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Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
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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
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THE IMAGE we hold of God impacts everything. Not just our spirituality, but everything. It isn't something we can sit down to discuss for an afternoon and straighten out.

There are powerful emotional, psychological, spiritual, and practical influences at work. It takes a lifetime of prayer, reflection, and observation to continually realign our image of God with the reality of who God is.

How well do you know God? I have asked myself this question many times throughout my life, and I keep arriving at the same answer: Better than I did last year, but not as well as I would like to know him.

I know this topic is just a few paragraphs in a book about prayer, but please believe me when I tell you that the implications of your personal image of God are endless. Ask God to reveal himself to you, to re-align how you perceive him with who he really is.

Matthew Kelly

Divine Mercy Sunday

All are invited to join us for a special celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday TODAY**. This feast, established by St. John Paul II, is a powerful reminder of God's desire to pour out his infinite love and forgiveness upon the world.

The afternoon program will begin **promptly at 3:00 p.m.**, the Hour of Great Mercy, and will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: A time for silent prayer and adoration.
- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Sung or recited in the presence of the Eucharist.
- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image: Honoring the image revealed to St. Faustina.

Our Lord promised St. Faustina Kowalska that "the soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary, 699). To receive the graces of the Plenary Indulgence associated with this day, the faithful are encouraged to:

1. Sacramental Confession (within eight days before or after the feast).
2. Eucharistic Communion on the day of the feast.
3. Prayers for the Intentions of the Holy Father.

4. Perform an act of mercy or a deed of love toward our neighbor.

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy." — *Jesus to St. Faustina*

Please join us as we gather to pray for our parish, our families, and the entire world. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Mark Your Calendar

It is **Spaghetti Dinner** time on **Saturday April 18 from 4:30 – 6:30** or until sold out. It is a free will offering and the proceeds go to St. Louis School. Dine in or carry out! Menu includes homemade spaghetti, bread, salad, beverage and make your own Sundae Bar. Hope to see you there!

Ministers List

If anyone would like to be added to the ministers list as a **Distributor, Lector, Hospitality, Offertory, or Server** please contact the church office at 419-669-1864 or by email admin@stlouisparish.net. A new ministers list for May through August will be available next week. Please pick up a copy if you need one. Thanks!

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.

First Communion

Tyler Stein, son of Adam and Jody Stein will be making his 1st Communion next *Sunday April 19th*. Please remember Tyler and his family in prayer as he continues his preparation for the sacrament.

1st Communion Reunion

Please join us as we celebrate First Communion Reunion **on April 26th at 9:00 a.m.** We are honoring the **class of 1976**. Donuts will be served after Mass in the basement.

Attention High School and Jr. High Students:

On **Sunday, April 19**, all High School and Jr. High students are invited to come to the school basement directly after the 9 AM Mass to hear *Kirk Ross teach us about Church history*. Please contact Luann or Josh Flowers if you have any questions.

Confirmation

On **Saturday April 25th** our four eighth graders will be confirmed at 10 a.m. by Bishop Daniel Thomas at Our Queen of The Holy Rosary Cathedral.

The candidates are Logan Carter, son of Kristin and Jay; Blake Mahlman, son of Katie and Rob; Catherine Tussing, daughter of Jennie and Pat; and Kayley Tussing, daughter of Lindsay and Brad. Please pray for them as they continue their journey of faith as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation students will have practice after Mass next Sunday, April 19th.

Religious Education Classes

April classes will be on 12th and 26th. NO class on April 5th and 19th. The last class will be on **May 10th**. No class on May 3rd.

News from Knights of Columbus Council #17113

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. A portion of every sale comes back to the council to help our local community.

St. Louis Altar Society Flower Sale

Will be selling flowers until Sunday April 19th. Pick up will be Saturday May 2nd 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 3rd. If you need an order form there is extra in the back of church. Thank you for supporting this

fundraiser. All proceeds will help with building repairs.

Festival News

Planning for the St. Louis Summer Festival is well underway! We are still collecting Big Ticket and sponsorship donations. We are asking that any pledges or donations be turned into the **church office by April 30th**. All items and amounts are appreciated. We are still in need of **two more Volunteers** to join the committee for a three-year term. If interested, please contact Zach Tussing at 419-601-4203 or email him at Tussing41@gmail.com. We ask you to prayerfully consider joining the committee. Thank you for your support!

Little White Books

The little white books for the Easter Season are now available on the table in the Narthex of the church. Please take one!

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

April 04, 2026 (Easter Vigil) 123

April 05, 2026 (Easter Sunday) 197

Parish Stewardship

Easter Offering Envelopes	\$	6,507.00
Loose	\$	964.00
School Fund Drive	\$	-0.00-
Fuel	\$	250.00
Good Friday	\$	300.00
Palm Sunday	\$	60.00
Sunday Collection	\$	470.00
Easter Flowers	\$	40.00
Altar Rosary Dues	\$	20.00

Easter Vigil



MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Apr. 12	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, John Feehan, Larry Ickes, Paul DeSmith, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, Ron & Jeff Trumbull, and Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Aufdenkamp
Mon. Apr. 13	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed. Apr. 15	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass
Thur. Apr. 16	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Apr. 17	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Apr. 18	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Apr. 19	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Apr. 19	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	James, Mary Lue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Jim Wagner, Emil & Dolores Goris, and Bob, Katy, & Allan Kempf

LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 19, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Jan Cavanaugh, Missy DeSmith, Emily Flowers, Cathy Hanna
Lector	Sun: Joyce Walker
Servers	Sun: Sophie Dahms, Taylor Maas, Faith Henry
Offertory	Sun: Bob & Linda Boyle
Hospitality	Sun: Joe Bechstein, Bob & Linda Boyle, Mark DeSmith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 12, 2026	Have a Great Week!
Apr. 12, 2026	Religious Education classes for K-8th students today
Apr. 12, 2026	Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 p.m.
Apr. 19, 2026	First Communion
Apr. 19, 2026	Youth Group meet after Mass to hear Kirk Ross
Apr. 25, 2026	Confirmation at the Cathedral 10 a.m.
Apr. 26, 2026	First Communion Reunion/ Confirmation kids Mass/ DONUTS
Apr. 26, 2026	Sacred Heart – New Bavaria Drive Thru Chicken BBQ 10:30a.m. \$12
May 03, 2026	Celebrate the Schools 150th Mass and RSVP to the reception brunch
May 03, 2026	Kick-off Catholic Schools Week

