

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 20, 2020
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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.



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 - Perpetual Help & Benediction

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm
 Or by appointment, call 314-838-6565

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays After 8:00 am Mass & 7:00pm

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: brindley@stangelam.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 21

8:00 am - Joseph F. Galeti

Tuesday, December 22

8:00 am - Departed Marquart Family Members

Wednesday, December 23

8:00 am - Agnes, Walter & Leo Dreyer

Thursday, December 24

8:00 am - Philip Witte
 5:00pm - Florence Krause
 10:00pm - Joan Deem

Friday, December 25

8:00 am - Holy Souls in Purgatory
 10:00am - Michael Quinn

Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm - Marcia Whittenberger

Sunday, December 27

7:30 am - Jack Quinn
 9:30 am - Rich Winters
 11:30 am - People of the Parish

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 26 & 27

WEEKEND SERVERS

5:00 pm - N/A
7:30 am - N/A
9:30 am - N/A
11:30 am - N/A

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - Crystalyn Talavera
7:30 am - Don Krause
9:30 am - Mary Ann Kauffman
11:30 am - Julie Ratermann

EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 pm - N/A
7:30 am - N/A
9:30 am - N/A
11:30 am - N/A

WEEKEND GIFT BEARERS - DECEMBER 26 & 27

Sat. 5:00 pm - N/A
 Sun. 7:30 am - N/A
 Sun. 9:30 am - N/A
 Sun. 11:30 am - N/A

Sunday Collection - December 6, 2020

Sunday Offering	\$ 16501
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,980
Weekly Over/Under	+\$ 4,521
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$ 31,553

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From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

FOUR CANDLES BURNING

As we see all four candles of the Advent Wreath are lit, it's the surest sign of all that the coming of the Lord is nigh! In these last few days of this season of preparation, the question we are all to ask ourselves arises: Am I ready? The Bridegroom comes, is there enough oil in my lamp? If you must answer that question in the negative, be of good cheer. There's still time to get your house in order. Check the schedule at the bottom of this column for the extra times for Confession.

CHRISTMAS MASSES; BE WARY

As I wrote last week, we're not making any special plans for controlling access to the various Christmas Masses. I'm relying on each one of you to be adult, exercise discretion, and take charge of your own well-being and that of others, too. I know that many people like to attend the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve (at 5:00), but if you can't be there extra early for that Mass, then consider another arrangement. These are extraordinary circumstances and if we just defer to one another a bit, I think it can be a blessed Christmas. The two Christmas Day Masses are usually rather sparse, so instead of even trying for the Vigil Mass, you might just simply alter your usual customs this year in light of the unusual conditions and plan on coming Christmas morning.

PARISH SUPPORT

This has been a rough year on everybody, but I have been singularly edified by the way our parishioners have made the best of it in so many ways. Despite not being able to attend Mass, many of our people have kept current with their weekly contributions. I don't like to talk money; my attitude is that you're all adults and you know what it takes to keep our parish going. Well, you have kept it going, and I thank you on behalf of all your fellow parishioners for being the wonderful folks you are. I knew a priest who had survived a Nazi death camp. He said that what got them through the toughest times was the knowledge that "if we can survive this, we can handle *anything*". That's how I feel about 2020, and which is why I'm expecting an explosion of good things in 2021!

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

Below are ten statements about Christmas. Your task is to discern which are true and which are false:

1. We know for a fact that Jesus was born on December 25.
2. We know for a fact that Jesus was born in the year 1 A.D.
3. We know for a fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
4. St. Joseph was Jesus' father.
5. The Angel Gabriel made *three* Annunciations; to Mary, to Joseph, and to Zechariah.
6. Mary was most likely a teenager when St. Gabriel appeared to her.
7. St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th c. established the custom of the Christmas Creche.
8. All four gospels contain accounts of Jesus' Nativity.
9. The name "Jesus" is an alternate version of the name "Joshua".
10. The gospels are our only source for the events of Jesus' Nativity.

ANSWERS: 1. *False* 2. *False* 3. *True* 4. *False* 5. *True* 6. *True* 7. *True* 8. *False* 9. *True* 10. *True*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration in church from 8:30AM-7:00PM, with Devotions and Benediction at 7:00.





