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Pastor, Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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School Advisory, Linday Tussing
Altar Rosary Society, Julie Lause (419-601-3319)
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Religious Education & Youth Group Facilitators,
Luann Flowers & Joyce Walker
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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

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School Staff:

Superintendent,
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Principal, Jennifer Tussing
Secretary, Stacey Graham
Custodian, Tim Schroeder

I GOT SAD, started second-guessing myself about just about everything, felt betrayed and began feeling down, fell into the trap of becoming overly focused on myself, felt discouraged, and just generally was a bit lost. I don't know how he picks his moments, but at just the right time I felt God's hand on my shoulder, encouraging me to wake up, look around, get grateful, focus on the basics, and start living again.

Life is for living, and the best living is done amid the ordinary things of each day. The modern culture's disdain for the ordinary and worship of the extraordinary has rendered us oblivious to the amazing things in front of us, around us, and within us right now.

There is a lesson there for me, and perhaps for you too. Every time I make a conscious effort to simplify my life, I become a-better-version-of-myself, I breathe easier and deeper, and life is better. But the world is constantly trying to heap complexity upon me, and I allow it to. I let this happen. I am no victim. My life is my own, to live and to answer for.

Matthew Kelly

School Fund Drive Update

You still have a month left to get in your donation for this year's Fund Drive. We want to thank everyone for your donations and encourage everyone to prayerfully consider donating whatever you can. The fund drive is used for the upkeep of school maintenance, as well as operating costs. So far this year, we have raised \$36,489.00. Thank you for your support and God Bless!

St. Louis School Advisory Council

Thanksgiving Mass Signup Sheet

Our Thanksgiving Eve mass will be on Wednesday Nov. 27th at 7 p.m. We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, a Lector, & Servers for this mass. The sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. Thanks!

300 Club

Congratulations to the winners of our 300-club drawing.

\$100 Cindy Morris – Pemberville #041

\$200 Edward Goris – Custar #042

\$100 Pat Tussing Family – Custar #043

Job Opening

St. Louis school is currently seeking to fill the position of secretary. The position is part-time, approximately 20 hours a week. Applicants should contact Jennifer Tussing, principal, at 419-669-1875 or by emailing jtussing@stlouisschools.org

Candlelight Dinner

Attention Ladies: The St. Louis Altar Roary Society is hosting a Candlelight Dinner Thursday, December 12, 2024 at St. Louis school. Doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship. Tickets are \$10 and available after Mass or at the parish office. Ticket sales end December 5.

Live Nativity & Christmas Pageant Update

We have decided to **ONLY** do the Live Nativity after the Christmas Eve mass for this year. All children are still invited to participate in the Live Nativity after the 4:30pm mass on Christmas Eve. It will consist of following an angel carrying the Christmas Star out of church, 1 carol together and adoration of the nativity scene as families head to their cars. Please sign up in the back of church or contact Cathy Hanna (419-615-5540) by November 24 to participate.

Wish Upon a Star

Each year, the teachers and students write "wishes" for items that they would like to have in their classrooms. The star is placed on a tree in the back of church. People may choose a star, purchase the wish, wrap it and place it back under the tree with the star attached. The students will then open the packages during their classroom Christmas parties, the week of December 16. Thank you for making wishes come true!

Knights of Columbus Council 17113 News

Your Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a dessert bake off contest on Saturday, December 7th at 5pm in the school basement. The contest will have 4 categories:

- 1.) Cakes and Brownies
- 2.) Pies
- 3.) Cookies
- 4.) Other

Winners from each category will receive a prize. A light meal will be offered consisting of hot dogs, Coney dogs, Sloppy Joe sandwiches, Mac and Cheese, and chips. A free will donation will be accepted. If you are interested in submitting a dessert, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Come join us for a good time and delicious food!

Border Battle Food Drive update

The bins were starting to get full, so they've been cleared to allow for more donations. Our food drive will go to the end of the month until the Big Game. We're extending it to Sunday, December 1, however, no food donation will be turned away. As of November 18, Ohio State has a commanding lead over Michigan! The total weight is continuously being tabulated. Help your team to catch up or expand their lead by bringing in any non-perishable food item(s) and placing it in the bins in the back of church.

We are also accepting monetary donations. If you have any questions or wish to make a monetary donation, please see a knight. Any checks can be made out to "Knights of Columbus Council 17113" All donations go to the St. Louis/Custar food pantry. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Upcoming events:

December 7th: Dessert Contest/Bake Off at St. Louis, starting at 5pm.

December 8th: Brunch with Santa after 10:45am mass at St. Pat's

December 15th: Breakfast with Santa after 9am mass at St. Louis

Also, all students/kids, start thinking of your ideas for the annual "**Keep Christ in Christmas**" poster contest! We'll be announcing that start date soon, so be on the lookout!

Donuts

Our delicious donuts are being served today after Mass. Always a treat and good fellowship! There will be no donuts in December, they will resume in January!!

Religious Education Classes

December classes will be on the 8, 15, and 22. No class on the 1st, 29th, or January 5th.

Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

Kindly remember in prayer all our Priests serving in the Diocese of Toledo, as they gather on Monday, December 2 for the annual Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, at the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. Through our prayers, and the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, may the Lord grant them spiritual grace, renewed fidelity, consolation and joy in ministry.

Bereavement Support Group Update:

We will **not** meet this Tuesday because of Thanksgiving. We will resume in December. Any questions please contact Joyce Walker at 419-494-4813.

Family Perspective

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

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

Office Hours for this week Nov. 25-29

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

Mass Attendance

November 10, 2024 137

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,660.00
Loose	\$ 225.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 65.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 110.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 610.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Nov. 24	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	John & Dolores Schneider, Paul DeSmith, Nancy Adler, Sue Maas, Jim Wagner, Charles Stein, & Larry Ickes
Mon. Nov. 25	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Ruth Ziegler
Wed. Nov. 27	St. Louis	7:00 p.m.	No A.M. Mass Thanksgiving Eve Mass at 7:00pm
Thur. Nov. 28	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Fri. Nov. 29	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Nov. 30	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Dec. 01	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Dec. 01	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Michael E. Adler, Walter Wilhelm Fm., Lawrence Diem Fm., Paul Bowers, Don Maas, Charles Stein, & Keith Wilhelm

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 01, 2024

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Alex Sifuentes, Rick Stokes, Audra Tolles, Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink
Lector	Sun: Zach Tussing
Servers	Sun: Brooke Koenig, James Mahlman, Cate Tussing
Offertory	Sun: Jim & Sue Flowers
Hospitality	Sun: Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 24, 2024	Have a Great Week!
Nov. 24, 2024	Religious Education Classes Today for K-8
Nov. 24, 2024	Donuts after Mass Today
Nov. 24, 2024	Sacred Heart-New Bavaria Lunch, Craft Show, & Bake Sale 10:30-3pm
Nov. 27, 2024	Thanksgiving Eve Mass 7pm
Dec. 08, 2024	Weston UM Church- Christmas Cookies & Crafts 11:30-1:30pm