

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

January 7, 2024
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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 Friday at 4:00 pm. Please email notices to: brindley@stangelam.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 8

8:00 am - Don Krause

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am - Martin Ratermann

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 am - Joseph F. Galati

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am - Gregory & Pauline Holdener

Friday, January 12

8:00 am - Don Krause

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm - People of the Parish

Sunday, January 14

7:30 am - Declan Zalewski & Family (Spec. Int.)

9:30 am - Don Krause

11:30 am - Betty & Morris Askuvich

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 13TH & 14TH

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - Claudia Bidleman

7:30 am - Theresa Prosser

9:30 am - Mary Ann Kauffman

11:30 am - Jeanie McCrary

Sunday Collection - December 24, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$
Weekly Budget	To be determined
Weekly Over/Under	- \$
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED

To all parishioners,

We are asking for an email address so that weekly you will be getting an email that tells you what is going on in all three parishes. You will be getting this every Friday. Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Sincerely, Linda Brindley

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one—deceased or living—contact Linda at the Parish Office at 314-838-6565 or stop by the office. The stipend is \$10 per Mass. There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefits one's soul. The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass. We have MANY open dates and times! The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originated in the very early Church. We have Mass Cards available in the office you can give to the family of a deceased person or Special Intention Cards for living, for a special occasion or for healing.



From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

REMEMBER JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS!

COPIOUS THANKS ALL AROUND

Now that we have a secure foothold on the new year, 2024, it's time to acknowledge the blessings of the past year, and, especially, the people God has used to bless us.

First, I would like to thank our parishioners at large; you are a most wonderful and delightful lot! We faced some real challenges last year, and we're still standing, thanks to your diligence and faithfulness.

Second (and most immediately) I would like to thank our trusty and faithful staff, comprising our office workers, musicians, and maintenance crew (and the many volunteers who also assisted). They are the ones who keep us afloat.

Third, I wish to thank those who work on our special parish projects, and there are too many of those to enumerate.

Fourth, I want to thank the faithful who come to Mass every day and weekend, those who come to adore Jesus every Tuesday, those who pray morning prayers each day and take part in the educational functions of the parish; your prayers are the stabilizing element of our parish, making everything else cohere.

Fifth, I would like to thank those who serve at Mass - the ushers, the lectors, the choir singers and musicians, the servers, and in a very special way, our sturdy, staunch and omnipresent deacon, Deacon Joseph Kroutil.

It took us 62 years to develop the magnificent spirit of St. Angela Merici Parish in Shovelton; let's enjoy the blessings God has made possible and which you, the faithful make happen!

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

Catholics are often chided by our separated brethren for not knowing the Scriptures very well. Now is your chance to prove them wrong. See if you can answer these questions gleaned from the pages of Holy Writ:

1. Where is baseball mentioned in the Bible?
2. Who was Scripture's best power hitter?
3. Where is tennis mentioned in the Bible?
4. Where does one find basketball in Scripture?
5. The Bible even speaks of constipation...where?
6. Who is the shortest man in the Bible?
7. Where is smoking mentioned in the Bible?
8. What animals brought money onto Noah's Ark?
9. Who are Scripture's car owners?
10. What three persons in the Bible had no parents?

ANSWERS: 1. *Genesis 1:1 - "In the Big Inning..."* 2. *The Prodigal Son, famed his historic "home run"* 3. *When Joseph Served in the courts of Pharaoh* 4. *When, at court, Peter denied Jesus three times ("deny" in basketball-speak means "blocked his shot")* 5. *When Moses took the two tablets and then disappeared into the mountain alone* 6. *It's either Nehemiah ("knee-high" miah), Bildad the Shuhite (shoe-height), or, most likely, St. Peter, who declared, "Gold and silver have I none", and you can't get any shorter than dead broke!* 7. *When Ruth lighted off her Camel* 8. *The ducks (who brought their bills), the frogs (who brought their greenbacks), and the skunks (who brought their (s)cents)* 9. *Mary (famous for her "Fiat", and the apostles, who were found to be all in one "Accord")* 10. *Adam and Eve, of course, but don't forget Joshua, who was the son of "Nun"*
NOTE: *We know that God enjoys humor, even if it's at His own expense; after all, He did take a "rib" from Adam!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration in church from 8:30AM-7:00PM, with Devotions and Benediction at 7:00. (The last hour, 6:00-7:00, is dedicated to prayer for vocations.)





