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

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

In today's gospel reading, Peter and the apostles bring ashore a large net of 153 fish. Many have wondered what symbolism, if any, there is in this exact number of fish. The Church fathers seem to indicate that they represent the peoples and races of the world. For example, St. Jerome proposed that the number 153 represents the totality of the Gentiles who would be saved through Christ. He saw the miraculous catch as a symbol of the Church's mission to gather all nations into the fold of Christ. St. Gregory the Great interpreted the 153 fish as a sign of the Church's unity and the diversity of its members. He believed that just as the net held all the fish together, the Church unites people from all walks of life under the banner of Christ.

There is another layer of symbolism in the action of Peter. He, as the Vicar of Christ and the first pope, will carry the net ashore to be laid at the feet of Christ, and next to the "second charcoal fire". The role of the Church led by Peter is to bring people to an encounter with the mercy of God.

Evangelization is all about bringing people to the mercy and love of Christ.

God bless,  
Deacon Dave

**Religious Education**

At this time it is with joy to announce after learning prayers and sacraments **Byron, son of Cody and Taylor Bame** will make his 1st Communion on Sunday May 18th. Please remember Byron and his family in prayer as he continues his preparation for the sacrament.

**Festival News**

Planning for the St. Louis Summer Festival is well underway! We are still looking for Big Ticket and sponsorship donations. All items and amounts are appreciated. We are still in need of two more committee members also. We ask you to prayerfully consider joining the committee. Thank you for your support!

**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!

**School News – Catholic Schools Week**

St. Louis school will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week starting today at Mass. They have many events planned throughout the week to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of St. Louis School!

**Preschool News**

Preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old program only **has 3 openings left**. Any child who will be 3 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Mark your Calendar**

St. Louis School will be having there Spring Music Program and Art Show on Wednesday May 21 at 7p.m. in the church.

**Religious Education Classes**

The last religious education class for this school year will be held on Sunday, **May 11<sup>th</sup>**. No class today.

**Congratulations**

We would like to congratulate the five eighth graders who were confirmed by Bishop Daniel Thomas at Our Queen of The Holy Rosary Cathedral yesterday.

The canadates were Taylor Maas, daughter of Tabitha and John; Allaynna May, daughter of Kathryn and Travis; Faith Henry, daughter of Emily and Matt; Luke Van de Heijning , son of Elizabeth and Mark; and Phoebe Lirot, daughter of Josie and Jeff.

**Attn. High School Students:** Our next Youth Group meeting will be **today** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are invited to come join us.

**KofC Council 17113 News**

**Support Our Seminarians**

Located in the back of church is a "**Support Our Seminarians**" (S.O.S.) jar. S.O.S. is a KofC program throughout the state of Ohio that

supports our Seminarians and promotes vocations. Money raised stays within the diocese and the diocesan vocation office receives the collective monies from KofC councils throughout the year. In 2024, a sum of \$26,000 was raised and presented! Please help with this worthy cause and leave a donation in the jar – no amount is too small. The campaign will run through April. Thank you for your continued support!

**New Members**

By becoming a member of the Knights of 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 and life changing. Want to join us on our journey? Go to [kofcoho.org](http://kofcoho.org) and click on Join Us – Search our council number: 17113. For more information contact Grand Knight Patrick Tussing.

**Safe Environment Compliance Audit Results**

The Diocese of Toledo is in compliance with the articles of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (Charter)* of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Every year, the Diocese dutifully submits the necessary documentation required by the USCCB for a diocese to be in compliance.

Every three years an on-site audit is conducted, when not only all necessary documentation is dutifully submitted, but in addition, Pastoral Center, parish and diocesan school employees are interviewed concerning practices and protocols related to creating and maintaining a safe environment for our children and youth.

The last 3-year audit was conducted in September 2024 and all audited Articles within the Charter were found to be compliant. The next on-site audit will be conducted in 2027.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880 or by

mail at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**Rosary Warrior Wednesdays**

Beginning Wednesday, May 7th, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. we will gather in church to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. As the weather allows, we will begin gathering at the St. Francis Garden shrine at St. Louis cemetery throughout the spring, summer, and early fall.

Each week a special intention is offered. Look in the church bulletin and follow St. Louis Parish, Custar on Facebook for changes due to weather.

If you’d like to be included in a group text message for reminders and changes, please call or text Julie Lause at 419-601-3319. All are welcome, women, men, children, Catholic and non-Catholic. Bring a lawn chair. No Rosary is necessary, but one will be given to you if you’d like. Join in as your schedule allows. This tradition is a beautiful time of prayer with one another enjoying the outdoors.

**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**

Jesus invited the disciples to “Come and have breakfast.” At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other’s stories, understand and support one another.

**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 27, 2025**                    **143**

**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$	1,660.00
Loose	\$	293.00
Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Catholic Home	\$	110.00
Cemetery	\$	50.00
Altar Rosary	\$	20.00
Easter	\$	200.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. May 04	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Charles Stein, Dan Smith, Don, Sue, Irene, & Robert Maas, Dan & Sybil Knoble, Jim Crouch, Herman Drummer, Mary Ann Gebers, L/D of the Wagner/Walker Family, Colleen Baumberger
Mon. May 05	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Wed. May 07	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	
Thur. May 08	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. May 09	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. May 10	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. May 11	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. May 11	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Larry Ickes, Charles Stein, John Feehan, L/D of the James Feehan Family, Bill & Lois Schwab, Paul DeSmith, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, Mary Ann Gebers

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 11, 2025

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A., Ellen Boyer
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> CCD class
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Confirmation Class
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Alan Hanna, Chuck Hoile, Adam & Rick Stein

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 04, 2025	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
May 04, 2025	<b>Catholic School's Week Starts Today with Donuts after mass</b>
May 11, 2025	<b>Last Religious Education Class for K-8<sup>th</sup></b>
May 11, 2025	<b>Happy Mother's Day!!!!</b>
May 21, 2025	<b>School Music Program &amp; Art Show 7p.m.</b>