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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 – 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

MAINTAINING CHARACTER requires constant vigilance and discipline. It is almost impossible if we allow fatigue and stress to settle into our lives permanently. At the same time, maintaining character demands that we stop chasing the false self and let go of all ego-driven behavior.

It requires strength and surrender, which can seem paradoxical, but it is not. Deep in our souls we need to know when maintaining character requires strength. For example, when injustice demands that we stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. But we also need to know deep in our souls when maintaining character requires complete surrender. For example, when we realize we are following the false self down a wayward path to satisfy some disordered ego need.

What we believe affects everything: how we live, how we work, how we feel about ourselves, and how we feel about others.

Matthew Kelly

THANK YOU

The family of Tom Flowers would like to thank everyone for their prayers, acts of kindness and love and support during this difficult time. Thank you to the funeral committee and the parishioners who brought in food. Everything was delicious!

Also, to Father Francis for the very moving funeral homily and for everyone who helped with the Mass. Thanks to the St. Louis choir who always do an excellent job. You were amazing. Please continue to keep us in your prayers! Thanks again!

Mary Jane Flowers & Family

Funeral Committee

Is looking for more volunteers to help with funeral dinners. If you are interested in helping please contact Cindy Maas or the church office. Thank you!

BAKED STEAK & CHICKEN DINNER

Join us on **Saturday, October 24,** for the return of our Baked Steak and Chicken dinner. The dinner includes your choice of meat, mashed potatoes, homemade noodles, Green Beans or Corn, Cole Slaw, Creamy Cucumbers or Applesauce. Dessert and Drink. A free will donation will be accepted, with proceeds going towards St. Louis School. Carry out will also be available. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to work and to make desserts are in the back of church! ***In addition, the 5th and 6th grade class will be having a BAKE SALE during the dinner, to help raise funds to offset the cost of going to camp this spring!*** Going to camp is a first-time experience for St. Louis students. Be sure to stop by their table to purchase delicious baked goods! See you all on the 24th!

Religious Education

October classes will be held on the 4th, 11th, & 25th. No class on the 18th. Any questions, please contact Emily at (517) 448-0903. Donations of snacks and drinks are much appreciated!!

Youth Group

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 need 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

In August, Council helped set up tables and chairs at the German American Festival, we also helped staff a pop tent over a three-day period. Last Monday, Sir Knight and GAF Chairman Dan Roggelin informed us that over 18 councils were invited to help staff different parts of the festival. More than $27,600 was given to the councils that volunteered their time. He presented council with a $2,500 check for their efforts! We were once again invited back for next year! Vivat Jesus!

October Knight of the Month

Brother Tom Flowers was unanimously voted to posthumously receive Knight of the Month. We thank him for his numerous contributions to our council including being a founding member. His cheerful spirit and willingness to help at all events as well as his thoughtful debate during council discussions will be sorely missed.

Please continue to pray for Tom, his family and all the numerous people whose lives he impacted. Thank you for your 16 years of service to the Knights of Columbus. Rest in peace, Brother Tom. Vivat Jesus!

October Family of the Month

The Dave Flowers family was unanimously voted as Family of the Month for the work and commitment they put into the high school youth group. Congratulations!

300 Club

The Early Bird Drawing is TODAY, but you still have time to get your tickets before the first drawing on **Sunday October 25. We have 24 tickets left!!**

Cemetery Update

The driveway project is complete and looks fabulous, but **we are still in need of your donations.** 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.

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.

The Altar Rosary Society is hosting a visit to the Motherhouse Eucharistic Chapel of the Tiffin Franciscans **Sunday, October 18.** *We will leave following the 9 AM Mass (about 10:30 AM).* 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. The Sisters enjoy hearing from the parish, so if you'd like to send a card, fuel/food card, flowers, etc., please bring them to the parish office this week or leave them in the narthex and the pilgrimage group will take them along to give to the Sisters.

Find more information on the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi at https://toledodiocese.org/francis .

Professional Counseling

The Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, have expanded their apostolic service in the Diocese of Toledo to include professional counseling. Currently, the Sisters residing in Toledo continue to serve at the Diocesan Pastoral Center as the Chancellor and Delegate for Consecrated Life and two Sisters teach at Central Catholic High School. *Sr. Isabelle Marie Weaver, RSM, LPC, is now providing Catholic counseling services at Hope Counseling in Perrysburg.*

Sr. Isabelle Marie is currently accepting new clients. She provides counseling for children ages 3 and older, adolescents, and adults. She welcomes individuals and families who may be experiencing anxiety, depression, trauma, relational difficulties, or other life challenges and are seeking professional support that respects and integrates their Catholic faith.

Sr. Isabelle Marie holds a Master of Science in Counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in Ohio. Her professional interests include play therapy, attachment theory, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), and helping individuals move toward genuine healing and greater wholeness in the midst of life's wounds and challenges.

As a Religious Sister of Mercy, Sr. Isabelle Marie seeks to accompany each person with compassion and respect for the dignity of the human person, recognizing the importance of the spiritual, emotional, relational, and psychological dimensions of healing.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Sr. Isabelle Marie, visit https://hopecounselingtoledo.com/staff/sister-isabelle-marie-weaver or call 419-724-4233.

Bereavement Support Group

The support group will meet on **Tuesday Oct. 13th 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.

Save the Date

Donuts will be Sunday October 25th and Sunday November 15th.

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

October 04, 2026	**137**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	$	2,415.00
Loose	$	59.00
School Fund Drive	$	50.00
Fuel	$	205.00
Perpetuate the Gift	$	100.00

MASS SCHEDULE

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, Marilyn Gidick, and Farrah Croninger
Mon. Oct. 12	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	**NO Mass**
Wed. Oct. 14	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	**School Mass – Susan Sager Myers** **Rosary at Cemetery**
Thur. Oct. 15	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Oct. 16	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Oct. 17	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Oct. 18	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Oct. 18	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	James, Mary Lue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Julia Ann Drummer, Tom Hermiller, Jim Wagner, Jr., Connie Clark, Tina Geno, Dave Smith, L/D of Altar Rosary, Farrah Croninger, and Tom Flowers

LITURGICAL MINISTERS October 18, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	**Sun:**	Arron Mier, John Parinello Jr., Alex Sifuentes, Rick Stokes, Audra Tolles
Lector	**Sun:**	Marijane Adler
Servers	**Sun:**	Amy Flowers, Sophie Dahms, Mara Kieffer
Offertory	**Sun:**	Jerry & Joyce Walker
Hospitality	**Sun:**	Ben & Emily Flowers, Dave & Josh Flowers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 11, 2026	**Have a Great Week!**
Oct. 11, 2026	**Religious Education Classes for K-8th students after Mass**
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**
Oct. 24, 2026	**Baked Steak & Chicken Dinner serving from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
Oct. 25, 2026	**Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral at 3:00 p.m.**
Nov. 01, 2026	**Dedication of an Altar and Blessing of the Restored Cathedral at 3:00 pm**