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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  
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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

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

The entrance of Jesus into the Temple brings the glory of God once more into the holy place. After the sin of Israel, the Temple needed cleansing. *We* are like the Temple in many ways. Our soul is created by God to be a sacred place for his own indwelling in our hearts.

Yet by sin, we defile our own temples. And so, we can today take to heart the Gospel message and work to purify our hearts by going to regular confession when needed, uprooting sinful habits, and letting go of resentment and anger.

And once we have cleansed our own temple, we can proceed to sanctify our hearts by receiving the Eucharist, spending time in prayer, and filling our souls with good things such as spiritual books, podcasts about the faith, bible studies, etc.

This week, reflect on areas of your life that need purification and make a conscious effort to overcome any habits or attitudes that distance you from God.

God bless,

Deacon Dave

**Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast**

The Milton Twp. Fire Dept. is hosting breakfast today, Sunday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:00 to 12:00. Dine in or Carryout. Menu consists of grilled sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee, juice and milk. All you can eat for a free will donation.

**“Souper” Bowl Sunday**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting soup for our community’s Food Pantry. “Souper” Bowl is coming up **February 9<sup>th</sup>**, so donate some soup and put it in your favorite teams’ tote in the back of church, and we’ll see what team will win. All soups are appreciated, especially the chunky ones, during the winter.

**Thank You**

Heifer International would like to thank our Parish for our generosity and fellowship

during this past Advent season. Our support to their mission helps families break free from hunger and poverty and achieve the lives they deserve.

**Valentine’s Dinner**

There will be a baked steak and chicken dinner on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30p.m.

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**

We are now enrolling current students in the 3-year-old preschool program for our 4-year-old program next year. Preschool enrollment will open to parishioners on January 27, followed by the community and public on February 10. Please feel free to call the office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

**300 Club**

Congratulations to the winners of our 300-club drawing. Last One! See you in the Fall!

\$100 Diane Wensink – Rudolph #079

\$200 Lloyd Baker – Custar #080

\$100 Steve Wensink – Rudolph #081

**Religious Education Classes**

**February** classes will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 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>.

**High School Youth Group**

Our High School Youth Group will be holding a board game night on **Sunday, Feb. 9 from**

**3-6 pm** in the school basement for any high school students. We will have games and tacos. Board games will be available, but you are welcome to bring any games to share. Come join in on the fun and meet some new friends!

**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 on 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.

**Festival Committee**

The festival committee is still in need of two Volunteers to join the committee for a three-year term. If interested, please contact Benjamin Flowers at 419-906-0591 or his email address is [FlowersBo8@yahoo.com](mailto:FlowersBo8@yahoo.com).

**Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction**

Save the date 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 now on sale! This week you should be receiving a letter in the mail with a form on how to purchase tickets. You can mail the form back to the church or drop the form with payment in the Sunday collection. We will then mail your tickets to you. 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 or contact Cathy Hanna (419-615-5540) or Jennie Tussing (419-601-4202) to make other arrangements. Thank You!

**First Friday of Eucharistic Adoration**

Will be held this Friday, Feb. 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Stop by for an hour to spend some quiet time in prayer, silence, and reflection.

**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.

**TV Mass For Homebound**

WNWO Ch 24 at 6:30., and WTVG Ch. 13.2 at 8:30 a.m.

**Family Perspective**

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

**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**

**January 26, 2025** **149**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$	1,428.00
Loose	\$	215.00
School Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	0.00
Altar Rosary	\$	60.00
Latin America	\$	85.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	\$	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	10.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 02	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Michael E. & Nancy Adler, Charles Stein, Keith Wilhelm, Jim Wagner, Dan Smith, & Larry Ickes
Mon. Feb. 03	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed. Feb. 05	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass with Monsignor Metzger</b> – Clyde & Lois Perkins
Thur. Feb. 06	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Feb. 07	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Feb. 08	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 09	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Feb. 09	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Robert, Irene, Sue, & Don Maas, Jim Crouch, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Charles Stein, Richard Wensink, & Jim Gebers

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 09, 2025

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Audra Tolles, Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A.
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Zach Tussing
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Blake Mahlman, Allyanna May, Parker Hanna
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Jim & Sue Flowers
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Ben & Emily Flowers, Dave & Josh Flowers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 02, 2025	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Feb. 02, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes today for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Feb. 02, 2025	<b>Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast from 8 a.m. – Noon</b>
Feb. 04, 2025	<b>RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</b>
Feb. 09, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Feb. 09, 2025	<b>High School Youth Group Game Night from 3 - 6 p.m.</b>
Feb. 15, 2025	<b>Valentine's Dinner – Baked Steak &amp; Chicken 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>

