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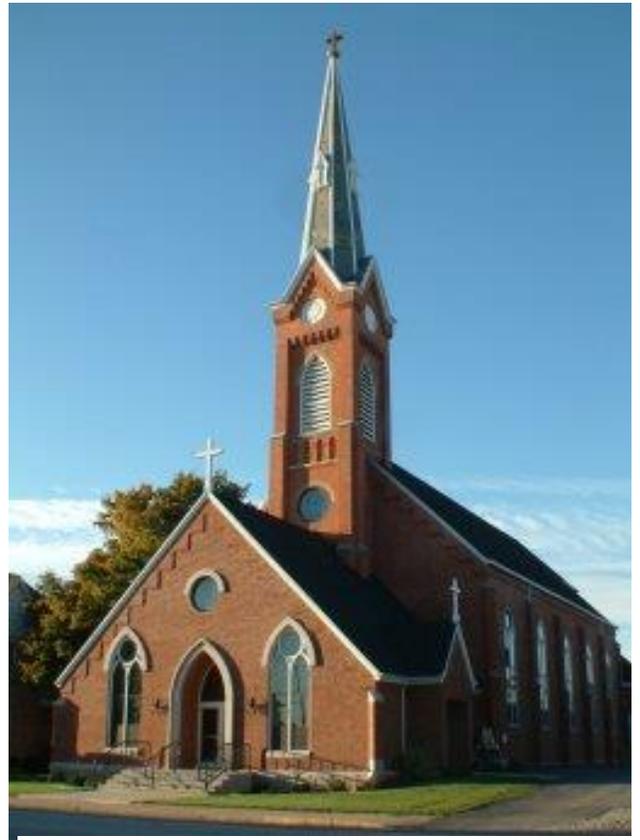
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### Parish Office Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC  
Deacon – David Krempec  
Parish Secretary – Linda Boyle  
Bookkeeper - Sue Stokes  
Parish Nurse - Joyce Walker, R.N.  
Music Coordinator- Jennifer Tussing  
Finance - Dennis Schwab  
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 (419-494-4813)  
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  
Principal- Jennifer Tussing  
Secretary- Stacey Graham  
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

## 4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our Gospel reading for this weekend, Jesus proclaims, "I am the good shepherd." He explains to those listening what it means to be a good shepherd. He leads them, and they follow. The sheep listen to his voice, and they follow him. He freely lays his life down for them, no one can take it from him.

We are all called to follow Jesus, as we are the sheep of his flock, and he is our shepherd. But notice, Jesus does not stand behind his sheep and force them forward from one direction to the next. He calls out to them from the front, and they listen and follow his voice. That is how we should also understand our relationship with Jesus. He's not forcing us into following his ways against our will, but we listen to his voice, and freely follow him.

In the same way, we are called at times to also help in one way or another to lead his flock. Some by teaching students about the Sacraments, some by serving in the choir or as Lectors. Sometimes in following Christ, we are called to lead in his place in some way. Some of these roles may be as a consecrated woman, perhaps as a priest, or maybe even as a deacon.

I have been privileged to serve this parish as a deacon for several years now, and I can safely say, there are some very fine men here that God may be calling to the diaconate. Maybe you know someone that would 'fit the bill', or perhaps that man is you. The Church, *our Church*, needs good men from within the parish to listen to the voice of God and follow the call to become a deacon.

You will find in this weeks' bulletin a flyer with information regarding the next sessions for those inquiring about the diaconate. I pray you will take a look at it and discern whether or not God might be calling you to look into what I too looked into, which is to follow the voice of the Good Shepherd, wherever it may lead.

God bless,

Dcn. Dave

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### **Altar Rosary Flower Sale**

REMINDER. Today is the last day for the Altar Society flower sale. If you would still like to order, please see Diane Wensink or Dianne Hoile. Pick up will be Saturday May 4th from 9:00-11:00. Thank you for your support.

### **New Ministry List**

A new list is available starting with May thru August. Please pick up a copy if you need one.

### **Festival News**

Planning for the St. Louis Summer Festival is well underway! We are currently looking for Big Ticket and sponsorship donations. All items and amounts are appreciated. **Please return your pledge forms or donations to the church office by April 30th** to be recognized on the back of the ticket. Thank you for your support!

