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Parish Staff:

Pastor - Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC
Deacon – David Krempec
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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
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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 in Christ,
Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

As we celebrate this beautiful and joyful season, my heart is filled with gratitude for each one of you. Thank you for your faith, your prayers, and your faithful presence in our parish - especially during the sacred days of Holy Week. Your participation made our liturgies deeply prayerful, reverent, and truly meaningful.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all who served in our various ministries. Deacon Dave and Lindsay Tussing for their leadership, dedication, and faithful service to our parish. To our lectors, altar servers, extraordinary ministers, musicians, choir members, ushers, decorators, sacristans, and all who worked behind the scenes—your generosity, time, and dedication brought life and beauty to our celebrations.

With great joy, we also congratulate our elect—**Taylor, Eamonn, Mason and Courtney**—who entered fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We welcome you with open hearts and rejoice in this important step in your journey of faith. May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen you always.

Holy Week is always a powerful journey, and it was made even more special because of the unity and spirit of our parish family. It is inspiring to see so many people come together in faith, working hand in hand to honor the Lord and serve one another.

Easter reminds us that Jesus is alive and present among us. His Resurrection brings hope into our lives, strength in our struggles, and light in times of darkness. May this Easter season renew our hearts and deepen our faith. Let us continue to walk together as one parish family—supporting one another, growing in love, and sharing the joy of Christ with everyone we meet.

May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord fill your hearts, your homes, and your families.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

With gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday

All are invited to join us for a special celebration of **Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12**. This feast, established by St. John Paul II, is a powerful reminder of God's desire to pour out his infinite love and forgiveness upon the world.

The afternoon program will begin **promptly at 3:00 p.m.**, the Hour of Great Mercy, and will include:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: A time for silent prayer and adoration.
- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Sung or recited in the presence of the Eucharist.
- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image: Honoring the image revealed to St. Faustina.

Our Lord promised St. Faustina Kowalska that "the soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary, 699). To receive the graces of the Plenary Indulgence associated with this day, the faithful are encouraged to:

1. Sacramental Confession (within eight days before or after the feast).
2. Eucharistic Communion on the day of the feast.
3. Prayers for the Intentions of the Holy Father.
4. Perform an act of mercy or a deed of love toward our neighbor.

"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy." — *Jesus to St. Faustina*

Please join us as we gather to pray for our parish, our families, and the entire world. For more information, please contact the parish office.

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:

On **Sunday, April 19**, 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.

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

- **Congratulations to David Wilhelm** from St. Louis as the winner of the Blackstone Grill raffle held in January. A total of 87 tickets were sold.
- Thank you to everyone who supported our **Fish Fry** at St. Pat's on March 6th. We served a total of *122 dinners and brought in \$1,862.00.*

Money raised from both fundraisers will go toward our charity fund.

- We have several men of the parish who have signed up to join our council! Will you be next? Talk to a Brother Knight to ask how to join!
- **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 Sunday April 19th. 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 Committee

The festival committee is still in need of two 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.

Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund – 100% Ohio Income Tax Credit

In 2021, House Bill 110 established a program that allows Ohio taxpayers to receive a **100% tax credit against Ohio income tax liability** for contributions made to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization. The maximum credit amount is \$750 for singles, or \$1,500 if married and filing jointly. In 2023 the Diocese of Toledo Scholarship Fund was formed, a registered non-profit 501 (c) 3 Scholarship Granting Organization. The organization collects funds to assist students in grades K – 12 to attend non-public schools within the Diocese of Toledo. **Donations received before April 15th, 2026, may be applied to the 2025 tax year.** The tax credit cannot exceed the Ohio tax owed. Your donation can be designated to a specific school, like St. Louis School, Custar. You can donate online at <https://www.dotsgo.org> or by mail. Forms are located in the back of church. Questions contact Jennie Tussing at the school or the church rectory.

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!

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

March, 29 2026 **154**

Parish Stewardship

Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,348.00
Loose	\$ 144.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 100.00
Fuel	\$ -0.00-
Catholic Relief	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 70.00

Palm Sunday



MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. Apr. 05	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Louis Parish
Mon. Apr. 06	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
Wed. Apr. 08	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	School Mass- Marilyn Gidick & Mary Catherine Wagner
Thur. Apr. 09	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. Apr. 10	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. Apr. 11	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. Apr. 12	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. Apr. 12	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, John Feehan, Larry Ickes, Paul DeSmith, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, Ron & Jeff Trumbull, and Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Aufdenkamp

LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 12, 2026

Ministers of Holy Communion	Sun: Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer
Lector	Sun: Zach Tussing
Servers	Sun: Amy Flowers, Mara Kieffer, Dani Jo Henry
Offertory	Sun: Jerry & Joyce Walker
Hospitality	Sun: Al & Dodi Tussing, John Wagner, Stanley Wilhelm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 05, 2026	Have a Great Week!
Apr. 05, 2026	Happy Easter!!
Apr. 05, 2026	No Religious Education classes for K-8th students today
Apr. 12, 2026	Religious Education classes for K-8th students
Apr. 12, 2026	Divine Mercy Sunday at 3 p.m.
Apr. 19, 2026	First Communion
Apr. 19, 2026	Youth Group meet after Mass to hear Kirk Ross