

St. Angela Merici Parish

December 25, 2016
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Florissant, MO 63034



PARISH OFFICE, 838-6565

Pastor

Msgr. Matthew Mitas, ext 102

Deacons, ext 110

Rev. Mr. Ronald Le Fors

Rev. Mr. Joseph Kroutil

Parish Secretary

Peggy Brewer, ext 100

Bookkeeper

Monique Zykan, ext 109

St. Vincent De Paul...ext 504

Music Director

Sharon Churchill

SCHOOL OFFICE, 831-8012

Principal

Mary Ann Kauffman, ext 200

NEW PARISHIONERS

Register in the parish office,
Mon-Fri, 8:00 am- 4:00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Instruction is to be
scheduled with a parish priest.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To be arranged with the parish
priest at least six months prior.

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying: *"Glory to God in the highest."*

Luke 2: 13-14



Prayer, Liturgy and Sacrifice

Mass Schedule

Mon - Fri 8:00 am

Saturday First Sat. of the month, 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

7:00 pm - Benediction

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Or by appointment, call 314-838-6565

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays 8:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

To Be Announced.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Submit to the parish office by Monday at 4:00 pm. Please email notices to: peggybrewer@sbcglobal.net.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 26

8:00 am - Bill Igou

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 am - Mildred Naes

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 am - Evelyn Collins

Thursday, December 29

8:00 am - Jim Hoffman

Friday, December 30

8:00 am - Tom Tooley

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm - Roy Ferro

Sunday, January 1

7:30 am - Patricia Goldham

9:30 am - People of the Parish

11:30 am - Spec Int, Daena & Luq Talavera

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 2nd, due to the Holiday.

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEK, DEC. 26 - JAN. 1

WEEKDAY SERVERS: MONDAY - SATURDAY

8:00 am Kaitlyn Layton, Hanna Marshall, Alyssa Reed

WEEKEND SERVERS

5:00 pm Chris & Peter Hedlesky

7:30 am 3 Volunteers Needed

9:30 am 3 Volunteers Needed

11:30am 3 Volunteers Needed

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm Theresa Prosser, Claudia Bidleman

7:30 am Theresa Prosser, Don Krause

9:30 am Joe Brady, Volunteer Needed

11:30 am 2 Volunteers Needed

EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 pm - Nora Kaikati, George Bidleman

7:30 am - Evelyn Kroutil, Theresa Prosser

9:30 am - 2 Volunteers Needed

11:30 am - 2 Volunteers Needed

WEEKEND GIFT BEARERS - DEC 31 & JAN 1

Sat. 5:00 pm - Jack & Nora Kaikati

Sun. 7:30 am - Rich & Diane Hespen

Sun. 9:30 am - Volunteer Needed

Sun. 11:30 am - Volunteer Needed

The New Schedule for Gift Bearers will be mailed out next week. Please call the parish office by Tuesday, December 27th, if you would like to be added or taken off of the Gift Bearer

CHICKEN NOODLE CASSEROLES are due by January 5th. Casseroles must be at Church by 10:00 am. We are always happy to accept new contributors to the program and if you have any questions, please call Paddy Vytlačil, 355-5897. Recipes are available in the Lunchroom

REMINDER.....We will pray a Holy Hour for the Sanctification of Priests and for the increase in priestly vocations, every **Monday** and **Thursday** at 8:30 am in Church.



From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

A special welcome and best Christmas blessings to you all! I give particular blessings to the children and grandchildren of our parishioners and to all our guests and visitors! We are honored that you chose to come and be with us today!

BEHOLD! I BEAR GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY!

And so, using these words, the angels announced to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem that the greatest event in human history, i.e., the Incarnation, God becoming man, had just taken place. This, of course, is what we celebrate today. But, in our case, there's more good news, namely, St. Angela Merici School will be open again next year!

I had met with our parishioners who have kids in our school a couple of months ago and told them that there would certainly be some changes for next year, and I couldn't rule out the closing of the school as one such possible outcome. I did promise them, however, that there would be a school for their children and that we would be able to do all that we are required to do to help them. As it turns out, there will be no change at all as to where their kids will be able to attend school next year; it will be here on the St. Angela Campus.

There will, however, be changes, but they will affect these families only indirectly. The Archdiocese is amalgamating the schools of our deanery under a "corporate" model, which means that each parish will have less autonomy over the running of the school. They have proposed that there be a united, sort-of umbrella name for this unified institution, calling "North County Catholic Academy" perhaps, and all our children will be students of *it*, attending at the "St. Angela Merici Campus". The Archdiocese also promised me that it would defray some of the costs of our school next year.

The bottom line: 1) St. Angela School will re-open for its 52nd year next fall, 2) it will still be *our* school, mostly, 3) the Archdiocese will run much of the day-to-day academic programs of the school, including personnel matters, and 4) the Archdiocese promised to help pay. Good news, indeed!

