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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
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are now entering into the most important week of the year. We call it Holy Week and during this time we will remember the most important events in the life of Christ, His suffering, His death, His resurrection and all that he did to save us. I ask you to reflect on the days of Holy Week and their significance in our Christian life.

Palm Sunday: On this day we celebrate Christ's entering into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal mystery. He will accept our praises just as he accepted those of his disciples and of the people on entering Jerusalem. We wave palm branches and sing Hosanna, and yet in just a few short days Jesus is stripped, crucified and dies. The palms we wave represent life and hope for us all and the triumph of Christ.

Holy Thursday: also known as **Maundy Thursday**, brings us to the official end of Lent and the beginning of the Triduum. On this day, we commemorate the institution of two sacraments, the Holy Eucharist and the institution of the Holy Priesthood. He will repeat it during the last supper his new commandment: **"Love one another as I have loved you"**. At the evening Mass there will be the Presentation of the Oil, followed by the priest washing the feet of 12 men or women just as Jesus did at the Last Supper. This is a reminder to all, that Christians must serve others first. We will also have the Altar of Repose and Procession. Following Mass, we will have **Adoration until 10 p.m.**

Good Friday: is a day of prayer and fasting. No Mass is said, and the altar is stripped reminding us of Jesus being stripped and humiliated before his crucifixion. We remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ; the passion is read, and we venerate the cross. We receive the Holy Eucharistic, but no bread or wine is consecrated. St. Patrick's service will begin at 12:30 with the Stations of the Cross followed by the service at 1:00 p.m. **The service at St. Louis will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Stations of the Cross followed by the service at 7:00 p.m.**

Holy Saturday: brings us much joy as we come to the Service of light. We begin in darkness and are brought into a great light. The Paschal candle is lit from the Easter fire to be

used later to bless the Easter Water. The song of the church is sung (The Easter Proclamation/Exulted) followed by the Liturgy of the Word. We then move into the baptismal liturgy for candidates coming into the church, (Celebration of Reception into full communion), and we too are all sprinkled with Holy Water, calling to mind our own baptism, followed by the Liturgy of the Eucharist. During this Mass the Gloria and Alleluia are once again sung and our churches are beautifully decorated. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. @ St. Patrick.

This week celebrates the **central mysteries** of our faith. You are invited and encouraged to participate in the many liturgies being offered. It is my prayer that you and your family will celebrate a Holy Week and Easter that is filled with the Love, Peace, Joy, and Happiness of our Risen Savior.

God Bless!
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

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 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.

Religious Education Classes

April classes will be today & the 27th. No class on April 20th. **May** classes will be on the 11th. No class on May 4th.

Attention all 6th gr., Jr. High and High School students

- The Culture Project Missionaries will be coming back to talk to us today Sunday, April 13 after the 9:00 am Mass. We will meet in the school basement. The talk will end with a question-and-answer session and should be finished around 11:15 am. Please see Luann Flowers if you have any questions.

Chrism Mass

As we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, kindly join us for the celebration of the annual **Chrism Mass** during which the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are blessed;

the Sacred Chrism is consecrated; and our diocesan and religious priests renew their priestly promises. We invite all the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to “pray for your Priests, that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them, and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest, so that they may lead you to him, who is the *source of salvation*” (*Roman Missal, Chrism Mass, Renewal of Priestly Promises*).

Parish representatives from around the diocese will be present and will take the blessed/consecrated oils back to their communities to be used in the celebration of the sacraments during the next year.

YOU ARE MOST CORDIALLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE Chrism Mass WHICH will be celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo.

Thank you!

Funeral Committee

The funeral committee and the families of Mary Ann Gebers and Allan Kempf would like to thank the parishioners who donated food for the funeral dinners. It was deeply appreciated and we thank you for your continued support to the families in their time of need.

Don't forget to pickup your dishes in the back of church.

St Louis Altar Society Flower Sale

It started on April 6th and will run through Sunday April 20th. **Pick up will be Saturday May 3rd from 9-11 in the school parking lot.** Orders can be given to Diane Wensink, Dianne Hoile, placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the church office. Don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday May 11th. We will have extra hanging baskets on the day of pickup and after mass on May 4th. Thank you for supporting this fund raiser.

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.

Attention Moms and Grandmothers: You are invited to learn more about the Moms in Prayer Ministry in our area. We will gather together to hear testimonies from moms who have already participated in a Moms in Prayer group. We will use Scripture and the 4 Steps of Prayer to pray together for our kids. We will meet on **Saturday, April 26th, 9:30 - 11:00 am** at the Way Community Church, 135 W. Main St., Deshler, OH. Come see what this ministry is all about and meet other moms who are praying for their children, grandchildren, and the schools they attend. Please RSVP to Johanna @ 419-932-1978 or see the signup sheet in the back of church.

Signup Sheets for Holy Week

We are in need of Distributors, Lectors and Servers for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please sign up if you can help.

Family Perspective

Today Jesus tells us “I am among you as one who serves.” In accepting the palm branch today, you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as “one who serves.” Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

Please keep in your prayers: Timothy Davis, Ron Tolles, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vandergriff, Presley Speakman, Kim Maas, Gwenn Maas, Jim Flowers

Office Hours

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

Mass Attendance

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Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,386.00
Loose	\$ 167.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 260.00
Indian Mission	\$ 20.00
Good Friday	\$ 80.00
Easter	\$ 100.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Apr. 13	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Larry Ickes, Charles Stein, John Feehan, L/D James Feehan Fm. Don, Sue, Irene & Robert Maas, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Crouch, Ron & Jeff Trumbull, Paul DeSmith, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, & Stefanie Rich
Mon. Apr.14	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Wed. Apr. 16	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	Susan Sager Myers-Fr. Clemon *No Stations of the Cross Tonight*
Thur. Apr. 17	St. Louis St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday – Adoration following Mass until 10 p.m.
Fri. Apr. 18	St. Patrick St. Louis	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
Sat. Apr. 19	St. Patrick	8:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sun. Apr. 20	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Apr. 20	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Louis Parish

LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 20, 2025

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer, Jan Cavanaugh
Lector	Sun: Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink
Servers	Sun: Amy Flowers, James Mahlman, Taylor Maas
Offertory	Sun: Emily Henry Family
Hospitality	Sun: Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 13, 2025	Have a Great Week!
Apr. 13, 2025	Religious Education Classes for K-5th
Apr. 13, 2025	Culture Project for 6th grade, Jr. High, & High School Students 10am
Apr. 17, 2025	Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 p.m. – Adoration after Mass until 10 p.m.
Apr. 18, 2025	Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 20, 2025	Happy Easter!!
Apr. 27, 2025	First Communion Reunion & Donuts after Mass