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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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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are now in the month of February, and I sometimes wonder how we arrived here so quickly. The season of Lent will soon be here beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 14. It's also Valentine's Day. This is a very important time in our church. What is the best thing you do for your loved ones? I hear you saying Sacrifices, yes can we sacrifice Meat on this day, for our Loved one - Jesus? Yes, we can do that!

In the readings this week we hear of pain and suffering. Job points out to us the pain in human existence. Then we hear Paul speak of proclaiming the Good News, and how this gives him strength to go out to others.

Pain and suffering are very real and present in our lives, especially today with so many suffering from war, cancer, loneliness and those who are broken-hearted. It is a part of our journey of faith.

Through our readings we can see that proclaiming the Good News and healing go hand in hand for Jesus. When Simon's mother-in-law is cured, she does what Jesus himself does. She serves those in need. She becomes a disciple. How does this affect our lives? We need to learn how to walk the painful journey with others, to be there for them, to console them and then we too learn from their experience. To be of service.

From these readings we can also see that Jesus took **quiet time** to pray. We too need time to focus and center on our spiritual needs, needs that sometimes seem to get put aside by the business of our day. When we allow ourselves time for quiet prayer and inner peace, we strengthen our inner self.

I am so very happy to see Many of you joined for our chili cook off last week, there were 7 entries and I tasted all of them, very delicious, and congratulations to the winners and a huge thanks to the Knights of Columbus who put this all together. Well Done!

God Bless Everyone!

Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

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Birthday Wishes

Colleen Baumberger, a former Custar resident, will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on February 11. Let's all send her a card. Her address is : The Lakes of Sylvania 5351 Mitchaw Road Sylvania, OH 43560.

Food Pantry

The Super Bowl will be here soon. WE are collecting Soup for our pantry. Chunky soup, stews, and canned meats are good choices, along with anything you'd like to donate. Thank you!

Religious Education

Sundays after Mass. New list of dates will be in the bulletin soon!

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 29, followed by the community and public on February 12. Please feel free to call the office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

Valentine Wishes

Join our quest! Our goal is to see how many valentines we can receive from all around the world! We would like to hear from different cities, states and even countries! We would also love to hear from other parishes and schools! We will be filling a map with the valentines we receive.

We eagerly await your valentine!

PLEASE SEND TO:

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Festival News

Mark your calendar for the annual St. Louis Summer Festival, Sunday, August 4th, 2024! Planning is underway for this fun, family-friendly event. The committee is currently accepting donations of Big Ticket raffle items. Past items include vacation packages, an electric smoker, Blackstone grill, zoo memberships and more. Please contact any committee member or the church office if you would like to donate an item. Thank you!

Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

May your evening be touched with a bit of St. Patrick Day Irish luck, at our 16th Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction, to be held on Saturday, March 16th at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, Ohio! The shenanigans will begin when doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm, with the raffle beginning at 7:30pm. Our Leprechaun host for the evening will be auctioneer Steve Powell.....

The Pot of Gold cash prize for the evening is \$2,000, with many other chances to win cash prizes throughout the evening! The cost is \$75 per ticket, which includes a sit-down dinner. Additional dinner tickets are also available for \$25.00. Winners need not be present to win cash prizes. You must be at least 21 years old to attend.

We will be having a Silent and Live Auction throughout the evening. Donations are now being accepted. You are welcome to drop them off at the school or church office, or by contacting Jennie Tussing, Abby Lang, Katie Mahlman or Cathy Hanna. We are looking forward to a night of celebration. **Tickets will be on sale after Mass or in the church office starting February 4.**

Knights of Columbus News

Well, our first chili cook off is in the books, and I'd say everyone had a good time!

Around 50 people came out for the event, despite the weather. We had a total of seven delicious chili entries (it was hard to pick a winner) along with hotdogs and chicken noodle soup. And plenty of desserts and other snacks! A lot of laughs, fellowship and plenty of good food were had that night! Thank you to all brother knights who helped plan and setup the event. A special thanks goes out to Pat Tussing and Arron Mier for leading the charge.

Congratulations to our inaugural chili cookoff winners:

In third place was entry number six: a white chicken chili from the Tussing family. Second place went to entry number one: a sweet and mild meat and bean chili from the Lang Family. Our grand prize winner was entry number seven, a traditional chili from the Flowers family!

Each of our winners went home with a specially crafted cutting board and wooden spoon combo, and our grand prize winner also got an apron and bragging rights!

Again, thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you enjoyed the evening.

Our next event will be the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry held at St. Louis on February 16th from 4:30 to 7:00pm. Hope to see you there! Our next meeting will be held on February 5th at St. Pat's at 7:00pm.

300 Club

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

\$100 Jerry & Barb Clink – Custar #145

\$200 Cathy Hanna – Custar - #146

\$100 Betty Whitacre – B. G. #147

Please keep in your prayers: Timothy Davis, Margaret Whitacre, , Ron Tolles, Jim Wagner, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Brenda Cavanaugh Spence, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vandergriff, Frank “Macy” Costilla, Presley Speakman. Kim Maas
Haley Cortez

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 to 2:00 Closed Feb. 8

Mass Attendance

January 28, 2024 **120**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$2403.00
Loose	\$ 85.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Latin America	\$ 100.00
1 st Offering	\$ 20.00
Fuel	\$ -0-
Altar Rosary	\$ 70.00

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 04, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 04	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Terry Feehan, Paul Bowers, Lawrence Diem Fm. Walter Wilhelm Fm. Larry Ickes, John Feehan, Clayton Mathile
Mon. Feb. 05	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Sherrie Simpson
Wed. Feb. 07	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass
Thur. Feb. 08	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Feb. 09	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Feb. 10	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 11	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Feb. 11	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Harold & Joanne Rader, Frank, Ruth, Judy & Ricky Goris, Francis & Rosella Flowers, Dan Smith, Living & deceased of the Stanley Ickes Fm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 11, 2024

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith, Emily & Sue Flowers, Ellen Boyer
Lector	Sun: Joyce Walker
Servers	Sun: Clare Tussing, Taylor Maas, Allyanna May
Offertory	Sun: Mark & Missy DeSmith
Hospitality	Sun: Ben & Emily Flowers, Dave & Josh Flowers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 04, 2024	Have a Great Week!
Feb. 04, 2024	Sons of the Legion Breakfast 8:00 till 12:00
Feb. 16, 2024	K of C Fish Fry 4:30 till 7:00
Feb. 18, 2024	Donuts after Mass

