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### Parish Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### 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 -  
Joyce Walker  
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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### School Staff:

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

**DO YOU FEEL** you are living your life to the fullest? I raise this question because it is impossible to confuse Jesus' invitation to "live life to the fullest" (John 10:10) with a life that is boring and meaningless....

It's time for you and me to start living intriguing lives. Our lives can be intriguing in really ordinary ways. It doesn't need to be man-on-the-moon stuff. If you want to intrigue people, offer them authentic friendship. Take a real interest in a small group of people's lives. Offer them care and concern. Deeply listen to them. Most people don't have anyone in their lives who really listens to them. Be that person for them. Authentic friendship has always been the key to sharing the genius and joy of Christianity with others.

Holy Moments are attractive. Holy Moments are intriguing. Holy Moments are contagious.

Matthew Kelly

### **Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast**

The Milton Twp. Fire Dept. is hosting a breakfast TODAY Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Dine in or Carryout. Menu consists of sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee, juice, and milk. All you can eat for a free will donation.

### **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

You are invited to the baked steak and chicken dinner on **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.** The meal includes baked steak or chicken breast, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or corn, coleslaw, cucumber salad, applesauce, pie, and drinks.

The dinner will be served for a free will donation; all proceeds go to St. Louis School. Thank you for supporting Catholic Education. *Please consider donating pies and helping with the dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church. Adults are especially needed.*

### **Religious Education Classes**

March classes will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO class on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also, the **NEW SCHEDULE** for classes are on the table in the back of church!!

### **Lenten Schedule**

Is available 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 people on a waiting list. We are still registering parishioners and children with siblings who attend St. Louis for the 3-year-old program. We have 4 spots left. Please feel free to call the school office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

### **Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction**

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction. We made a remarkable profit of \$20,181.41. This is the most we have ever raised! **Congratulations to all the winners. The grand prize winner was Jason & Kristen Hogrefe of Custar.** We hope everyone had a great evening and hope to see you again next year! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2027!!!**

### **Knights of Columbus News:**

#### **Fish Fry**

The KofC fish fry will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2026**, from 4:00 p.m. till sold out at St. Patrick's, Providence Parish. The Price is \$14 for adults/seniors, and \$10 for kids. The menu consists of Fried fish, choice of potato, mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll, dessert/drink. Carryout and dine-in available.

### **Evening with Dr. Ray Guarendi**

Join us on **March 27** at St. Patrick Parish for a special Lenten evening with Catholic speaker Ray Guarendi. Dr. Ray, well known for his practical wisdom, humor, and strong Catholic faith, will offer an evening of encouragement and insight that is both entertaining and spiritually uplifting. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with a Lenten meal provided. Couples are especially encouraged to attend for this enriching night together. Come enjoy a great evening of faith, laughter, and inspiration as we continue our Lenten journey together. *Seating is limited, please contact parish office for Tickets.*

### **Little Books**

The Lenten books are now available on the table in the Narthex. Take one home. It is a good reference for the Lenten season.

### **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](mailto: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.

*The school children* will be praying the Stations of the Cross **every Friday afternoon at 2:45 p.m.** during the Lenten season also.

**Rite of Election**

On the First Sunday of Lent, Bishops bring together catechumens with their sponsors for the Rite of Election. Last Sunday, Taylor Bame and her sponsor Kelly Bechstein went to the Cathedral to take part in this event. As Taylor continues to enter into the Catholic Church, please keep her and her sponsor in your prayers.



**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](mailto:Tussing41@gmail.com).

**First Friday of Eucharistic Adoration**

Will be held **this Friday, March 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Stop by for an hour to spend some quiet time in prayer, silence, and reflection.

**\*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.

**TV Mass For Homebound**

WNWO Ch. 24 at 6:30 a.m. and WTVG Ch. 13.2 at 8:30 a.m.

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**St. Patrick Church, Providence**  
**Enter your name and email**

**Family Perspective**

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

**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, 22 2026** **149**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$	1,825.00
Loose	\$	122.00
Black Mission	\$	160.00
Altar Rosary	\$	20.00
Eastern Europe	\$	10.00

**Fish Fry**

Deshler Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is holding Fish Fry's on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup> 2026, from 5:00 till they run out. The menu includes fish, potatoes, coleslaw, and dessert. Cost is \$12.00 for a meal. Dine-In and Drive-Thru are available.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 01	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Donna Birtcher Christian, and Emma Drummer
Mon. Mar. 02	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>
Wed. Mar. 04	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	<b>School Mass</b> <b>Rosary &amp; Stations of the Cross</b>
Thur. Mar. 05	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 06	St. Patrick St. Louis	8:30 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross with School Children</b>
Sat. Mar. 07	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 08	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 08	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	James & Esther Feehan, Larry Ickes

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 08, 2026

**Ministers of Holy Communion** Sun: Emily Flowers, Sue Flowers, Cathy Hanna, Dianne Hoile, Julie Lause

**Lector** Sun: Marijane Adler

**Servers** Sun: Reed Hanna, Faith Henry, Ivy Bechstein

**Offertory** Sun: Dave Flowers Family

**Hospitality** Sun: Alan Hanna, Chuck Hoile, Rick & Adam Stein

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 01, 2026	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Mar. 01, 2026	<b>Religious Education classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> students today</b>
Mar. 01, 2026	<b>Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast from 8 a.m. till Noon today</b>
Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry from 5p.m. till run out</b>
Mar. 06, 2026	<b>First Friday of Adoration 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>
Mar. 06, 2026	<b>K of C Fish Fry at St. Pat's Hall from 4 p.m. till sold out</b>
Mar. 08, 2026	<b>Religious Education classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> students</b>