



SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT PARISH

December 28, 2025



Weekend Masses

Vigil at Our Lady of Grace Church – 4:00pm
Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 8:00am
Sunday at St. Thomas Church – 9:15am
Sunday at St. Anthony Church – 11:00am

Daily Masses

Monday – Friday at
St. Anthony Church – 8:00am

Confession

Saturdays at Our Lady of Grace Church –
3:00 - 3:45pm

Adoration

Mondays at St. Anthony Church –
7:00 - 8:00pm – with the
Sacrament of Confession



THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 28, 2025



Mass Intentions

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention For December:
For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

LDM – St Louis de Montfort Parish; SAP – St Anthony of Padua Church; STV – St Thomas of Villanova Church; OLG – Our Lady of Grace Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

OLG 4:00 PM + *P.J Zguzenski* ~ By Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Betty & Emil Locke* ~ By Daughter and
 Son In-law

STV 9:15 AM + *Leo & Leonette Clement & Ginette Clement*
 ~ By the Clement Family

SAP 11:00 AM + *Josephine & Victor Antonini* ~ By Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM ~ A Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Robert Adams* ~ By the Adams Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + **OPEN**

OLG 6:00 PM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

STV 9:30 AM ~ Living & Deceased of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Tom & Eileen Donaldson* ~ By Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

OLG 4:00 PM + *Eugen Leo O'Brien III* ~ By Geri Dunne

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

SAP 8:00 AM + *Dick Dauphinais* ~ By the Dauphinais Family

STV 9:15 AM – *Robert Skinner* ~ By K of C Council #13128

SAP 11:00 AM + *Cecilia Prytko*

Please add the following people to your prayers

- ♥ Marie Sanford ♥ Lois Buchanan ♥ Gordon Hills
- ♥ Fiona Riley ♥ John Pelchat ♥ Eileen Proveaux
- ♥ Bob Grosclaude ♥ Liz Carter ♥ Ed Perry
- ♥ Mary Corbo ♥ Tracey Bassos ♥ Stephen Foster
- ♥ Lacey G & Elliott ♥ Briar Stack-Sweeney
- ♥ Chris Dole ♥ Bernard Harrington ♥ Fr. Josh Wilbur



Collections: THIS Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly. NEXT Weekend's will be the Parish Weekly and Monthly.

**Saint Louis de Montfort Parish
 December 8th**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION : \$ 651.00

December 13th & 14th

WEEKLY: \$ 2,818.00

ONLINE GIVING : \$ 1,118.75

December 20th & 21st

WEEKLY: \$ 4,432.00

ONLINE GIVING : \$ 1,620.75

RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND : \$ 1,642.00

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 Saint Louis de Montfort Parish.*

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**The Christmas Flower names will
 be in next weekend's bulletin.**

Sacraments At Our Parish

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday at Our Lady of Grace Church (3:00--3:45pm); during Adoration on Mondays 7:00--8:00pm at St. Anthony's Church

Sacrament of Matrimony: Please call the office at least six months in advance before making any other arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the office.

Religious Education: Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation: Please call Cate Corwin.

Adult Sacraments: Any adult wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communions, and/or Confirmation are welcome to join the OCIA and Adult Confirmation process. Please call the office for more information.



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The Parish Bulletin is expanding from six pages to eight pages starting next weekend. If you know of any community events we can advertise please email: stlouisdemontfortparish@gmail.com
 Thank you for your support.

The St. Louis de Montfort Ladies' Guild and Knights of Columbus Council #13128 will be sponsoring a diaper drive throughout the month of January to support Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center. Please drop off diapers of any size at the entrance to the church before any Mass in January. The Knights will deliver the diapers during the final week of the month.

Thank you!

David Poirier, Grand Knight - Council #13128

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With thanks,
 Denise Parker, Coordinator
 The Litchfield Children's Fund



2025-26 How We Worship

January 4th - Starting at the 9am Mass
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DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 2, 2026

ST. LUCIAN'S RESIDENCE COUNTS 100 YEARS OF SENIOR LIVING WITH SPIRITUAL PERKS

Monsignor Lucian Bojnowski, who served as a pastor to the Polish community in New Britain beginning in 1895, was an enterprising priest who dreamed of many ministries to uplift the locals. As pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, he founded a congregation of religious women, two grade schools, an academy, an orphanage and a home for the elderly.

