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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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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue through our fifty-day journey through the joys of this Easter season, we turn our attention this Sunday to those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. What a joy and blessing it is to watch each of them, as they approach the altar, receive our Lord, with the humility and with the faith that all of us are asked to have. We should all take the time to recall our own first communion's.

Just as we see in the Gospel reading for this weekend, the "eyes" of the disciples were opened in the breaking of the bread (their own first communion), so too are the eyes of faith open to all who humbly approach the Lord's table.

Let us keep these young one's in our prayers, as well as our Confirmation students that will be receiving their Confirmation at the Cathedral next Saturday. May the "eyes" of their faith be opened to the graces that God has in store for them.

God bless,
Deacon Dave

First Communion

We would like to congratulate **Tyler Stein, son of Adam and Jody Stein** on making his First Holy Communion today.

First Communion Reunion

Next **Sunday, April 26th**, is our annual First Communion Reunion. St. Louis Parish celebrated its Quasiquicentennial in 1989. After our year-long celebration, we wanted to have an ongoing outreach to the present and past parishioners. Thus began our First Communion Reunion Mass, for all who have celebrated fifty or more years since their original First Communion. Please join us and welcome our guests.

St. Louis School 150th Anniversary

This anniversary year is quickly coming to an end. On **Sunday May 3rd**, we will be having a special Mass at **9 a.m.** with past priests, nuns, and principals. Most of the current students will be attending this mass and are preparing a special song for us all. After the mass we will be having a reception in the school basement. **We kindly ask you to RSVP for the**

breakfast reception by tomorrow, April 20th to the church office at 419-669-1864 or email admin@stlouisparish.net. We currently only have 32 seats left for the reception.

Thank You

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank all the parishioners who donated items to the Lenten almsgiving project for Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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:

Today 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 today!!

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 today. 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!

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 is available in the back of church. Please pick up a copy if you need one. Thanks!

DONUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS NEXT WEEK!

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!

TV Mass For Homebound

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

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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, Jean Smith

Mass Attendance

April 12, 2026 **136**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$ 6,507.00
Loose	\$ 122.00
School Fund Drive	\$ -0.00-
Fuel	\$ 75.00
Catholic Home	\$ 20.00
Easter Offering	\$ 300.00

Drive Through Chicken BBQ

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria will be holding a Drive-through Chicken BBQ at the Holgate Park. On **Sunday, April 26th, 2026** from **10:30 a.m. until Sold Out**. Cost is \$12.00 per meal and \$9.00 for Chicken only. Menu includes ½ Chicken prepared by the Holgate Fire Department, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Roll, and Cookies.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Apr. 19	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	James, Mary Lue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Jim Wagner, Emil & Dolores Goris, Bob, Katy, & Allan Kempf, and Farrah Croninger
Mon. Apr. 20	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed. Apr. 22	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass
Thur. Apr. 23	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Apr. 24	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Apr. 25	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Apr. 26	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Apr. 26	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Gene Maas, Larry Ickes, Charles Stein, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, and Frank Costilla

LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 26, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Dianne Hoile, Julie Lause, Arron Mier, Alex Sifuentes, Rick Stokes
Lector	Sun: Confirmation Class
Servers	Sun: James Mahlman, Allaynna May, Ivy Bechstein
Offertory	Sun: First Communion Reunion Class
Hospitality	Sun: Ben & Emily Flowers, Dave & Josh Flowers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 19, 2026	Have a Great Week!
Apr. 19, 2026	NO Religious Education classes for K-8th students today
Apr. 19, 2026	H.S. & Jr. High Students 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 01, 2026	First Friday of Adoration 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
May 03, 2026	Celebrate the Schools 150th Mass and RSVP to the reception brunch
May 03, 2026	Kick-off Catholic Schools Week

