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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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DO WE KNOW how to make choices? Are we aware of our choices when we are making them? Are we conscious that when we say yes to one thing we automatically say no to everything else? Did we ever really learn to make choices?

We make choices every day, hundreds of them. The ability to make good choices is critical to the success of our lives and our businesses. And yet, evidence suggests that few people have ever really been trained to make choices. And when we look at some of the choices people are making in their personal lives, shouldn't we cringe at the fact that they are probably using the same decision-making process to make choices that affect the future and destiny of our business? It seems to me that most of us need to learn how to make choices again.

Matthew Kelly

Veteran's Day Mass

All Veterans and their families are invited to a special mass in your honor. The **School Children's mass is November 12th at 9:15 a.m**. After mass, please join the children for coffee and donuts in the school basement.

World Mission Sunday 2026

Last week was WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call-to bring the Gospel to all! The envelope you received last week in the bulletin was for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it 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. Please make checks payable to Society for the Propagation of the Faith and return them in the collection basket. Thank you!

Annual Turkey Dinner

Deshler Immaculate Conception Catholic Church annual turkey dinner will be on **November 01, 2026**. They will have drive thru or dine in and will be **serving from 11:30 a.m. till gone. Meals are $13 each.**

Religious Education

November classes will be held on the 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd. No class on the 29th. Also, just a reminder that all students grades K-8th grade and even the St. Louis School students, should dress like a Saint for our All-Saints Day Celebration at Mass next Sunday, November 1st. 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 will be traveling as a group to the Cathedral on Sunday November 1st, for the Mass of the dedication of the new altar and sanctuary there. Mass is at 3p.m., and it counts as our Sunday Mass. We will meet at St. Louis around 1:15 p.m. More details to come soon!

Youth Group

Just a reminder….please remember to drop off any donations for the BG Pregnancy and Family Life Center in the box in the back of church. We will be taking all donations to them the first part of November. Here is the list of items that they need: Baby items, car seats, diapers sizes greater 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.

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.

NWO Young Adults Group

If you are looking for something to do this evening and you are between the ages of 18 – 35 you are invited to attend **Today's ASK A PRIEST/DEACON NIGHT!** Bring your questions to ask Father Francis and Deacon Dave. It starts at 7 p.m. and will be held at St. Joseph Commons, 253 S. East St. McClure, OH 43534. Light refreshments will be available.

300 Club

There are **8 TICKETS** remaining to be sold. If you haven't purchased your ticket yet, **today October 25th is the first drawing**. 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 or by calling the Church Office at 419-669-1864.

Cemetery Update

The driveway project is complete and looks fabulous, but **we are still in need of your donations. We are still in need of about $2,000 to pay for the project.** 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 **TODAY 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

The Rosary Warrior Wednesday prayer group **ends for the season this Wednesday October 28th**. This time of prayer together has lifted so many intentions to our Lady. Praying at the St. Francis Shrine at St. Louis cemetery has become a beloved tradition at St. Louis.

We are asked to pray the Rosary every day for peace. Know that others are praying the Rosary at the same time for the same intention around the world.

Rosary Warrior Wednesdays will resume during Lent along with the Stations of the Cross. Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!

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.

Professional Counseling

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.

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 18, 2026	**111**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	$	3,090.00
Loose	$	280.00
School Fund Drive	$	50.00
School Foundation	$	35.00

MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Oct. 26	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	**NO Mass**
Wed. Oct. 28	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	**NO School Mass** **LAST Rosary at Cemetery**
Thur. Oct. 29	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Oct. 30	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Oct. 31	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Nov. 01	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Nov. 01	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Charles Stein, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, Tom Hermiller, Eugene, Nancy, & Mike Adler, Heather Johnson, Farrah Croninger, and Margarito Martinez

LITURGICAL MINISTERS November 01, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	**Sun:**	Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith, Emily Flowers, Sue Flowers, Cathy Hanna
Lector	**Sun:**	Religious Education Students
Servers	**Sun:**	James Mahlman, Parker Hanna, Emmett Mier
Offertory	**Sun:**	Religious Education Students
Hospitality	**Sun:**	Religious Education Students

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 25, 2026	**Have a Great Week!**
Oct. 25, 2026	**Religious Education Classes for K-8th students TODAY**
Oct. 25, 2026	**Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral at 3:00 p.m. TODAY**
Oct. 25, 2026	**First 300 Club drawing TODAY**
Oct. 25, 2026	**DONUTS AFTER MASS TODAY**
Nov. 01, 2026	**Dedication of an Altar and Blessing of the Restored Cathedral at 3:00 pm**
Nov. 01, 2026	**Annual Turkey Dinner at ICC in Deshler serving from 11:30 – till gone**
Nov. 01-07, 2026	**National Vocation Awareness Week**
Nov. 06, 2026	**First Friday of Adoration 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.**