One of his creations that continues to care for God's people to this day is St. Lucian's Residence, a residential senior living facility, which celebrated its 100th anniversary this year (1925 to 2025).

"He had an incredible vision," Robert Skarba, administrator of St. Lucian's Residence, says of Monsignor Bojnowski. Today, that vision is summarized in St. Lucian's Residence logo with the tagline "comfort, care and compassion."

"The ministry of St. Lucian's is a priority of the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception," says Sister Mary Janice Zdunczyk, a member of the congregation and director of St. Lucian's, who is in charge of providing that compassionate care. "It's our mission to support St. Lucian's financially, spiritually and socially."

Today, six sisters make their home at St. Lucian's Residence, a nonprofit residential senior living facility that welcomes people

age 65 and above. The sisters live on one floor of St. Lucian's Residence, while 15 lay people live on the floors below.

"I think our founder's purpose was to found a community with a faith dimension," Sister Mary Janice explains. "With that added spiritual dimension, the sisters are willing to share their community life with the lay people and vice versa."

"It's amazing how many residents join the sisters in prayer, holy hours and at various prayer services," Sister Mary Janice notes.

There is also a chapel, which draws the residents for daily Mass. Masses are celebrated by Father Lawrence Symolon, chaplain for the Daughters of Mary of the Immaculate Conception. While this spiritual legacy is being carried on, some things have changed.

Located on Burritt Street, St. Lucian's Residence was built in 1925 and gained a new wing in 1986, followed by many upgrades. Residents enjoy private rooms but can mingle in sitting rooms on every floor, in the dining hall and in a large social activity room.

Activities include exercise classes, bingo, movies and holiday parties. Meals, assistance with medication, laundry and other services are also available, if needed.

Resident Kasimier (Kaz) Marchut, a former long-distance runner, takes advantage of the weekly exercise classes. He also loves to read. "I've read every book in the library," he says, of the small library with English and Polish titles. But he says the best thing about living at St. Lucian's is "having good friends."

Luc A. Ouellette spent his working life as a Catholic school teacher at St. Ann Jr. High School and Sacred Heart School in New Britain, teaching reading, French and religion. He says he arrived at St. Lucian's because "I needed some things done for me – laundry and food prep."

Ouellette loves everything about St. Lucian's: "The schedule for meals, the quiet time in the building, the activities planned for us, the daily Mass and the rosary on Wednesday after Mass and on Sunday afternoons."

Three years ago, Sister Mary Lucille Banach, one of the Daughters of Mary and a retired nurse, moved from Boston to become a resident. "The best is the socialization. There are people around to talk to – or not talk to," she says with a laugh.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Lord, bless our new year and keep us in Your grace.
Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Our readings today send a strong message of trust, both in God and each other. In our first reading, we hear, "God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons." (Sirach 3:2) This shows how God entrusts a father and a mother to care for and be the head of the family. This is also a great example of how the family should be - "Christ centered." God is the source of all good and happiness. When we put God in the middle and build our house upon His rock (Matt. 7:24-25), nothing can stop us or stand in our way. In a similar way, the Responsorial Psalm tells us, "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways." (Psalm 128:1) The word "fear" in this context is not used to indicate that we should be afraid of God. In Hebrew, "fear" often uses the word yirah (יִרָאֵה), which indicates reverence and awe. But "fear" in this sense can also be used to signify trust and belief in God. Pope St. John Paul II famously said, "Be not afraid." Don't run away, but rather, draw closer to Him and His loving arms. We must trust in God and be fully committed to His Will for us. A great instance of this is in our Gospel, which says, "When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt." (Matt. 2:13-15) Joseph does this with no questions and without hesitation. He knows that if God wills us to follow Him, we cannot be led astray. This is mirrored by Mary at the Annunciation, when she gives her "Fiat" (Latin for "let it be done") to the angel when asked to be the Mother of God. Both Joseph and Mary say "yes" to God when He asks them to do His Will, and they know that He is always going to give us what we need to attain eternal life with Him. But we must be willing to trust Him. As St. Alphonsus Liguori said, "He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things." Again, when our lives are centered around God, we find ourselves on the road to salvation, or, in the words of St. Carlo Acutis, "the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven." Through the Eucharist we receive our Lord Himself, pure, holy, and spotless. (The Roman Canon) And so, my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us trust in God and put Him at the center of our lives, knowing that through Him, all things are possible.

-Aidan Stewart
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