

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 26, 2021
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



PARISH OFFICE, 838-6565
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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 27

8:00 am - Jane Buchholz

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 am - Steve Scherer (Spec. Int.)

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 am - James Welsh

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am - Jeanne Croteau

Friday, December 31

8:00 am - Norma Harris

Saturday, January 1

8:00 am - Marilyn Mitaš

5:00 pm - Kenneth Schmidt

Sunday, January 2

7:30 am - Anna Gonzales

9:30 am - Poor Souls in Purgatory

11:30 am - People of the Parish

MASS STIPENDS If you would like to request a special Mass intention in thanksgiving or remembrance of a loved one at an upcoming Mass, please contact the parish office at 314-838-6565 for assistance or help with any questions.

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 1 & 2

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 - Matt Adams

7:30 am - Thomas Trost

9:30 am - Mary Ann Kauffman

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

Sunday Collection - December 12, 2021

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,598
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,782
Weekly Over/Under	- \$ 3,184
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$ 33,544

Donut Social for the weekend of January 2nd will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Stop by the lunchroom and enjoy great company, coffee, OJ, milk and donuts after all the masses on Sunday.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH When You Shop on Amazon, be sure to use the www.amazon.com link and choose St Angela Merici Church as your charity. Our parish does receive donations from this activity, and every little bit helps.



From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Because of Christmas' falling on a Saturday this year, this is my earliest occasion to wish you all a blessed feast and season of the Savior's Nativity. I especially wish you a blessed...

...FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Today is that feast day, and it comes as a great blessing for God's people. It's sad to see the sacred institution of the family, established by God Himself to be the instrument through which we would all come to know Him by witnessing His love in action in the committed love of mom and dad, so horribly marginalized and blemished. Original sin gave us the "sexual revolution" as one of its unholy excrescences, and it has all been made worse by silly government programs that subsidize the bad behaviors that lead to illegitimacy, and then punish those who had acted badly if they should try to behave responsibly. It needs to be made quite clear that the "marriage act" by which husband and wife express their committed love for one another and work with God to create new life, is for marriage. Frankly, we need the example of the Holy Family, celebrated on this blessed day, to teach us that the Domestic Church (i.e., the Catholic Home) is a holy thing and is to be, like every other holy thing, cherished and defended.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Normally, when New Year's falls on a Tuesday through Friday, this would be a holy day of obligation. This year, however, since the feast falls on Saturday, it is not. Nevertheless, we will still offer Mass at 8:00AM on next Saturday, Jan. 1. There will be no evening Mass on New Year's Eve and we will not have the St. Joseph Radio speaker on Saturday. We *will*, however, have Mass at 5:00PM on New Year's Day, as usual.

AD ORIENTEM

Just like last year, the Christmas decorations for this year have filled the sanctuary to such a degree that I am obliged to offer Mass *ad orientem*, i.e., facing the same way as you. Believe it or not, this is the normal and presumed way that Mass is supposed to be celebrated. It's not that I'm "turning my back on you" (with all of its nasty connotations), rather I'm joining you in facing toward the east, i.e., toward the natural symbol of the Risen Christ, i.e., the Rising Sun. If you were to look closely at the instructions that are given to the celebrant in the Roman Missal (the big book of Mass prayers), in many cases it says: "*turning toward the people*, the priest says..." Now ask yourself; why should he "turn toward the people" is he's already facing them? The Missal assumes that he's not. If you don't care for this, be still and of good cheer; when the decorations are gone, we'll be back to what has become the "normal" way.

...AND SPEAKING OF THE DECORATIONS...

...our crew has outdone itself again! God bless them! We thank them with all our hearts. (And watch for another puzzle with the montage of pictures of our beautifully decorated church!)

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Don't forget our festival of the old, familiar Christmas Carols this afternoon (Sunday) at 1:00PM. It shouldn't last longer than an hour. I'll introduce each carol (the stories behind many of them are fascinating!) and then we'll sing, and when it's all over, we'll gather in the lunchroom for treats! What a way to spend a day with the Holy Family! Bring yours!

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

Last week's quiz was on Christmas, let's make this one on New Year's:

1. Did the new year always begin on Jan. 1?
2. What feast do we celebrate on New Year's Day in the Catholic Church?
3. When most of us were growing up, Jan. 1 had a different celebration...what?
4. There's an alternate celebration in Church which is optional for Jan. 1...what?
5. Why is the first of January considered suitable for the beginning of the year?





Features:

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6. Why was March considered suitable for the beginning of the year?
7. Are there any other saints whose feast is Jan. 1?
8. Which of the following is *not* a traditional way of celebrating New Year in some places: parades, boxing matches, dart championships, “polar bear plunges”, horse races
9. Since “December” means “10th month”, why do we call our 12th month that?
10. Whence does the word “calendar” derive?

ANSWERS: 1. No; the old Julian Calendar made it Mar. 1 and many places retained that, while other places made it Dec. 25 (for Jesus), Mar. 25 (for Mary), or on Easter 2. The Divine Maternity of Mary (ecclesiastical Mother’s Day) 3. The Circumcision of Our Lord 4. World Day of Peace 5. Because it’s named for the pagan god Janus, who had two faces; one looking backward and one forward. It seemed a good symbol of starting a new year and leaving the old one behind 6. Because it’s springtime and the earth is coming back to life and being reborn 7. Yes, quite a few, actually, the most prominent one being St. Odo (or “Odilo”), the 11th c. abbot of Cluny, who gave us the feast of All Souls’ Day 8. Boxing matches 9. Because when the year began in March, December was the tenth month 10. From the Latin word kalendae or calendae, which was the name the Romans gave to the first day of every month

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. 20, Mon.: RCIA, 4:30pm Parish Meeting Room

Dec. 26, Sun.: Festival of Carols, 1:00PM, in church (treats to follow)

Dec. 27, Mon.: NO RCIA (Christmas break)

Dec. 27, Mon.: Men’s Club Christmas party at Cugino’s, 5:00-7:00PM. The food will be provided, just offer \$5 for tips.

