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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)  
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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 Mariadas SAC  
Principal- Jennifer Tussing  
Secretary- Danielle Klinge  
Custodian- Tim Schroeder

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus gives us a powerful image: “I am the gate.” A gate both protects and welcomes. In calling Himself the gate, Jesus reminds us that He is the way to safety, peace, and fullness of life. When we enter through Him—by trusting His word and following His voice—we find true security and purpose. In a world of many distractions, may we listen more closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd who leads us to life.

Our parish rejoices this weekend as we celebrate the faith of our young people.

We warmly congratulate **Tyler Stein** who received his First Holy Communion. What a beautiful moment as he received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time! We keep him in our prayers, that he may continue to grow in his faith and deepen his relationship with God each day. A heartfelt thank you to **Mrs. Emily Bechstein** and her dedicated team for their loving preparation of our Communicant.

We also rejoice with our youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Saturday at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary, conferred by Bishop Thomas: **Logan Carter, Blake Mahlman, Catherine Tussing, and Kayley Tussing**. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them as they continue their journey of faith. We extend our sincere gratitude to their teacher, **Mrs. Joyce Walker** and Her team, for their dedication, sacrifice, and weekly commitment in preparing our youth for this important sacrament. We also thank their sponsors and families for their constant support and witness of faith.

Be assured of my continued prayers for each one of you. May you always remain close to the Good Shepherd, walking through the gate who is Christ, and experiencing the peace and joy He offers.

Stay blessed,  
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

**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 from the class of 1976.**

**St. Louis School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

This anniversary year is quickly coming to an end. On **Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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.

**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.

**Religious Education Classes**

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

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

*Pick up will be Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-11 a.m. in the school parking lot.* Don’t forget Mother’s Day is Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have extra hanging baskets the day of pickup and after mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. All proceeds will help with building repairs and altar needs.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:Tussing41@gmail.com). We ask you to prayerfully consider joining the committee. Thank you for your support!

**Rosary Warriors Are Back!**

Everyone is welcome to join in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at the *St. Francis Garden of Life Shrine at St. Louis cemetery Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., May - October*. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at church. **The first Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we will meet in church.**

*Follow St. Louis Parish, Custar on Facebook for reminders and updates. If you'd like a to be added to the St. Louis Rosary Warrior text message group, please contact Julie Lause at 419-601-3319.*

**Altar Rosary**

St. Louis Altar Rosary Society is having a **meeting Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the narthex, to plan upcoming events. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Please join in praying the Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in church prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please share your ideas for events and programs with an ARS officer.

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

In Service,

Julie Lause (419-601-3319) or email [jmlause@gmail.com](mailto:jmlause@gmail.com), Mandi Seedorf (419-308-9985), Lindsay Tussing (419-601-0652), and Abby Wensink (419-601-0226).

**DONUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TODAY AFTER MASS!!!**

**Ministers List**

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!

**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 19, 2026 166**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,092.00
Loose	\$ 207.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Good Friday	\$ 20.00
Easter Offering	\$ 40.00

**Drive Through Chicken BBQ**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria will be holding a Drive-through Chicken BBQ at the Holgate Park. **Today Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 10:30 a.m. until Sold Out.** Cost is \$12.00 per meal and \$9.00 for Chicken only. Menu includes 1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Roll, and Cookies.

## MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Apr. 27	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>
Wed. Apr. 29	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass</b>
Thur. Apr. 30	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. May 01	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. May 02	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. May 03	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. May 03	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	In honor of St. Louis School 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 03, 2026

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Concelebrating Priests
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> School Children
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> School Children
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> School Children
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Alan Hanna, Chuck Hoile, Rick & Adam Stein

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 26, 2026	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
Apr. 26, 2026	<b>Religious Education classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> students today</b>
Apr. 26, 2026	<b>First Communion Reunion/ Confirmation kids Mass/ DONUTS</b>
Apr. 26, 2026	<b>Sacred Heart – New Bavaria Drive Thru Chicken BBQ 10:30a.m. \$12</b>
May 01, 2026	<b>First Friday of Adoration 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>
May 03, 2026	<b>Celebrate the Schools 150<sup>th</sup> Mass and RSVP to the reception brunch</b>
May 03, 2026	<b>Kick-off Catholic Schools Week</b>
May 04, 2026	<b>Grandparents and Special Friends Day Mass at 9:15 a.m.</b>
May 03 – 08	<b>St. Louis School Book Fair</b>