

ST. LOUIS PARISH

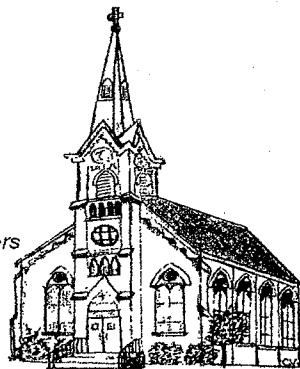
Established in 1864; School in 1875
A Member of St. Francis of Assisi Deanery
22792 De fiance Pike, Custar, OH, 43511

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul A. Fahrbach
D.R.E./Pastoral Assoc.: Mrs. Janet Wilhelm
Parish Nurse: Mrs. Joyce Walker
Maintenance Person: Mr. Marv Wilhelm
School Secretary: Mrs. Diana George
School Principal: Sr. Dionne Sartor, OSF/T
School Custodian: Mrs. Joan Mallory

Parish Officers

Pastoral Council: Mrs. Vivien Schwab
Mission Coordinator: Mrs. Mary Jane Flowers
School Council: Mr. Eric Lause
Prayer Hotline: Mrs. Ellen Boyer
Cemetery Board: Mr. Mark Feehan
Finance: Mr. Rex Reimer
Altar Rosary Society: Mrs. Dianne Hoile



Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Deshler Office Hours

M & TH: 10:00 a.m. to Noon; T & W: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

TELEPHONES:

Rectory	419-669-1864
School	419-669-1875
Convent	419-669-3920
Prayer Hotline (Ellen)	419-669-4268

Deshler Office	419-278-3686
Prayer Hotline (Kay)	419-278-1966
Movie Review Line	1-800-311-4222

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Contact the rectory for instructions, three months before intended date, preferably while the mother is pregnant. Baptism of infants is recommended to take place shortly after birth.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - After all Masses other than Sunday. Available other times by request.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Contact the rectory at least six months before intended date.

RCIA - Catholic information classes, contact the rectory.

SICK CALLS - Persons unable to attend Mass, please contact the rectory for Holy Communion.

Pregnancy Assistance/Alternatives to Abortion - Call 1-800-848-LOVE (5683)

Post-Abortion Counseling - Call 419-260-5811 - Direct Help Line for Project Rachel

EMERGENCY - In case of an emergency and you are unable to reach Fr. Paul, please contact:

Sr. Dionne 419-669-3920 Donna Neiling 419-278-3148 Janet Wilhelm 419-308-9514

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Established 1871

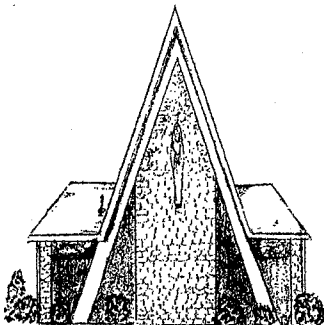
A Member of St. Francis of Assisi Deanery
230 Allendale Ave, Deshler, OH 43516

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul A. Fahrbach
D.R.E./P.A.: Mrs. Janet Wilhelm
Bookkeeper: Mrs. Jackie Bower
Custodian: Mrs. Donna Neiling

Parish Officers

Pastoral Council: Ms. Heather Woods
Finance: Mr. Scott Riegler
Prayer Hotline: Mrs. Kay Pickens



FROM THE DESK OF FR. PAUL:

May 6, 2007

This Sunday I will address financial matters.

First up . . . the Annual Catholic Appeal. By now you should have received a letter from Bishop Blair asking for your support to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This annual collection, formerly known as the Diocesan Development Fund, supports the work of the church in the diocese: Sunday Mass on TV, the training of those preparing for the priesthood, Catholic Charities including counseling services and adoption services, Catholic Youth and School Services, support for our Mission of Accompaniment in Zimbabwe, Africa, specialized ministries such as Hispanic ministry and Rural Life, among many others.

I can't stress enough the importance of participating in this diocesan collection. Increased participation is always a goal for the diocese with the annual appeal. Let me underscore that for our parishes, even if you can only give a little. Please hear me on this and think about what our participation communicates to the diocese. Don't not give.

XXX ST. LOUIS SPECIAL FUND DRIVE XXX

After having established several special fund drives for St. Louis Church and School over the years, starting another one is NOT something I want to do. Most of our parishioners have been most generous for our many fundraisers and special fund drives. However, I have no choice. We need your help.

As announced last July, we used up our savings to pay our bills and had no reserves. This year we had a \$6,000.00 emergency water pipe repair and now we have \$13,000.00 in sewer connections. These are immediate needs. We are also overdue to seal coat the parking lot(\$4,000.00). In two years time we should tuck point and seal coat the church(\$18,000.00) and at some point the rectory will need a new boiler to replace the current ones which are close to 50 years old(\$7,000.00). Put all this together and add \$2,000.00 for contingencies and we are looking at a \$50,000.00 fund drive.

You will receive a letter in the mail this week. Please pledge what you can. However, if we don't raise at least \$23,000.00, we may have to borrow in order to pay for the pipe repair, sewer connection and seal coat for the parking lot. Over the years I have known St. Louis parishioners to be most generous. Yet, I know some cannot give more. I simply ask that you give what you can.

XXX ST. LOUIS OPERATING - GOOD NEWS XXX

The last few years have been difficult for St. Louis financially. Had we not been given special gifts to bail us out two of the last four years we would have been looking at an operating deficit of \$25,000.00 or more a year. As it is, we did get special gifts and made it into the black (just barely) for two of those four years. But last year we were in the red by \$20,000.00.

