

St. Angela Merici Parish

December 18, 2016
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EMMANUEL



“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel” Matthew 1:23

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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 - 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.

BULLETIN NOTICES: Submit to the parish office by Monday at 4:00 pm. Please email notices to: peggybrewer@sbcglobal.net.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 19

8:00 am - Spec Int, Lucy Oughton

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 am - Sr. Aloysia Heurich

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 am - Don Yocom

Thursday, December 22

8:00 am - Richard Coyle

Friday, December 23

8:00 am - Spec Int, Justin Tate

Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm - Ron & Ken Bertin
 10:00 pm - People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am - Chester Kuzawski
 10:00 am - Spec Int, Daena & Luq Talavera

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.

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEK, DECEMBER 19 - 25

WEEKDAY SERVERS: MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 am Jahnea Gates, Sarah Albritton,
 Patrice Broyles

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

WEEKEND SERVERS

5:00 pm Daena Talavera, 2 Vols Needed
10:00 pm Gwen, Abby, Noah, Nick & Matt Dobbs
8:00 am Kevin, Jacob & Ben Burke
10:00am Daena Talavera, Alyssa Reed,
 Volunteer Needed

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm Don & Paul Krause
10:00 pm Theresa Prosser, Geoffrey Bullock
8:00 am Chris Horner, Theresa Prosser
10:00 am Linda McManus, Volunteer Needed

EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 pm - Donna Krause, Nora Kaikati
10:00 pm - Carol Pauli, Evelyn Kroutil
8:00 am - Margie Heppeerman, Vol. needed
10:00 am - Debbie Keeven, Volunteer Needed

WEEKEND GIFT BEARERS - DECEMBER 24 & 25

Sat. 5:00 pm - Paul Krause Family
 Sat. 10:00 pm - Jude & Carol Pauli
 Sun. 8:00 am - Volunteer Needed
 Sun. 10:00 am - John & Debbie Keeven

The New Schedule for Gift Bearers will be mailed out next week. Please call the parish office by Friday, Dec 23rd, if you would like to be added or taken off of the Gift Bearer Schedule.



Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers & Ushers, Please sign up:

The Solemnity of Mary (Dec. 31 & Jan. 1)
 Liturgies in the Lunchroom after Mass

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 26th, due to the Holiday.



From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

SPECIAL CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK

This being the last week of Advent, there will be all kinds of special opportunities to receive what I believe is the Church's greatest asset and the number one reason to be Catholic, namely, the great sacrament of Confession. They are: tonight (Sunday) after Vespers, Tuesday (Dec. 20) from noon till 1:00PM *and* 6:30-7:00PM, Thursday (Dec. 22) from 6:30-7:00PM and on Friday (Dec. 23) morning after the 8:00 Mass (in every case, I will hear until the last are heard).

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

As I'm sure you know, next Sunday is Christmas and, even though it's Sunday, we will still have our usual Christmas Mass schedule. It is: Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) 5:00PM and 10:00PM, and Sunday (Christmas Day) at 8:00 & 10:00AM. The 5:00PM Mass will be the Vigil Mass, the 10:00PM Mass will be the Midnight Mass, the 8:00AM Mass will be the Mass at Dawn, and the 10:00AM Mass will be the Mass During the Day. As the ancient carol trolls: "O come all ye faithful!"

SUNDAY VESPERS

The holy season of preparation, Advent, is in its final stages, but through its death rattle we can clearly hear the voices of the prophets calling us to be prepared for the coming of the Lord. One very beautiful, meaningful and traditional way to do that is through the celebration of the Church's solemn evening prayer (a.k.a., "Vespers") on the four Sundays of Advent. Even if you've missed the first three, there's still one left. Come join the many who wait hopefully for the Lords coming this evening as we gather in the darkness at 7:00, expecting the Holy Advent of Him who is the Light of the World!

CATECHISM CLASS

My adult Catechism Class re-convenes this Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the usual time and place (i.e., after Benediction [7:15PM] in the parish meeting room, located next to my office). Yes, we do study the catechism, but we also discuss whatever theological/religious issues that are in the forefront of peoples' minds and the tips of their tongues. All are welcome!

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

When I was in the seminary, one of our professors, Father "Doc" Walsh, used to say that it was the mark of an educated man to know the names of things and how to spell them. In that spirit, I propose to you things that we use in church that you probably figured had a name but had no idea of what it was. This is a tough one; see how well you do. What is the name of the:

1. Metal container of the Host used for Benediction when it's stored in the tabernacle?
2. The outmost vestment that the priest wears at Mass (it is always of the color of the day)?
3. The small metal vessel that contains the holy chrism?
4. The wooden clapper used instead of bells during Masses of the Paschal Triduum?
5. The tall, carved screen, made of wood or stone, standing behind the high altar?
6. The stiff, starched linen neckpiece of the traditional habit; it also covers the upper torso?
7. The narrow strips of cloth that hang like streamers off the back of the bishop's mitre?
8. The large crucifix on top of a beam suspended high above the entrance to the sanctuary?
9. The raised, shelf-like steps on the back of a high altar holding candles, relics or flowers?
10. Decorative curtains hung at the sides of an altar?