Features:

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By special arrangement with the Parish Office: Pickleball! (in the gym)

Jan. 8, Mon.: SAMS meeting & luncheon, 11:30AM, in the lunchroom

Jan. 11, Thu.: Ladies' Club Meeting, 12:00noon in the lunchroom

Jan 19, Fri.: Catholic Family Movie Night, featuring "Unplanned" (the story of Abby Johnson and her relationship with "Planned Parenthood", 7:00PM in the lunchroom

Jan. 22, Mon.: Men's Club meeting (with dinner), meet in church for the rosary at 6:30PM

Jan. 27, Sat.: Feast of St. Angela Merici; Mass at 8:00AM and an Italian dinner served in her honor that evening (make your reservations ASAP), after the 5:00PM Mass

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"The family is threatened by growing efforts, on the part of some, to redefine the very institution of marriage, by relativism, by the culture of the ephemeral, by a lack of openness to life." - *Pope Francis*

"(Same sex marriage) disfigures God's plan for creation." - *Pope Francis*

"...it is not licit to impart blessings on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage...as is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex. The presence in such relationships of positive elements...cannot justify these relationships and render them legitimate objects of an ecclesial blessing." - *Vatican document signed by Pope Francis, 2021*

STAT OF THE WEEK

The only TV show that shows the activity of going to church as a normal part of life and in which everybody participates is The Simpsons.

WORD OF THE WEEK

JACKANAPE (*n.*) an impudent child or a conceited fellow, as in: "*My grandmother used to call us, her grandchildren, a bunch of jackanapes, and I never knew what she was calling us!*"

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Rachael Lawson, Jeff Gauthier, Augustine Porter, Billie Lawson, Kristine Lawson, Laurie Kauffman, Carl Kling, Sr., Jerome Rueckert, Debbie Vietmeier, Gloria Wasser, John Beyatte, Joe Knese, Donna Ahrens, Jim McMullen, Pat Brennan, June Hildebrand, John Thummel, Rita Sommer, Bill Moon, Vivian Easley, Deborah Corcoran, Tom George, Marge Dubray, Leona Alligood, Janet Stubits, Vince Perrot, Agnes (Babe) Dreyer, Sally Caruso, Steve Scherer, Tom Karanzieff, Alma Hankins, Christopher Dafflito, Theresa Hamilton, Brian Perry, Jan Ostermeyer, Kathy Russell, Colleen Chronister, Tamara Shrader, Art Batson, Lisa Williford, Joe O'Brien, Judy Eads, Tina McFadden, Tina Hawkins, Jack Kiaman, Wilma Schmidt, Clarence Friedman, Gloria Frisella, Barb Schmitz, Gerry & Wayne Schilly, Philip & Ester Sansone, Ed Dafflito, Marilyn Werner, Pete Miller, Vitina Galati, Sister Suzanne Wesley, Jaqueline Thomas, Mary "Meg" Peters, Baby Simon Jones, Julie Ross, Jo Chapman, Jerry Gomez, Joe Licavoli, Mozell Baskin III, Kaelen Askuvich and Doris Hofer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

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, Craig Richardson, Matthew Moorman, Dylan Krause, Tyler Krause, Daniel Schmitz, Zachary Hofer, Kyle Hofer, Jacob Graham, Michael Rose, Nicholas Hedlesky, Christopher Hedlesky, Maya Hedlesky, Brody MacKinnon and Mitchell Trost.



Features:



Happy New Year!



S.A.M. Seniors

Meeting & Luncheon

January 8th, 11:30 am

Mostaccioli, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert

By: Krause Catering

AND

*For Entertainment Let's enjoy a great game
of BINGO*

Cost is \$12.00 Name, phone number and
payment need to be in by January 3rd. Ei-
ther drop off at the office, or black mail
box.



