



**Established 1871**

*Member of St. Francis of Assisi Deanery*

## Immaculate Conception Parish

230 Allendale Ave. Deshler, OH 43516

Phone: 419-278-3686

[www.icdeshler.parishesonline.com](http://www.icdeshler.parishesonline.com)

**Parish Office Hours:** Tues & Thurs 10:00 am-2:00 pm

### Parish Staff:

Pastor, Fr. Jeffrey Nordhaus  
DRE & PA, Mrs. Janet Wilhelm  
Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jackie Bower  
Custodian, Mrs. Donna Neiling

### Parish Officers:

Pastoral Council, Mr. Peter Latta  
Finance, Mr. Kerry Schroeder  
Prayer Hotline, Mrs. Kay Picken  
419-278-1966

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the Rectory for instructions, three months before intended date, preferably while mother is pregnant. Baptism of infants is recommended to take place shortly after birth.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Available after all Masses other than Sunday, also upon request.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Contact the rectory at least six months before intended date.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation-Contact the Rectory for instructions.

**Sick Calls:** Contact the Rectory for Holy Communion if you are unable to attend Mass and/or to be included on the prayer list.

**Pregnancy Assistance & Alternatives to Abortion:** Call 1-800-848-LOVE (5683)

**Post-Abortion Counseling:** Direct Help Line for *Project Rachel* 419-260-5811.

**EMERGENCY:** In case of emergency and you are unable to reach Fr. Jeff, please contact...

**Donna Neiling** 419-278-3148

**Janet Wilhelm** 419-308-9514

## St. Louis Parish

22792 Defiance Pike Custar, OH 43511

Phone: 419-669-1864

Email: [stlouis@woh.rr.com](mailto:stlouis@woh.rr.com)

[www.stlouiscustar.parishesonline.com](http://www.stlouiscustar.parishesonline.com)

### Rectory Office Hours:

Mon, Tues., Thurs. 10:00 am-2:00 pm

### Parish Staff:

Pastor, Fr. Jeffrey Nordhaus  
DRE & PA, Mrs. Janet Wilhelm  
Parish Nurse, Mrs. Joyce Walker  
Parish Secretary, Ms. Jan Cavanaugh  
Mission Coordinator, Mrs. Mary Jane Flowers

### Parish Officers:

Pastoral Council, Ms. Nancy Wensink  
Finance, Mr. Mark Gerschütz  
School Advisory, Mrs. Nicki Reimer  
Cemetery Board, Mr. Mark Feehan  
Altar Rosary Society, Mrs. Dianne Hoile  
Prayer Hotline, Mrs. Ellen Boyer 419-669-4268



**Established 1864**

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## St. Louis School

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Custar, OH 43511

Phone: 419-669-1875

Email:

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[www.stlouiscustaroh.com](http://www.stlouiscustaroh.com)

### School Staff:

Principal,  
Mrs. Richelle Piercefield  
Secretary, Mrs. Diana George  
Custodian, Mr. Richard Colwell



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**T-Shirt Sweatshirt Orders:** PTAA will be putting in an order for St. Louis T-Shirt/Sweatshirts March 2, 2009. All orders must be turned into the office by 2/27/09. Order forms are in the back of church. Please contact Melissa DeSmith ([ptaa@midohio.twcbc.com](mailto:ptaa@midohio.twcbc.com) or 419-409-0376) if you have any questions.

**\$5.00 Spaghetti Dinner:** The St. Louis Steering Committee will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner (the dinner includes Toss Salad, Spaghetti and Garlic Bread) at the Whitehouse-Waterville Moose Lodge (formerly The Grand Rapids Sportsmen's Club) on March 16, 2009 from 5PM to 7PM. The Moose Lodge is located on Jeffers Rd. in Grand Rapids, just off US 24. Advance tickets as well as tickets at the door will be sold for \$5.00 per meal (Children 6 and under are Free). For each meal served, St. Louis will earn \$3.00 per meal if a ticket is sold and not used, St. Louis will receive the entire \$5.00 and all proceeds will go towards school expenses. Tickets can be purchased by contacting TyLynn Osborn or Melissa DeSmith (419-409-0376). Please contact TyLynn Osborn at 419-601-2975 if you have questions. Thanks for your support, hope to see you there.

**CONFIRMATION UPDATE:** The time is rapidly approaching when our Confirmation students will be completing their preparation. Please keep all of them in your prayers. There are cards in the back of both churches with the name of one of the candidates. Please take a card and pray extra for the name on the card. The candidates and their sponsors (or other adult) will be participating in a retreat at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, February 22 beginning with Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by a meal, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and many activities. The Confirmation Mass will take place at Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, March 7 beginning at Noon with Bishop Leonard Blair. All are invited to attend this special celebration.

**CHOOSE LIFE:** There is a nationwide effort to pass laws requiring abortion providers to offer a woman the opportunity to view an ultra sound image of her unborn child. One physician states "allowing a patient to view her ultrasound examination implies respect for the dignity and autonomy of a patient, and her ability to participate wisely in her own plan of care."

**ANNUAL SCHOOL FUND DRIVE:** there will be a meeting for the Annual School Fund Drive Committee on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the school basement.

