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Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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Parish Nurse - Joyce Walker, R.N.
Music Coordinator- Jennifer Tussing
Finance – John Maas
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
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 SAC
Principal- Jennifer Tussing
Secretary- Danielle Klinge
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

THERE IS A STORM coming. How do I know? There always is. It may be days away, weeks or months, or even years. But it is coming. Nobody passes through this life without encountering some storms. A tornado blew through our neighborhood a few nights ago. The next day seventy thousand households had no electricity, and hundreds of trees had been torn down. Other trees looked untouched. What is the difference between two trees, side by side, one gets blown to the ground and the other continues to stand tall?

Strong roots. A tree with strong roots can weather almost any storm. A tree with deep roots bears great fruit, for it can source the water and nutrients it needs from the earth. Sink the roots of the daily habit of prayer deep into your life. Is there a storm coming? Life has taught me that this is the wrong question. When will the storm get here? is more appropriate. Life has also taught me that when the storm arrives it is too late to start sinking those roots. So, don't delay. Begin today.

Prayer is life's essential daily habit.

Matthew Kelly

“Thanksgiving” Sunday

On behalf of the School Advisory Board, we would like to say **thank you** to everyone who generously donated to the 2024 Fund Drive. It was the best year we have had in a very long time. Not only did we meet our \$40,000 goal, but we surpassed it by bringing in a total of \$45,189.00. These donations help keep the school running successfully and Catholic education being taught. Everyone who supported this fund drive is being honored today at church, along with your names being placed on the Honor Roll of Donors list, which is hanging in the school basement and also in today's bulletin. May God Bless you all for your generosity.

“Souper” Bowl Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting soup for our community's Food Pantry. “Souper” Bowl is coming up **February 9th**, so donate some soup and put it in your favorite teams' tote in the back of church, and we'll see what team will win. All soups are appreciated, especially the chunky ones, during the winter.

Valentine's Dinner

There will be a baked steak and chicken dinner on Saturday February 15th from 4:30 – 6:30p.m.

Dinner includes Steak or chicken, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or corn, coleslaw, applesauce, cucumbers, pie and drinks. Carry – outs are available. The cost is a free will donation, with proceeds going to St. Louis School.

Volunteers are invited to sign up to help and to donate pies. Please drop off your pies between 1-3:30pm on Saturday or Friday during school hours.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Any questions please call: Dianne Hoile 419-575-1513 or Lisa Wilhelm 419-261-2570.

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.

300 Club

Congratulations to the winners of our 300-club drawing.

\$100 Pat Tussing Family – Custar #043

\$200 Ben Wilhelm – Custar #044

\$100 Brian Bechstein – McClure #045

Religious Education Classes

February classes will be on 2nd, 9th, 23rd. No class on February 16th. **March** classes will be on the 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th. No class on March 16th. **April** classes will be on 6th, 13th, 27th. No class on April 20th. **May** classes will be on the 11th. No class on May 4th.

High School Youth Group

Our High School Youth Group will be holding a board game night on **Sunday, Feb. 9 from 4-7 pm** in the school basement for any high school students. We will have games and tacos. Board games will be available, but you are welcome to bring any games to share. Come join in on the fun and meet some new friends!

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.

The Rosary in a Year Podcast

Many are familiar and fans of the Bible in a Year (BIY) and Catechism in a Year (CIY) podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Be transformed by daily prayer with The Rosary in a Year (RIY) podcast with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames. By listening to this podcast, you will discover: How to deepen your focus and enter into the mysteries, how to build a meaningful habit of daily prayer, and the power of Mary's influence in your life, and more.

Each of the daily episodes are about 10-15 minutes long, making it easy to listen for your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group. No matter where you are in your spiritual life, this podcast is for you.

The RIY podcast can be found on Ascension app or any of your podcast sources. If help is needed in setting up a podcast app on your smart phone or tablet, contact Julie Lause.

Share Your Faith

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast

The Milton Twp. Fire Dept. is hosting a breakfast on Sunday Feb. 2nd from 8:00 to 12:00. Dine in or Carryout. Menu consists of grilled sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee, juice and milk. All you can eat for a free will donation.

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 "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

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

January 19, 2025 **136**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$	2,030.00
Loose	\$	135.00
School Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	0.00
Altar Rosary Dues	\$	330.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Jan. 26	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for all who donated to the 2024 St. Louis School Annual Fund Drive
Mon. Jan. 27	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed. Jan. 29	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass with Fr. Grodi - Susan Sager Myers
Thur. Jan. 30	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Jan. 31	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Feb. 01	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 02	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Feb. 02	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Michael E. & Nancy Adler, Charles Stein, Keith Wilhelm, Jim Wagner, Dan Smith, & Larry Ickes

LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 02, 2025

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Dianne Hoile, Julie Lause, Arron Mier, Alex Sifuentes, Rick Stokes
Lector	Sun: Brian Tussing
Servers	Sun: Amy Flowers, Taylor Maas, Ruby Mier
Offertory	Sun: Dave Flowers Family
Hospitality	Sun: Joe Bechstein, Mark DeSmith, Bob & Linda Boyle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 26, 2025	Have a Great Week!
Jan. 26, 2025	Religious Education Classes today for K-8th
Jan. 26, 2025	Donuts after Mass Today
Jan. 28, 2025	RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 02, 2025	Religious Education Classes for K-8th
Feb. 02, 2025	Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast from 8 a.m. – Noon
Feb. 09, 2025	High School Youth Group Game Night from 4 - 7p.m.