### **1<sup>st</sup> Communion Reunion**

Please join us as we celebrate First Communion Reunion Today at 9:00 a.m. We are honoring the class of 1974. Donuts will be served after Mass in the basement. The alumni are Scott Cavanaugh, John Clark, Julian Corpus, Cynthia Rader George, Kimberly Smith Griffith, Greg Konrad, Amy Wilhelm McAnally, Nancy Boyer Neiling, Paul Reimer, and Teresa Bechstein Sager.

### **School News- Preschool**

We still have openings for the 3 year old preschool program! Anyone with a child who will be 3 years old by August 1<sup>st</sup> may apply now! Please feel free to call the office at 419-669-1875 if you have any questions.

### **Rosary Warrior Wednesdays**

Beginning Wednesday, May 1st, 6:30 – 7:00 PM we will gather in church to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays. Each week a special intention is offered. As the weather allows, we will begin gathering at the St. Francis Garden Shrine at St. Louis cemetery throughout

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the spring, summer, and early fall. Bring a lawn chair. No Rosary is necessary, but one will be given to you if you'd like. Look in the church bulletin and follow St. Louis Parish, Custar on Facebook for changes to due to weather.

\*No Rosary on May 22 due to the school music program.

Join in as your schedule allows. All are welcome. This tradition is a beautiful time of prayer with one another enjoying the outdoors.

If you'd like to be included in a group text message for Rosary Warrior updates, contact Julie Lause at 419-601-3319.

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!

St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

St. Louis, King of France, pray for us!

### Jail Ministry

Jail Ministry: Please consider volunteering with the Jail Ministry Program. We have had volunteers leading bible study at CCNO since it opened in 1991. We desperately need more to keep the program viable! Volunteers go to CCNO every Thursday evening and have 2 services. This is a rewarding experience and opportunity to share our faith. Call John Drown at 419-438-7572 for questions.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Timothy Davis, Ron Tolles, Kendyll Hoile, Oliver John Wilhelm, Brenda Cavanaugh Spence, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vanderghriff, Frank "Macy" Costilla, Presley Speakman. Kim Maas, Haley Cortez, Gwenn Maas

### TV Mass for Homebound

WNWO Ch 24 at 6:30 a.m. WTVG Ch 13. At 8:30 a.m.

### 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy—they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope, and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Through our contributions, we can assure the continued existence of many important programs that help tens of thousands in our diocese each

year, *Yesterday, Today and Forever*, including supporting the education of our seminarians, caring for the sick and needy, and providing faith formation for our youth. We ask you once again for your help. Please respond generously. For more information, visit [acatoledo.org](http://acatoledo.org). Thank you!

### Knights of Columbus News

By becoming a member of the Knights of C Columbus and giving just 24 hours a year, a man can be a better Catholic, father, and husband and make a difference in the Church and his community. It's not a lot of time, but it is time well spent. It's rewarding. It's life changing. Want to join us on our journey? God to [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) and click on Join Us – Search our council number: 17113. For more information contact Grand Knight Alex Sifuentes, 419-575-2403.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Family Perspective

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
10:00 to 2:00

### Mass Attendance

April 14, 2024 **204**

### Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$1888.00
Loose	\$ 223.00
Fuel	\$ 2055.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00

**4th Sunday of Easter**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Apr. 21	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Dan Smith, Emil & Dolores Goris, Robert & Kathleen Kempf, Jim, Mary Lue & Ron Stein, Linda Kramp, Living & deceased of the Albert Wilhelm
Mon. Apr. 22	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>Terry Feehan</b>
Wed. Apr. 24	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass</b>
Thur. Apr. 25	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Apr. 26	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Apr. 27	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Apr. 28	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Apr. 28	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Terry Feehan, Jim Wagner, Living & Deceased of the Stanley Ickes Fm.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 28, 2024

**Ministers of Holy Communion**      **Sun:** Missy DeSmith, Emily & Sue Flowers, Stacey Graham, Alex Sifuentes

**Lector**      **Sun: School Students**

**Servers**      **Sun:** Maya Lirot, James Mahlman, Reed Hanna

**Offertory**      **Sun:** School Students

**Hospitality**      **Sun:** Joe Bechstein, Mark DeSmith, Bob & Linda Boyle

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 21, 2024

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April 28, 2024

April 29, 2024

May 03, 2024

**Have a Great Week!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Reunion - Donuts**

**Catholic Schools Week – Donuts**

**Grandparents Day – Book Fair**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration**

