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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,**

With joyful hearts, we celebrate a very special milestone in the life of our parish and school community: St. Louis School's 150 years of education. For a century and a half, St. Louis School has stood as a place where faith is formed, minds are enriched, and young hearts are nurtured in the love of Christ.

This year's theme, "***Rooted in Faith and Growing in Knowledge***," beautifully captures the mission of Catholic education. Our school has always been more than a place of learning. It is a place where children are taught to pray, to serve, to think deeply, and to live with purpose. The foundation of faith has sustained generations of students, families, teachers, and parishioners, and from that strong foundation, countless lives have grown in wisdom and grace.

As pastor, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all who have made St. Louis School what it is today. To our students, parents, teachers, staff, alumni, parishioners, and benefactors, thank you for your prayers, sacrifices, support, and faithfulness. Your dedication has helped shape a school that continues to bless our parish and wider community.

May this anniversary be not only a time of celebration, but also a time of renewal. As we honor the past with thanksgiving, may we also look to the future with hope and trust in God's grace. May St. Louis School continue to be a beacon of Catholic education for many generations to come.

Congratulations to St. Louis School on 150 wonderful years. May the Lord continue to bless our school, our parish, and all who have walked through its doors.

In Christ,  
Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC  
Pastor

**School News – 2026/27 Preschool**

Preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old program only **has 4 openings left**. 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.

**School News – Catholic Schools Week**

St. Louis school will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week starting today. They have many events planned and field trips throughout the week to celebrate.

**Mark your Calendar**

St. Louis School will be having their Spring Music Program and Art Show on **Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church**.

**Religious Education Classes**

The last class will be on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. No class on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Attn. High School Students:** Our next Youth Group meeting will be **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are invited to come join us.

**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.

**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** and click on Join Us – Search our council number: 17113. For more information contact Grand Knight Patrick Tussing.

**Festival News**

Planning for the St. Louis Summer Festival is well underway! We are still collecting Big

Ticket and sponsorship donations. 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 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).

### **St. Louis Altar Society Flower Sale**

Don't forget *Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th*. We will have extra hanging baskets after mass TODAY. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. All proceeds will help with building repairs and altar needs.

### **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.

### **Formed.org.**

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**St. Patrick Church, Providence**  
**Enter your name and email**

### **Family Perspective**

Jesus tells us in the gospel: "I am in the Father, and the Father is in me!" The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our home. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.

**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 26, 2026**

**177**

### **Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$	2,378.00
Loose	\$	194.00
School Fund Drive	\$	50.00
Fuel	\$	-0.00-
Catholic Home	\$	145.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. May 03	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	<i>In honor of St. Louis School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>
Mon. May 04	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>School Mass/ Grandparents Day!</b> – Jerry & Joyce Walker Anniversary
Wed. May 06	St. Louis	9:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b>
Thur. May 07	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. May 08	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. May 09	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. May 10	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. May 10	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Tom Hermiller, Larry Ickes, Barb Clink, Bill & Lois Schwab, Paul DeSmith, John, Dolores, & Jim Schneider, Herman Drummer, Heather Johnson, and Nancy Wensink

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 10, 2026

<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Audra Tolles, Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm, Karen A.
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Sun:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Ed Students
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sun:</b> Blake Mahlman, Parker Hanna, Mara Kieffer
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Sun:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Ed Students
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Sun:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Ed Students

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 03, 2026	<b>Have a Great Week!</b>
May 03, 2026	<b>NO Religious Education classes for K-8<sup>th</sup> students today</b>
May 03 – 08	<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>
May 10, 2026	<b>Last Religious Education class for this school year</b>
May 13, 2026	<b>School Music Program &amp; Art Show 7p.m.</b>
May 17, 2026	<b>H.S Youth Group meet after 9 a.m. Mass</b>

