

# St. Angela Merici Parish

December 11, 2016  
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3860 N. Hwy 67  
Florissant, MO 63034



The Feast Day of St. Lucy

~ Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> ~

**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

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

Must be submitted to the parish office by Monday at 4:00 pm or email:

peggybrewer@sbcglobal.net

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

Or call the Parish Office, 838-6565.

**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 to date of marriage.

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES:**

To Be Announced



# 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.

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 12

8:00 am - Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

### Tuesday, December 13

8:00 am - Shirley Keeven

### Wednesday, December 14

8:00 am - Joseph James Kroutil

### Thursday, December 15

8:00 am - Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, December 16

8:00 am - Charlie Andert

### Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm - Ricky Duncan

### Sunday, December 18

7:30 am - Barb Gibbons

9:30 am - People of the Parish

11:30 am - Robert Vodicka

**Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers & Ushers** - Please sign up for the Christmas Eve, Christmas day and Solemnity of Mary Liturgies in the Lunchroom after Mass today.

## MINISTERS

### FOR NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 12 - 18

### WEEKDAY SERVERS: MONDAY - SATURDAY

**8:00 am** Kamryn Ure, Thomas Anderson, Ben Burke

### WEEKEND SERVERS

**5:00 pm** Matt Adams, Jasmine DuMaine, Daena Talavera

**7:30 am** Shayla Haney, Brandon & Kaityln Smith

**9:30 am** Jason Brady, Alanna & Aaron Fenner

**11:30am** Abigail & Gwen Dobbs, Kamryn Ure

### WEEKEND LECTORS

**5:00 pm** Crystalyn Talavera, Claudia Bidleman

**7:30 am** Don Kraue, Katherine Ising

**9:30 am** Jeff Hedlesky, Eric Spalding

**11:30 am** Michael Dobbs, Jeanie McCrary

### EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION

**5:00 pm** - Jane Buchholz, Tina Clarkin, Karen Dietz, Vitina Galati, Nora Kaikati, Diana & Ray Skubic

**7:30 am** - Margie Heppermann, Nancy Hesselbach, Donna Krause, Harry Maier, Carol Pauli, Ken Schmalbeck, Theresa Watson

**9:30 am** - Anna Maria Baskin-Harris, Sr. Eric Patrick, Don & JoAnn Holdener, Jean Tucker, Laura Vietmeier, Pat Vorwald

**11:30 am** - Charles Danganan, Linda McManus, Denyse Sternberg

### WEEKEND GIFT BEARERS - DECEMBER 17 & 18

Sat. 5:00 pm - Bob & Lois Adams

Sun. 7:30 am - Tom & Marie Trost

Sun. 9:30 am - Larry & Mindy Miller

Sun. 11:30 am - The Liceralde Family



### Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and weekend Altar Servers

Please update the Ministry Scheduler Pro with your availability for January 2, 2017 through March 31. The new schedule will be prepared during the week of December 13th. Thank you.



## *From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:*

***REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!***

### **THE SAINTS OF THE ADVENT SEASON**

One of the nicest features of the holy season of Advent is all the traditions that surround the various saints of the season. This coming Tuesday is the feast of St. Lucy. Her name means “light” and it’s a wonderful coincidence that her feast day falls on one of the darkest days of the year. Capitalizing on that, most of the customs surrounding her feast day focus on light and the illumination of the home. It’s an old European custom that on the eve of St. Lucy’s feast, candles are lit and placed in the windows of the home, first to dispel the darkness of the night, but, more important, to light the way to Bethlehem for Mary and Joseph. In Scandinavian countries, the oldest daughter of the family on the morning of the feast wears a special headband with lit candles (keeping, I’m sure, a fire extinguisher handy) going from room to room serving pastries to all the family. Also, Monday is the great feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, recalling the heavenly visit from the Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego, leaving behind her miraculous image on his tilma. Keeping these festivals not only serves God, but also keeps the season cheerful and holy.

### **SECOND GRADERS FIRST CONFESSION**

Congratulations to our second graders, who made their First Confession this past Monday, and to their families. They are: Katie Dobbs, Megan Looney, and Victor Romero. This is a great step in their Catholic lives. Please pray for them that the grace begun in them will blossom in great holiness in their adult years!

### **ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

I’ll be hearing Confessions once again this Tuesday from 1:30-2:00PM (during Adoration time). Next week, there will be numerous extra times. I’ll also be hearing this Saturday, as usual, from about 3:45-4:45PM.

### **SUNDAY VESPERS**

The third of the Sunday Vespers is this evening (Sunday, Dec. 11). Bring the whole family to this wonderful, traditional observance of the Advent season. They start at 7:00PM and last about half an hour.

