

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 12, 2021
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOY

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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 13

8:00 am - Jane Buchholz

Tuesday, December 14

8:00 am - Joseph James Kroutil

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 am - Rose Mary Licato (Spec. Int.)

Thursday, December 16

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

Friday, December 17

8:00 am - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 18

5:00 pm - Kenneth Schmidt

Sunday, December 19

7:30 am - Robert (Bob) Happe

9:30 am - Carl Herbergs

11:30 am - People of the Parish

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 18 & 19

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 - Thomas Trost

9:30 am - Kathleen Russell

11:30 am - Charles Danganan

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 - November 28, 2021

Sunday Offering	\$10,011
Weekly Budget	\$11,782
Weekly Over/Under	- \$ 1,771
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$33,507

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the December 26th bulletin are **due by December 13th**
 Articles for the January 2, 2022 bulletin are **due by December 20th.**

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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!

“Rejoice in the Lord, always!” So begins our Mass on this rose-colored Sunday, with the words that are also found in our second reading today. The Blessed Apostle calls us to rejoice, and we can, because the penitential season of Advent is more than half-over. The rose color is symbolic of the hybrid of emotions we feel today: joy (symbolized by the color white) and sorrow (symbolized by the color purple). Put the two colors together and it comes out rose.

ADVENT VESPERS...

...continue again this evening at 7:00PM. The level of participation has been extremely high, and the contribution of our choirs has been tremendous! This is something that is just so transcendently traditional that everybody loves it, and its easy to see why. Come and take part!

THE SAINTS OF ADVENT

Tomorrow we will celebrate one of the most significant saints of the Advent season, St. Lucy. Her very name is Latin for “light” and her feast falls on just about the darkest day of the year. She was a martyr of the third/fourth c., but the customs that have arisen for her feast have been a great blessing of the Advent season and contribute to the spirit of this time of preparation. Among the Germanic peoples, the practice developed whereby the family will put candles in the windows of their home on the eve of her feast to light the way for the Holy Family to Bethlehem. It’s also customary that the eldest daughter should get up extra early, don a special head piece replete with burning candles, and serve pastries to the rest of the family. Both are wonderful traditions (just be careful with the candles!). On the next day, we celebrate the feast of St. John of the Cross, who is probably the greatest prayer (as in pray-er, “one who prays”) in the history of the Catholic Church. After that, there really aren’t any great saints’ feasts, as the focus shifts more to the birth of Christ.

LUNCH WITH STAFF

I’m putting the invitation out again: come have lunch with us! Our parish staff and I gather for lunch every day, Monday through Thursday, at noon, and we’d love to have you join us! Many already have, and it’s been delightful for all. Just call me and we’ll pick a day!

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

I’ll be celebrating this great sacrament of reconciliation this week (in addition to the usual Saturday 4:00-4:45PM) on Tuesday (6:30-7:00PM) and Thursday (6:00-6:30PM). In both cases, I will hear until the last are heard.

MOVIE NIGHT

Don’t forget that our Catholic Family Movie Night series continues this week with the star-studded “The Fourth Wise Man”, at 7:00PM this Friday in our lunchroom. Free admittance, pop, and popcorn...how can you lose?

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

Let’s turn to the old Baltimore Catechism again and see how well you’ve retained the tenets of our Catholic faith:

1. Does the use of sacramentals (e.g., medals & holy pictures) protect us from evil spirits?
2. Through the use of sacramentals is it possible to gain healing?
3. Can the use of sacramentals gain favors from God?
4. Name the three kinds of sacramentals.
5. What’s the difference between a sacrament and a sacramental?
6. Which of the following is not a sacramental: a Catholic church building, the ceremonies of Benediction, a scapular, ashes (on Ash Wednesday)





Features:

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7. Should a Catholic, upon receiving a new rosary, medal, etc. have it blessed by a priest?
8. What is a relic?
9. How many classes of relics are there and what are they?
10. Can relics convey healing power?