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Features:

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ANSWERS: 1. *Capsulla (or custodial)* 2. *Chasuble*
3. *Chrismal* 4. *Crotalum* 5. *Reredos* 6. *Guimpe (or Wimple)* 7. *Infula (also Fanons, Lappets, and Vitta)*
8. *Rood (or "Holy Rood")* 9. *Gradine (or Scabellum)*
10. *Riddles*

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Excellence is the best deterrent to racism." - *Jesse Jackson*

"There is no more dangerous or disgusting habit than that of celebrating Christmas before it comes...It is the very essence of a festival that it breaks upon one brilliantly and abruptly, that at one moment the great day is not and the next moment the great day is!" - *the ever-wise sage, G. K. Chesterton (and all I can say is that he took the words right out of my mouth!)*

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." - *St. Teresa of Kolkata (to which we can only say, "Amen!")*



S.A.M. New Year's Eve Dinner!

DON'T MISS IT!!

Please join us for a New Year's Eve Dinner and Celebration on Thursday, December 31st, after the Holyday Mass in the S.A.M. lunchroom. After a delicious dinner, we will ring in the New Year because it will be midnight somewhere!!!

Donations gratefully accepted to benefit the S.A.M. Knights of Columbus and the S.A.M. pilgrims attending the Annual March for Life in Washington D.C.

This Week In Our Parish:

Sunday, December 18

SVDP Food Drive

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 940, Lunchroom

Monday, December 19

8:30 am - Holy Hour For Priests, Church

6:00 pm - Ladies Club Gift Wrapping, Rct Bsmt

Tuesday, December 20

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

3:00 pm - Legion of Mary, Rectory Basement

7:00 pm - Benediction

7:00 pm - Catechism Class, Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 am - Quilters Meet, Rectory Basement

6:30 pm - Girl Scouts Tr. 1310, Meeting Room

Thursday, December 22

8:30 am - Holy Hour For Priests, Church

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

December 18th: After the 7:00 pm Vespers

December 20th: Noon-1:00 pm & 6:30-7:00 pm

December 22nd: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

December 23rd: 8:30 - 9:00 am

FEAST DAY MASSES:

December 24th: 5:00 and 10:00 pm

December 25, Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 am

December 31st: 5:00 pm

January 1st: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am



Catechism Class ~ Tuesday, Dec. 20th

Don't forget...every First and Third Tuesday of the month is Catechism Class. After Benediction, in the Lunchroom. All are welcome!

Early Bulletin Transmittal Dates

The December 25th Bulletin -- Announcements will need to be in the Parish office by Dec 19th
The January 1st Bulletin -- Announcements will need to be in the Parish office by Dec 20th.

Thank you!



Features:

From The Desk of:

Mrs. Mary Ann Kauffman, Principal

The SAM Seniors enjoyed the singing of our 3rd and 4th graders. The happy faces of our seniors did much to inspire cheerful song from our students. I think both groups loved the experience.



Our primary students also brought cheer to their parents and many of their relatives. We had reindeer, a horse and many candles at this year's Christmas concert!! The students brought home to all of us, the reason for this season is Jesus. At the end of our program we had a live nativity scene and this inspired all of us to remember Jesus and His great love for us!!



Our students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are busy about their studies. They have semester exams to keep themselves occupied until the 20th of this month. It is great to see the students meet the challenges set before them and to succeed. This is an important lesson for them to learn early in their life. Hard work will bring about success. Praying to the Holy Spirit might help bring forth knowledge you have studied but the Holy Spirit cannot work miracles.

Advent is coming to an end! Please keep us in your prayers to keep our Advent practices. "We are all innkeepers asking ourselves if we have room in our hearts for Christ." Each day at prayer I ask the students to think of a child their age that might not have a warm coat, home or enough food and pray for them. That child they are praying for is their spiritual adopted friend. We must always remember the abundance God has showered on us!

God is Good!

Sunday Collection - December 11, 2016

Sunday Offering	\$14,333
Weekly Budget	\$13,019
Weekly Over/Under	+ \$ 1,314
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$ 5,609

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Todd Hertling, Joshua Stremiau, Bradley Stremiau, 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.

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The members of the S.A.M. St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to wish all of our parishioners a very Merry Christmas! There was a wonderful response to the Advent Giving Tree and for the November Food Drive. We are very grateful for your generosity!!

Features:

The St. Patrick's Center in St. Louis 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!

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, shopping time and about 2 hours in the kitchen, is all it takes! Simple Recipes are provided in the Lunchroom, or call Paddy Vytlacil



A chicken noodle casserole one month and a spaghetti casserole the next is our assignment. Casseroles are preferably made in advance and frozen. Disposable pans are provided each month. If you cannot make a casserole for every date assigned, that's OK.....Any casseroles you can contribute is appreciated! If you have any questions, please call Paddy Vytlacil at 355-5897.

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

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. Thank you for your commitment during the past year.

2017 March for Life – Washington, DC

If you are interested in attending the 44th Annual National March for Life, here is one option for you! The organization Missouri Right to Life sponsors the Missouri Life Caravan. The buses leave at 7:00 am on Thursday, January 26, from the Clocktower parking lot (at 270 and West Florissant) and returns on Saturday, January 28, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. The March takes place on Friday, January 27. The cost is \$190 per person and does not include meals (there is no overnight hotel stay). Registration forms with much more information are available in the church lobby as well as the Parish Office.

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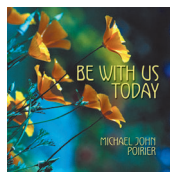
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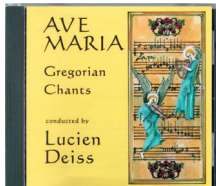
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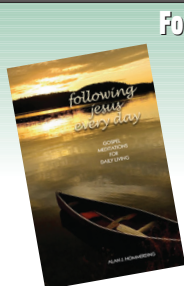
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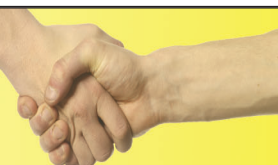
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