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This Week in our Parish:

Monday, January 8

11:30 am - Senior Luncheon in Lunchroom

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Bsmt

3:00 pm - Witness at Planned Parenthood

Thursday, January 11

7:00 pm - Ladies Club Meeting in Lunch-
room

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

On Monday, January 15th the Parish office
will be closed. On Tuesday, January 16th we
will be back to working hard for the parish.
Thanks

BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION DRIVE

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, bottles, baby wash, and small winter sleepers and onesies - sizes preemie to 6 months. They could also use gift cards for groceries or to Target or Walmart so the mothers can purchase a car seat, formula, or put toward a crib.

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!

SAVE THE DATE

MUSIC TRIVIA

St. Ferdinand Church,
1765 Charbonier Rd, Florissant, MO 63031
Saturday, February 24, 2024 Stay "tuned"
for more details

HOLY NAME OF JESUS Monthly Candlelight
Community Peace Vigil the Last Sunday of Each
Month ~ 7 PM Our monthly candlelight vigils
are held outdoors on the front steps of our church
on the last Sunday of each month. In case of in-
clement weather, we will gather in the church
vestibule. The vigil is sponsored by the Holy
Name of Jesus Social Justice Group and last for
30 minutes. The purpose is to pray for unity in
the community, raise awareness of social justice
issues and pray for an end to violence, especially
gun violence. The vigil consists of music, silent
reflection, and group prayer. ALL are welcome
to join us every month or whenever you're avail-
able to pray with us!



Features:

PRAYERFUL 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 this Wednesday, Jan. 10th. **If the temperature or wind chill is below 32 degrees, we will not witness.** Please help us to share the truth with our North County brothers and sisters. For more information, please call Julie Ratermann (314-401-0047).

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO



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5 Things You Can Do *Right Now* to Save the Preborn & Protect Missouri Women

With the June 24, 2022, Dobbs v. Jackson decision, Missouri became the first state in the nation to restore legal protections that save the preborn and protect women. Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates are committed to keeping these safeguards in place by telling the public the truth about the harm the passage of a pro-abortion ballot initiative petition would do in Missouri. Here are 5 things you can do right now to help:

1. **Pray:** Be bold and confident in asking our Good Lord's help in stopping any pro-abortion initiative petitions. Pray and invite others to pray to help save babies and protect moms. Ask your pastor to start a regular Rosary for Life and Holy Hour.
2. **Walk with Moms:** Support moms in your parish and community, especially those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Partner with your local pregnancy help center to walk with them. Go to walkingwithmomsstl.com.
3. **Decline to Sign:** If the ballot initiative language is "certified" so that pro-abortion supporters can start collecting signatures, **DO NOT SIGN** any petition to allow abortion to be enshrined in the state constitution on the November 2024 ballot.
4. **Promote Voter Registration:** Encourage young people and other new voters to register. Help at a registration drive in your community or ask your pastor if you can organize one at your parish.
5. **Help Those Wounded by Abortion:** Encourage those affected by abortion to reach out for compassionate help and healing at archstl.org/hope-healing.



Features:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, ST. ANGELA MERICI WILL BE CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON SAINT WITH SOME ITALIAN FOOD PREPARED BY KRAUSE KATERING



Place: St. Angela Merici Lunchroom

Time: following 5:00pm Mass until 7:30pm

Cost: \$18.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple

Kids: 5 & under free, 6 –11 \$9.00, 12 & up \$18.00

Menu: Italian Salad, Toasted Ravioli w/Marinara Sauce, Mostaccioli w/Homemade Meatballs, Bow Tie Pasta Alfredo w/Broccoli & Sun Dried Tomatoes, Rigatoni Carbonara and Amaretto Carrots & Parmesan Cheese Rolls

Dessert: Cannoli, Variety of Gelato, Homemade Italian Cookies

Beverage: Italian Punch, Ice Tea & Water

NOTE: Beer, Wine and Soda will be available for purchase. This is due no later than Thursday 25th

Check one: Dine In _____ Carry out _____

How many dinners? Adults _____ kids 6 & under _____

Kids 12 & under _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Order on line at www.saintangelamerici.org