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### Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC  
Deacon – David Krempec  
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Music Coordinator- Jennifer Tussing  
Finance – John Maas  
Pastoral Council-Joyce Walker (Secretary)  
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School Advisory – Lindsay Tussing  
Altar Rosary Society - Julie Lause (419-601-3319)  
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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 Mariadas SAC  
Principal- Jennifer Tussing  
Secretary- Danielle Klinge  
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**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Next week we enter the most sacred time in the life of the Church—Holy Week, often called Passion Week. These are the holiest days of the entire liturgical year, when we walk with Jesus through His suffering, death, and resurrection. These are the sacred moments when we encounter the mystery of our salvation.

As we approach these holy days, I would like to ask each of you a simple question: What is your plan for Holy Week?

Our journey begins with **Palm Sunday**. With palm branches in our hands, we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as the crowds cried out, "Hosanna!" Yet in the same liturgy we listen to the Passion of our Lord. Palm Sunday reminds us how easily the enthusiasm of the crowd turned into rejection. It invites us to reflect on our own discipleship and to remain faithful to Christ even in difficult moments.

The journey continues with **Holy Thursday**, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. On this sacred night Jesus gave us the great gifts of the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood, and He showed us the meaning of humble love by washing the feet of His disciples. At the end of the Mass, we remain in prayer with the Lord, remembering His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is a powerful moment for us to stay with Jesus in quiet adoration.

On **Good Friday**, the Church gathers in solemn silence to remember the Passion and death of Jesus. We listen to the story of His suffering and venerate the Cross, the sign through which our salvation was accomplished. Standing before the Cross reminds us of the depth of God's love for each one of us.

**Holy Saturday** is a day of silence and waiting. The Church pauses at the tomb of Christ, reflecting on the mystery of His sacrifice. Then, when night falls, we gather for the Easter Vigil, the most beautiful and solemn liturgy of the year, when the darkness is overcome by the light of Christ and we proclaim with joy that He is risen.

**Dear friends**, these sacred days are the heart of our faith. I warmly encourage every parishioner and family to participate in the sacred liturgies of Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Your presence in prayer is a powerful way to walk with Jesus and deepen your relationship with Him.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His disciples, "Could you not spend one hour with me in prayer?"

This Holy Week, let us answer that invitation with our presence. Come and pray. Come and reflect. Come and celebrate the mystery of our salvation together as a parish family.

*I look forward to praying with you during these holy days.*

Blessings,  
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

**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 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

**Lenten Confessions Schedule**

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

**St. Patrick** – Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 means of 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!

**DONUTS TODAY AFTER MASS!!**

**Baked Steak Dinner – Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who supported the baked steak dinner. We appreciate the cooks, workers, pie bakers, and everyone who came to our dinner. The profit was \$2,016.13. See you all in the fall.

**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.

**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>.

**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 23<sup>rd</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.

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

**Cemetery Spring Cleanup**

Please remove all grave blankets, wreaths, etc., or anything in the mowing path by **March 29**. If they are not removed, they will be disposed of. Thank you!

**St. Louis Altar Society Flower Sale**

*Kicks off today March 22<sup>nd</sup> and will go thru Sunday April 19th. Pick up will be Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-11 a.m. in the school parking lot.* Orders can be given to Diane Wensink or Dianne Hoile. Don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday May 10th. We will have extra hanging baskets the day of pickup and after mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. All proceeds will help with building repairs.

**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**

**March, 15 2026** **134**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,410.00
Loose	\$ 166.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ -0.00-
Catholic Relief	\$ 195.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 230.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 22	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Gene Maas, Larry Ickes, Julia Ann Drummer, and Mary Jane Bolbach
Mon. Mar. 23	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> – Tom Hermiller
Wed. Mar. 25	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	<b>School Mass</b> – Michael Lang <b>Rosary &amp; Stations of the Cross</b>
Thur. Mar. 26	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 27	St. Patrick St. Louis	8:30 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross with School Children</b>
Sat. Mar. 28	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 29	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 29	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Charles Stein, Bob, Katy, & Allan Kempf, and Marilyn Gidick

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 29, 2026

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Missy DeSmith, Emily Flowers, Sue Flowers, Cathy Hanna, Dianne Hoile
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Cathy Hanna, Chuck Hoile
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Jacob Dahms, Luke & Tommy Van de Heijning
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Chuck & Dianne Hoile
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Ben & Emily Flowers, Dave & Josh Flowers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 22, 2026	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Mar. 22, 2026	<b>NO Religious Education classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> students today</b>
Mar. 22, 2026	<b>Donuts after Mass Today</b>
Mar. 27, 2026	<b>Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry from 5p.m. till run out</b>
Mar. 27, 2026	<b>Catholic speaker Dr. Ray at St. Patrick's - doors open at 4:30 p.m.</b>
Mar. 27, 2026	<b>St. Paul's Catholic Church Hamler Fish Fry 5-7 pm church basement</b>
Mar. 29, 2026	<b>Stations of the Cross at the Cemetery 2:30 p.m.</b>
Mar. 29, 2026	<b>Religious Education classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> students</b>