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## Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## Parish Staff:

Pastor, Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC  
Deacon Dave 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, 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

### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a wonderful time of year we are celebrating. I hope and pray you were able to enjoy some time with your family and loved ones over the Thanksgiving holiday. We begin the season of **Advent**, a season filled with its own tradition. The **Advent Wreath** is used in many homes as well as in our church. The wreath is a circle that has no beginning and no end. It reminds us that Jesus came to give us life that will never end, until eternal life with God in heaven.

The evergreen branches used to make the circle do not change colors as do the leaves on other trees. The evergreens in the Advent wreath reminds us that God never changes: God always has loved us and always will.

There are four candles on the Advent wreath, (three purple and one rose), one for each week in Advent. **The Prophecy Candle**, announcing the period of waiting, **The Bethlehem Candle**, symbolizing the preparations being made to receive the Christ child, the **Shepherds Candle**, which signifies the act of sharing Christ and the **Angels' Candle** of love and final coming, (also known as Hope, Peace, Joy and Love) They remind us that the Jewish people waited a long time for the Savior to come. The burning candles remind us that Christ, the Light of the World, brightens the darkness around us. Each week we light one more candle, a sign that the more we let Christ into our lives, the brighter our lives will be.

Let us all join together in the coming weeks to slow ourselves down and not get so caught up in the commercialism of the season that we lose sight of the reason for our celebration. I invite you to spend time reflecting on the scriptures and enjoying quiet time with family and friends. May this season of Advent be filled with God's love, grace and peace. It is a joy and blessing to serve as your pastor! Happy Advent  
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

### Embracing the Advent Spirit

This first week of Advent we will focus on the theme of **HOPE**. We prepare to be people of hope and center our thoughts and actions on Hope, reminding us Jesus is coming.

We will be collecting coats this week. Please bring in coats that are gently used, clean, and in good condition. Please place them in a plastic bag and drop them off at church, against the West Wall.

The coat drive will run from **December 1** through **December 8<sup>th</sup> only**. Your gift will give HOPE to those in need.

### First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

12 Hours of Adoration is the First Friday of each month 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Stop by for a few minutes on **Friday, Dec. 6**, to spend some quiet time in prayer, silence, and reflection. Bring your favorite prayers, a list of things you'd like to talk about with the Lord or read sections from a book in the lending library.

We take time to visit family and friends. Take some time to visit with the Lord in His home. If you are available to spend an hour or two there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church.

### 300 Club

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

\$100 Barb Mitchell – Liberty Center #224

\$200 Jacob Brown – Weston #225

\$100 Terry Schroeder – Deshler #226

### 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](mailto:jtussing@stlouisschools.org)

### Holy Day

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated this year on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am with the school children. This is a Holy Day of obligation.

### 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.

### Cemetery Cleanup

All fall decorations should be removed from the cemetery by next weekend. Thank You!

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Upcoming events:**

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

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Brunch with Santa after 10:45am mass at St. Pat’s

**December 15<sup>th</sup>:** 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 date soon, so be on the lookout!

**Religious Education Classes Update**

Class today is for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade only. December classes will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. No class on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, or January 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, classes on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> are cancelled for **all** due to the Santa Breakfast.

**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.

**Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People**

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter)* of the

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**Family Perspective**

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today’s gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

**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**

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

**Mass Attendance**

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**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,739.00
Loose	\$ 175.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Human Development	\$ 220.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 395.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Dec. 02	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Wed. Dec. 04	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass- Fr. Jeff Walker</b>
Thur. Dec. 05	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Dec. 06	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Dec. 07	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Dec. 08	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Dec. 08	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Emil & Dolores Goris, Robert, Irene, Sue, & Don Maas, Jim Crouch, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Wagner, & Charles Stein

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 08, 2024

**Ministers of Holy Communion** Sun: Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith

**Lector** Sun: Joyce Walker

**Servers** Sun: Clare Tussing, Ruby Mier, Parker Hanna

**Offertory** Sun: Mike & Stacey Graham

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 01, 2024	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Dec. 01, 2024	<b>Religious Education Classes Today for just 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> graders</b>
Dec. 01, 2024	<b>Coat Drive Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Drop off in the back of church</b>
Dec. 02, 2024	<b>Fr. Francis Birthday!!</b>
Dec. 06, 2024	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Adoration 8am – 8pm</b>
Dec. 07, 2024	<b>K of C Dessert Bake off Contest- 5pm in the School Basement</b>
Dec. 08, 2024	<b>Brunch with Santa after 10:45am Mass at St. Pat's</b>

