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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 Krempeck

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

**Praise the Lord!**

Brothers and Sisters,

"In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation."

"As you may be aware, there is a single issue on the ballot for a special election to take place in Ohio on August 8, 2023. That issue is Issue 1.

**Issue 1 will increase the threshold required for any proposed amendment to the Constitution of Ohio from a simple majority vote to at least a 60 percent majority vote in order to pass.** Therefore, a "yes" vote on Issue 1 will make it more difficult to pass any future amendment to the Constitution of Ohio, including this November's ballot initiative seeking an abortion constitutional amendment that expands and enshrines abortion at the expense of protections of preborn children and women. A "no" vote on Issue 1 will maintain the current threshold, making it easier to pass an amendment to Ohio's constitution, including the one coming this November on the abortion expansion amendment.

**From a discourse on the psalms by Saint Augustine, Bishop:** Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice for ever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time – the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy – we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after

Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the *Alleluia* we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial – shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die.

The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now therefore, brethren, **we urge you to praise God.** That is what we are all telling each other when we say *Alleluia*. You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts. (taken from the second reading of the office of the Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide)

Fr. Francis Mariadas, SAC  
Pastor

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**School Fund Drive**

Please Support the St. Louis School Annual Fund Drive. Any amount big or small helps with the school operating expenses and maintenance items. We are halfway through the year and have met 52% of our goal. If you would like to donate you can put your contribution in an envelope marked "Fund Drive" in the collection at mass or mail your contribution to : St. Louis Parish P.O. Box 125 Custar, OH 43511. If you have any questions, please call 419-669-1864. Thank you to everyone who has donated in the past and present, we greatly appreciate everyone's generosity.

God Bless- School Advisory Board

**"Festival Noodle Making Day July 19"**

We will begin between 9-9:30. No experience is necessary. We invite men, teens, and women to join us for some fun. If you have a kitchen aid mixer and noodle attachments, please bring them with you. If you can't make it, may we please borrow your equipment for the morning? We will finish with a potluck, drinks and table service will be provided.

**Job Opening**

We are currently seeking to fill the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year. Please help spread the word!

**Grades 3/4 Teacher**

**Before School Aid 7:30-8:45 a.m.**

Interested applicants can call the school or send an email to [jtussing1875@gmail.com](mailto:jtussing1875@gmail.com)

**Festival News Update**

The St. Louis Festival is less than one month away! Now is the time to dust off the yard signs and place them in your yard and spread the word about our great event!

The **Volunteer Work List** is ready - pick up your copy in the back of church after Mass.

Keep selling tickets! Early bird drawings for the BIG Ticket will be held July 16th and 30th.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** We are in need of cases of water for the festival - to sell and to keep our many volunteers hydrated. If you would like to donate a case of water, please leave it in the back of the church. 8 o'clock raffle items, themed baskets, dolls and tractors are also needed for the festival. Thank you for your generosity!

**2023 Committee Members:**

John & Tabitha Maas (419) 399-0884

Jeff & Josie Lirot (419) 460-1368

Ben & Emily Flowers (419) 906-0591

**Church Visitation**

The church will be open from 8:00 to 5:00 Monday-Friday for private visitation.

**TV Mass for Homebound**

WNWO-Channel 24 @ 6:30 a.m & WTVG-Channel 13.2 @ 8:30 a.m.

**Please keep in your prayers:** Mary Maas, Kathleen Kempf, Skylar Smith, Nancy Wensink, Ron Tolles, Jim Wagner, Kendyll Hoile, Aiden & Erin Callahan, Gwenn Maas, Oliver John Wilhelm, Brenda Cavanaugh Spence, Sr. Joyce Hoile, Thomas Hermiller, Tricia Gerken, Breckin Maas, Richard Vandergriff, Frank "Macy" Costilla, Presley Speakman.

**Office Hours**

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

**Mass Attendance**

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**Parish Stewardship**

Offering Envelopes	\$3495.00
Loose	\$ 78.00
School Fund Drive	\$ 50.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
Fuel	\$ 125.00
Scholarship Fund Drive	\$ 5.00

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 09, 2023**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. July 09	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Robert, Irene & Sue Maas, Dan Smith, Terry Feehan, Lawrence Diem Fm. Paul Bowers, Walter Wilhelm Fm. Living & deceased of the Stan Ickes Fm.
Mon. July 10	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	Terry Feehan
Wed. July 12	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	
Thur. July 13	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Fri. July 14	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	
Sat. July 15	St. Patrick	4:30 p.m.	
Sun. July 16	St. Patrick	7:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	
Sun. July 16	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	William Dean Hoile Family, Bill Schwab, Terry Feehan, Ken Hogrefe, Living & Deceased of the Albert Wilhelm Fm.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS July 16, 2023

**Ministers of Holy Communion** Sun: Arron Mier, Rick Stokes, Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Barb Wilhelm

**Lector** Sun.: Jan Cavanaugh

**Servers** Sun: Brooke Koenig, Sophie Dahms, Faith Henry

**Offertory** Sun: Mark & Missy DeSmith

**Hospitality** Sun: Adam & Rick Stein, Alan Hanna, Chuck Hoile

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 09, 2023  
July 16, 2023  
July 19, 2023  
July 30, 2023

**Have a Great Week!**  
**Early Bird Drawing**  
**Noodle Day**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Early Bird Drawing**

