

# ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 13, 2020  
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOY

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**Pastor**  
**Msgr. Matthew Mitas, ext. 102**

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**Rev. Mr. Joseph Kroutil**

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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.**

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**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](mailto:brindley@stangelam.org).

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 14

8:00 am - Joseph Mullaney

### Tuesday, December 15

8:00 am - Frederick Haydon

### Wednesday, December 16

8:00 am - Departed Farace Family Members

### Thursday, December 17

8:00 am - Arthur & Evelyn Vietmeier

### Friday, December 18

8:00 am - Philip Witte

### Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm - Robert Harlog

### Sunday, December 20

7:30 am - David Keeven

9:30 am - June Marie Steinmetz

11:30 am - People of the Parish

## MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 19 & 20

### 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 - Claudia Bidleman

7:30 am - Geoffrey Bullock

9:30 am - Laura Vietmeier

11:30 am - Linda McManus

### 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 19 & 20

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 29, 2020

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,642
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,980
Weekly Over/Under	- \$ 3,338
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$ 36,074

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

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

### **GAUDETE SEMPER IN DOMINO! (THE ROSE-COLORED SUNDAY)**

Both of the Church's penitential seasons (Advent & Lent) have a rose-colored Sunday strategically placed right after the half-way point of the season. By that I mean that the priest wears a rose-colored vestment to express modified rejoicing that the penitential season is more than half over, and the big feast, in anticipation of whose celebration we've been doing penance, is near at hand. And so on this Third Sunday of Advent (known traditionally as *Gaudete Sunday*), as we light the rose candle on the wreath, we do a little cork-popping and rejoice in a modified way that the Messiah's coming is nigh!

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES; RESERVATIONS?**

Historically, the most crowded Mass at any parish in the course of a year is the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. It has always been the most popular and best-attended one at every parish at which I've ever served in the 42 years I've been a priest *by far*, and our parish is no exception. Even though this is a most abnormal year, I still anticipate the 5:00PM Mass on Dec. 24 to be the best attended, but I don't know to what extent. I've had a lot of people come up to me and tell me that such-and-such parish is taking *reservations* for that Mass, thus limiting (and controlling) the size of the crowds. Making calculations based on my seven years here at St. Angela and the Mass-attendance trend of the past eight months, I don't see a need to do that here. But I might be wrong! All I can say is that if you really want to attend that Mass, get here early. If we need to, we can overflow into the vestibule and lunchroom (it's not the Heavenly Jerusalem of liturgical practice, but we've already made some weird accommodations already this year). Or else, if you arrive late and are worried about the size of the crowd, just leave and come back for the 10:00PM Mass (or one of the Christmas morning Masses).

### **VESPERS**

I have been greatly edified by the great spirit shown at the Sunday Vespers. We're offering this beautiful service again this evening. Be there (7:00PM, in church)!

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS (PART II)**

Last week I wrote in this space that we plan on doing our usual, bang-up, over-the-top decorating of our parish church for Christmas, asking your support and preparing you for a big thrill. I have just learned of *some* of what they have planned. I don't want to spoil the surprise, so I'll just say this: bring your cameras!

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

The Gospel lesson for the Vigil Mass of Christmas is the genealogy of Jesus from St. Matthew's Gospel. There are a total of 47 names listed there (42 men, 5 women). See how much you know of Jesus' human origins by testing your knowledge of His human forebears:

1. Name two of the women mentioned in Jesus' ancestry.
2. Where does St. Matthew begin Jesus' earthly history; what is the first name mentioned?
3. Who is the last of Jesus' ancestors to be named?
4. Who is the king in this genealogy who establishes Jesus' royal character?
5. What is the most compelling thing about the five women mentioned?
6. Two of Jesus' ancestors had their names changed by God; name them.
7. One of them built a famous tunnel as a water conduit to fill the Pool of Siloam; who?





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8. Which of them had a reputation for profound wisdom?

9. Who are the three Patriarchs named among Jesus' ancestors?

10. Which of them was almost killed by his own father as a human sacrifice?

**ANSWERS:** 1. *Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary* 2. *Abraham* 3. *Joseph* 4. *David* 5. *They all conceived their sons under highly unusual circumstances* 6. *Abram (Abraham) and Jacob (Israel)* 7. *King Hezekiah* 8. *King Solomon* 9. *Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob* 10. *Isaac*

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

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

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

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

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

### QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“God is not an uncle. God is not nice. God is an earthquake.” - *Rabbi Abraham Heschel (in response to a student who told him how nice it must be to live amid “the comforts of religion”)*

“You don’t just ‘respect’ God. You ‘respect’ the value of money, or the power of an internal combustion engine, or the conventions of politeness, or a handicap. You smile politely and take account of it. Only a fool does that to God. Refusal to fall flat on your face proves that the god you have met simply is not the real God.” - *Prof. Peter Kreeft*

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**HYPENEMIOUS:** (*adj.*) full of wind; windy, as in: “*There are WAY too many hypenemious talking heads out there today!*”

### 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:

### 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!

### 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 vestibule of church 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!

### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Announcements for the December 27<sup>th</sup> bulletin are due by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Announcements for the January 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin are due by December 21<sup>st</sup>.



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 the Parish Office at 838-6565.



## Features:

### IMPORTANT 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](http://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.

### ONLINE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM PAULINE BOOKS

Give the gift of hope this Christmas! Visit the Daughters of St Paul/ Pauline Books & Media's online Advent and Christmas Gift Guide at their webstore: <https://paulinestore.com/christmasgifts>. Here you will find that gift and also support the sisters in their important mission of evangelization. Or visit the Sisters locally at **Pauline Books and Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood or call 314-965-3512.**

### 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(1g/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](mailto:brindley@stangelam.org).

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- Honey carrots
- Roll and butter
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- In Microwave containers

Please sign-up for the dinner in the lunchroom or call the Parish Office at 838-6565.

You can pick-up your delicious Christmas meal on Wednesday, December 23, from 3PM to 5PM in our lunchroom. The cost is \$10 per dinner. **All orders are due no later than 9:00am on Tuesday, December 22nd.**





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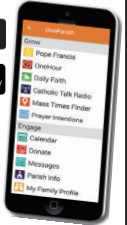
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