ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 27, 2020 saintangelamerici.org

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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.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please register in the parish office, Mon-Fri, 8 am - 4 pm. For more information, call the Parish Office, 314-838-6565.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 28

8:00 am - Departed Pafford Family Members

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am - James Walsh

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am - Jeanne Croteau

Thursday, December 31

8:00 am - Philip Witte

5:00 pm - The Most Forsaken Souls

in Purgatory

Friday, January 1

8:00 am - Schmidt Family

7:00 pm - Kenneth Schmidt

Saturday, January 2

8:00am - Joan Deem

5:00 pm - George Bidleman (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am - People of the Parish

9:30 am - Albert (Bud) Gettemeier

11:30 am - John Geerling

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 2 & 3

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 - Matt Adams

7:30 am - Theresa Watson

9:30 am - Laura Vietmeier

11:30 am - Charles Danganan

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 - JANUARY 2 & 3

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 13, 2020

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REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS!

THE HOLY FAMILY

Every year, the Church sets aside the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's to celebrate the Holy Family, and with it, what the Vatican Council always referred to as the "Domestic Church". It's no secret that the institution of the family as Almighty God ordained and established it has taken a real beating in the past ten years, as out-of-control human entities (courts, legislatures, etc.) have attempted to re-define it. All kinds of alternative "arrangements", whose nature is only a sorry analog for a true family setting, are now, in law, given the same status as the real thing. Every society that has tried this in the past has placed itself on the short route to self-destruction. Now more than ever we need to celebrate and cherish and *defend* the wonderful gift of family. It was God's plan that everyone should learn to know and experience His love through the committed love of mother and father and the bonds of kinship that exist with siblings and grandparents. Because of the human element it sometimes fails, but it is the only *real* form of the family and cannot be improved upon, especially by those mere humans who are arrogant enough to think they can.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

Who else besides me remembers all the sing-alongs we had in the 60's? We had "Sing-along with Mitch (Miller)", "follow the bouncing ball", and every Shakey's Pizza had a guy in a red-and-white striped shirt and boater hat sitting at the piano and leading the singing in between bites of a sausage & peperoni (and it was the singing and not the pizza that drew the crowds!). And who else remembers what fun it was! We're going to have a sing-along this afternoon (Sunday), and it's all about Christmas Carols. You all know them. So bring your parish missalette with you and join us at 1:00PM in church, and bring the whole crew. It should be good!

THE DIVINE MATERNITY OF MARY

One thing we Catholics have adapted from Judaism is that major feasts (Christmas & Easter) are celebrated for eight days, the last day (the Octave) being a very special one. And so we celebrate the Octave of Christmas to honor the Blessed Virgin as the true Mother of God with a holy day of obligation. This year's celebration will be a bit different. We will have the usual line-up of Mass at 5:00PM on New Year's Eve and 8:00AM on New Year's Day, but then later we will have a special 7:00 evening Mass, followed by a special talk as part of a program in conjunction with St. Joseph Catholic Radio. It's all a art of our holy hour for the sanctification of the parish that we usually have on each First Friday.

COVID

Because of Christmas, I've had to submit bulletins weeks ahead of schedule, and so this is my first chance to talk about my recent bout with the world-wide pandemic. I was stunned to learn that I tested positive, mostly because I already had it 'way back in April and I really wasn't feeling that bad; I thought I had another sinus infection (which I get rather frequently because of my deviated septum). We followed all the CDC precautions as best we could, which, of course, was a big pain in the neck for the operation of our parish. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding, and a special thanks from me personally to our brother priests in our deanery who helped out (particularly Msgr. Ullrich and his deacon seminarian from Sacred Heart!) We're all fine now and ready to serve!

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

Every month has a designation in our Catholic piety. At the top of this column, you'll see the designations for December and January. Your task will be to match up each month with its proper designation for the rest of the year...have at it!





CONTINUED

1. FEBRUARY 2. MARCH 3. APRIL 4. MAY 5. JUNE 6. JULY 7. AUGUST 8. SEPTEMBER 9. OCTOBER 10. NOVEMBER

A. St. Joseph B. Souls in Purgatory C. Sacred Heart of Jesus D. Holy Rosary E. The Holy Spirit F. The Seven Sorrows of Mary G. Mary H. Precious Blood I. Holy Family J. Blessed Sacrament

ANSWERS: 1). I 2.). A 3). E 4). G 5). C 6). H 7). J 8). F 9). D 10). B

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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. 23, Wed.: Confessions, 5:00-5:30PM Dec. 24 & 25, Thu. & Fri.: Christmas, Mass at 5:00 & 10:00PM, & 8:00 & 10:00AM

Dec. 27, Sun.: Feast of the Holy Family, singalong 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!

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, Thu. & Fri.: Maternity of Mary, holy day of obligation, Masses at 5:00PM on Dec. 31, and 8:00AM & 7:00PM on Jan. 1 (followed by speaker for St. Joseph Radio)

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The family is the first essential cell of human society." - *Pope St. John XXIII*

"A happy family is but an earlier heaven." - George Bernard Shaw

WORD OF THE WEEK

YULE (n.); Christmas or Christmastide, as in: "... Yuletide carols being sung by a choir, and folks dressed up life Eskimos..."

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!

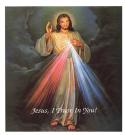
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

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

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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 the 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!



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!

Eucharistic 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.



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 Al-

tar 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.

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ST. ANGELA MERICI ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

The Altar Society is in need of a few volunteers to assist with keeping our Church clean. Total commitment is only 8 hours over the course of the year, this is done on Friday after the 8:00am Mass. Interested in joining our *Cleaning Angels*? Pease call the Parish office at 314-838-6565. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.



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