### **QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC**

We Catholics use a lot of stuff in our worship (which is why there’s a store called “Catholic Supply”). See if you can give the names for the following items used in Catholic worship:

1. The small container used to hold the hosts for bringing Communion to the homebound.
2. The vessel which contains the unburned incense.
3. The vessel in which the incense is burned.
4. A small casket, box, or shrine used to store or display relics of saints.
5. The shell or vessel used to pour the water at a baptism.
6. The vessel that holds the hosts to be distributed at Mass.
7. Special box or shrine for the reservation of the Holy Oils.

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8. The little pitchers which hold the water and wine for Mass.  
 9. The vessel that contains the host when it is displayed for adoration or benediction.  
 10. The special sink in the sacristy for the disposal of holy water and other sacred nonconsumables.  
**BONUS:** The small spoon that is used to ladle the incense from #2 into #3.

**ANSWERS:** 1. *Pyx* (it's a great Scrabble word, too!)  
 2. *Boat* 3. *Thurible* or *Censer* 4. *Reliquary*  
 5. *Conch* 6. *Ciborium* (pl., *Ciboria*) 7. *Ambry* 8. *Cruets* 9. *Monstrance* or *Ostensorium* 10. *Sacrarium*  
**BONUS:** *Spoon*

### OBSERVATION OF THE WEEK

The first bishop to accept money from the government was Judas.

### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“(Tradition) serves a crucial moral and intellectual function...People who read Thucydides and Caesar on war, and Seneca and Ovid on love, are less inclined to construe passing fads as durable outlooks, to fall into the maelstrom of celebrity culture, and to presume that the circumstances of their own lives are worth a Webpage.” - *Mark Bauerlein* (author of “*The Dumbest Generation*”)

“Some men choose their opinions like their clothes - according to fashion...and no matter how derivative their views are, such men hold them with the passion of partisans.” - *Leo Tolstoy*

“Satan’s cleverest wile is to make us think he doesn’t exist.” - *Charles Beaudelaire*

**SPAGHETTI CASSEROLES** are due by December 13th. Casseroles must be at Church by 10:00 am. If at any time you cannot make your casserole, please call Paddy Vytlacil, 355-5897.

### Sunday Collection - December 4, 2016

Sunday Offering	\$15,233
Weekly Budget	\$13,019
Weekly Over/Under	+ \$ 2,214
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$ 6,923

### This Week In Our Parish:

#### Monday, December 12

8:30 am - Holy Hour For Priests, Church

#### Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 pm - Legion of Mary, Rectory Basement

7:00 pm - Benediction

7:00 pm - SVDP Meeting, Meeting Room

#### Wednesday, December 14

9:00 am - Quilters Meet, Rectory Basement

6:00 pm - Kindergarten Daisy Tr., Lunchroom

#### Thursday, December 15

8:30 am - Holy Hour For Priests, Church

7:00 pm - Ladies & Men K of C, Rect. Bsement

#### Friday, December 16

7:00 pm - Movie Night

#### Sunday, December 11

SVDP Food Drive

### Be An Angel . . . Give to the Nursing Home Christmas Collection!



Here's 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 unwrapped items in the special barrel in the back of church by Sunday, December 18th. Thank you for your generosity!

#### Gift suggestions:

Blankets	Slippers (men/women)
Sweat pants (lg/xlg)	Radios
Sweaters (button front)	Puzzle books
Hand held games	Bulletin boards
Puzzles (500pc or less)	Gloves/Mittens
Clocks (large numbers)	Photo Boards
Socks	



## Features:

*From The Desk of:*

*Mrs. Mary Ann Kauffman, Principal*

We are continuing to make ready our hearts for Jesus. Our crib is being readied for Jesus by our paper hearts telling how we are opening our hearts for Him. Come, Jesus, Come! We remember our theme each day, "Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room in our heart for Christ."

Our seventh and eighth graders brought joy to many others by decorating the doors of Delmar Gardens and the Pillars Nursing Home. The students brought the light of Christ to the residents by the tape, the wrapping paper, the garland and the conversations they had with the residents. God is Good!

St. Nicholas visited our preschoolers, Kindergarteners and First graders on Tuesday. He shared a little about himself and his three companions. St. Nicholas brought with him two angels and Ruprecht. It was a great experience for our younger students. I think St. Nicholas is a good friend of Monsignor Mitas!???

We also enjoyed the day off honoring our Blessed Mother! This is another way that we educate our parents about our wonderful Mother, Mary. We do explain why we are off and why this feast of the Immaculate Conception is an important part of our Catholic faith!! I just love being a Catholic!!

Keep us in your prayers that we remain faithful to our Advent practices. God is Good!

