

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

January 3, 2021
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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, January 4

8:00 am - Tom & Elnora Tooley

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am - Frederick Hayden

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am - Marge Kenney

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am - Souls of Andrew, Antionette & Robert Prosser

Friday, January 8

8:00 am - Philip Witte

Saturday, January 9

5:00 pm - Rosemary Petruso

Sunday, January 10

7:30 am - People of the Parish
 9:30 am - June Marie Steinmetz
 11:30 am - Philip Witte

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 9 & 10

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 - Crystalyn Talavera
 7:30 am - Don Krause
 9:30 am - John Fallah
 11:30 am - Julie Ratermann

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 - JANUARY 9 & 10

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 - December 20, 2020

Sunday Offering	\$ 10,042
Weekly Budget	\$ 11,980
Weekly Over/Under	- \$ 1,938
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$ 35,529

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From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

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

2020, ADIEU (AND GOOD RIDDANCE!)

I have never been so gratified to see the back of a single year as this last one! It stunk! Will 2021 be any better? Well, we certainly hope so. I'm all in favor of getting back to normal (i.e., the way things were at this exact same date last year) as soon as possible. I think that's what our city, nation, and world desperately needs. As I write this in the middle of December, the various vaccines are being administered, with our fondest hopes that they will be effective. For us here at St. Angela's, I can only reiterate how much I appreciate your ongoing support of your parish and to affirm, once again, how much we need you. We will be here for you; please continue to be strong for us!

THE EPIPHANY

It's a short Christmas season this year with today being the feast of the Magi. If you can, bless your doors with this simple, traditional formulary: (starting at the top of the door) mark (with chalk) a "20", then below it a cross, then below that a "C", then below that another cross, and below that a "B", then below that another cross, and below that an "M" (either for "*Christus Mansem Benedicat* [may Christ bless this house]" or "Casper, Balthassar, & Melchior [the three Magi]), then below that another cross, and then a "21". Do that and your home will be truly blessed!

THE FEAST OF ST. ANGELA MERICI...

...is, of course, later this month (on the 27th), and we have traditionally celebrated it with our big Italian dinner. I would very much like to do something like that again, but I don't know what the restrictions will be. Nevertheless, save the date (Wednesday, Jan. 27), and we'll try to work out some kind of get-together in the Buckley-Montine Center to honor our patron saint with a banquet of foods that she (and we) would enjoy!

WHAT ARE THOSE WOOD SQUARES ON THE WALL?

I've been asked that a lot since the start of Advent, and this is my first opportunity to answer it publicly. Those wood panels were custom-fit for our parish to cover the HVAC vents that blow heat and air-conditioning across the sanctuary. The problem is that the force with which they exhale causes our Advent Wreath to spin and the Easter candle to melt. These new panels diffuse the intensity of the wind, so that those problems are assuaged. Right now, we only plan on using them during Advent and Easter. If we can find some kind of religious symbol to put on them and enhance them (thus enriching the church's décor), we will go with it, but their main purpose is merely functional, and they seem to be doing the job!

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

With the new year now upon us, let's make this one about our customs that pertain to the transition from one year to the next:

1. Name the 3 different things the Church has celebrated on Jan. 1 in the past 60 years.
2. George Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732, but if you had been there at his birth, the calendar would have told you that it was Feb. 11, 1731. Why the difference?
3. According to *Atlas Obscura*, what should you do at the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31?
4. What is a "Peppermint Pig"?
5. What is "Hoppin' John"?
6. What do the Danish do to banish evil spirits on Jan. 1?
7. What is "Hogmanay"?
8. Why do the Greeks put onions on their doors on Jan. 1?





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9. What do the Estonians do on New Year's?

