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Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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Music Coordinator- Jennifer Tussing
Finance – John Maas
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School Advisory – Lindsay Tussing
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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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Superintendent- Fr. Francis Mariadas SAC
Principal- Jennifer Tussing
Secretary- Danielle Klinge
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Are you ready? Yes...no...ready for what? Once again, Lent is right around the corner, literally just days away from today. Ash Wednesday is this week, which has all the last-minute planners left scrambling trying to figure out what to give up for this Lent. Don't worry, I have a few suggestions that might help:

First, understand the 3 areas which the Church wants us to focus on during Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. *Second*, pray about what God is calling you to do in these areas, don't just wing it, or do what you've did last year, put some thought into it. *Third*, challenge yourself, get out of your comfort zone. Remember, we are following Christ through the desert for 40 days, it shouldn't be a cakewalk.

There are so many great resources available to Catholics today, be it on formed.org, the Hallow app on your phone, or any number of emails that you can sign up for. Whatever you choose, make it something that is purposeful and pointing you towards Holy Week.

I pray that we will all have an awesome and challenging Lenten fast so that we all can share in a most beautiful Easter Feast.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

ATTENTION Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Mass Coordinators, Servers (14 and up), and anyone else interested in assisting with mass responsibilities:

Deacon Dave will be having a brief training session TODAY following mass to cover how to set up prior to and clean up following masses, funerals, adoration, and any other liturgy that would need assistance.

It is important for us to have a working knowledge of where things are, what they're for, why we have them, and how to set up properly so that the liturgy will go smoothly.

We are in need of folks to help with these very important duties, so please plan to attend.

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 beginning on March 5. 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, 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.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

12 Hours of Adoration at St. Louis Parish is the First Friday of each month 8 a.m. – to 8 p.m. Stop by for a few minutes this **Friday, March 7th**, to spend some quiet time in prayer, silence, and reflection. Bring your favorite prayers, a list of things you'd like to talk about with the Lord or read sections from a book in the lending library. We take time to visit family and friends. Take some time to visit with the Lord in His home. If you are available to spend an hour throughout the day, there is a signup sheet in the back of church.

School News – Preschool

Preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old program is now open to the public. Any child who will be 3 years old by August 31st 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.

Stations of the Cross

Starting **Friday March 7**, the school children will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:45 p.m. during the Lenten season.

Religious Education Classes

March classes will be on the 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th. No class on March 16th. **April** classes will be on 6th, 13th, 27th. No class on April 20th. **May** classes will be on the 11th. No class on May 4th.

Christian Women's Health Symposium

Attention all women of the parish! The St. Louis Altar and Rosary is hosting a health symposium on **Saturday, March 15th** from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the church. The presenters include Donna McHaffie, RN, BSN; Rebecca Walls; Lisa Todd; & Whitney McHaffie, ThB. It is sure to be a very informative event with giveaways and door prizes! To register email Donna at

PadrePio4Me@aol.com. A free will offering will be accepted for the presenters. Flyers are available on the table in the back of church.

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 on **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!

Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

There are still **30 tickets** remaining to be sold. The Raffle is only 2 weeks away! If you haven't bought your ticket yet they will be on sale after Mass on Sunday or in the church office.

We are also accepting donations for the LIVE and Silent Auction! If there is something that you would like to donate, you are welcome to drop it off at the school office during school hours, the church rectory or contact Cathy Hanna (419-615-5540) or Jennie Tussing (419-601-4202) to make other arrangements. We are looking forward to a night of celebration. Hope to see you there. It is always a fun evening!!

This year again we will be having the wine bottle toss game, so we will need **donations of bottles of wine**. Drop off to the people above. Thank You!

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 17th 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.

Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast

The Milton Twp. Fire Dept. is hosting a breakfast **TODAY March 2nd** 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.

TV Mass For Homebound

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

Visit toledodiocese.org for Current News and Events:

Stay current with news, information and events of the Diocese of Toledo by visiting www.toledodiocese.org. In addition, follow the Diocese of Toledo on Facebook www.facebook.com/DioceseToledo.

Family Perspective

Today Jesus tells us: “Why do you see the speck in someone else’s eye but miss the log in your own eye?” It’s always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time, for we can’t change anyone but ourselves.

Please keep in your prayers:

Timothy Davis, Ron Tolles, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vanderghriff, Presley Speakman, Kim Maas, Gwenn Maas, Jim Flowers

Office Hours

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

Mass Attendance

February 23, 2025 143

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,970.00
Loose	\$ 235.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 10.00
1 st Offering	\$ 5.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 02	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Robert, Irene, Sue, & Don Maas, Jim Crouch, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Charles Stein, Keith Wilhelm, Emma Drummer, Jim Wagner, Bessie Miller, & Jim Gebers
Mon. Mar. 03	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed. Mar. 05	St. Louis St. Patrick	9:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday - School Mass with Fr. Ritter
Thur. Mar. 06	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 07	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Mar. 08	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 09	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 09	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Larry Ickes, Dan Smith, & Charles Stein

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 09, 2025

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith, Emily Flowers
Lector	Sun: Scott Boyer
Servers	Sun: Zack Koenig, Emma Dahms, Taylor Maas
Offertory	Sun: Jerry & Joyce Walker
Hospitality	Sun: Dave & Josh Flowers, Ben & Emily Flowers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 02, 2025	Have a Great Week!
Mar. 02, 2025	Religious Education Classes today for K-8th
Mar. 02, 2025	TODAY Milton Twp. Fire Dept. Breakfast from 8 a.m. – Noon
Mar. 04, 2025	RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 05, 2025	Ash Wednesday- also Rosary at 6:30 p.m. & Stations at 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 07, 2025	1st Friday of Adoration 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Mar. 09, 2025	Religious Education Classes for K-8th
Mar. 14, 21, 28	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry from 5 p.m. – till run out