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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

**WHEN WAS THE** last time you paused to really think about your life? Was it last week? Last month? Last year? Or has it been a few years? Very often when I ask people this question, I see them searching their minds for an answer, and then they will say things like, “I honestly cannot tell you. I mean, I think about things that are happening in my life, or decisions that I need to make, but I can’t remember the last time I purposefully made time to think about my life and how I am living it.”

We are all so busy. I meet up with friends who have retired from demanding full-time jobs, and they tell me they are busier than they have ever been. Resistance loves to keep us busy. When we are too busy to reflect on how we are living our lives, it is almost certain that we are not busy doing the right things.

Matthew Kelly

### **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, 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.

### **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).

**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**

The **February** class will be today, the 23<sup>rd</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>.

**Donuts after Mass Today!**

**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.

**Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast**

The Milton Twp. Fire Dept. is hosting a breakfast on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Adoramus Ecumenical Choir**

All singers from the area are invited to join the *Adoramus Ecumenical Choir* which is forming to present its 11th annual Good Friday Music Reflection at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation. This year, the choir will be singing a program centered around a piece titled "Crown of Thorns". The music

reflection will take place on Friday, April 18 at noon in the basilica.

Rehearsals are on Sunday from 1:00-2:30 in the choir loft at the Basilica with the first rehearsal taking place on March 2. Due to space limitations in the loft, there is a maximum of 44 singers. All singers are encouraged to register by contacting the basilica's Director of Music Ministries, Anthony Gallina ([music@olcshrine.com](mailto:music@olcshrine.com)).

**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 studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile towards someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."

**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 16, 2025** **91**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$	1,753.00
Loose	\$	76.00
School Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	80.00
Latin America	\$	15.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	\$	20.00
Altar Rosary	\$	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	15.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Feb. 24	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>
Wed. Feb. 26	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass with Fr. Grodi</b>
Thur. Feb. 27	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Feb. 28	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Mar. 01	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 02	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 02	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Robert, Irene, Sue, & Don Maas, Jim Crouch, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Charles Stein, Keith Wilhelm, Emma Drummer, Jim Wagner, Bessie Miller, & Jim Gebers

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 02, 2025

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Rick Stokes, Audra Tolles, Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Marijane Adler
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Clare Tussing, Allyanna May, Dani Jo Henry
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> John Maas Family
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Joe Bechstein, Mark DeSmith, Bob & Linda Boyle

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 23, 2025	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Feb. 23, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes today for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Feb. 23, 2025	<b>Donuts after Mass TODAY</b>
Feb. 25, 2025	<b>RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</b>
Mar. 01, 2025	<b>Valentine's Dinner – Baked Steak &amp; Chicken 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.</b>
Mar. 02, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Mar. 02, 2025	<b>Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast from 8 a.m. – Noon</b>