### **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 Berkbigler, 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, Jeanie McCrary, Dorothy Schulte, Bud & Kathy Kushins and Beverly Laird.

### **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.



### **MOVIE NIGHT AT S.A.M!**

Please join us Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the lunchroom for the showing of the movie "Staircase". This movie is based on the real legend of the "miraculous stairway" at the Sisters of Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mother Madalyn's (Barbara Hershey) last wish is that her beloved chapel be completed. However when local carpenters built the chapel, they neglected to erect stairs up to the choir loft, and, due to the chapel's construction, adding a staircase was, then, seemingly impossible. The arrival of Joad (William Petersen), proved to be the answer to Mother Madalyn's prayers.

Popcorn and soda will be provided!  
See you Friday night.



### **The SAM Seniors Meeting & Luncheon!**

**December 12th, 11:30 am**

**Krause Katering: Roasted Pork,  
Apple stuffing, Carrots, Salad,  
Rolls & Dessert**



The St. Angela Merici  
Students will entertain  
us with their beautiful  
songs!



## Features:



The St. Patrick's Center thanks  
St. Angela Merici Parish for its generous  
contribution of casseroles to feed the  
homeless! **WE NEED YOU for 2017!**



For over 30 years a generous core of (mostly anonymous) St. Angela Merici parishioners have participated in providing Casserole Dishes to homeless and hungry residents of St Louis City. At the St Patrick Center the need is great – and the gratitude sincere. We would love to increase the number of participants in this program and will be delighted to accept contributors at any level of commitment you can manage. If you can make both recipes for the scheduled dates or one or the other....WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP!

A chicken noodle casserole one month and a spaghetti casserole the next is our assignment. Casseroles are preferably made in advance and frozen. The St. Patrick's Center supplies the casserole pans to us. The calculated cost to you per Casserole is probably in the range of \$12 - \$15 and about 2 hours in the kitchen, is all it takes! Simple Recipes are provided. Prepared casseroles (frozen preferred) are to be at the church vestibule by 10:00 am on the assigned date. St. Patrick's depends on our generosity. If you have any questions, please call Paddy Vytlačil at 355-5897. Thanking you (with great confidence) in advance AND for your commitment during the past year!! **PLEASE pick up your recipes and a calendar of Casserole dates in the vestibule today!**



### St. Vincent De Paul

Please take an ornament from the Advent Giving Tree & bring back your unwrapped gift by December 18<sup>th</sup>. We have visited several large families this season & they will really appreciate our gifts. We want to thank everyone for their donations at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. We also want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus and the staff at the Pillars for the food baskets they donated. If you're looking for that year-end tax deduction and would like to donate a car, boat, etc., please call Tim Massey at 314-881-6078. Our next Food Drive will be December 17/18. Besides the usual non-perishable food items, think cold weather foods and Christmas Dinner! Remember the children will be on Christmas vacation so there will be extra mouths to feed! We really appreciate all the help we receive from our SAM parishioners.

**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.

### Christmas Cards to Benefit Birthright

If you are still in need of Christmas cards, please call Julie Ratermann at 401-0047.

### St. Angela Merici Volunteer Needed!

Every Monday our Alter cloths are laundered by some of our very special volunteers! The volunteer picks up the alter cloths from the sacristy on Monday morning after the 8:00 am Mass. They take the cloths home and wash and iron them, and return them to Church. We are looking to fill ONE Monday a month, the 4th Monday of every month. Please call Peggy, at the parish office, 838-6565, ext. 100, if you are interested. Thank you!

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### We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

We know it isn't even Thanksgiving yet, but we wanted to let you know that the Pro-Life Committee will once again be selling Christmas cards to benefit Birthright! These beautiful cards will be available after all Masses in the lunchroom the two weekends following Thanksgiving. We will have cards available in packs of 10 for \$6 and packs of 15 for \$10. If you need your cards before then, please call Julie Ratermann at 401-0047. Thanks so much for your ongoing support!

### Post-Election Novena

Many thanks to all who attend the Election Novena! We are now having a Novena in Thanksgiving for those who were elected, who say they will support Life, Families, and Religious Liberty. We are praying for all those who hold office at federal, state, and local levels. The Novena is being held at 6pm each evening in our church beginning from Wednesday, Nov. 16 and ending on Thanksgiving Day following the 9am Mass. Please join us!

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### St. Patrick's Casseroles – 2017

The following Dates for casseroles have been assigned to St. Angela for the year 2017:

#### CHICKEN NOODLE

(First Thursday)

January 5

March 2

May 4

July 6

September 7

November 2

#### SPAGHETTI

(Second Tuesday)

February 14

April 11

June 13

August 8

October 10

December 12

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