

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 6, 2020
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PEACE

PARISH OFFICE, 838-6565
Parish Fax Number, 838-6566

Pastor
Msgr. Matthew Mitas, ext. 102

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Rev. Mr. Joseph Kroutil

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Monique Zykan, ext. 103

Music Director
Sharon Churchill

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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 7

8:00 am - Philip Witte

5:00pm - Marilyn Mitas

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 am - Frederick Haydon

7:00pm - Jack Quinn

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 am - Bernard & Katherine Kuehler

Thursday, December 10

8:00 am - Rachel Gehner

Friday, December 11

8:00 am - Souls of Andrew, Antoinette &
Robert Prosser

Saturday, December 12

8:00 - Philip Witte

5:00 pm - Jerry Peebles

Sunday, December 13

7:30 am - People of the Parish

9:30 am - Philip Witte

11:30 am - June Steinmetz

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 12 & 13

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 - George Bidleman

7:30 am - Thomas Trost

9:30 am - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

11:30 am - Jeanie McCrary

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 12 & 13

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 - November 22, 2020

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,470
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,980
Weekly Over/Under	- \$ 3,510
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$ 32,736

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From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HOLY PATRONESS OF OUR LAND

Back in 1846, the bishops of the United States got together to make some important decisions regarding the practice of the faith in our land. One of the orders of business was to choose a patron saint for the United States. For the Irish, the choice was a no-brainer; whom could they possibly have chosen besides St. Patrick? Indeed, for most of Europe, one man could be identified, like Patrick, as *the* apostle of their country. Such was not so for us. At that time, however, a wonderful spirit was at work in the Church. The Blessed Mother Herself was appearing to humble souls and, while speaking to them, spoke freely of Her Immaculate Conception. In those days, the Church did teach that the Mother of God, the New Eve, had, indeed, been conceived without sin, but did not teach that as a dogma of the faith. Now She Herself was proclaiming that what we had always suspected to be true was a *fact*. And so the bishops of the U.S. *unanimously* chose Her, as the Immaculate Conception, to protect and defend America. Because of that, we celebrate the festival day of that great event as a holy day of obligation. This coming Tuesday, Dec. 8, is that festival day, and so we will have a special schedule of Masses, Monday, Dec. 7, 5:00PM, and Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 8:00AM and 7:00PM (this 7:00 Mass takes the place of the usual Tuesday evening devotions). Jesus entrusted the whole human race to her motherly care as He hung upon the Cross; we Americans have an even greater claim on her, and the fruits are bountiful. Come and celebrate as Americans our special privilege!

VESPERS

We were sort of flying by the seat of our pants last Sunday, but our celebration of the Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent was beautiful and very well attended! We're doing it again this evening for the Second Sunday! Be there!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

It's overwhelmingly obvious that our people love every aspect of our parish, including our parish buildings and grounds. (Just look at how lovingly and skillfully our magnificent gardens are tended each year!) In addition to that, however, is the level of care and attention given to the decoration of our parish church for all the major feasts. This year will be no different. We plan to go **ALL OUT, PEDAL TO THE METAL, THROTTLE TO THE FIREWALL** all the way to make our parish church a worthy spot for the Savior of the World to be born! We need your help, the same assistance you have always given in the past. Please use the envelopes in the vestibules to contribute to this great cause and be as generous as you can! (And leave a few gigabytes on your cell phone for all the photos you're going to want to take of the church this Christmas!)

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

Toward the end of his life, St. Francis of Assisi was persuaded to establish a "third (Franciscan) order". The first was for the Friars Minor (men), the second was for the "Poor Clares" (women). This third one would be for lay people who wanted to live a more Franciscan, Gospel-perfect way of life. Throughout history, many lay people (and religious) have been drawn to this very holy way of living and still are; some may surprise you. I've listed 20 names below. Pick out the third order members if you can!

A) Babe Ruth B) St. Louis IX C) Louis Pasteur D) Raphael Sanzio E) Henry VIII F) St. Charles Borromeo G) St. Angela Merici H) Martin Luther I) Stan Musial J) Franz Liszt K) St. Thomas More L) Christopher Columbus M) St. Frances Cabrini N) George M. Cohan O) Vasco da Gama P) Miguel de Cervantes Q) Andre-Marie Ampere R) Amadeus Mozart S) Michelangelo Buonarroti T) F. Scott Fitzgerald

ANSWERS: *The following were Franciscan tertiaries: B, C, D, F, G, J, K, L, M, O, P, Q, S*

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. 6, 13 & 20, Sun.: Vespers, 7:00PM, in church

Dec. 7, 14, & 21, Mon.: RCIA, 6:30PM, Parish Meeting Room (all welcome!)

