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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

WE ALL HAVE an inner life. This consists of our thoughts and feelings, our hopes and dreams, our character and our relationship with God. We all have an outer life, which consists of the things we do, places we go, and things we build or own. We tend to focus on the outer life, but it is only a tiny fraction of our life. Much more takes place as part of the inner life. The outer life is an overflow of the inner life.

Matthew Kelly

World Mission Sunday 2026

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call-to bring the Gospel to all! The enclosed envelope today is for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and service of the mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity. An envelope is included in this week's bulletin. Make checks payable to Society for the Propagation of the Faith and return it in the collection basket. Thank you!

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 Meeting

All Jr. High and High School Students are invited to a gathering with Fr. Francis **TODAY, at the church from 4 pm - 6 pm** to talk about prayer and how to grow closer to God. During this time, we will have Eucharistic Adoration so feel free to bring your Bible, rosary, prayer books, etc. We will end the evening with pizza and games.

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.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month: Zelie Ministry

– October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, The Diocese of Toledo's Zelie Ministry is For families experiencing miscarriage, you are not alone. We are deeply sorry for your loss. The Zelie Ministry offers support for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage or stillbirth. We send care packages to grieving families, offer local and national resources and referrals, and provide support through email or phone. Contact Laura Range at zelieministry@gmail.com for resources, to request a care package, or for ongoing support. For more information, go to ToledoRespectLife.com.

300 Club

Congratulations to Joyce Durliat for winning the **Early Bird Drawing.** She will receive a Free Ticket!! If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, you only have 1 week until the first drawing on October 25th. **There are 20 tickets remaining.** You need not be present to win, but you can't win if you don't have a lucky ticket. Tickets are available after Mass on Sundays.

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!

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.

Anniversary Mass

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo celebrates the gift of marriage with the annual Mass on Anniversaries of Marriage. If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2025 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass on **Sunday, October 25th, 2026 at 3:00pm at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral**, 2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org.

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 .

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.

Cathedral Dedication and Blessing

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas warmly invites the faithful to the Dedication of an Altar and Blessing of the Restored Cathedral on **Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.** Bishop Thomas is especially hoping to have representatives from every parish and school in the diocese present for this historic celebration! Please help us fill the Cathedral by extending a personal invitation to your parishioners, school families, and staff, and encouraging them to attend this important moment in the life of our diocese.

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 11, 2026	**143**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	$	2,240.00
Loose	$	236.00
School Fund Drive	$	50.00
Fuel	$	60.00
School Foundation	$	190.00
Altar Rosary Dues	$	20.00

MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Oct. 19	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	**Mass**
Wed. Oct. 21	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	**School Mass – Jim & John Sager, Susan Sager Myers** **Rosary at Cemetery**
Thur. Oct. 22	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Oct. 23	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Oct. 24	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Oct. 25	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Oct. 25	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Charles Stein, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, Don, Sue, Irene, & Robert Maas, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Crouch, and Bob, Katy, & Allan Kempf

LITURGICAL MINISTERS October 25, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	**Sun:**	Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer
Lector	**Sun:**	Taylor Bame
Servers	**Sun:**	Jeorek & Josie Rybka, Averie Carter
Offertory	**Sun:**	Bob & Linda Boyle
Hospitality	**Sun:**	Alan Hanna, Chuck Hoile, Rick & Adam Stein

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 18, 2026	**Have a Great Week!**
Oct. 18, 2026	**NO Religious Education Classes for K-8th students TODAY**
Oct. 18, 2026	**Youth Group meets TODAY from 4-6 p.m. in the church**
Oct. 18-24, 2026	**Invisible Disabilities Awareness Week**
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.**
Oct. 25, 2026	**First 300 Club drawing**
Nov. 01, 2026	**Dedication of an Altar and Blessing of the Restored Cathedral at 3:00 pm**
Nov. 01-07, 2026	**National Vocation Awareness Week**