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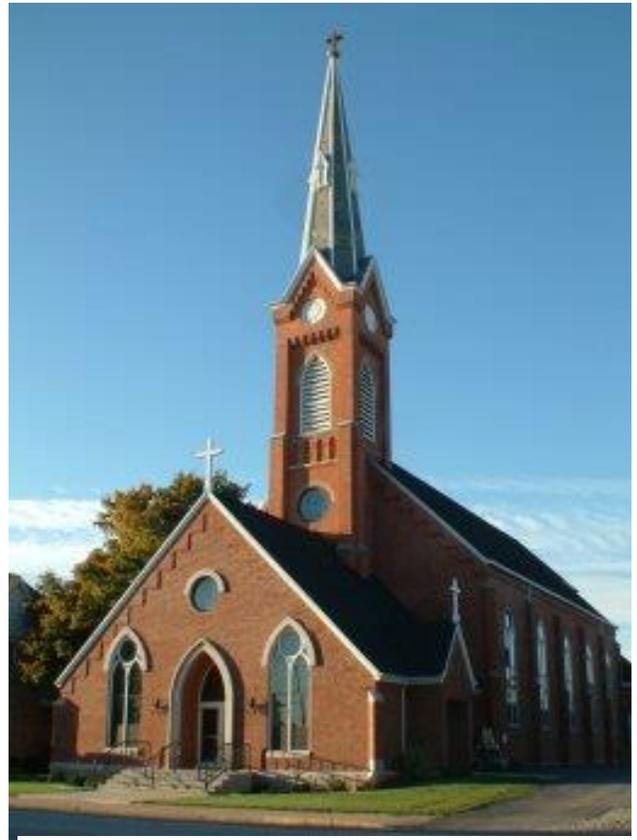
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Parish Office Hours:

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)
Mission Coordinator - Mary Jane Flowers
Religious Education & Youth Group Facilitator -
Joyce Walker (419-494-4813)
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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

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are now entering into the most important week of the year. We call it Holy Week and during this time we will remember the most important events in the life of Christ, His suffering, His death, His resurrection and all that he did to save us. I ask you to reflect on the days of Holy Week and their significance in our Christian life.

Palm Sunday: On this day we celebrate Christ's entering into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal mystery. He will accept our praises just as he accepted those of his disciples and of the people on entering Jerusalem. We wave palm branches and sing Hosanna, and yet in just a few short days Jesus is stripped, crucified and dies. The palms we wave represent life and hope for us all and the triumph of Christ.

Holy Thursday: also known as **Maundy Thursday**, brings us to the official end of Lent and the beginning of the Triduum. On this day, we commemorate the institution of two sacraments, the Holy Eucharist and the institution of the Holy Priesthood. He will repeat it during the last supper his new commandment: **"Love one another as I have loved you"**. At the evening Mass the priest will wash the feet of 12 men just as Jesus did at the Last Supper. This is a reminder to all, that Christians must serve others first. (This week on Tuesday, our diocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass where our Holy Oils are blessed and sent back to the parishes. Our priests will also renew their promises)

Good Friday: is a day of prayer and fasting. No Mass is said and the altar is stripped reminding us of Jesus being stripped and humiliated before his crucifixion. We remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the passion is read and we venerate the cross. We receive the Holy Eucharistic but no bread or wine is consecrated. St. Patrick's service will begin at 12 with the Stations of the Cross followed by the service at 1:00 p.m. The service at St. Louis will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: brings us much joy as we come to the Service of light. We begin in darkness and are brought into a great light. The Paschal candle is lit from the Easter fire to be used later to bless the Easter Water. The song of the church is sung (The Easter Proclamation/Exulted) followed by the Liturgy of the Word. We then move into the baptismal liturgy for candidates coming into the church, (Celebration of Reception into full communion), and we too are all sprinkled with Holy Water, calling to mind our own baptism, followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist. During this Mass the Gloria and Alleluia are once again sung and our churches are beautifully decorated. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8 @ St. Patrick.

This week celebrates the **central mysteries** of our faith. You are invited and encouraged to participate in the many liturgies being offered. It is my prayer that you and your family will celebrate a Holy Week and Easter that is filled with the Love, Peace, Joy, and Happiness of our Risen Savior.

God Bless

Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

Holy Thursday Mass Schedule

St. Louis Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by **Altar of Repose for Families.**

Last Names A-G 8-8:30 p.m.

Last Names H-N 8:30-9 p.m.

Last Names O-T 9-9:30 p.m.

Last Names U-Z 9:30-10 p.m.

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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.

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.

A Family Perspective

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear; no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no none should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

Please keep in your prayers: Timothy Davis, 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

Mass Attendance

March 17, 2024 130

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$1972.00
Loose	\$ 98.00
Fuel	\$ -0-
Catholic Relief	\$ 5.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 210.00



1st Communion Retreat

1st Communion Sunday is April 14

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their 1st Communion;
Ivy Bechstein, Averie Carter, Dani Jo Henry
Mara Kieffer, Maci Maas, Karalyn May.

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 24	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Jim Wagner, Terry Feehan
Mon. Mar. 25	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Wed. Mar. 27	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	
Thur. Mar. 28	St. Patrick St. Louis	7:00 P.M.	HOLY THURSDAY
Fri. Mar. 29	St. Patrick St. Louis	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday
Sat. Mar. 30	St. Patrick	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sun. Mar. 31	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 31	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Louis Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 31, 2024

Ministers of Holy Communion **Sun:** Ellen Boyer, Melissa DeSmith, Emily Flowers, Sue Flowers, Jan Cavanaugh

Lector **Sun:** Chuck Hoile, Josie Lirot

Servers **Sun:** Amy Flowers, Phoebe Lirot, Taylor Maas

Offertory **Sun:** Bob & Linda Boyle

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 24, 2024	Have a Great Week!
Mar. 25-Apr. 01	Spring Break for School
Mar. 28, 2024	Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 29, 2024	Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 31, 2024	Happy Easter

