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Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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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 – Emily Bechstein & Luann Flowers
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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Secretary- Stacey Baden
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

Dear Brother and Sisters,

What would happen if every family in our parish prayed the Rosary together every day?

As I grew up, my father taught me the importance of praying the Rosary every day. Before we sat down for our meals, he would remind us to pray the Rosary. He would often say, with a smile but also with seriousness, "If you don't pray the Rosary, there is no meal!" It was his simple way of teaching us that prayer must come before everything else.

The Rosary has always held a special place in the life of the Church and in the hearts of countless families. Through the Rosary, we place our lives, our families, our struggles, and our hopes into the loving hands of our Blessed Mother. When we pray the Rosary faithfully, we begin to see God working in our lives in beautiful and sometimes unexpected ways.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and I would like to encourage every family in our parish to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during this month. Let us especially encourage our children and young people to discover this beautiful prayer.

In our parish, you will notice that a statue of our Blessed Mother has been placed in front of the altar, together with a Prayer Petition Box. I invite you to write your prayer intentions on a small piece of paper and place them in the box. Whatever is on your heart—your family, your children, your marriage, someone who is sick, a special need, or any personal intention—bring it before our Blessed Mother.

After placing your intention in the box, I invite you to pray at least one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be, asking Mary to intercede for you and your loved ones.

Throughout the month of October, we will offer Holy Mass in a special way for all the intentions placed before our Blessed Mother. Please also encourage your children to write down their own prayer intentions and place them in the petition box. Teach them that they can bring everything to Jesus through Mary.

Let us make this October a special month of prayer. Let us fill our homes with the prayer of the Rosary and place our families under the loving protection of our Blessed Mother. When families pray together, they invite God into the heart of their homes.

May we never underestimate the power of a simple prayer offered with faith. As we pray the Rosary together, let us trust that God is listening and that Mary is interceding for us. Perhaps, during this month, we will witness in our own families the beautiful ways God is answering our prayers.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. Blessed Mother Mary, pray for our families.

Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

Spaghetti Supper

Next Saturday, **October 10 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm** St. Louis School will host an all you can eat spaghetti supper, which includes a salad, bread, ice cream sundae bar, and beverage. A free will donation will be accepted, with all proceeds going towards school operating expenses. Carry outs will also be available! Come join us for fabulous food and fellowship!

Cemetery Update

The driveway project is complete and looks fabulous, but **we are still in need of your donations.** *We have $61,000.00 so far for the project and still need about $32,000.oo to be able to pay the bill.* You can stop into the parish office or put your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket. Please prayerfully consider donating and thank you so much for helping to improve our beautiful cemetery!

You will also notice new signs with rules and guidelines placed by the entrances to the cemetery very soon.

MILTON TWP CHICKEN BBQ - Is TODAY Sunday October 4, 2026. Serving will start at 11am till it's gone. Menu will consist of a half Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Apple Sauce, Roll and Homemade cookies. Cost is $15. Drive thru or dine in.

Religious Education

October classes will be held on the 4th, 11th, & 25th. No class on the 18th. Also, the first **children's Mass is today.** *Father asks that all Religious Education students sit in the front of church with their class.* Any questions, please contact Emily at (517) 448-0903. Donations of snacks and drinks are much appreciated!!

Youth Group

High School students will meet **TODAY after the 9 a.m. Mass in the school basement.**

October is **Respect Life Month** in the Catholic Church. The **High School Youth Group** will once again be sponsoring a baby shower for the Bowling Green Pregnancy and Family Life Center (formerly the Her Choice Crisis Pregnancy Center). There will be a box in the back of church for you to drop off any baby items, car seats, etc. They do not need diaper sizes smaller than size 3 - the greatest need is sizes larger than 3 and especially the size 6 & 7s as well as larger sizes of Pull Ups. Clothes are given out as outfits so if purchasing clothing, please do complete outfits. They do take used clothes as well and make outfits, but they do have an abundance of tops so they could use neutral bottoms to add with the tops. They are in need of the larger sizes up to 2T. The link for the Amazon wish list is

https:www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8VKIPLQYUL94?ref_wl_share.
You also are welcome to pick up an empty baby bottle to fill with your loose change donations. We will be collecting items the whole month of October.

Sts. Patrick & Louis KofC Council 17113 News

Meeting Location Change

At the September council meeting, in a unanimous vote, it was decided that **all future council meetings would be held at St. Louis.** A three month open informational period was held prior to the vote for any feedback with no input. Our next meeting will be **October 5th at St. Louis at 7pm.**

September Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for September is the Tussing family. The Tussing family was nominated for their unwavering support and help to cover shifts at the German American Festival in August. They covered nearly 70% of all the shifts for those three days! Awesome! Thank you and Congratulations!

