hoping this continues to be an active way that our new and current members meet each other and enrich our Faith community.

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 31, 2025

The collection report for last week is as follows:

Due to the Holiday the collection for 8/31/25 will be noted next week.

Thank you.

There will be one collection next week

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to *want* to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas - whatever the subject matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

"WE MUST SPEAK TO THEM
WITH OUR HANDS BY GIVING,
BEFORE WE TRY TO SPEAK
TO THEM WITH OUR LIPS."

St. Peter Claver

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred.

It makes us question everything we think we understand about Him, about God, about discipleship.

How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid," or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much - for whom love is a legacy and a commandment - it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about Him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden - maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think that He wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wasn't to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world - and even to other people - supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MESSAGES

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and welcome the stranger. Catholic Charities helps us live out that Gospel call - right here in our Western New York community. Learn more about how we serve and how you can get involved or support our work by visiting www.ccwny.org.

FOOD EMERGENCY?

Catholic Charities here to help.

If you or someone you know is struggling to put food on the table, Catholic Charities operates multiple food pantries across Western New York and is also the WIC administrator for Erie, Niagara, and Chautauque counties.

Visit www.ccwny.org to locate a pantry near you and www.ccwny.org/wic to learn more about WIC, including an income eligibility chart.

BIBLE CLASSES

Bible classes for the academic year 2025-2026 will be held at St. Stanislaus Parish Hall, 389 Peckham St., Buffalo beginning Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 pm.

The classes will be conducted by Fr. Mark Kreis, OSPPE, Ph. D. from the East Buffalo Family of Parishes. I

If you have any questions pertaining to the classes, contact Fr. Kreis at 716-331-9041.

The lectures are free of charge.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please remember to turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices while in church/during Mass.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:25-33

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow Him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven-His own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to Him as His precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see His great work through.

~ Father John Muir



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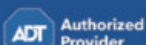
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