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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)
Mission Coordinator - Mary Jane Flowers
Religious Education & Youth Group Facilitator -
Joyce Walker (419-494-4813)
Prayer Hotline – Dianne Hoile (419-669-2504)



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

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During his public ministry, Jesus made it clear that one condition for being his follower was that we too should bear the cross. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me." As his passion draws near, he reminds us of this condition: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

To be a Christian is to be where Christ is: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." And where is Christ? He is always pouring out his life for others on the cross, giving himself for the good of others through a self-giving love. This is the lesson of the Gospels, and of the Eucharist - the extension throughout history of Christ's self-sacrifice on Calvary.

And so, that's also where we should be - giving our lives for God and our neighbors. Christ's great commandment was to love others as he has loved us. He taught this lesson by example on the cross, and with words during the Last Supper: "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."

As followers of Christ, we should expect crosses, difficulties, and even, at times, persecution. To be a true Christian involves not just wearing a crucifix or hanging one on the wall, but bearing the sign of the cross in every part of our lives.

God bless,

Dcn. Dave

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Rosary Meeting

The next rosary meeting at Deshler will be on March 21 at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Welcome

Congratulations to Brad and Lindsay Tussing for the adoption of their daughters, Farrah and Paisley Tussing. On March 6, they officially were adopted into their family. Brad and Lindsay have been fostering Farrah and Paisley for the past three years. Congratulations also goes out to Kayley Tussing for becoming a big sister!

Signup Sheets for Holy Week

We are in need of Distributors, Lectors and Servers for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please sign up if you can help.

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. 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 stloiusparishcstar@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.

Cemetery Spring Cleanup

Please remove all grave blankets, wreaths, etc., or anything in the mowing path by March 29. If not removed, they will be disposed of. Thank you!

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.

Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction. Congratulations to all the winners. We hope everyone had a great evening and hope to see you again next year for the Annual Reverse Raffle.

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy-they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope, and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus News:

By becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus and giving just 24 ours a year, a man can be a better Catholic, father, and husband and make a difference in the Church and his community. It's not a lot of time, but it is time well spent. It's rewarding. It's life changing. Want to join us on our journey? Go to kofcohio.org and click on Join Us – Search our council number: 17113. For more information contact Grand Knight Alex Sifuentes, 419-575-2403

The council would like to express its sincerest thanks and gratitude for everyone who came to our fish fry on February 16. After expenses, we raised \$1,176.00 which will go into our charity fund. We also had close to \$700.00 of in-kind donations! Thank you so much for your support!

Fish Fry

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 porize 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 K of C charities and area charities.

A Family Perspective

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

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,

TV Mass for Homebound

WNWO Ch 24 at 6:30 a.m. WTVG Ch 13. At 8:30 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 to 2:00 **Office closed March 21**

Mass Attendance

March 10, 2024 **114**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$1736.00
Loose	\$ 93.00
Fuel	\$ -0-
Catholic Relief	\$ 150.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 100.00
Altar Rosary	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 508.00
Donuts	\$ 278.00

Fish Fry

St. Paul's Catholic Church in Hamler is holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 22nd, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. The meal includes fish, potatoes, coleslaw, homemade dessert bar, and drinks. Adult meals are \$10.00, and children's meals are \$5.00. Carryout's are available.

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 17	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Terry Feehan, James, Mary Lue & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Living & Deceased of the Albert Wilhelm Fm.
Mon. Mar. 18	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Wed. Mar. 20	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass
Thur. Mar. 21	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 22	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Mar. 23	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 24	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 24	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Jim Wagner, Terry Feehan

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 24, 2024

Ministers of Holy Communion **Sun:** Audra Tolles, Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A.

Lector **Sun:** Cathy Hanna, Scott Boyer

Servers **Sun:** Liz, Clare & Cate Tussing

Offertory **Sun:** John Maas Family

Hospitality **Sun:** Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 17, 2024	Have a Great Week!
Mar. 22, 2024	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry 5-till run out
Mar. 22, 2024	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at St. Pat's
Mar. 31, 2024	Happy Easter

