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Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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School Advisory – Lindsay Tussing
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Mission Coordinator - Mary Jane Flowers
Religious Education & Youth Group Facilitator -
Joyce Walker
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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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School Staff:

Superintendent- Fr. Francis Mariadas SAC
Principal- Jennifer Tussing
Secretary- Danielle Klinge
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a wonderful and busy time it has been for our parishes. This past weekend, in addition to our regular celebration of the Mass, we also observed the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat illnesses, and prayed for healing and blessing through his intercession. These moments remind us of God's constant care for us in both body and spirit.

This Sunday's Gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, where He reminds us of our Christian calling: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." Salt adds flavor and preserves what is good. In the same way, we are called to bring joy, kindness, faith, and compassion into the world, and to help preserve Christian values in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Light helps people see clearly and shows the way forward. When we allow Christ's light to shine through us, we become examples that offer hope, encouragement, and direction to others.

Each of us, in our own simple and ordinary ways, can make a difference. A kind word, a helping hand, a forgiving heart, or a quiet witness to faith can be powerful signs of God's presence.

As the prophet Isaiah reminds us, when we live this calling, our light breaks forth, wounds are healed, and God's glory is revealed.

As we prepare to begin the holy season of Lent with Ash Wednesday next week, let us ready our hearts through prayer, reflection, and a renewed desire to grow closer to Christ.

God bless you,
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

Religious Education Classes

February classes will be held on the 1st, 8th, and 22nd. There will be NO class on the 15th. 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 1 person on a waiting list. We are still registering parishioners and children with siblings who attend St. Louis for the 3-year-old program. It will be open to the public next week. Please feel free to call the school office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

Mardi Gras Prizes:

We are in need of gently loved stuffed animals to use as prizes for our **Mardi Gras celebration held on Tuesday, February 17**. If you have any that you would like to donate, you can drop them off at the school office this week or leave them in the back of the church by Monday, February 16. Thank you!

Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

Celebrate liberty and luck at the 18th Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction "**Night of Liberty**", **Saturday, February 21, 2026, at Nazareth Hall in Grand Rapids, OH**. We welcome Steve Powell again this year as our emcee. Tickets are \$75.00, which includes a ticket to be in the raffle and dinner. Additional dinner tickets are available for \$25.00. You must be 21 years old to attend. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets are available after the weekend Mass or by contacting the parish office. **WE HAVE 15 TICKETS REMAINING!**

Donations are also being collected for our LIVE and silent auction to be held throughout the evening. They can be dropped off at the parish or school office or by contacting committee members Cathy Hanna, Mandi Sedorf or Jennie Tussing. We are looking forward to a night of American spirit, community, and fun, while supporting St. Louis School!

Bottles of Wine Needed

As we prepare for the Reverse Raffle, we will be featuring a game of chance for bottles of wine, gift cards and other fun items. To help make it a success, we are asking for donations of bottles of wine. Any variety or price point is appreciated and will directly support our fundraising efforts! Please drop off your donation in the church office or at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Knights of Columbus News:

"Souper" Bowl Sunday

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting soup for our community's Food Pantry. "Souper" Bowl Sunday is TODAY, 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.

Family Super Bowl Party!

TONIGHT Sunday, February 8, join the Men’s Group for a fun, family-friendly Super Bowl Party! Enjoy watching football, a **chili cookoff contest, live music at halftime, and games for kids**. Doors open at 5:00 pm, at the **St. Joseph Commons, 253 S. East St., McClure**. **No cost to attend**—free-will offerings accepted. See you there!

High School Youth Group

The Youth Group will be meeting after Mass next Sunday, February 15th.

They are also holding a **bake sale after Mass Today**. Proceeds will go towards Youth Group activities.

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.

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.

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, 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.

Minister’s List

A new minister’s list for January through April is available on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy if you need one. Thanks!

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.

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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, 01 2026

159

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$	2,923.00
Loose	\$	220.00
Fuel	\$	158.00
First Offering	\$	30.00
Latin America	\$	10.00
Altar Rosary	\$	70.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Feb. 08	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Harold & Joanne Rader, Judy & Ricky Goris, Frank & Ruth Goris, and Richard Wensink
Mon. Feb. 09	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed. Feb. 11	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass
Thur. Feb. 12	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Feb. 13	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Feb. 14	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 15	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Feb. 15	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Larry Ickes, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Jim Wagner, Gene Maas, and Ron & Jeff Trumbull

LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 15, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Sue Flowers, Cathy Hanna, Dianne Hoile, Julie Lause, Arron Mier
Lector	Sun: Joyce Walker
Servers	Sun: Kayley Tussing, Taylor Maas, Mara Kieffer
Offertory	Sun: Jason Dahms Family
Hospitality	Sun: Joe Bechstein, Bob & Linda Boyle, Mark DeSmith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 08, 2026	Have a Great Week!
Feb. 08, 2026	Religious Education classes for K-8th students today
Feb. 08, 2026	High School Youth Group Bake Sale after Mass
Feb. 08, 2026	Family Super Bowl Party at St. Joseph Commons, McClure at 5 p.m.
Feb. 15, 2026	NO Religious Education classes for K-8th students
Feb. 15, 2026	High School Youth Group meeting after Mass
Feb. 21, 2026	18th Annual Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction at Nazareth Hall - **Doors open at 5p.m. **