**300 CLUB TICKETS:** 300 Club tickets will be available after today's Mass.

**St. FRANCIS NEW WEB SITE:**

The St. Francis Community in Tiffin is pleased to announce the launch of our new Web site <http://www.sfctiffin.org>. The Web site is a single source of information about the St. Francis Community which is comprised of the Sisters of St. Francis, St. Francis Senior Ministries, St. Francis Spirituality Center, and Franciscan Earth Literacy Center. St. Francis Senior Ministries includes St. Francis Home, Elizabeth Schaefer Apartments, St. Francis Villas, and Angel Academy Day Care.

The site is designed to be user-friendly and responds to the public's need for timely information about the programs and services provided by the various entities, and a link to each entity's Web site. Bookmark the Web site to easily locate dates of programs and special events on the St. Francis campus. Events range from retreats, yoga and pottery classes at the St. Francis Spirituality Center, to summer camps for kids at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, to an Alzheimer's Support Group that meets monthly at St. Francis Home. This represents a just few of the many public events on the calendar at the Web site.

### LAYMINISTERS- ICC, February 22

Distributors: Pat Godeke, Teresa Cortez, May Ann Imm, Janet Wilhelm, Dave Marshall

Lectors: Confirmation Candidates

Servers: Confirmation Candidates

Offertory: Confirmation Candidates

Hospitality Confirmation Candidates

### LAYMINISTERS-St. Louis, February 21 & 22

Distributors: Sat. Joyce Walker, Diane Wensink, Janet Wilhelm

Sun: Barb Wilhelm, Nancy Wensink, Ellen Boyer, Barb Clink, Sue Flowers

Lectors: Sat.: Joe Luthman Sun: Chuck Hoile

Servers: Sat.: Deanna & Kaela Maas, Taylor DeSmith

Sun.: Bill & Katie Boyer, Amanda Barndt

Offertory: Sat. Chuck & Dianne Hoile Sun: Jim Flowers Family

Hospitality: Sat.: Dan Hoile, Adam & Rick Stein, Janet Wilhelm

Sun.: Al, Brad, Dodi, & Lindsay Tussing

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers Berneita Wilhelm, Michael Wagner, Marilyn (Rich) Kempf, Thomas Spurgeon, Lisa Wilhelm, Rosella Flowers, Shannon Walther, Joanne Wensink, Jose Lopez (serving in Afghanistan), Mike Woods, Kim Kempf, Evelyn Metzner, Rita Cass, Odilia Champion, Cathy Hines, Julie Kinder, Bob Konrad, Breckin Maas, Ruth Neiling, Clara Smith, Mary Lue Stein and Ernie Villarreal.

**SHANNON WALTHER BENEFIT:** There will be a benefit for Shannon, son of Robert and Pam Walther of Deshler on Saturday March 28 beginning at 5pm at the Bavarian Haus in Deshler. Shannon was diagnosed with lymphoma 2 yrs. ago and has been hospitalized since August with complications from chemo. He is currently at the University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor. The benefit will aid his wife Jodi and daughter, Sadie with outstanding medical expenses. There will be a pasta dinner complete with salad, bread, & dessert for a free will offering. Also there will be a silent auction until 8:00pm. Some of the items included in the auction will include 1964 Chicago Cubs signed baseball cards, WII, Cincinnati Reds tickets, Dinning certificates at different locations, BGSU game tickets and a behind the scenes tour of Channel 11 and dinner with Jerry Anderson and Crys Peterson. We are looking for donations of desserts and more items for the Silent Auction. Sign up sheets are in the back of both churches for anyone wishing to donate. Shannon is the nephew of Jim & Brenda Wagner and brother to Gena Bzovi. Call Lori Woltmann 419-274-6780 for more information. We thank you for your support

# February

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| 15 | Sun. | ICC<br>St. Louis | 10:00 a.m. Rosary<br>Coffee and Donuts after Mass |
| 16 | Mon  | ICC<br>St. Louis | 3:00 pm Immaculata Prayer group<br>No School      |
| 17 | Tues | ICC              | Bible Study after Mass                            |
| 19 | Thur | St. Louis        | Bible Study @ Mary Jane Flowers                   |

## Hear the "cry of the poor"

Blessed Frederic witnessed the original conference of 8 members increase to over 100 members within a year of forming the Conference of Charity. Frederic believed the original conference must divide into more units so the poor of Paris were served better. The original conference divided up, went to the parishes though out Paris and with the permission of the pastor, set up a conference to hear the "cry of the poor" better. By 1852, the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul had 2000 conferences, 500 of which were not in France.

**SCRIPTURE VERSE THIS WEEK AT ST. LOUIS:** He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress: I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:2

**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** The St. Louis School Steering Committee will begin a fundraiser in March to provide operating income for the school. Our goal is \$32,000 for this year and \$37,000 for the 2009/2010 school year. We are compiling mailing lists of parishioners, ex-parishioners, school alumni, friends, relatives, businesses and any others that may be willing to support our school. We need your help in updating our lists. If you currently get a church or school mailing, then we have your address. If you have any relatives, school alumni, or friends who you know there whereabouts, please provide their names and addresses so we can send them information on our fund drive. You can drop it in the collection basket or take it or mail it to the parish office.