Dec. 7, Mon. & 8, Tue.: Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Masses at 5:00PM Monday and 8:00AM & 7:00PM Tuesday (pre-empting devotions)

Dec. 8, Tue.: Confessions, 6:00-6:30PM, in church

Dec. 15, Tue.: Confessions after the 8:00AM Mass

Dec. 15, Tue: Catechism Class, after the 7:00PM Mass (live-streamed)

Dec. 16, Wed.: Confessions after the 8:00AM Mass

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Those who talk about the economic harms of the lockdowns are accused of heartlessness. ‘Economic considerations are nothing compared to saving lives,’ they are told. So I’m not going to talk about economic effects – I’m going to talk about the effects on health, beginning with the U. N. estimate that 130,000,000 additional people will starve this year as a result of the economic damage from the lockdowns...eighty million children worldwide are now at risk from (diphtheria & whooping cough)...Large numbers of Americans, even though they had cancer and needed chemotherapy, didn’t come in for treatment because they were more afraid of COVID than cancer...we’re also going to see a higher number of deaths from diabetes due to people missing their diabetic monitoring...a CDC survey found that one in four young adults between 18 and 24 had seriously considered suicide.” – *Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, Professor of Medicine and Economics at Stanford, given in a talk at Hillsdale College, Oct. 9, 2020 (ed. note: this is the other side of the story that is not being told and I think we need to be aware of it. His talk can be viewed in its entirety at Hillsdale.edu)*

WORD OF THE WEEK

SUFFARCINATE: *v., t. & i.*) to load up, to stuff, as in: “*The holiday season is a time to suffarcinate ourselves on sumptuous holiday meals, (BUT NOT DURING ADVENT!)*”

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

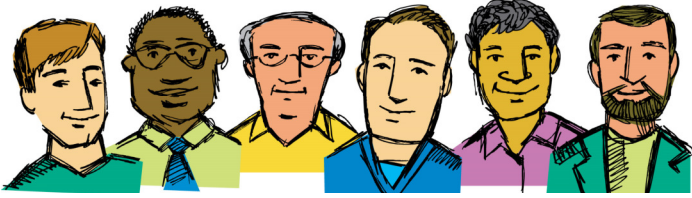
We hope to resume the food drive in January “2021”.

Thank you for your attention! S.V.D.P





Features:



THE ST. ANGELA'S MEN'S CLUB would like to inform you that the St. Louis Cardinal calendars that they were selling will be in next week and can be picked up after all masses on December 12th and 13th in the lunchroom. They still have a few extra ones if anyone else would like one. Cost of the calendars are \$16.00 each and is due at the time of pickup. Thanks for your support. **GO CARDINALS!!!**

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!

PROJECT JOSEPH Spiritual Support Group
This is for any man who has been wounded by an abortion experience and is seeking healing. The group meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Monday December 7, 2020, 7PM. Contact 314-792-7565 or pro-life@archstl.org.

Masses for The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary are on Monday, December 7th at 5:00pm and on Tuesday, December 8th at 8:00am and 7:00pm

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Announcements for the December 20th bulletin are due by December 10th.

Announcements for the December 27th bulletin are due by December 14th.

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



SPAGHETTI CASSE-ROLES are due by December 8th. Casseroles must be at Church by 10:00 am. We are always happy to accept new contributors to the pro-

gram and if you call Paddy Vytlačil at 355-5897, she will be happy to share the super-easy recipe.

WITNESSING AT OUR LOCAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Please join some fellow parishioners in sharing our message of Life in front of the Planned Parenthood on Lindbergh in Surrey Plaza II.

We will be present there from **3:00-4:00 pm** (please note change in time due to shorter daylight hours) this **Wednesday, December 9**.

Please help us to share the truth with our North County brothers and sisters. For more information, please call Julie Ratermann (401-0047).



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Features:

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Don't Miss Warm-Up Wednesday!

Drive through our community and we'll send you on your way with a delicious cup of hot chocolate.

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from 7:00 am - 9:00 am

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LADIES CLUB NURSING HOME COLLECTION

Here is an opportunity to bring Christmas cheer to residents of the area nursing homes. The Ladies Club is hosting a drive to collect items for the residents. Please place new unwrapped items in the special barrel in the back of church by Sunday December 15th.

Gift suggestions: Blankets, Sweat pants(lg/xlg), sweaters (button fronts), hand held games, puzzles(500 or less pieces), clocks, socks, slippers, radios, puzzle books, gloves, mittens, photo boards. Thank you for your generosity.

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 : _____

E-mail: _____



MARYGROVE CHRISTMAS CHAMPIONS

The holidays are here and the kids at Marygrove will soon be given the wonderful Christmas they've always deserved- one that includes sledding and decorating cookies, gathering around the table for dinner and opening presents on Christmas morning. Bring joy to a child at a time when they need it the most. Be a Marygrove Christmas Champion and help give over 200 children a holiday experience they will always remember.

- Purchase gifts on a child's wish list and drop off, unwrapped, at Marygrove by December 11th
- Make a financial contribution: \$150 provides gifts and holiday fun for one child; \$2,500 provides gifts and festivities for all 15 kids in a cottage!



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