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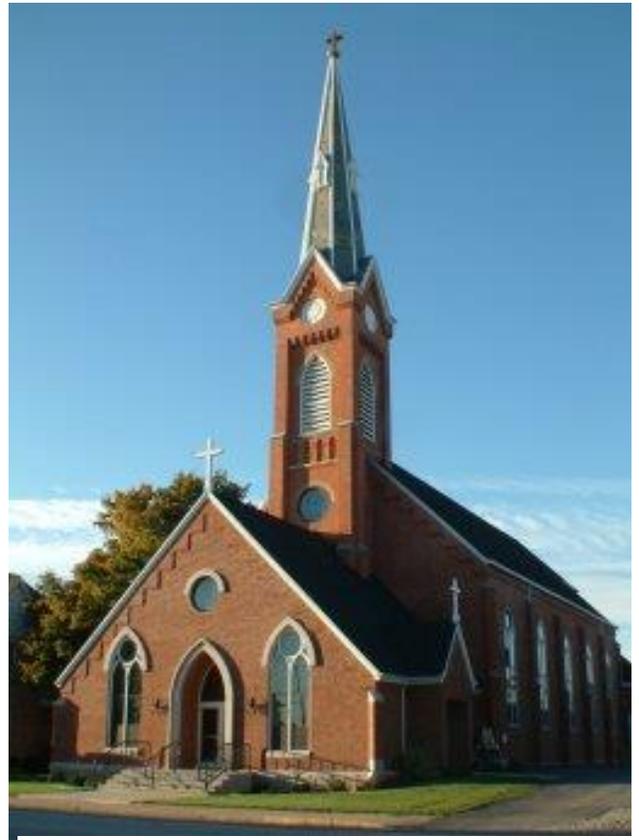
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Parish Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
Deacon - David Krempec
Parish Secretary - Linda Boyle
Bookkeeper - Sue Stokes
Parish Nurse - Joyce Walker, R.N.
Music Coordinator- Jennifer Tussing
Finance - Dennis Schwab
Pastoral Council- Joyce Walker, Secretary
Cemetery Board - Robert Boyle, President
School Advisory - Lindsay Tussing
Altar Rosary Society - Julie Lause (419-601-3319)
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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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School Staff:

Superintendent- Fr. Francis Mariadas
Principal- Jennifer Tussing
Secretary- Stacey Graham
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have just completed the first full week of Lent, how are you doing with your Lenten commitments? What a great opportunity our church gives us each year to reflect on our lives, values and priorities, to see if we are keeping in line with what God desires for us. We had such a wonderful turn out at both of our parishes for Ash Wednesday, especially considering the weather we had. I am always pleased to see so many parishioners join us even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. This says so much about the importance of our faith to all of us. It also brought me great joy this past Sunday to celebrate the Rite of sending forth with our catechumen Beck Walls. It is such a wonderful time in the process for her. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues with the formal part of her faith journey.

In the Gospel today we can see our own relationship to the transfiguration. Just as Jesus was transfigured through his relationship with God, so are we called to enter into a spiritual transformation, a relationship with God that leads us into a life of prayer. That is what the season of Lent is about—turning away from temptations and sinfulness, making a conscious effort to deepen our relationship with God and transforming our lives.

God's response to the offering of Abraham is life, abundant and blessed descendants for countless generations. Jesus' loving obedience transfigured him to what he truly is, the image of God, glorified and beautiful. A message we can ponder as we continue on this journey of faith.

Just as a friendly reminder, **We will pray the Stations of the Cross each Monday @ 7pm at St. Patrick and Each Wednesday @ 7pm at St. Louis and 6.30 Rosary.** The sacrament of reconciliation is always available for you and a great way to help us focus as we continue on our journey. I will celebrate a "day of grace" at both of our parishes along with my regular confession times. I am also available by appointment. Please take a bulletin each week to follow the Lenten Schedules.

May this Lenten season be a heartfelt time of reflection and change.

God Bless and Happy Lent
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

Welcome

We welcome Fr. Tom Extejt. who is filling in for Fr. Francis this weekend. Also Fr. Ritter will be doing the school mass on Wednesday. Thank you!

Thank You

- Colleen Baumberger would like to thank everyone for the sincere prayers, cards and well wishes for my 100th birthday. The cards brought smiles and happy memories to me.

- The funeral committee and the family of James Wagner would like to thank the parishioners who donated food for the funeral dinner. It was deeply appreciated, and we thank you for your continued support for the families in their time of need.

Please remember to pick up your dishes in the back of church.

- Thank you for your generous donations to the food pantry. We received a lot of SOUP and staples for our SUPER bowl Sunday. The boxes were tied for the winner. It was a great way to start Lent, by sharing and feeding the hungry.

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.



Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for a great meal and fellowship!

School News- Preschool

We still have openings for the 3 year old preschool program! Anyone with a child who will be 3 years old by August 1st may apply now! 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 Update

There are only **18 tickets** remaining to be sold. If you haven't bought yours yet they will be on sale after Mass on Sunday or in the church office.

We will be having a Silent and Live Auction throughout the evening. Donations can be dropped 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. Hope to see you there. It is always a fun evening!!

Knights of Columbus News:

Fish Fry

Our next fish fry is on March 22nd from 4:00 to 6:30pm at St. Pat's in Grand Rapids.

Family of the Month

The Alan & Cathy Hanna family has been designated **Family of the Month for February** in a unanimous vote by the council. Cathy is a lector and distributor during mass. She is President of the PTAA at St. Louis school and Chairwoman for the St. Louis Silent Auction & Reverse Raffle. She is also a 4-H advisor and volunteers with the Custar Legion Auxiliary.

Alan is involved with hospitality during mass. He is a member of the St. Louis School advisory council and Custar Sons of the Legion. Alan & Cathy have also previously served on the St. Louis Festival Committee. Reed & Parker Hanna currently attend St. Louis school. They are involved with CYO Basketball, 4-H and volunteer their time at the Custar Sons of the Legion. Campbell Hanna is a student at St. Louis preschool

and faithfully attends mass with her family on Sundays.

Knight of the Month

John Maas was unanimously voted to be **Knight of the Month for February** for his help with planning and organizing the council's Lenten fish fries. Thank you for your dedication John!

A Family Perspective

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and with us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

TV Mass for Homebound

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

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 18, 2024 114

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$1863.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
School Fund Drive	\$ -0-
Fuel	\$ -0-
Eastern Europe	\$ 5.00
Black Indian	\$ 80.00
Altar Rosary	\$ 10.00
Donuts	\$ 306.00

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 25	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Ricky Goris, Emil & Dolores Goris, Fr. Jeff Nordhaus
Mon. Feb. 26	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed. Feb. 28	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass Fr. Ritter
Thur. Feb. 29	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Fri. Mar. 01	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Sat. Mar. 02	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 03	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 03	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Terry Feehan, Paul Bowers, Lawrence Diem fm. Walter Wilhelm fm., Larry Ickes, Living & deceased of the James Feehan Fm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 03, 2024

Ministers of Holy Communion **Sun:** Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith

Lector **Sun:** Scott Boyer

Servers **Sun:** Luke & Tommy Van de heijning, Faith Henry

Offertory **Sun:** Mike & Stacey Graham

Hospitality **Sun:** Joe Bechstein, Mark DeSmith, Bob & Linda Boyle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 25, 2024	Have a Great Week!
Mar. 01, 2024	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry 5-till run out
Mar. 01, 2024	First Friday Adoration 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Mar. 03, 2024	Sons of the Legion Breakfast 8-12
Mar. 08, 15, 22	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry 5-till run out