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

This being Christmas Day, let's see how much you know about what we know about the Nativity and early life of the Messiah:

1. In what year was Jesus Christ born?
2. Name the monk who, in the 6th c. A.D., calculated the official year of Christ's Birth.
3. Where was Jesus born?
4. Where was Jesus raised?
5. How were Jesus and St. John the Baptist related?
6. How certain are we that Jesus was born on Dec. 25?
7. Who was the insanely jealous king who tried to murder Jesus when He was an infant?
8. St. Joseph descended from King David; from which patriarch did Elizabeth descend?
9. What is a "manger"?
10. What does the name "Bethlehem" mean?

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ANSWERS: 1. Traditionally, we accept the year 1 A.D. for Christ's Birth, but this is certainly not true; we really don't know for sure, but the best guess would place it somewhere from 7-4 B.C. 2. Dionysius Exiguus (Latin for "Little Denny") 3. Bethlehem (of course!) 4. Very briefly in Bethlehem, briefly in Egypt, but mostly in Nazareth (thus fulfilling the prophecy: "He shall be called a Nazorean" 5. The Gospels refer to Elizabeth as Mary's syngenis (in Greek); sometimes this is translated "cousin", other times "kinswoman" in English; actually, it could refer to any relationship from 1st to 4th cousin (and probably beyond), so "kinswoman" is probably the safest rendering; if the two mothers were "kinswomen" to one another, their sons would also be related to each other, but a bit more distantly than their mothers 6. Not certain at all (although there exists a one-in-365.25 chance that He was); the date was chosen because it coincides with the old pagan feast of the Natalis Sol Invictus ("Birth of the Unconquered Sun"), occurring, as it does, right next to the Winter Solstice; the Catholic Church couldn't suppress the feast (and all its attending rowdyism), so they baptized it and made it celebration of Jesus' Birth 7. Herod (known as "The Great") 8. Aaron (which meant she belonged to the priestly tribe of Levi) 9. A trough or some kind of open box which holds feed for livestock 10. "House of Bread" (could it be mere coincidence that He who would give us the True Heavenly Bread was born in the "House of Bread" and laid in a feedbox?)

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"What greater proof of Jesus' divinity could there be than the fact that He is still resisted, even hated, after 2,000 years? Nobody hates Julius Caesar anymore, and it's pretty hard even to hate Attila the Hun, who left a lot of hard feelings in his day. But the world still hates Christ and His Church." - *Joseph Sobran*

"God became man so that man could be as God." - *St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church*

"We become through grace what Jesus was by nature." - *St. Thomas Aquinas, Angelic Doctor of the Church*

Solemnity of Mary Feast Day Masses:

December 31st: 5:00 pm

January 1st: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

This Week In Our Parish:

Monday, December 26

8:30 am - Holy Hour For Priests, Church

Tuesday, December 27

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 pm - Legion of Mary, Rectory Basement

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 am - Quilters Meet, Rectory Basement

Sunday, January 1

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 940, Lunchroom

The winner of the S.A.M. \$150 Club
drawing for December is

Jude and Carol Pauli!

CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING \$250!

It's not too late to join!

YOU could be the next winner!



S.A.M. New Year's Eve Dinner!

DON'T MISS IT!!

Please join us for a New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration on Thursday, December 31st, after the Holyday Mass in the S.A.M. lunchroom. After a delicious dinner, we will ring in the New Year because it will be midnight somewhere!!!

Donations gratefully accepted to benefit the S.A.M. Knights of Columbus and the S.A.M. pilgrims attending the Annual March for Life in Washington D.C.



Features:

From The Desk of:

Mrs. Mary Ann Kauffman, Principal

Merry Christmas! I love this time of year! I love the entire atmosphere around the holidays! Everyone seems happier. When you are out and about people wish each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The shops, streets, houses are beautifully decorated. There is excitement in the air. What's not to love?

Of course, all this is because the Son of God is born!! How He loves us! It makes me think about how fortunate I am that my parents gave me my gift of faith. This is the greatest gift I could be given at any time. When we think of gifts this time of year and what would be a perfect gift, what could be better than to pass our faith in Christ onto our children. When we give this gift, we are giving them a chance to eternal life – what a gift, there is none better!!

Here is another great thing about this time of year --- seeing graduates come home from college. They certainly have grown and now are beautiful young ladies and handsome young men. It is great to see them in Church!

By now, I hope all of you have heard the news that all Northeast County Catholic Schools will be open next year. This is good news. St. Angela Merici is a great place and I do enjoy being the principal, enjoying the company of students, parents and teachers. I did say, "one more year," last year hoping I could help in some way this great community. I did my best and now this is the last year for me. I will be retiring at the end of this school year and a new principal will be hired.

