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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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Secretary, Stacey Graham
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The joy of Christ the Savior is different from the joys of the world in three ways.

First, it doesn't wear out. This is because it comes from something that is alive, which is our relationship with Christ. This is why the Christmas tree is an evergreen tree. In winter, the other trees are leafless and dormant. But the evergreen tree is still green and fragrant. The evergreen symbolizes hope amid winter's lifeless, cold, and dark days.

Second, Christ's joy gets more and more intense as we advance in our journey of faith. This is why the vestments for today's Mass are rose-colored. They remind us of the color of the sky at the very brink of morning, when the sun is just beginning to come up. The horizon takes on a pale rose color that gradually gets redder and brighter as the sun rises. For faithful Christians, life is like a long sunrise, and death is the entrance into the bright, everlasting day of eternal life.

Third, the more we give this joy to others, the more we will have for ourselves. And this, of course, is why we have the tradition of exchanging gifts on Christmas. Jesus himself told us that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). We have all experienced that when we do something for others, even if it is costly or uncomfortable for us, we experience true fulfillment and satisfaction.

This is the joy Jesus wants to bring to us: a lasting, growing, self-multiplying joy that comes from accepting God's gift of our Savior.

God bless,

Deacon Dave

Embracing the Advent Spirit

This third week of Advent we will focus on the theme of **JOY**. We are to choose Joy in whatever may come our way. Advent causes us to pause and reflect on our lives and what we look forward to. Please send Joy to someone this week with a card. There are cards in the back of Church, or you can send your own. Your gift of JOY is Priceless.

Here are the addresses of the Sisters and Priest from our Parish, that you could send a card to:

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| <i>Sister Joyce Hoile</i> St. Francis Home 182 St. Francis Ave. Tiffin, OH 44883 | <i>Sister Karen Durliat</i> 1402 Southern Ave. Beech Grove, IN 46107 |
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| <i>Father Jeff Walker</i> 201 N. Pierce St. Delphos, OH 45833 | <i>Sister Petra Flowers</i> 9000 W. 81 st St. Justice, IL 60458 |
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300 Club

Congratulations to the winners of our 300-club drawing.

\$100 Joe Bechstein – Deshler #057

\$200 Ellen Bechstein – Deshler #058

\$100 Trevor Maas – Custar #059

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

School Music Program

Come and enjoy an evening of music sung by our talented students. The program is this Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. It will be a fun evening, and the church will have a packed audience. Refreshments will follow in the school basement.

KofC Council #17113 Updates

Border Battle Food Drive

We'd like to thank everyone for their support of our "**BORDER BATTLE FOOD DRIVE**"

Michigan collected **52 items** with a weight of **51.65 pounds**

Ohio State collected **169 items** with a weight of **143.78 pounds**

Collectively, that means **221 items**, or **195.43 pounds** of food are going to the food

pantry. Nearly 200 pounds of food! That is AMAZING!

Bake Off Competition and Game Night

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our dessert bake off! We had over two dozen desserts and lots of variety! All the entries were phenomenal!

Congratulations to the following winners:

The cookie category winner was *Ellen Bechstein*

Our cake/brownie category winner was *Clare Tussing*

In the pie category the winner was *Joyce Walker*

Our other category winner was *Sam Tussing*

Coming in with 46 out of 50 points, our **Grand Prize Winner was Sam Tussing!**

As a reminder, our **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** is happening today for a free-will donation. We can't wait to serve you! Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Little Blue Books

Our little Blue Advent reflection books are available on the table in the Narthex. Pick up a book and enjoy spending a few extra moments with the Lord in prayer.

Holiday Mass & Penance Schedule

You will find a copy for all the upcoming Penance services, Holy Day, Christmas, and New Years Mass schedules on the table in Narthex of the church. The **Penance** date is Monday, December 16, from 8-9 a.m., 12-1 p.m., & 5-7 p.m.

Religious Education Classes Update

December classes are 8th & 22nd. No classes on 1st, 15th, 29th & January 5th. The schedule for January through May will be given out soon.

Christmas Signup Sheet

Our Christmas masses are Dec. 24 at 4:30 and 10:00p.m. We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, & Servers for these Masses. If you know which Mass you will be attending,

please consider signing up! The sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. Thanks!

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 WNOG 89.7 FM for Toledo/Bowling Green area. You can also listen at www.AnnunciationRadio.com.

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Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

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

December 08, 2024 131

Parish Stewardship

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| Offering Envelopes | \$ 1,893.00 |
| Loose | \$ 694.00 |
| School Fund Drive | \$ 50.00 |
| Fuel | \$ 70.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 170.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$ 220.00 |
| Retirement Fund | \$ 80.00 |
| Human Development | \$ 5.00 |

MASS SCHEDULE

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| Sun. Dec. 15 | St. Louis | 9:00 a.m. | Nancy & Michael E. Adler, Ron & Jeff Trumbull, Larry Ickes, Charles Stein, Harold & Joanne Rader, Judy & Ricky Goris, Frank & Ruth Goris, & L/D of Walker and Wagner Fm. |
| Mon. Dec. 16 | St. Louis | 9:00 a.m. | |
| Wed. Dec. 18 | St. Louis | 9:15 a.m. | School Mass |
| Thur. Dec. 19 | St. Patrick | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Fri. Dec. 20 | St. Patrick | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Sat. Dec. 21 | St. Patrick | 4:30 p.m. | |
| Sun. Dec. 22 | St. Patrick | 7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. | |
| Sun. Dec. 22 | St. Louis | 9:00 a.m. | Eldon & Rosella Aufdenkamp, Mike & Larry Cavanaugh, Brenda Spence, Stefanie Rich, Jim Wagner, Charles Stein, John Feehan, & L/D of James Feehan Fm. |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 22, 2024

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| Ministers of Holy Communion | Sun: Julie Lause, Arron Mier, Alex Sifuentes, Rick Stokes, Audra Tolles |
| Lector | Sun: Diane Wensink |
| Servers | Sun: Kayley Tussing, Reed Hanna, Faith Henry |
| Offertory | Sun: Chuck & Dianne Hoile |
| Hospitality | Sun: Alan Hanna, Chuck Hoile, Rick & Adam Stein |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec. 15, 2024 | Have a Great Week! |
| Dec. 15, 2024 | Breakfast with Santa after Mass today |
| Dec. 16, 2024 | Penance Schedule for today 8-9 am, 12-1 pm, & 5-7pm |
| Dec. 18, 2024 | School Christmas Program 7:00 pm in the Church |
| Dec. 22, 2024 | Religious Education Classes Today |
| Dec. 24, 2024 | Christmas Eve Masses – 4:30 pm & 10 pm |

