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## Parish Office Hours:

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

## Parish Staff:

Pastor, Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC  
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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,**

As we are in the Season of Christmas, I extend my heartfelt Christmas Joy, Love and Peace to each one of you. This season invites us to reflect on the mystery of Emmanuel—God with us—and to open our hearts to His presence in our lives and in the world.

Christmas is more than a day; it is a season of hope, joy, and gratitude. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem speaks to the promise of salvation and the fulfillment of God's plan for humanity. Let us take time to rejoice with the shepherds, with the Magi, and ponder with Mary and Joseph the wonder of this holy event. May the lights of our homes and our parish remind us of Christ, the Light of the World, who dispels the darkness and brings peace to all.

This year, our parish has been richly blessed by your prayers, service, and generosity. Your dedication, faith, and service have been a true gift to our parish community throughout this year. Whether through your prayers, your time, or your talents, you have been a living example of Christ's love in action.

As we turn the page to 2025, we are invited to place our trust in God's providence. A new year is a fresh start, a time to renew our faith and our commitment to live as disciples of Jesus. Let us make prayer, service, and community central to our lives as we journey together.

May this holy season fill your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and love. On behalf of the parish staff and myself, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

In Christ's peace and love,

Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

**Embracing the Advent Spirit**

As we enter the last week of Advent, we want to thank everyone who participated in our parish activities.

We collected 45 coats. Donations of \$275.00 were received for Heifer International. We bought:

- 3 flocks of Chicken – "St. Louis Chicks"*
- Honeybees – "Honey Bunches"*
- Shares for a Cow – "Gifty"*
- Shares for a Lamb – "Woolly"*

*Shares for a Goat – "Francis"*

*Shares for a Water Buffalo – "Isadore"*

*Shares for a Pig – "Joseph"*

*And Seeds for fields*

Thank you to all who sent cards of JOY this week. Our school children made 45 ornaments that were sent to Parishioners and Community members. They also sent 43 cards to Wheeled Meals people in our area. And also, the Altar Society sent 40 cards locally.

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to our Parish food pantry. This is our on-going gift to serve others.

We hope you found inspiration in your calendars and were able to perform many acts of kindness.

This fourth week of Advent we will focus on the theme of **LOVE**. The Bible explains that love isn't dependent on how we feel (emotions), but on extending ourselves for the well-being of another.

This week we are collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry. You can place your items in the back of the church. This season encourages us to embody God's LOVE through acts of kindness and compassion, extending that LOVE to family, friends, and those in need.

**300 Club**

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

\$100 Kenny & Cindy George – Wayne #163

\$200 Diane Wensink – Rudolph #164

\$100 Dave Maas – Custar #165

**Wreathes Across America**

Once again, our cemetery was able to honor our deceased veterans by participating in this nationwide event. A heart-felt thank you to the generous sponsor, Gary Whitacre, and the volunteers from our parish for placing the wreaths on the graves.

**Live Nativity – After 4:30pm Christmas Eve Mass**

We will have a live nativity immediately after the 4:30pm mass on Christmas Eve. At the conclusion of mass, please follow the angel and Christmas Star out of the church to the nativity scene in front of the school where we

will sing one Christmas carol together in adoration of the newborn king.

**KofC Council 17113 News**

We want to thank everyone who came to our Breakfast with Santa at St. Pat’s and St. Louis the past two Sundays.

We were able to raise \$849 and had an estimate crowd of 150 people served between both breakfasts.

Santa ate well before having to rush back to the North Pole and said all the children he took pictures with were on the Nice List this year! A special thank you to our district deputy Eric Loprete and to the youth groups for their help. And thank you to the congregation for your continued support! Merry Christmas!

**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.

**Religious Education Classes Update**

There will be **class today** after Mass, but **no class on December 29th**. However, we are changing the original schedule, and you will have **class on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>**. The schedule for January through May will be given out soon.

**Please Sign up for Christmas**

Our Christmas masses are Dec. 24 at 4:30 and 10:00p.m. We are still 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!

**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).

**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 WNOC 89.7 FM for Toledo/Bowling Green area. You can also listen at [www.AnnunciationRadio.com](http://www.AnnunciationRadio.com).

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**Family Perspective**

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly, children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed” or an “obstacle to my career.” It is said “Christmas is for children.” It is more accurate to say, “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!”

**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**

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**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,709.00
Loose	\$ 61.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 60.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Retirement Fund	\$ 80.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 125.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

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.
Mon. Dec. 23	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>
Wed. Dec. 25	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>Merry Christmas!</b> No Mass at St. Louis, instead St. Patrick at 8:30 a.m.
Thur. Dec. 26	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Fri. Dec. 27	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Sat. Dec. 28	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Dec. 29	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Dec. 29	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Emil & Dolores Goris, Jim, Mary Lue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Nancy & Michael E. Adler, Charles Stein, & Larry Ickes

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 29, 2024

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Joyce Walker, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Scott Boyer
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Blake Mahlman, Taylor Maas, Allyanna May
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> John Maas Family
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 22, 2024	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Dec. 24, 2024	<b>Christmas Eve Masses – 4:30 p.m. &amp; 10 p.m.</b>
Dec. 25, 2024	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3	<b>Christmas Break - School</b>
Dec. 29, 2024	<b>No CCD classes</b>
Jan. 01, 2025	<b>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – Mass at 9:00 a.m.</b>