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### Parish Office Hours:

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### Parish Staff:

Pastor, Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC  
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Administrative Assistant, Lindsay Tussing  
Bookkeeper, Sue Stokes  
Parish Nurse, Joyce Walker, R.N.  
Music Coordinator, Jennifer Tussing  
Finance, John Maas  
Pastoral Council Secretary, Joyce Walker,  
Cemetery Board President, Robert Boyle  
School Advisory, Linday Tussing  
Altar Rosary Society, Julie Lause (419-601-3319)  
Mission Coordinator, Mary Jane Flowers  
Religious Education & Youth Group Facilitators,  
Luann Flowers & Joyce Walker  
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

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### School Staff:

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

**IS THERE** a question that you need to answer? Is there a choice that you need to make? Is there an opportunity that you need to pursue or that you need to turn your back on? Is there a relationship that you need to throw yourself into or walk away from? What is clouding your judgement? Why all the confusion?

One way to get to some clarity is by nakedly examining your motives. Motives provide a window through which we can observe our decisions – and indecision - more closely. Sometimes it may be difficult to establish clarity about what you believe is the right thing to do in a certain situation. At these times motives can be powerful indicators. By looking honestly at the motives that are driving you toward a certain action or repelling you from another course of action, it may be easier for you to determine which direction you should take in the situation at hand.

Our motives can teach us a lot about ourselves. They often reveal what drives us, what we are afraid of, whose opinions impact our decision making, and what we consider important.

Matthew Kelly

### **Liver n' Onions Supper**

Custar Legion Auxiliary will be having their annual Liver n' Onions supper on Friday January 17th at the legion hall. A choice of liver n' onions or chicken breast will be served from 5-7pm. Dinner includes baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, roll, drink and cookies. A free will offering will be accepted with proceeds to help send a representative to Buckeye Girls State.

### **Year End Statements**

Lindsay will be working on printing year end statements for the next couple weeks. If you would like one, please call the office or see me at church and I will be happy to print one for you. I have the list from last year and if you received one then, you don't need to contact me as you will automatically be getting one. Thanks!

### **Minister's List**

A new minister's list for January through April is available on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy if you need one. Thanks!

### **Welcome**

St. Louis Parish welcomes and appreciates Fr. Ritter and Fr. Kidd to offer Mass for us while Fr. Francis is gone. Fr. Francis will be going home to India from January 20 – March 7. It has been two years since he saw his family. We wish him safe travels and wonderful memories made with his family.

### **Weekday Mass**

Starting January 20 there will be **NO MONDAY** masses until Fr. Francis returns from India. There will be School Masses on Wednesday at 9:15 starting January 22. Watch the bulletin for any changes. Thanks!

### **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 27, followed by the community and public on February 10. Please feel free to call the office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

### **Wish Upon a Star Tree**

*Thank you!* On behalf of all the teachers, staff, and students, thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful gifts purchased from the Wish Upon a Star Tree. We are surely blessed by your kindness and appreciate making our wishes come true. ~Mrs. Tussing

### **300 Club**

**Congratulations** to the winners of our 300-club drawing.

\$100 Rita Trumbull – Custar #243

\$200 Chase Flora – Grand Rapids #244

\$100 Dave Flowers – McClure #245

**Religious Education Classes**

January classes are on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>. No class on January 19<sup>th</sup>. New schedules for 2025 will be passed out today in class.

**Festival Committee**

The festival committee is still in need of **two Volunteers** to join the committee for a three-year term. If interested, please contact Benjamin Flowers at 419-906-0591 or his email address is [FlowersBO8@yahoo.com](mailto:FlowersBO8@yahoo.com).

**Henry County Right to Life**

The Henry County Right to Life will again sponsor a pro-life ad in the Defiance Crescent & Napoleon Northwest Signal newspapers near the Jan. 18, 2025, weekend. We plan to have a full-page ad in both papers listing names of people opposed to legalized abortion. A copy of last year’s ad along with a sign-up sheet is on the table in the back of church. Please make sure your name is printed clearly. We are requesting a small donation of \$3-\$5 per name to cover the cost of the ad. You can put your donation in the red box or see Luann Flowers after Mass.

We are currently working on placing a billboard on Rte. 24 near Napoleon for 3 months this coming summer and any extra funds after paying for the ads will go towards its expense. We thank you for all your help. It is very much appreciated in our mutual fight for life, speaking for those who cannot. May the Lord give His Blessings to all who participate in this endeavor.

**REST IN PEACE**

Our prayers and sympathy to Melissa (Dennis) Adler DeSmith family on the death of Melissa’s father, Gerald “Gary” Adler, who died on January 6<sup>th</sup> and whose Funeral Mass was held on Friday, January 10 at St. Louis. Followed by his burial at the cemetery. May he rest in Peace with the Risen Lord Jesus.

**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 [www.AnnunciationRadio.com](http://www.AnnunciationRadio.com).

**TV Mass For Homebound**

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

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**Family Perspective**

In today’s gospel Jesus was publicly AFFIRMED by his father: “You are my beloved son, with you I am very pleased.” As parents we can become so focused on misbehaviors we overlook the good behaviors. Jesus needed AFFIRMATION and so do our children.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Timothy Davis, Ron Tolles, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Brekin Maas, Richard Vandergriff, Presley Speakman, Kim Maas, Gwenn Maas, Jim Flowers

**Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Mass Attendance**

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**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$	2,402.00
Loose	\$	293.00
School Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	225.00
Christmas Offering	\$	100.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	335.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	\$	220.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Jan. 12	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Nancy & Michael E. Adler, Larry Ickes, Charles Stein, John Feehan, L/D of James Feehan Fm., & Francis & Rosella Flowers
Mon. Jan. 13	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>
Wed. Jan. 15	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass</b>
Thur. Jan. 16	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Jan. 17	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Jan. 18	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Jan. 19	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Jan. 19	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Charles Stein, Harold & Joanne Rader, Judy & Ricky Goris, Frank & Ruth Goris, Don, Sue, Irene, & Robert Maas, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Crouch, Kenny Schroll, Jim Wagner, Ron & Jeff Trumbull, & John & Dolores Schneider

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 19, 2025

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Chuck Hoile
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Clare Tussing, Reed Hanna, Emmett Mier
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Jason Dahms Family
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Alan Hanna, Chuck Hoile, Adam & Rick Stein

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 12, 2025	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Jan. 12, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes Today for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Jan. 14, 2025	<b>RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 17, 2025	<b>Liver n' Onions Supper at Custer Legion from 5-7 p.m.</b>
Jan. 26, 2025	<b>Donuts after 9 a.m. Mass</b>

