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Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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Finance – John Maas
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School Advisory – Lindsay Tussing
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Religious Education & Youth Group Facilitator -
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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
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Principal- Jennifer Tussing
Secretary- Danielle Klinge
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We see in our gospel for this Sunday, Jesus giving a blind man two priceless gifts: First, Jesus gives him the joy of physical sight. For the first time in his life, he could see. All of the things that he had known just by words, sound, and touch suddenly came alive. Jesus opens up to this man a new, glorious, awe-inspiring world of human experience.

But Jesus also gives him the gift of spiritual sight - the gift of faith. He enables the blind man to recognize and see God in Jesus. He enables him to encounter his Creator knowingly, face to face. And the man was overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude and awe - so much so that he fell down at Christ's feet and worshipped him, right there in the middle of the crowded Temple.

We have also received two priceless gifts from God: our natural lives, with all that that entails, and our supernatural life, our knowledge of, faith in, and friendship with Christ. Let's give thanks to God for the gifts he has given us this day.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

Chrism Mass Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to go to THE CHRISM MASS, which will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on **Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.** If you would like to attend this Mass please contact the parish office at 419-669-1864, deadline to register is Thursday March 26th. Thank You!

Lenten / Easter Schedule

A revised copy with the location change of the *Easter Vigil being at St. Louis* now is available on the table in the back of Church.

Lenten Confessions Schedule

St. Louis – Monday, March 23rd from 8-9 a.m., 12-1 p.m., & 5-7 p.m.

St. Patrick – Thursday, March 26th from 9-10 a.m., 12-1 p.m., & 5-7 p.m.

Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross

All are invited: **March 29, Palm Sunday, at 2:30 p.m.** the ARS and K of C will offer the outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Louis

cemetery. Golf carts or other transportation will be available for those who may have trouble walking the distance. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to attend and need assistance. In case of inclement weather, the Stations will be prayed in church.

Signup Sheets for Holy Week

We are looking for many Volunteers:

Holy Thursday – 12 people for Washing of the Feet, 3 Distributors, 2 Readers, & 5 Servers

Good Friday – 3 Readers and 3 Servers

Easter Vigil – 3 Distributors, 2 Readers, & 3 Servers

Please sign up if you can help. There is signup sheets on the table in the back of church. Thank You!

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.

Attention High School and Jr. High Students:

Today *Sunday, March 15 and April 18*, all High School and Jr. High students are invited to come to the school basement directly after the 9 a.m. Mass to hear **Kirk Ross** teach us about the first 400 years of the Church. Come here how the Catholic Church was started! Please contact Luann or Josh Flowers if you have any questions.

Religious Education Classes

March classes will be held on the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th. There will be NO class on the 22nd.

Knights of Columbus News:**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.*

Super Cash Bonanza

The Knights of Columbus are kicking off their SUPER CASH BONANZA campaign. It's one of our biggest charity campaigns of the year! ***Tickets are available for purchase after mass for \$5.00 each.*** *The minimum you could win is \$500; the top prize is over \$49,000! The drawing is May 23rd at the state convention.* See the poster at the back of the church for more details. Proceeds benefit K of C charities and area charities.

Men of Virtue

Our March meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 19 from 7:00pm-8:30pm at St. Patrick instead of our normal place in McClure.** In honor of St. Joseph, we will have a Holy Hour and refreshments. Please be sure to invite others to join us.

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

Annual School Fund Drive

Our Eighteenth Annual Fund Drive is underway and will run until December 31st of this year. So far, we have received **\$10,975.00** of our \$40,000 goal. The purpose of the Fund drive is to help the parish with school operating

expenses and updates. Please prayerfully consider donating. Any amount big or small will be greatly appreciated. You can put your tax-exempt contribution in the Sunday collection, just mark "School Fund Drive" on the envelope. Thank you to all those who have already donated, we are truly blessed with so many giving families. Thanks again, St. Louis School Advisory Council.

Catholic Relief Services

Today in your collection envelope box you will find an envelope for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

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Enter your name and email

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, Jean Smith

Mass Attendance

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Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$	2,205.00
Loose	\$	148.00
School Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	100.00
First Offering	\$	5.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$	40.00
Easter Flowers	\$	535.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	40.00
Catholic Relief	\$	20.00
Good Friday	\$	20.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 15	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Harold & Joanne Rader, Judy & Ricky Goris, Frank & Ruth Goris, Tom Hermiller, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Jim Wagner, Connie Clark, Ron & Jeff Trumbull, and Richard Wensink
Mon. Mar. 16	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed. Mar. 18	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	School Mass – Xavier & Aiden Wensink Rosary & Stations of the Cross
Thur. Mar. 19	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 20	St. Patrick St. Louis	8:30 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	Stations of the Cross with School Children
Sat. Mar. 21	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 22	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 22	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Gene Maas, Larry Ickes, Julia Ann Drummer, and Mary Jane Bolbach

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 22, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh
Lector	Sun: Jan Cavanaugh
Servers	Sun: Emma Dahms, Cate Tussing, Ruby Mier
Offertory	Sun: Emily Henry Family
Hospitality	Sun: Joe Bechstein, Bob & Linda Boyle, Mark DeSmith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 15, 2026	Have a Great Week!
Mar. 15, 2026	Religious Education classes for K-8th students today
Mar. 20 & 27	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry from 5p.m. till run out
Mar. 15, 2026	High School & Jr. High students listen to speaker after 9 a.m. Mass
Mar. 22, 2026	No Religious Education classes for K-8th students
Mar. 22, 2026	Donuts after Mass
Mar. 27, 2026	Catholic speaker Dr. Ray at St. Patrick's - doors open at 4:30 p.m.
Mar. 29, 2026	Stations of the Cross at the Cemetery 2:30 p.m.