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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  
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 – Lindsay 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 ♦ Established 1875

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### School Staff:

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

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

One of the Church's most famous examples of the link between loving God and loving neighbor comes from France way back in the 300's, when Christianity had recently emerged from a long period of persecution. At the time, a young army officer named Martin lived near the city of Amiens. He lived the rough life of being in the military, but he also had begun receiving instruction in the Christian faith. He was what we call a "catechumen" - someone who was being taught the Catholic faith in preparation to receive the sacrament of baptism.

So, he knew about Jesus, and about the two great commandments to love God and love neighbor. One cold winter's day, as he returned to the city gates on his war horse and in his full military regalia, a poor beggar shuffled up to him to ask for money. The man was dressed in rags, almost naked, and violently shivering with cold. Martin saw the beggar, and felt his heart moved with sincere compassion. But he didn't have any money with him. He stared for a moment at the beggar, and then dismounted. He took off his long, thick military cloak and held it in one hand while he drew his sword in his other hand. Then he slashed the cloak in half and gave one half to the freezing beggar with a smile and kind word. He slung the other half onto his own shoulders, remounted, and continued back to the barracks, where his fellow soldiers gave him a hard time with his torn cloak.

That night, as he was sleeping, Jesus appeared to him in a vision, surrounded by angels, and - wonder of wonders - the Lord himself was wearing the cloak that Martin had given to the beggar. Jesus looked with love and gratitude at Martin and said, "It was Martin, still only a catechumen, who gave me this cloak." The future St. Martin was soon baptized, and afterwards followed his call to serve the King of Heaven instead of the Emperor of Rome, first as a monk, then as a priest, a missionary, and the holy Bishop of Tours.

Truly, our love for God and our love for neighbor are two sides of the very same coin - we can't have one without the other.

God bless,

Deacon Dave

**Veteran's Day**

All veterans and their families are invited to a special mass in your honor. The school Children's mass is November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. After mass, please join the children for coffee and donuts in the school basement.

**Harvest Dinner**

St. Louis Parish and school invites everyone to our Harvest Dinner, Saturday November 9, 2024. The meal includes baked steak or baked chicken breast, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn or green beans, coleslaw, applesauce or cucumbers, pie and a drink. Serving is from 4:30-6:30, eat-in or carry-outs. All proceeds benefit Catholic Education.

We are in need of pies and help. All pies may be dropped off from 1-3pm at school. Please sign up in the back of church. If you have questions, please call Dianne 419-575-1513 or Lisa 419-261-2570. Thanks.

**Support Our Retired Priests**

Please consider a donation to Perpetuate The Gift, your gift benefits our retired diocesan priests and your Parish. Once a priest retires, he is responsible for his own personal expenses: medical, housing, car, clothing and food. All funds contributed from now until December 31, 2024, help reduce the amount the parish contributes to the fund. A gift of cash or check can be sent to Perpetuate The Gift, P.O. Box 954, Toledo, OH 43697 and placed in the envelope found attached to the bulletin. A gift may also be made online at [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org).

**Christmas Pageant and Live Nativity**

We would like to invite all the children or our parish to participate in the Children's Christmas Pageant and Live Nativity during our Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30pm on December 24. The Christmas Pageant will take place before mass begins and the Live Nativity will be after mass ends. There will be speaking and non-speaking parts available for children of ALL ages. Please sign up in the back of church or contact Cathy Hanna (419-615-5540) by November 24 to participate. Rehearsals (likely 2) will be held in December.

**Religious Education Classes**

November classes are Nov. 3, Nov. 17, and Nov. 24. No class on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**High School Religious Education Classes**

Our next youth group meeting will be after the 9 am Mass today Sunday, November 3. We would love to have all of our high school students attend so please come and bring a friend if you would like and join in on the fun! Our meetings will be on the first Sunday of every month after Mass. Meetings will be in the 5/6 gr. classroom at the school. Contact Luann Flowers if you have any questions.

**40 Days for Life**

From September 25 – November 3, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of- way outside the Toledo Women’s Center at 1160 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43612, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact Kevin Jorrey at [kjorrey@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kjorrey@toledodiocese.org) or go to [www.40DaysForLife.com/Toledo](http://www.40DaysForLife.com/Toledo) to sign up to pray.

**Rosary Warriors**

Thank you to the Rosary Warriors who gathered to pray the Glorious Mysteries of Rosary at St. Louis cemetery on Wednesdays. The weather and fellowship was beautiful. The regular Rosary Warrior Wednesdays will end for the winter months with the exception of the Lenten Season. The Sorrowful Mysteries and the Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at church beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Contact Julie Lause (419-601-3319) if you’d like to be added to the text message reminder.

**300 Club**

**Congratulations** to the winners of our first 300 club drawing.  
\$100 Barb Mitchell – Liberty Center #224  
\$200 Jacob Brown – Weston #225  
\$100 Terry Schroeder – Deshler #226

There are 7 **TICKETS** remaining to be sold. If you haven’t purchased your ticket yet, you can still do so. You need not be present to win, but you can’t win if you don’t have a lucky ticket. Tickets are available after Mass on Sundays or by calling the Church Office at 419-669-1864.

**Bereavement Support Group Update:**

We will meet on Tuesday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30-3:30 in the Narthex of Church. Anyone is welcome to come. Any questions or comments please contact Joyce Walker at 419-494-4813.

**Family Perspective**

In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

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**Annunciation Radio**

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**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

**Mass Attendance**

**October 27, 2024                    128**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,855.00
Loose	\$ 97.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 35.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Nov. 03	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Nancy Adler, Robert, Irene, Sue & Don Maas, Jim Crouch, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Charles Stein, & Keith Wilhelm
Mon. Nov. 04	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed. Nov. 06	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Prayer Service - Deacon Dave</b>
Thur. Nov. 07	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Nov. 08	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Nov. 09	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Nov. 10	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Nov. 10	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Michael E. Adler, Walter Wilhelm Fm., Lawrence Diem Fm., Paul Bowers, Don Maas, Jim Wagner, & Charles Stein

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS November 10, 2024

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Audra Tolles, Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A.
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Chuck Hoile
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Amy Flowers, Reed Hanna, Peyson Wilhelm
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Jason Dahms Fm.
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Joe Bechstein, Mark DeSmith, Bob & Linda Boyle

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 03, 2024	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Nov. 03, 2024	<b>Religious Education Classes K-8<sup>th</sup> after 9 a.m. Mass Today</b>
Nov. 03, 2024	<b>High School Religious Education Classes after 9a.m. Mass Today</b>
Nov. 05, 2024	<b>RCIA Classes at St. Pat's from 7-8:30pm</b>
Nov. 09, 2024	<b>Harvest Dinner- Baked Steak or Chicken 4:30-6:30p.m.</b>
Nov. 10, 2024	<b>No Religious Education Classes</b>