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Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
Deacon – David Krempec
Administrative Assistant – Lindsay Tussing
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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,

During Lent, the Church celebrates three special rites called the **Scrutinies** for those preparing to enter the Catholic Church at Easter. The Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. They are rooted in the early centuries of Christianity, when catechumens—those preparing for Baptism—underwent intense spiritual preparation before receiving the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The Church has preserved this practice as a way of accompanying the Elect through their final weeks of preparation.

The word “scrutiny” comes from a Latin term meaning “to search” or “to examine.” In these rites, God lovingly searches the hearts of the Elect—not to condemn, but to heal and strengthen them. The prayers ask that whatever is weak, sinful, or wounded may be brought into the light of Christ, and that what is good and holy may be affirmed and made strong.

The Scrutinies remind the whole parish that Lent is a time of conversion for everyone. While the Elect prepare for Baptism, all the faithful are invited to examine their own hearts, repent of sin, and renew their baptismal promises. As a parish family, we pray especially for those preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter, that they may be purified, strengthened, and filled with the joy of new life in Christ.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

You are invited to the baked steak and chicken dinner on **Saturday March 14th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.** The meal includes baked steak or chicken breast, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or corn, coleslaw, cucumber salad, applesauce, pie, and drinks.

The dinner will be served for a free will donation; all proceeds go to St. Louis School. Thank you for supporting Catholic Education. *Please consider donating pies and helping with the dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church. Adults are especially needed.*

Religious Education Classes

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

Lenten / Easter Schedule

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

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:

On *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 **Kurt 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.

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.

Donuts will be Sunday March 22nd!

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.

Cemetery Committee

The cemetery committee will be having a meeting **this Thursday March 12th at 6 p.m.** in the Rectory to update everyone on the new addition and plans going forward.

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.

Safe Environment Compliance Audit Results

The Diocese of Toledo is within compliance of the articles of *the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* 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 compliant.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, 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.

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

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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

Mass Attendance
March, 01 2026

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Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$	2,760.00
Loose	\$	69.00
School Fund Drive	\$	100.00
Fuel	\$	185.00
Altar Rosary	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	80.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 08	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	James & Esther Feehan, Larry Ickes
Mon. Mar. 09	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed. Mar. 11	St. Louis	9:15 a.m. 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	School Mass Rosary & Stations of the Cross
Thur. Mar. 12	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Mar. 13	St. Patrick St. Louis	8:30 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	Stations of the Cross with School Children
Sat. Mar. 14	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 15	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 15, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Arron Mier, Alex Sifuentes, Rick Stokes, Audra Tolles, Joyce Walker
Lector	Sun: Scott Boyer
Servers	Sun: Kayley Tussing, Allaynna May, Averie Carter
Offertory	Sun: Jim & Sue Flowers
Hospitality	Sun: Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 08, 2026	Have a Great Week!
Mar. 08, 2026	Religious Education classes for K-8th students today
Mar. 13, 20, 27	Deshler Immaculate Conception Fish Fry from 5p.m. till run out
Mar. 14, 2026	St. Patty's Day Baked Steak & Chicken Dinner from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
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Mar. 27, 2026	Catholic speaker Dr. Ray at St. Patrick's - doors open at 4:30 p.m.