Features:

CONTINUED

Every Tuesday and Friday: Exercise in the gym from 9:00-10:00AM

Dec. 20, Sun.: Vespers, 7:00PM, in church (Confessions to follow)

Dec. 21, Mon.: RCIA, 6:30PM, Parish Meeting Room (all welcome!)

Dec. 21, Mon.: Confessions after the 8:00AM Mass

Dec. 22, Tue: Catechism Class, after the 7:00PM Devotions (live-streamed)

Dec. 23, Wed.: Confessions, 5:00-5:30PM

Dec. 24 & 25: Christmas, Masses Dec. 24 @ 5:00 & 10:00PM, Dec. 25 @ 8:00 & 10:00AM

Dec. 29, Sun.: Feast of the Holy Family, sing-along of traditional Christmas carols in church, 1:00PM (we've never done this before, but it sounds like it's going to be fun!) - all are welcome!

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!" - *Santa Claus*

"God bless us, every one!" - *"Tiny" Tim Cratchit*

WORD OF THE WEEK

SCROOGE: (*v., t. & i.*), to squeeze or to crowd, as in: *"In order to keep social distance, we must not scrooge too tight together!"*

DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN BABY—FOURTH MONTH

Your spiritually adopted baby's mother can finally feel the movements of her baby within her womb. By the time this fourth month is over your baby will be 6 inches long. His tiny heart has been beating since he was 21 days old. Now this strong little heart pumps 6 gallons of blood every day (picture 6 milk cartons—your baby's heart is a pumping miracle! Your baby is becoming stronger and he likes to turn somersaults. Your baby has lots of nice skin but not much fat to fill it out so he looks a little wrinkly. His skin is covered with vernix, a thick white cream which protects his skin from the salty amniotic fluid. Your baby's face is becoming prettier and he begins to resemble his parents.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Rachael Lawson, Jeff Gauthier, Rosemary Licato, Guy Henriksen, Augustine & Ray Porter, Billie Lawson, Kristine Lawson, Neil MacKenzie, Margaret Kluge, Laurie Kauffman, Carl Kling, Sr., Trisha Looney, Jerome Rueckert, Kathy Pilla, Nancy Brennen, Peggy Hinrichs, Brian Bennett, William Buchholz, Debbie Vietmeier, Gloria Wasser, John Beyatte, Joe Knese, Donna Ahrens, Paula Gamel, Katie Sanders, Jim McMullen, Veronica Murray, Pat Brennan, Patty Holschen, Jude Pauli, June Hildebrand, John Keeven, Florence Coyne, John Thummel, Margaret Nolte, Zachery Davisson, Rita Sommer, Bill Moon, Gladys Broyles, Patricia Prange, Peggy Graziani and Brian Perry.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE NEED TO ADD OR REMOVE ANYONE FROM THE ABOVE SO AS TO KEEP OUR SICK LIST CURRENT. THANK YOU!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

Joshua Stremlau, Bradley Stremlau, Corey Rudroff, Steven Bennett, Jerrod Klug, Pat Edwards-Parrish, Jonathan Buss, Brad Sanders, Matthew Meske, Jackie Cotter, J. Timothy Sullivan, Matthew Hawkins, John Reddan, Dustin Kyle, Max Rose, Craig Richardson, Isiah Stewart, Matthew Moorman, Jacob Graham and Joshua Graham

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO ADD A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS IN THE ARMED FORCES.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will Not be a Food Drive for the month of December. If you want to still give, you can send contributions to T.E.A.M. at 265 Rue St. Catherine Street, Florissant, MO 63031
We hope to resume the food drive in January "2021".
Thank you for your attention! S.V.D.P





Features:

LIFELINE COALITION CAMPAIGN

A majority of women choose abortion due to financial hardship, lack of practical resources, and lack of emotional and spiritual support. Your generous gift to the LifeLine Coalition will provide women and families the concrete means to choose life. All funds are distributed through the Respect Life Apostolate directly to the area Birthright agencies, Our Lady's Inn, Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, and the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund. The St. Louis community's contributions to LifeLine Coalition over the past three decades has changed the odds for over 200,000 mothers and their babies. Envelopes are available on the table in back of church for you to take and mail in your contributions. Thank you!

BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION DRIVE 2020

Every year in January St. Angela Merici parish has a collection for the Birthright organization located in St. Charles. Birthright offers support to pregnant women providing them the means to choose life for their unborn children.



The Respect Life Committee of St. Angela asks that while you are shopping for the holidays online or in-store that you consider purchasing one or more of these most needed items: receiving blankets, crib sheets, small winter sleepers, bottles, baby wash and onesies, sizes preemie to 6 months. There will be a container in the church vestibule during the month of January to put the items you purchase. With your help and prayers, we can support the Birthright counselors and the Moms and Dads with resources to enable them to choose life for their children. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Announcements for the January 2nd bulletin are due by December 21st.



We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call our Society of St. Vincent de Paul right here in this Parish. 838-6565, ext. 504. So that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Thanks! Your Vincentians!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ADORERS NEEDED JUST ONE HOUR!

If you want to feel the "Peace of Christ", try giving Jesus an extra hour this week. A young man referred to this as taking a "holy nap" definition: A time of reflection between you and the Lord. A time where you close your eyes, breathe, focus on all the goodness surrounding you and offering up all of your burdens to Jesus to take care of. "Come and spend an hour with Me," Jesus, Himself, made this request of us, His disciples. The benefits we receive are tremendous. The Legion of Mary would like you to give prayerful consideration to commit or recommit to an hour a week to the Lord. **Due to various circumstances we are in need of additional adorers. Why not give it a try and then consider being placed on the list. Eucharistic Adoration is at St. Angela Merici on Tuesdays, after the 8am Mass, and closes with Perpetual Help and Benediction at 7:00pm.** If you are interested, please contact Parish Office at 838-6565.



Features:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective January 1st, if you have not registered with Prevent and Protect, you are no longer in compliance with the Safe Environment Program. Make sure to continue after you register and do all 6 steps. There is a background check, 3 videos to watch with questions to answer and signing the Code of Conduct. Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register. Click "Register" below the LOG IN button. Enter the passcode **stlprotect**. Select the type of location where you are a volunteer or employee. Select the specific location by name: St. Angela Merici Parish. Contact Linda Brindley, our parish Child Safety Coordinator, at 314-838-6565 with any questions or for further assistance. This should take about an hour to do. Thanks in advance for taking care of this matter.



ALTAR LINEN CLEANING

We are in need of someone to help out our group of ladies that take care of the Altar Linens. You would only have to do it once a month. Please contact the parish office at 314-838-6565, if you would like to help, just leave your name and phone number, so that someone can get back with you. Thanks so much for considering to help.

HOLY FAMILY NOVENA

The priests of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, www.msf-america.org, invite you to join them in praying the Holy Family Novena for your family and all families of the world. The novena begins on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 27, 2020, and runs through Monday, January 4, 2021. Please join us at Mass or pray the novena at home with your family. Masses are at Saint Wenceslaus Church in Saint Louis. For daily Mass times and free novena pamphlets, please call (314) 577-6300 or send an e-mail to mprater@msf-america.org. Thank you and God bless your family!

WELCOME! Whether you are a longtime resident or newly arrived to the parish, we thank God for you. If you are not registered or if your information has changed, please let us know by returning the information below either by placing it in the collection basket, dropping off at the parish office or emailing the parish office at brindley@stangelam.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number : _____

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Please sign-up for the dinner in the lunchroom or call the Parish Office at 838-6565. You can pick-up your delicious Christmas meal on Wednesday, December 23, from 3PM to 5PM in our lunchroom. The cost will be \$10 per dinner. **All orders are due no later than 9:00am on Tuesday, December 22nd.**





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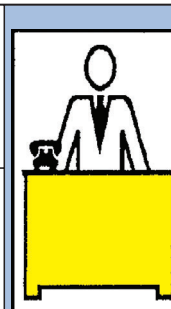


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