300 Club

The Early Bird Drawing is next **Sunday October 11**, but you still have time to get your tickets before the first drawing on **Sunday October 25. We have 46 tickets left!!**

Meal Train Update

Thank you to everyone who made our first St. Louis Meal Train a success! Eleven people from our parish were able to provide a parishioner with 12 meals over 6 weeks during their recouperation from surgery! If you would like to be on the Meal Train list to provide a meal OR if you or someone you know would benefit from having a Meal Train, please contact Donna McHaffie (419) 307-6103 or email: PadrePio4Me@aol.com. A Meal Train is for any parishioner who is recovering from an illness or surgery, has had a new baby, recently lost a loved one or is new to our parish. It's a wonderful corporal work of mercy!

Rosary Mission Guild

Two weeks ago, the Rosary Mission Guild sent 350 World Mission Rosaries to St. Jude Convent in Peoria, Illinois. They made a request for over 70,000 of these rosaries from around the country. These rosaries were passed out and prayed before the Mass of beatification of Archbishops Fulton J. Sheen on September 24th in St. Louis. He designed the rosary in 1951 while National Director of the Propagation of the Faith. He said, "When you have completed the World Mission Rosary, you have given the world a big hug." The Rosary Mission Guild has made a rosary for you. You can pick one up in the basket in the back of church.

Join Rosary Mission Guild

If you would like to join the Rosary Mission Guild in making rosaries, (for everything from Prison Ministry, the Military, missionaries throughout the world, and special events) please call Sue Peery 419-601-1153, Diane Yungmann 419-601-0278, or Luann Flowers at 419-205-8848.

Altar Rosary News

All are invited to join in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at **St. Louis cemetery on Wednesdays at 6:30pm through September and October** (the month of the Rosary), as weather permits.
As the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi continues through January 2027, the Altar Rosary Society is hosting a visit to a pilgrimage site in the Diocese of Toledo. **Sunday, October 18, following 9 AM Mass at St. Louis**, the pilgrimage visit to the Motherhouse Eucharistic Chapel of the Tiffin Franciscans. The pilgrimage visits are open to men, women, and children of all ages. Catholic and non-Catholic. Please sign up in the narthex to ensure sufficient transportation for carpooling. Find more information on the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi at https://toledodiocese.org/francis .
Attention ladies: mark your calendar to attend the Women's Health Symposium at St. Louis parish on **Saturday, November 14, 2026, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** Topics include Natural Breast Cancer Care, SoulCore, Financial Health, and Stress Management. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the parish office or on the RSVP list in the narthex.

Bereavement Support Group

The support group will meet on **Tuesday Oct. 6th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Narthex of Church.** Anyone is welcome to come. Any questions or comments please contact Joyce Walker at 419-494-4813.

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, Rich & Moe Pantenburg, Jean Smith, Timothy Davis

Mass Attendance

September 27, 2026		**147**
Parish Stewardship		
Offering Envelopes	$	2,386.00
Loose	$	81.00
School Fund Drive	$	50.00
Catholic University	$	5.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Oct. 04	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Gene Maas, Paul DeSmith, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, Luis Sifuentes, Herman & Emma Drummer, Amanda Sifuentes, Harold & Joanne Rader, Judy & Ricky Goris, and Frank & Ruth Goris
Mon. Oct. 05	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	**Mass**
Wed. Oct. 07	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	**School Mass** **Rosary at Cemetery**
Thur. Oct. 08	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Oct. 09	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Oct. 10	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Oct. 11	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Oct. 11	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Jim Feehan, Ron, Jeff, & Mallory Trumbull, Eugene, Nancy, & Mike Adler, Larry Ickes, and Marilyn Gidick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS October 11, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	**Sun:**	Emily Flowers, Sue Flowers, Cathy Hanna, Dianne Hoile, Julie Lause
Lector	**Sun:**	Diane Wensink
Servers	**Sun:**	Zack Koenig, Faith Henry, Byron Bame
Offertory	**Sun:**	John Maas Family
Hospitality	**Sun:**	Joe Bechstein, Bob & Linda Boyle, Mark DeSmith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 04, 2026	**Have a Great Week!**
Oct. 04, 2026	**Religious Education Classes for K-8th students after Mass**
Oct. 04, 2026	**Youth Group meeting after 9 a.m. Mass**
Oct. 04, 2026	**Milton Twp. Chicken BBQ serving at 11 a.m.**
Oct. 10, 2026	**Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the School Basement**
Oct. 12, 2026	**Columbus Day – Church Office is closed**
Oct. 15, 2026	**Pregnancy & Infant Loss Mass 7 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist, Delphos**
Oct. 17, 2026	**Morgan DeSmith's Wedding**