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### Parish Office Hours:

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### 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

**MY LIFE** has been remarkably blessed. I suspect I have experienced more joy than most, and while there have certainly been dark moments in my journey, I have not suffered anywhere near as much as some. But I do witness human suffering in all its forms. Sometimes it is the result of an accident, and at other times it is the aftermath of a natural disaster. However, it seems to me that the great majority of suffering people experience in this world is because we don't live up to the great human commission. The commission consists simply of being human. It is when we are less than human that we bring suffering upon others. Animals are not capable of patience, compassion, generosity, or any of the greatness that is uniquely human.

Religion is the primary humanizing force in a person, in a society, in history. In my own experience this is particularly true of the Catholic form of Christianity. Catholicism makes me a-better-version-of-myself. It makes me more human.

Matthew Kelly

### **Embracing the Advent Spirit**

This second week of Advent we will focus on the theme of **PEACE**. Embracing the Peace that Christ brings into the world and seeking peace within our hearts and relationships.

This week we are collecting monetary donations for Heifer International. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty. An example: A lady named Florence was given her first cow. They taught Florence how to properly feed and care for her cow as well as good breeding practices. Through the years she had nine calves from the cow. From the sale of milk and cattle, Florence was able to feed her family and put her children and grandchildren through school.

There will be a container in the back of Church Sunday **December 8<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>** for donations. Our gift will bring **PEACE** to those who will be able to feed and take care of their families.

### **Holy Day**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated tomorrow Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am

with the schoolchildren. This is a Holy Day of obligation.

### **Wreathes Across America**

Once again, we will be participating in the Wreathes across America on December 14. If you would like to help place the wreathes on the Veterans' graves, feel free to come at 10:00 a.m. Many hands make the work a pleasure. Thank you to Gary Whitacre for sponsoring this every year.

### **300 Club**

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

\$100 Robert Mahlman – Napoleon #028

\$200 Heather Meyers – Hamler #029

\$100 Leighton Zeigler – Deshler #30

### **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)

### **School Music Program**

Come and enjoy an evening of music sung by our talented students. The program is on 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.

### **Cemetery Cleanup**

All fall decorations should be removed from the cemetery by this 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!

**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.

**Breakfast with Santa**

The Knights will be having a brunch with Santa after the **10:45 a.m. mass at St. Pat's today** and at **St. Louis on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> after the 9a.m. mass.** The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, juice, and coffee for a free will donation. Carry outs are available. Santa will be making a trip all the way from the North Pole to be there! Please bring a camera if you'd like a picture with Santa.

Proceeds from the breakfast will help with the sponsorship of a seminarian from Fr. Francis' order in India.

**Religious Education Classes Update**

December classes will be today and the 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.

**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 will be 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).

**Family Perspective**

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

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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, 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	\$ 2,644.00
Loose	\$ 205.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 120.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 225.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Dec. 09	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day</b>
Wed. Dec. 11	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	
Thur. Dec. 12	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Dec. 13	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Dec. 14	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Dec. 15	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
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 Walker and Wagner Fm.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 15, 2024

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Emily & Sue Flowers, Stacey Graham, Cathy Hanna, Dianne Hoile
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Youth Group
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Youth Group
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Youth Group
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Ben & Emily Flowers, Dave & Josh Flowers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 08, 2024	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Dec. 08, 2024	<b>Religious Education Classes Today</b>
Dec. 08, 2024	<b>Make a Heifer International donation in the back of church this week</b>
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