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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

**I BELIEVE** that life should be a process of self-revelation. As we live, we reveal ourselves to the people we love and to the people who cross our path as we make our journey. We can put up barriers and put on masks, or we can let people see us as we really are.

What concerns us about the latter is that others might see our faults. In our concern, we forget that we all have faults. The people who are able to love and admire us have faults and flaws. The people who criticize and express anger and hatred toward us have flaws and failings. As human beings, one of our common bonds is our brokenness.

In truth, nobody is loved by everybody. Even the greatest men and women in history have critics. Even people who have dedicated themselves and their lives selflessly to assist others have critics and detractors. You are no different. Some people are going to like you, some people are going to love you, some people are not going to like you at all, and some people may even despise you. You might as well be yourself. That way, at least you will know that the people who like you, like you for who you truly are.

Matthew Kelly

### **Donuts**

Donut Sunday is **TODAY** March 16 after Mass. Stop in for a tasty treat to take home or enjoy the fellowship with parishioners.

### **Birthday Wishes**

Everyone is invited to Marie Wensink's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party on Sunday March 23. Open house will be from 2-4 at the Milton Twp. Fire Dept., on Mermill Rd. There is also a card shower for her. Please send cards to 8778 Rangeline Rd. Rudolph, OH 43462.

### **Stations of the Cross**

All are welcome to join in praying the Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 7:00PM at St. Louis church through the Lenten Season. We will gather to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 6:30 PM. All ages are welcome to pray. Readers and cross bearers are needed. Please contact the parish office, email at [stloiusparishcustar@gmail.com](mailto:stloiusparishcustar@gmail.com), or message on Facebook. Participating in the traditions and prayers help 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 also.

### **School News – Preschool**

Preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old program only **has 3 openings left**. Any child who will be 3 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> may apply. To be considered enrolled, parents need to obtain a registration form from the school office and pay a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Currently the **4-year-old class is full** with a waitlist. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at 419-669-1875.

### **Religious Education Classes**

**March** classes will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. No class on March 16<sup>th</sup>. **April** classes will be on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>. No class on April 20<sup>th</sup>. **May** classes will be on the 11<sup>th</sup>. No class on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Most Holy Rosary Cathedral Tour**

The High School Youth Group is planning a trip to the Toledo Diocese Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral for a guided tour today **Sunday, March 16, at 2pm**. We would like to invite all of our Jr. High and High School Students and their families to join us. If you need a ride, please call Luann Flowers (419-205-8848) or call the rectory to let us know. Hope to see you all there!

### **Attention All Junior High & High School Students**

Our Toledo Diocese has made available to us the Culture Project Missionaries. They are a group of young adults who will be coming to our parish to talk with our Jr. High and High School students about important teen topics that they may be dealing with on a regular basis.

The Culture Project Missionaries will be speaking with our teens after the **9:00 am Mass on March 23** (Social Media Talk) and **April 13** (Sexual Integrity Talk). Each talk will end with a question-and-answer session and should be finished around 11:15 am. We will be offering a meal to all students after the March 23 talk. Please see Luann Flowers if you have any questions.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction. Congratulations to all the winners. We hope

everyone had a great evening and hope to see you again next year!!!

**2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy-they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope, and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you.

**Safe Environment Compliance Audit Results**

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of *the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter)* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**Knights of Columbus News:**

Located in the back of church is a “**Support Our Seminarians**” (S.O.S.) jar. S.O.S. is a KofC program throughout the state of Ohio that supports our Seminarians and promotes vocations. Money raised stays within the diocese and the diocesan vocation office receives the collective monies from KofC councils throughout the year. In 2024, a sum of \$26,000

was raised and presented! Please help with this worthy cause and leave a donation in the jar – no amount is too small. The campaign will run through April. Thank you for your continued support!

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Fish Fry’s**

Check the bulletin board in the back of church for local Fish Fry’s during Lent!

**Family Perspective**

Jesus “went up the mountain to pray” and he was “changed.” Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Timothy Davis, Ron Tolles, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vandergriff, Presley Speakman, Kim Maas, Gwenn Maas, Jim Flowers

**Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Mass Attendance**

**March 02, 2025** **108**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,285.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 60.00
Black & Indian	\$ 25.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 590.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 16	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Charles Stein, Don, Sue, Irene & Robert Maas, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Crouch, Richard Wensink, Jim Wagner, & Jim Schneider
Mon. Mar. 17	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Wed. Mar. 19	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	Jeff Saylor, Xavier & Aiden Wensink
Thur. Mar. 20	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 21	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Mar. 22	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 23	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 23	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Charles Stein, Julia Ann Drummer, Mary Jane Bolbach, John Feehan, L/D of James Feehan Fm., Ron & Jeff Trumbull, Larry Ickes, Jim Schneider, Paul DeSmith, & John & Dolores Schneider

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 23, 2025

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Wensink Family
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Wensink Family
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Wensink Family
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Wensink Family
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Wensink Family

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 16, 2025	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Mar. 16, 2025	<b>Donuts TODAY!!!!</b>
Mar. 16, 2025	<b>NO Religious Education Classes today for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Mar. 18, 2025	<b>RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</b>
Mar. 14, 21, 28	<b>Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry from 5 p.m. – till run out</b>
Mar. 23, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>