We made some needed changes and had some things go our way this year, so I would like to report some good news. This fiscal year from June through April our income is up \$25,000.00, but our expenses are up \$7,000.00. Our income is up \$11,000.00 for tuition due to increased rates. The festival was up \$4,000.00, Christmas collection was up \$4,000.00 and our foundation which is now in a trust is \$5,000.00 above all of last year's interest. However, Sunday collections have been down about \$3,000.00 and Easter collection was down \$2,000.00. Over all our income is up well enough to do well.

We have worked hard to address expenses as well. Almost all the increase in spending has come from one source, increase in propane cost. In the next few weeks we will be putting in the 18,000 gallon tank behind the rectory. We hope to get a much better rate for our propane next year. If things go well in the next two months we have a good chance to at least break even for our operating income and expenses this year. This is quite an improvement.

XXX ICC FINANCE NEWS XXX

It may have been wiser not to make the following announcement until it is received, but since this article is about financial matter, it seems appropriate to make the following announcement. After Ruth Goller's funeral I was informed that Immaculate Conception Parish will be receiving a bequest from her estate. It should be around twenty thousand dollars(\$20,000.00). Thanks be to God.

XXX A PASTOR'S THANK YOU XXX

Over the years many generous parishioners have seen to the upkeep and improvement of our parishes. Often genuine sacrifice has been involved. Many times hours of volunteer work has raised much needed funds. Together we have seen to the continuation of the mission of the church and made significant improvements in our parishes. To all of you generous parishioners, I say thank you and God bless you.

PEACE, *Fr. Paul*

ST. LOUIS PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

The soliciting for the 2007 Combination Ticket is finished. A special **thank you** to all of those who have made your donations to the raffle ticket! If you would like to contribute to the Combination Ticket, feel free to contact a committee member or the rectory (419-669-1864). You may also place your donation in the collection basket at Mass. We ask that you mark the envelope "Festival Donation".

The next item on the committees' agenda is the festival work list. We will be reviewing it in the near future. Please keep in mind that the cooperation and participation of parishioners and St. Louis school parents is needed for the success of the festival. If you have a specific time that you would like to be scheduled to work, please contact the committee. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Please contact a committee member with any questions and continue asking the Lord to bless our parish and school with a successful and enjoyable day.

The 2007 St. Louis Festival Committee: Eric and Julie Lause (419-669-8062), Cheryl Nagel (419-669-3126), and Jason and Melissa Brinkman (419-669-3166).

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9: 11

FREE SHRINERS MINI CLINIC: Zenobia Shrine, in cooperation with the Findlay Masonic Lodge, is sponsoring a free screening clinic for children from infancy to age 18 with burn, orthopedic or spinal cord problems on Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Findlay Masonic Complex, 303 Osborn Avenue, Findlay to evaluate children with these medical problems for treatment eligibility at a Shrine Hospital. Children who qualify will receive medical care at a Shrine Hospital at no cost to their parents or guardians. To schedule an appointment or to obtain further information, call (419) 423-7060 or (419) 293-3485 between 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LAY MINISTERS - Immaculate Conception, May 12 & 13

Distributors: Sat. Janet Wilhelm, Diane Yungmann, Mary Ann Imm
Sun. Tom & Vicki Spurgeon, Jim Sager, Teresa Weber, Jean Allen
Lectors: Sat. Richelle Piercefield Sun. Janet Sager
Servers: Sat. Jacob Berg, Megan & Amanda Cortez
Sun. Austin & Rylee Bower, Vincent Mull
Offertory: Sat. The Fifer Family Sun. The George Family
Hospitality: Sat. Bob & Jan Neiling, Ron Maas, Jerry Yungmann
Sun. Jim Gerschutz, Dave & Pat Marshall, Doug Powell

LAY MINISTERS - St. Louis, May 13

Distributors: Sun.: Mary Jane Flowers, Sue Flowers, Mark Gerschutz, Judy Goris,
Julie Lause
Lector: Sun.: Pat Tussing
Servers: Sun.: Christine, Melissa, & Nichole Flowers
Offertory: Sun.: Mark & Melissa DeSmith
Hospitality: Sun.: Adam & Rick Stein, Steve Wensink, Joe Bechstein

BANNS OF MATRIMONY

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Bradley Jason Tussing, St. Louis, Custar
Lindsay Marie Wagner, St. Louis, Custar

VOCATION CROSS



Donna Neiling, Deshler (5/6)

Please sign up at the back of church.

May

- 5 Sat. (Deshler) 4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass
- 6 Sun. (Deshler) 10:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass
- 7 Mon. (Deshler) 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours followed by the Immaculata Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome.
(C) 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Meeting – This is required if you wish to continue in this ministry – You may attend either meeting
- 8 Tues. (Deshler) 6:30-8:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 10 Thur. (Deshler) 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council
- 12 Sat. (Deshler) 4:30 p.m. Rosary before Mass
- 13 Sun. (C) CCD Classes meet after Mass to plan Graduation Mass
(Deshler) 10:00 a.m. Rosary before Mass
- 14 Mon. (Deshler) 3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Hours followed by the Immaculata Prayer Group. Everyone is welcome.
- 15 Tues. (Deshler) 6:30-8:00 P.M. Bible Study
- 17 Thur. (C) 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

THE FIRST PLACE BIBLE STUDY & WEIGHT LOSS program will begin a new session on May 7. This weekly faith-based weight loss plan can help you achieve healthy eating habits and keep your weight under control. One of the best things about the program is the Bible study, which will lead you to a closer relationship with God. First Place is a Christ-centered health program for women and men of any denomination. The meetings are held at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Hamler on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Call Louise Baden at (419)274-2882 if you are interested and check out the web site at www.firstplace.org.

THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS INVITE YOU to make a pilgrimage to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. We offer a place of quiet prayer and devotion on your journey to faith, hope, and healing. For more information please call (419)396-7107 or visit our website at www.olcshrine.com.