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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

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

In today's gospel Jesus uses a parable to illustrate that God longs for us to recognize his closeness to us. God longs for us to say, along with Moses, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight."

Jesus talks about a fig tree that did not bear fruit. It would be bad enough if it didn't give fruit for one year or even two years. But the owner has come out for three years seeking figs and hasn't found any. The tree seems useless. So, he orders the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener sees something in that tree which no one else sees. He believes that it can bear fruit, that it can be something wonderful and beautiful. And so, he asks for one more year. He will water that tree, fertilize it, and cultivate the adjacent ground.

Each one of us is that tree. We all have the experience of being sinners. We all have experience of failing. Sometimes we all have the question "Am I getting this right? Usually, it feels like I'm not..." But that's not the voice of God. The voice of God tells us that we're called to be saints, and that, with Christ, we can be. When we experience that we say with Moses, "I want to draw closer to this God who is so close to me."

God bless,  
Deacon Dave

**Birthday Wishes**

Everyone is invited to Marie Wensink's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party **today, 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 Range Line Rd. Rudolph, OH 43462.

**Culture Project Missionaries**

We welcome the Culture Project Missionaries this weekend. They will be talking to our teens about social media. After the talk there will be a question-and-answer session and a free breakfast. All teens are welcome to join us in the school basement after Mass this Sunday.

**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 today and the 30<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>.

**Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund – 100% Ohio Income Tax Credit**

In 2021, House Bill 110 established a program that allows Ohio taxpayers to receive a **100% tax credit against Ohio income tax liability** for contributions made to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization. The maximum credit amount is \$750 for singles, or \$1,500 if married and filing jointly. In 2023 the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund was formed, a registered non-profit 501 (c) 3 Scholarship Granting Organization. The organization collects funds to assist students in grades K – 12 to attend non-public schools within the Diocese of Toledo. Donations received before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, may be applied to the 2024 tax year. The tax credit cannot exceed the Ohio tax owed. Your donation can be designated to a specific school, like St. Louis School, Custar. You can donate online at <https://www.dotsgo.org> or by mail. Forms are located in the back of church. Questions contact Jennie Tussing at the school or the church rectory.

**Annual School Fund Drive**

Our Seventeenth Annual Fund Drive is underway and will run until December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. So far, we have received **\$6,760.00**

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.

**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 Benjamin Flowers at 419-906-0591 or his email address is [FlowersBo8@yahoo.com](mailto:FlowersBo8@yahoo.com).

**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.

**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!

**Catholic Relief Services**

Next week 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. Next week, 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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)

**TV Mass For Homebound**

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

**Family Perspective**

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.

**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**

**March 16, 2025** **133**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,539.00
Loose	\$ 55.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
Altar Rosary	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 153.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Mar. 24	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Wed. Mar. 26	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	Xavier & Aiden Wensink
Thur. Mar. 27	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 28	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Mar. 29	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 30	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Mar. 30	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Charles Stein, Jim Wagner, James, Mary Lue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, & Thierry Kernisan

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 30, 2025

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Chuck Hoile
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Luke Van de Heijning, Kayley Tussing, Faith Henry
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Mark & Missy DeSmith
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Joe Bechstein, Mark DeSmith, Bob & Linda Boyle

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 23, 2025	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Mar. 23, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes today for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Mar. 25, 2025	<b>RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</b>
Mar. 28 & Apr. 4 & 11	<b>Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry from 5 p.m. – till run out</b>
Mar. 30, 2025	<b>Religious Education Classes for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
Apr. 11	<b>Save the Date - K of C Fish Fry at St. Pat's 4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</b>