10. Who wrote the poem "Auld Lang Syne" and what does it mean?

ANSWERS: 1. *The Divine Maternity of Mary, the Circumcision of Jesus, the World Day of Peace* 2. *The British refused to recognize the Gregorian calendar that we all use today (because it was decreed by a pope), so their Julian calendar was 11 days off, and in those days, the New Year didn't start until March!* 3. *Eat a grape at each of the twelve chimes of the clock (for good luck, of course!)* 4. *A candy pig that is smashed with a candy-sized hammer, and whose broken-off pieces are eaten for luck* 5. *A dish of pork, rice, black-eyed peas, collard greens (that look like money), and cornbread (that looks like gold), eaten on Jan. 1 to ensure prosperity* 6. *They break dishes* 7. *The Scottish custom whereby the first to cross the threshold of a residence in the new year must present a gift* 8. *To symbolize the rebirth of a new year, of course! (Then they go around to their children's beds and wake them up by bopping them on the head with the onion)* 9. *They eat seven meals, because seven is a lucky number and dining seven times ensures plenty of food all through the new year* 10. *Scottish poet Robert Burns, and it means "old long ago"*

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

Jan. 4, 11, & 18, Mon.: RCIA for Catholics (all welcome), 6:30PM in the Parish Mtg. Rm.

Jan. 5 & 19, Tue.: Catechism Class (in church), after Perpetual Help Devotions

(tentative): Men's Club Christmas gathering (some Monday in January)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognize that we are dealing with murder." - *Pope St. John Paul II*

WORD OF THE WEEK

PHRONTISTRY: (*n.*) A thinking place, a place for reflection and intellectual stimulation, as in: "A university is, by its very definition, a phrontistery, where every idea can be given its due consideration." (Yeah, right! Just try to bring up traditional thinking on any campus today!)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

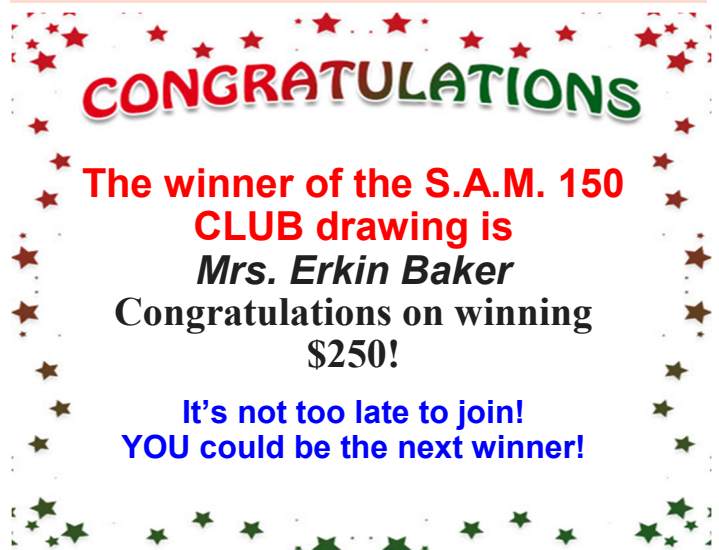
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PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE NEED TO ADD OR REMOVE ANYONE FROM THE ABOVE SO AS TO KEEP OUR SICK LIST CURRENT. THANK YOU!

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.





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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 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!



PROJECT JOSEPH SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP

This is for any man who has been wounded by an abortion experience and is seeking healing. The group meets on the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is on Monday January 4, 2021, 7PM. Contact 314-792-7565 or pro-life@archstl.org.



THE LADIES CLUB would like to thank everyone who donated to the nursing home collection. You made the residents Christmas a little brighter.

EUCCHARISTIC 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", which is 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.



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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 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.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number : _____

E-mail: _____



ALTAR LINEN CLEANING

We are in need of someone to help out our group of ladies that take care of

the Altar Linens. You would only have to do it once a month. Please contact the parish office at 314-838-6565, if you would like to help, just leave your name and phone number, so that someone can get back with you. Thanks so much for considering to help.



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CHICKEN CASSE-ROLES

are due by January 7th.. Casseroles must be at Church by 10 am. We appreciate new contributors to



the program and if you call Paddy Vytlacil at 355 5897, she will be happy to share the super-easy recipe.



ST. ANGELA MERICI ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

The Altar Society is in need of a few volunteers to assist with keeping our Church clean. Total commitment is only 8 hours over the course of the year. Interested in joining our *Cleaning Angels*? Please call the Parish office at 314-838-6565. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.



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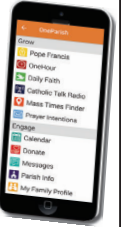
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