Jan. 1, Sat.: First Saturday Mass at 8:00AM/no St. Joseph Radio speaker/Mass for the feast of the Epiphany at 5:00PM

Jan. 4, Tues.: Catechism Class, Parish Meeting Room, after 7:00PM Devotions

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.” - *Thomas Jefferson*

“The first step toward getting somewhere is to decide that you’re not going to stay where you are.” *J. P. Morgan*

“Ring out the old, ring in the new; ring, happy bells, across the snow: the year is going, let him go; ring out the false, ring in the true.” - *Alfred Lord Tennyson*

WORD OF THE WEEK

MAMMOTHREPT (*n.*) a spoiled child, as in: “*We sincerely hope that the newborn New Year, 2022, is no mammothrept!*”

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Rachael Lawson, Jeff Gauthier, Rosemary Licato, Augustine Porter, Billie Lawson, Kristine Lawson, Neil MacKenzie, Margaret Kluge, Laurie Kauffman, Carl Kling, Sr., Trisha Looney, Jerome Rueckert, Brian Bennett, William Buchholz, Debbie Vietmeier, Gloria Wasser, John Beyatte, Joe Knese, Donna Ahrens, Paula Gamel, Katie Sanders, Jim McMullen, Pat Brennan, Patty Holschen, Jude Pauli, June Hildebrand, John Keeven, Florence Coyne, John Thummel, Margaret Nolte, Zachery Davisson, Rita Sommer, Bill Moon, Spencer Broyles, Vivian Easley, Deborah Corcoran, Tim Scott, Tom George, Marge Dubray, Bob Gremminger, Helen Conlon, Karen Hill, Bob Holschen, Leona Alligood, Keenan Prentice, Janet Stubits, Dennis Russell, Richard John Landgraf, Vince Perrot, Agnes (Babe) Dreyer, Sally Caruso, Grace Fleming, Steve Scherer, Tom Karanzieff and Brian Perry.

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, Craig Richardson, Matthew Moorman, Dylan Krause, Tyler Krause, Jacob Graham and Joshua Graham



Features:



SAVE THE DATE

for the start of

St. Angela Merici Parish

60th Anniversary.

Thursday, January 27th

we will celebrate her feast

day with a dinner.

THE ST. FERDINAND MEN'S CLUB is sponsoring a fund raiser with all proceeds benefiting the St. Vincent DePaul (SVdP) Society. The fundraiser is to the Italian Feast that will be held at the elegant Duchesne Banquet Room at St. Ferdinand, on a Sunday afternoon in January (exact date TBD). The winner of the raffle gets to invite nine friends to a superb dinner featuring Italian cuisine prepared and served under the direction of St. Ferdinand Master Chef Don Costello. You may enter the drawing by calling Debbie Henderson at 314-258-4112, with your name, phone number and money (\$10 per entry to the drawing). Make checks payable to St. Ferdinand CCM. Take a chance on a meal of a lifetime! Know that even if you don't win, you will be helping your neighbors in our community. The winner of the feast will be drawn by January 10. The menu planned at this time will include the following courses: Charcuterie platter for 10, Italian Wedding Soup, Italian Garden Salad, Chicken Costello, Beef Spiedini, Veggies, and Gnocchi with light tomato basil sauce, Mini Cannoli and Mini Tiramisu, Italian Bread, fine Vino, and Iced Tea will be served during the meal



This Week in our Parish:

Monday, December 27

No RCIA Class

7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 28

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am - Exercise Class in GYM

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Basement

Thursday, December 30

Friday, December 31

NO EXERCISE CLASS TODAY

Saturday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday, January 2

Sunday Masses



Congratulations to Chuck Lawless for winning this beautiful quilt at the Mexican Dinner on December 11th.

CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of the S.A.M. 150 CLUB drawing is Ken & Terri Schmalbeck
Congratulations on winning \$250!

It's not too late to join!
YOU could be the next winner!

AND Please save the date!!
S.A.M. 150 Club Dinner Dance Is May 14th.



Features:

"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come."
-2 Corinthians 5:17



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BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION DRIVE 2021

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 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!

Happy New Year!

S.A.M. Seniors

Meeting & Luncheon

January 10th, 11:30 am



What better way to welcome in "2022" than to have Mostaccioli, Garlic Bread, Salad and

Dessert. *By: Krause Katering*

AND

For your entertainment, you can try your luck playing BINGO!



Cost is \$10.00. Payment must be received by Tuesday, January 4th. You can put it in the collection basket, parish office or the black mail box.



St. Angela Men's Club will be selling Official 2022 St. Louis Cardinals calendars in the lunchroom.

Please stop by

and purchase your calendar. The cost of the calendar is \$16.00.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 3rd, due to the New Years Holiday. We will be back to work on Tuesday, January 4th at 8:00am. All of us would like to wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.



Features:



Christmas Caroling

Join us for a Christmas Carol Sing-Along as we
celebrate the birth of our Newborn King and
the Feast of the Holy Family.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 26, 2021

1:00 PM

WE WILL HAVE TREATS TO FOLLOW

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