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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
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Principal- Jennifer Tussing
Secretary- Danielle Klinge
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

He Is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As we gather to celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, my heart is filled with immense joy and gratitude. Easter is the very heart of our Christian faith—the triumph of love over sin, of life over death. It reminds us that no matter how dark the road may seem, God brings light, hope, and new beginnings.

This Easter may the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts, your homes, and your lives. May you experience His peace and His promise of new life. Let us go forth and live as Easter people, spreading love, forgiveness, and compassion in our families, our community, and our world.

Our Holy Week and Easter celebrations were truly inspiring and beautiful. They were only possible because of the love, service, and dedication of so many people. I offer my sincere thanks to:

Lindsay Tussing Our Parish Admin – for your tireless work behind the scenes and your steadfast commitment.

Deacon Dave – for your faithful service, wise counsel, and spiritual leadership.

Our Liturgical Ministers – altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, ushers, and greeters—thank you for your attention to every detail.

Our Choir and Music Ministers – Jennie Tussing and the team, your voices and preparation helped lift our hearts to God and made each liturgy a celebration of heavenly beauty.

All Our Volunteers – to those who continually offer their time and talents wherever and whenever needed, often without recognition, thank you. Your quiet acts of service are a living witness of Christ’s love among us.

The Knights of Columbus – thank you for your wonderful service and steadfast support of our parishes. Your presence and commitment are a gift to our faith community.

Thank you all for making our parish a vibrant, welcoming, and faith-filled home.

As we move through this Easter season, may we carry the light of Christ with us. Be not afraid to live with joy, love boldly, and believe deeply. The tomb is empty—our Savior lives!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joy-filled Easter!

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Easter Blessings,
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

Scam Alert

If you have received text messages, emails, or have been messaged through Facebook messenger from someone claiming to be Fr. Francis and asking if you have time available for him to tell you a discrete confidential request. This is a SCAM! Please do not open or respond to it. Thank you.

Ministers List

A new ministers list for May through August is available on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy if you need one. Thanks!

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Sunday is next Sunday, April 27. Father Francis would like to have the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. that day. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!!

Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction this year. We made a profit of \$16,920.00; we are very grateful. We hope to see everyone again next year on **Saturday February 21, 2026.**

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

Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped provide lunch following the funeral service for our brother Allan Kempf. Your generosity and kindness brought comfort during a difficult time. And we are truly grateful for the support and care shown by our church community. We are especially grateful to Father Francis for his comforting words and presence throughout the service, which brought peace and strength to our family.

Allan Kempf Family

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.

KofC Council 17113 News

Thank you

The Knights of Columbus would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who attended our fish fry this past Friday at St. Pat's. We hope everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated desserts, we had such a fantastic variety and selection! We served 181 meals and raised \$2,711.00 for our Charity Fund. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Any leftover sides and desserts were donated to the Helping Hands of St. Louis Soup Kitchen in Toledo.

Super Cash Bonanza

We sold 81 Cash Bonanza tickets during our fish fry. As a reminder, the campaign will stop at the end of April. **Last-minute tickets are still available to purchase for \$5.00 each.** Talk to a knight to purchase tickets. The Super Cash Bonanza is the Knights of Columbus signature charity campaign. It helps us raise money for charitable giving towards the church, community, Catholic education and more throughout the year! One ticket gives you a chance to win one of twenty-five different cash prizes. The drawing will be live streamed on

YouTube on May 17th. Once again, thank you for your support and good luck!

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.

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!

Family Perspective

Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another: "Mary told Peter" and "they believed." Faith is passed one person to another; it is caught, not taught and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

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

Mass Attendance
April 13, 2025 **166**

Parish Stewardship	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,373.00
Loose	\$ 109.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 15.00

Palm Sunday



MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Apr. 20	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Louis Parish
Mon. Apr. 21	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed. Apr. 23	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Michael & Stacey Graham Family
Thur. Apr. 24	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Apr. 25	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Apr. 26	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Apr. 27	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Apr. 27	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Charles Stein, Jim Wagner, James, Mary Lue, & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Francis & Rosella Flowers, Larry Ickes, Emil & Dolores Goris, Bob, Katy, & Allan Kempf

LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 27, 2025

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Missy DeSmith, Emily Flowers, Sue Flowers, Cathy Hanna, Dianne Hoile
Lector	Sun: Marijane Adler
Servers	Sun: Zack Koenig, Reed Hanna, Ivy Bechstein
Offertory	Sun: Chuck & Dianne Hoile
Hospitality	Sun: Joe Bechstein, Mark DeSmith, Bob & Linda Boyle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 20, 2025	Have a Great Week!
Apr. 20, 2025	Happy Easter!!!
Apr. 22, 2025	RCIA class at St. Pat's from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Apr. 27, 2025	Religious Education Classes for K-8th
Apr. 27, 2025	First Communion Reunion & Donuts after Mass
May 02, 2025	First Friday of Adoration 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.