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Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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Music Coordinator- Jennifer Tussing
Finance – John Maas
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School Advisory – Lindsay Tussing
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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

1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Culturally, we Catholics are known for giving up things like chocolate or alcohol during Lent. The good that these sacrifices do for us is certainly clear. But Lent can be more. Let's not just have a "cultural Catholic" Lent, but more of a "dynamic Catholic" Lent.

This means, rather than chocolates or alcohol alone, why don't we try giving up some of those daily sins of selfishness that we fall into on a regular basis? We can get so used to it that we probably don't even notice some very harmful attitudes that we harbor:

Focusing solely on our own needs and ignoring the needs of others. Being impatient with others, especially in situations that require understanding and compassion. Thinking too highly of oneself and looking down on others. Little to know gratitude for all one has and always wanting more. Holding grudges and not being willing to forgive others.

Perhaps one of these, or something similar, can be a part of our Lenten sacrifices this season, as we journey onward to Jerusalem. May you have a blessed Lenten season.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast

The Milton Twp. Fire Dept. is hosting a breakfast on Sunday March 1st from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Dine in or Carryout. Menu consists of sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee, juice, and milk. All you can eat for a free will donation.

Right to Life Thank You

The Henry County Right to Life Society would like to thank the St. Louis Parishioners for their generous donations to our Billboard Campaign. We had a total of \$1081.00 to put towards our campaign from the parish, parishioners and the St. Patrick and St. Louis Knights of Columbus. Thank you for supporting our organization and for supporting life!

2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

We want to thank all of our Parishioners who joined together in pledging their gift to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your commitment yet, there is still time. Every gift is so significant. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE for Saturday March 14th for our next Baked Steak and Chicken Dinner!!!

Religious Education Classes

Classes will be held today, February 22nd. March classes will be held on the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th. There will be NO class on the 22nd. The 5th – 7th graders will be having the Children's Mass on March 1st. Also, the **NEW SCHEDULE** for classes are on the table in the back of church!!

School News – 2026/27 Preschool

Currently **the 4-year-old preschool class is full for next year**, with people on a waiting list. We are still registering parishioners and children with siblings who attend St. Louis for the 3-year-old program. We have 4 spots left. Please feel free to call the school office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction. Congratulations to all the winners. We hope everyone had a great evening and hope to see you again next year!

**Knights of Columbus News:
Thank You**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who donated to the SOUPER Bowl food drive. We had a great turnout. Your continued donations are a blessing to our community.

Fish Fry

The KofC fish fry will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2026**, from 4:00 p.m. till sold out at St. Patrick's, Providence Parish. The Price is \$14 for adults/seniors, and \$10 for kids. The menu consists of Fried fish, choice of potato, mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll, dessert/drink. Carryout and dine-in available.

Little Books

The Lenten books are now available on the table in the Narthex. Take one home. It is a good reference for the Lenten season.

Rosary/Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to join in praying the Stations of the Cross on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Louis church through the Lenten Season beginning on Ash Wednesday. We will gather to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the **Rosary at**

6:00 p.m. All ages are welcome. *Readers and cross bearers are needed.* Please contact the parish office, by email at admin@stlouisparish.net, call the parish office at 419-669-1864, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you'd like to participate. Participating in the traditions and prayers helps us to have a holy Lenten Season.

Stations of the Cross prayers are available in the narthex for those who'd like to pray the outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Louis cemetery through the Lenten Season.

The school children will be praying the Stations of the Cross **every Friday afternoon at 2:45 p.m.** during the Lenten season also.

Lenten Schedule

A copy of the Lenten schedule is inserted in today's bulletin. There will also be copies available in the Narthex if you misplace your copy.

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 Zach Tussing at 419-601-4203 or email him at Tussing41@gmail.com.

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 15th, 2026, may be applied to the 2025 tax year. The tax credit cannot exceed the Ohio tax owed. Your donation can be designated to a specific school, like St. Louis School, Custer. 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.

SNOW EMERGENCIES

In case of a level 3 snow emergency for our county, all events scheduled at the church will be cancelled. Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via tv, radio, or internet, making a spiritual Communion.

TV Mass For Homebound

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

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Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let this lent be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

Please keep in your prayers: Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Presley Speakman, Kim Maas, Gwenn Maas, Jim Flowers, Ralph Porter, Moe Pantenburg

Mass Attendance

February, 15 2026 **149**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$	1,855.00
Loose	\$	115.00
Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	25.00

Fish Fry

Deshler Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is holding Fish Fry's on Friday, February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th 2026, from 5:00 till they run out. The menu includes fish, potatoes, coleslaw, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00 for a meal. Dine-In and Drive-Thru are available.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 22	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Don, Sue, Irene, & Robert Maas, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Crouch, James, Mary Lue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Emil & Dolores Goris, Paul DeSmith, Charles Stein, and John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider
Mon. Feb. 23	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Mass – Tom Hermiller
Wed. Feb. 25	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass
Thur. Feb. 26	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Feb. 27	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Feb. 28	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 01	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 01	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Donna Birtcher Christian, and Emma Drummer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 01, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith
Lector	Sun: Religious Education Students
Servers	Sun: Zack Koenig, Blake Mahlman, Emmett Mier
Offertory	Sun: Religious Education Students
Hospitality	Sun: Religious Education Students

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 22, 2026	Have a Great Week!
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