Please patronize Mobil on the Run on the corner of Lindbergh and Old Halls Ferry. Again, this year they have given our school \$500. This certainly will go to good use. PLEASE be sure to stop in and say, "Thank You!"

May all of you enjoy this Christmas season surrounded by your families and friends. Jesus is the reason for the season.

God is Good!

Sunday Collection - December 18, 2016

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,650
Weekly Budget	\$13,019
Weekly Over/Under	- \$ 4,369
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$11,292

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

MaryAnn Hoven, Elisabeth Cisco, Rachael Lawson, Dorothy Martinelli, Joanne Cipolla, Jeremy Kohlberg, Mary Kavanaugh, Jeff Gauthier, Barb Lehman, Lila Jones, Jennifer Berkbiger, Sue Pitti, MaryDietz, Marjorie Prentice, Don Thompson, Rosemary Licato, Donna Ahrens, Evelyn Finno, Travis Edelen, Claudette Kazakian, Shirley Bertin, Jackie Carrol, John Conlon, Lisa Williford, Roy Wong, Guy Henriksen, Wilma Schmidt, Gary & Debbie Corcoran, Augustine Porter, Ray Porter, Margaret Nolte, Tony Cusumano, Ken Schmidt, Billie Lawson, Jim & Eileen McMullen, Charles McCrary, Dorothy Schulte, Bud & Kathy Kushins, Beverly Laird, Kristine Lawson, Katie Horn and Debbie Gervich.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Todd Hertling, Joshua Stremlau, Bradley Stremlau, Corey Rudroff, Steven Bennett, Jerrod Klug, Michael Olwig, Pat Edwards-Parrish, Guthrie Stotser, Jonathan Buss, Brad Sanders, Matthew Meske, Jackie Cotter, J. Timothy Sullivan, Matthew Hawkins, John Reddan, Brandon Gruelle, Dustin Kyle and Jacob Doerle.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The SVDP Society wants to wish everyone at St. Angela Merici parish a very Blessed & Merry Christmas! You brightened Christmas for many, many families with your wonderful response to the Advent Giving Tree. As usual, your donations to the December Food Drive were appreciated by our client families and by TEAM. What a wonderfully generous parish we have here at St. Angela Merici!

Features:

A Renaissance for Catholic Education

Archbishop Carlson has established a School Oversight Committee (SOC) to address current and future challenges that Catholic schools are facing throughout the archdiocese, calling for a Renaissance for Catholic Education. Msgr. Rivituso, Vicar General and Chair of the SOC, has written a letter to all parishioners and school families in the Northeast Deanery regarding the planning that is currently underway for the future of Catholic education in our deanery. This information was distributed directly to all school families on Friday, December 16th. It is available for all to read online at

www.federationofcatholicschools.org/renaissance and printed copies are available by contacting our parish/school office. **The most important news is that all schools in our deanery will remain open for the 2017-18 school year.**

The School Oversight Committee will provide details about the plan at meetings throughout the deanery in January. The date for our parish's meeting is Thursday, January 5, 7pm in our gym.



MOVIE NIGHT AT S.A.M!

ALL are welcome!!

January 13th, 7:00 pm, "Bella"



Join us for the next installment of Catholic Movie night. *Bella* is the story of a woman who loses her job on the same day she finds out she is pregnant. Alone with nowhere to turn, a young man steps in to help her. Over the next couple of days, she makes the most important decision of her life. *Bella* has won numerous awards including the Peoples' Choice Award at the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival and the Heartland Film Festival's Grand Prize for Best Dramatic Feature. The movie was also selected for the USCCB's top ten films for 2007 and was the top-rated movie on the New York Times Readers' Poll. Free popcorn and soda!

Join the parish on our Caravan For Life

St. Angela Merici Pilgrims will be making the trip to Washington D.C.! We will meet at St. Angela on January 8th, and follow each other to Washington D. C., driving our own vehicles. Once we arrive, you can make your own plans, or we can do things as a group. We will walk as a group during the March for Life Walk on Friday Morning. For more information, Please call Don Krause at 662-4096

Roses for Life Weekend

The weekend of Jan. 7/8, please find in your pew some small silk *Roses for Life*. Our Knights of Columbus have generously donated these roses to be used as a means of communicating from us, the parishioners of St. Angela Merici Parish, to Representative Lacy Clay and Senator Claire McCaskill, that we believe every human life deserves legal protection. Please sign a rose and drop it in a basket on your way out of church. If you wish to reach both legislators with your message, please sign two roses and then twist the stems together. Some of our parishioners will be in the lobby to collect them and will then carry them in the 44th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Following the March our roses will be delivered to the offices of Congressman Lacy Clay and Senator Claire McCaskill. May God bless you and please keep our pilgrims in your prayers!



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