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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-Joyce Walker (Secretary)  
Cemetery Board –Robert Boyle (President)  
School Advisory – Lindsay Tussing  
Altar Rosary Society - Julie Lause (419-601-3319)  
Mission Coordinator - Mary Jane Flowers  
Religious Education & Youth Group Facilitator -  
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- Danielle Klinge  
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

**URGENT THINGS** often dominate the life of a parent. We rush around doing urgent things all day long. The problem with this, of course, is that the most important things are hardly ever urgent. That is why it is so important for us to identify what the most important things are and place them at the center of our lives by giving them priority. Striving to become a-better-version-of-yourself is one of the most life-giving things we can give our time, focus, and energy to, but it will never be urgent. Living passionately and purposefully is never urgent, it can always be put off for one more day – and people put it off for a whole lifetime while they obsess over all the urgent stuff. In the same way, having a great marriage will never be urgent. If we needed a great marriage to survive in the same way we need air to breathe and water to drink, I suspect there would be a lot more great marriage around. But it is not urgent, and as such, too easy to put off for another day or another year.

The best things we can do for our children are almost never urgent. For this reason, from time to time we need to step away from all the seemingly urgent things in order to focus on the less urgent things.

Matthew Kelly

### **2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Weekend**

This weekend officially kicks off the 2025 ACA for the diocese. Countless lives are touched by the ministries of the Diocese funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Seminary education and formation, children, the sick, the aged, the needy – they all depend on our generosity. Thank you to all that pledged to help meet our parish goal and ensure the continuation of these efforts.

### **Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund**

In 2021, House Bill 110 established a program that allows Ohio taxpayers to receive a 100% tax credit against Ohio income tax liability for contributions made to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization. The maximum credit amount is \$750 for singles, or \$1,500 if married and filing jointly. In 2023 the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund was formed, a registered non-profit 501 (c) 3 Scholarship Granting Organization. The organization collects funds to assist students in grades K – 12 to attend non-public schools within the Diocese of Toledo. Donations received before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, may

be applied to the 2024 tax year. The tax credit cannot exceed the Ohio tax owed. Your donation can be designated to a specific school, like St. Louis School, Custar. You can donate online at <https://www.dotsgo.org> or by mail. Forms are located in the back of church. Questions contact Jennie Tussing at the school or the church rectory.

### **ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Mass Coordinators, Servers (14 and up), and anyone else interested in assisting with mass responsibilities:**

Deacon Dave will be having a brief training session on **March 2<sup>nd</sup> following the 9:00am mass** to cover how to set up prior to and clean up following masses, funerals, adoration, and any other liturgy that would need assistance.

It is important for us to have a working knowledge of where things are, what they're for, why we have them, and how to set up properly so that the liturgy will go smoothly.

We are in need of folks to help with these very important duties, so please plan to attend.

### **Valentine's Dinner – Postponed**

The baked steak and chicken dinner is now going to be on **Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30p.m.** We had to postpone it because of the winter weather.

Dinner includes Steak or chicken, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or corn, coleslaw, applesauce, cucumbers, pie and drinks. Carry – outs are available. The cost is a free will donation, with proceeds going to St. Louis School.

Volunteers are invited to sign up to help and to donate pies. Please drop off your pies between 1-3:30pm on Saturday or Friday during school hours.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Any questions please call: Dianne Hoile 419-575-1513 or Lisa Wilhelm 419-261-2570.

### **School News – Preschool**

Preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old program is now open to the public. Any child who will be 3 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> may apply. To be considered enrolled, parents need to obtain a registration form from the school office and pay a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Currently the 4-year-old class is full with a

waitlist. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 419-669-1875.

### Religious Education Classes

**February** classes will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. No class on February 16<sup>th</sup>. **March** classes will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>. No class on March 16<sup>th</sup>. **April** classes will be on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>. No class on April 20<sup>th</sup>. **May** classes will be on the 11<sup>th</sup>. No class on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Attention all Jr. High and High School students

Our Toledo Diocese has made available to us the Culture Project Missionaries. They are a group of young adults who will be coming to our parish to talk with our Jr. High and High School students about important teen topics that they may be dealing with on a regular basis.

