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Established 1864

***Mission:** We, the members of St. Louis Catholic Church, come together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to promote the mission of Jesus Christ. We encourage and support the development of the sacramental life of each member in our communities through liturgical, education, social and service activities. The stewardship of our time, our talents and our treasures expresses the continuous accountability to God and the shared responsibility to each other, to our communities and to the world.*

St. Louis School ♦ Established 1875

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Two images from nature dominate this First Sunday of Lent. In these images we find the key for living the next six weeks deeply and fruitfully, as God is hoping we will live them. The first image is that of the desert. After Jesus was baptized, but before he began his years of public ministry, St. Mark tells us in today's Gospel that the Spirit "drove Jesus out into the desert," where he experienced temptation. Throughout the Bible, the desert is often referred to a place of testing, where we experience our weakness and dependence on God. Water and food are hard to come by there, and the temperatures and emptiness are oppressive to both the body and the mind. When we are in the desert, either literally or figuratively, we quickly realize that we need God. In other words, the desert is the opposite of the Garden of Eden. It is the place of suffering and hardship that sin has led us to. Both original sin and also our own personal sins have interfered with God's plan for our lives and for our world; they have put us in need of salvation.

The second image in today's readings is the flood, the abundance of water that cleansed the world of sin at the time of Noah. That flood of water foreshadowed Christian baptism, the flood of grace that purifies our souls from sin, bringing new spiritual life into the desert of our sin-damaged hearts. Sin and salvation: our sins, and Christ's loving sacrifice that leads to salvation. These are the most fundamental aspects of our Catholic faith, and these are the themes that should fill our hearts and minds throughout the season of Lent. I pray you all have a fruitful and meaningful Lent this year.

God bless,

Dcn. Dave

Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to join in praying the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7:00PM at St. Louis church through the Lenten Season beginning on February 21. We will gather to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at

6:30 PM. All ages are welcome to pray. Readers and cross bearers are needed. Please contact the parish office, email at stloiusparishcustar@gmail.com, or message on Facebook. Participating in the traditions and prayers help us to have a holy Lenten Season.

Stations of the Cross prayers are available in the narthex for those who'd like to pray the outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Louis cemetery through the Lenten Season.

Lenten Schedule

A copy of the Lenten schedule is inserted in today's bulletin. There will also be copies available in the Narthex if you misplace your copy.

Little Black Books

The Lenten books are now available on the table in the Narthex. Take one home. It is a good reference for the Lenten season.

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Religious Education

Sundays after Mass.

School News- Preschool

We are now enrolling current students in the 3-year-old preschool program for our 4 year old program next year. Preschool enrollment will open to parishioners on January 29, followed by the community and public on February 12. Please feel free to call the office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

Sons of the American Legion Breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion are hosting a breakfast on Sunday Mar. 03 from 8:00 to 12:00

noon. Dine in or Carryout. Menu consists of fresh grilled sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee, juice and milk. All you can eat for a free will donation. Location: Custar Legion Hall.

Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

May your evening be touched with a bit of St. Patrick Day Irish luck, at our 16th Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction, to be held on Saturday, March 16th at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio! The shenanigans will begin when doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm, with the raffle beginning at 7:30pm. Our Leprechaun host for the evening will be auctioneer Steve Powell.....

The Pot of Gold cash prize for the evening is \$2,000, with many other chances to win cash prizes throughout the evening! The cost is \$75 per ticket, which includes a sit-down dinner. Additional dinner tickets are also available for \$25.00. Winners need not be present to win cash prizes. You must be at least 21 years old to attend.

We will be having a Silent and Live Auction throughout the evening. Donations are now being accepted. You are welcome to drop them off at the school or church office, or by contacting Jennie Tussing, Abby Lang, Katie Mahlman or Cathy Hanna. We are looking forward to a night of celebration. **Tickets will be on sale after Mass or in the church office. Only 48 left!! Get them before you missout!!**

Knights of Columbus News:

Fish Fry

We want to sincerely thank everyone who came out to our fish fry at St. Louis on Friday. Thank you to anyone who volunteered and helped with setup, serving, cleanup, providing desserts and everything in between. Financials will be coming soon. Our next fish fry is on March 22nd from 4:00 to 6:30pm at St. Pat's in Grand Rapids.

Super Cash Bonanza

The Knights of Columbus are kicking off their **SUPER CASH BONANZA** campaign this week. It's one of our biggest charity campaigns of the year! Tickets are available for purchase after mass for \$5.00 each. At minimum you

could win \$500, the top prize is over \$49,000! The drawing is May 18th at the state convention. See the poster in the back of church for more details. Proceeds benefit KofC charities and area charities.

A Family Perspective

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORIVE!

TV Mass for Homebound

WNWO Ch 24 at 6:30., and WTVG Ch. 13.2 at 8:30 a.m.

Annunciation Radio

"Listen to your 8 a.m. Sunday Mass at EWTN on Annunciation Radio." Your source for prayer, news, inspiration, updates, and daily Mass at WNOC 89.7 FM for Toledo/Bowling Green area. You can also listen at wwwAnnunciationRadio.com More information can be found by calling 1-877-275-8098

Please keep in your prayers: Timothy Davis, Margaret Whitacre, Ron Tolles, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Brenda Cavanaugh Spence, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vandergriff, Frank "Macy" Costilla, Presley Speakman. Kim Maas
Haley Cortez

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 to 2:00

Mass Attendance

February 11, 2024 **111**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$1550.00
Loose	\$ 91.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 35.00

1ST Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Fuel	\$ 275.00
Altar Rosary	\$ 50.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 18	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Terry Feehan, Robert, Irene & Sue Maas, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Crouch, Ron & Jeff Trumbull, Tina Wagner, Living & Deceased of the Albert Wilhelm Fm.
Mon. Feb. 19	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Brittany Eschador
Wed. Feb. 21	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass
Thur. Feb. 22	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Feb. 23	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Feb. 24	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 25	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Feb. 25	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Ricky Goris, Emil & Dolores Goris, Fr. Jeff Nordhaus

LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 25, 2024

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Arron Mir, Alex Sifuentes, Rick Stokes, Audra Tolles, Diane Wensink
Lector	Sun: Marijane Adler
Servers	Sun: Cate & Kayley Tussing, Peyson Wilhelm
Offertory	Sun: Jim & Sue Flowers
Hospitality	Sun: Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 18, 2024	Have a Great Week!
Feb. 18, 2024	Donuts after Mass
Mar. 01, 2024	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry 5-till run out
Mar. 03, 2024	Sons of the Legion Breakfast 8-12
Mar. 08, 15, 22	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry 5-till run out