The Culture Project Missionaries will be speaking with our teens after the **9:00 am Mass today, Feb. 16** (Human Dignity Talk), **March 23** (Social Media Talk) and **April 13** (Sexual Integrity Talk). Each talk will end with a question-and-answer session and should be finished by around **11:15 am**. All Jr. High and High School students are encouraged to attend. Please see Luann Flowers if you have any questions.

### Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

Don't forget to get your tickets for our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction to be held **Saturday, March 15** at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, OH. Tickets are on sale after Mass on Sundays or in the church office! We are also accepting donations for the LIVE and Silent Auction! If there is something that you would like to donate, you are welcome to drop it off at the school office during school hours, the church rectory or contact Cathy Hanna (419-615-5540) or Jennie Tussing (419-601-4202) to make other arrangements. This year again we will be having the wine bottle toss game, so we will need **donations of bottles of wine**. Thank You!

### The Rosary in a Year Podcast

Many are familiar and fans of the Bible in a Year (BIY) and Catechism in a Year (CIY) podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Be transformed by daily prayer with The Rosary in a Year (RIY) podcast with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames. By listening to this podcast, you will discover: How to deepen your focus and enter into the mysteries, how to build

a meaningful habit of daily prayer, and the power of Mary's influence in your life, and more.

Each of the daily episodes are about 10-15 minutes long, making it easy to listen to your own personal listening, with your family, or with a small group. No matter where you are in your spiritual life, this podcast is for you.

The RIY podcast can be found on Ascension app or any of your podcast sources. If help is needed in setting up a podcast app on your smart phone or tablet, contact Julie Lause.

### New Catholic High School Coming

St. Michael's in Findlay will be building a new Catholic High School, which is set to open for the 2026-2027 school year. If we have enough parishioners interested, a representative from St. Michael's will come give a presentation for parents. Please contact the rectory at 419-669-1864. The deadline for next year's enrollment is March 5, 2025.

### Family Perspective

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger" for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Timothy Davis, Ron Tolles, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vanderghriff, Presley Speakman, Kim Maas, Gwenn Maas, Jim Flowers

### Office Hours

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

### Mass Attendance

**February 09, 2025** 75

### Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$	1,635.00
Loose	\$	45.00
School Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	10.00
Christmas Offering	\$	300.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 16	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Eugene, Nancy, & Michael E. Adler, Larry Ickes, Charles Stein, John Feehan, L/D of James Feehan Fm., Jim Wagner, Connie Clark, & Ron & Jeff Trumbull
Mon. Feb. 17	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed. Feb. 19	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass with Monsignor Metzger</b> – Robert & Mary Ann Zalewski
Thur. Feb. 20	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Feb. 21	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Feb. 22	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 23	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Feb. 23	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Charles Stein, James, MaryLue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Francis & Rosella Flowers, Emil & Dolores Goris, Paul DeSmith, John & Dolores Schneider, Bill & Lois Schwab, & Jim Martinez

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 23, 2025

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Cathy Hanna, Dianne Hoile, Julie Lause, Arron Mier, Alex Sifuentes
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Diane Wensink
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> James Mahlman, Cate Tussing, Peyson Wilhelm
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Chuck & Dianne Hoile
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 16, 2025	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Feb. 16, 2025	<b>No Religious Education Classes today for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Feb. 16, 2025	<b>Culture Project Missionaries for Jr. High &amp; High School after Mass</b>
Feb. 18, 2025	<b>RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</b>
Feb. 23, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Feb. 23, 2025	<b>Donuts after Mass</b>
Mar. 01, 2025	<b>Valentine's Dinner – Baked Steak &amp; Chicken 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>