ANSWERS: 1. Yes 2. Yes 3. Yes 4. Blessings given by priests, exorcisms, and blessed objects of devotion 5. A sacramental is only a symbol of something holy, whereas a sacrament actually is and communicates the presence of Christ 6. They are all sacramentals 7. Of course 8. Any object or body part that belonged to or is associated with anyone regarded by the Church as venerable while he was on earth 9. Three: 1st class - the body or any part of the body of a saint, 2nd class - any personal item of a saint, e.g., clothing, a book, a chair, 3rd class - anything touched to a 1st or 2nd class relic 10. Yes (see Acts 19: 11f)

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. 12, & 19, Sun.: Advent Vespers! (7:00PM)

Dec. 13, Mon.: RCIA, 4:30pm Parish Meeting Room

Dec. 13, Mon.: St. Angela Merici Seniors' Meeting & luncheon, lunchroom, 11:30AM

Dec. 14, Tue: Confessions, 6:30-7:00PM (or until last heard)

Dec. 15, Thu. Confessions, 6:00-6:30PM (or until last heard)

Dec. 17, Fri.: Catholic Family Movie Night. 7:00PM, in the lunchroom. Feature film: "The Fourth Wise Man", with an all-star cast (free pop and popcorn, of course!)

Dec. 21, Tue.: Catechism Class, Parish Meeting Room, after the 7:00PM Devotions

Dec. 24, Fri: Christmas Mass at 5:00 & 10:00PM

Dec. 25, Sat.: Christmas Mass at 8:00 & 10:00AM (no evening Mass)

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

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God Made Man."
- *Pope Francis*

"A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes - and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside - is not a bad picture of Advent." - *Pope Benedict XVI*

"One who hopes lives differently." - *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

WORD OF THE WEEK

GAWDELPLUS (*n.*) a helpless person, as in: *Who ever thought we'd have a gawdelpus in charge of the country?'*

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 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:



MOVIE NIGHT AT S.A.M

Please join us on Friday, December 17th at 7:00 PM in the lunchroom for the showing of **The Fourth Wise**

Man. Staring Martin Sheen, Alan Arkin, Eileen Brennan and Ralph Bellamy, this movie is based on Henry van Dyke's classic, "The Story of the Other Wise Man", a fictional story set in Biblical times of a Magi, Artaban, who studies the prophecies and witnesses a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss him at every turn, using the gifts that he brought for the Messiah to help people in dire need. With no gifts left, Artaban finally encounters Jesus on Easter Sunday, bringing him peace in his final moments of life.



Popcorn and soda will be provided—See you on Friday night.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN BABY— FOURTH MONTH

Your spiritually adopted baby's mother can finally feel the movements of her baby within her womb. By the time this fourth month is over your baby will be 6 inches long. His tiny heart has been beating since he was 21 days old. Now this strong little heart pumps 6 gallons of blood every day (picture 6 milk cartons—your baby's heart is a pumping miracle! Your baby is becoming stronger and he likes to turn somersaults. Your baby has lots of nice skin but not much fat to fill it out so he looks a little wrinkly. His skin is covered with vernix, a thick white cream which protects his skin from the salty amniotic fluid. Your baby's face is becoming prettier and he begins to resemble his parents.

This Week in our Parish:

Monday, December 13

11:30 am - Senior Luncheon in Lunchroom
4:30 pm - RCIA in meeting room

Tuesday, December 14

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am - Exercise Class in GYM

Wednesday, December 15

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Basement

Thursday, December 16

1:00 pm- Ladies K of C Auxiliary in Meeting Room

Friday, December 17

9:00 am - Exercise Class in GYM

Saturday, December 18

9:00 am - Ladies Crafting in Lunchroom

Sunday, December 20

Sunday Masses



Stop by the Gift Card table in the lunchroom and support the parish and do your shopping the easy way!

If you do not see a gift card that you need, ask and we might be able to order it for you. Thanks for shopping at St. Angela Merici!!



Features:

STS. PETER AND PAUL'S MEAL PRO-

GRAM located at 816 Allen Ave has two open dates in December available to prepare and serve the less fortunate a warm meal. The dates available are Thursday, December 16th and Sunday, December 19th. A group of at least 10 is needed. Please contact Rachel Schoenberger at 314-231-9923 or office@stspeterandpaulstl.org for more information.



CHICKEN CASSEROLES are due by December 14th. Casseroles must be at Church by 10:00 am. We are always happy to accept new contributors to the program and if you call Paddy Vytlacil at 355 5897, she will be happy to share the super-easy recipe.



THE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree is here in the Church vestibule. You have the opportunity to choose an ornament and help a Neighbor in Need during Advent. Please return your gift unwrapped with the ornament attached and place under the Giving Tree. We are helping Most Holy Trinity and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Bank this Advent. The items they desperately need are on our Giving Tree. There is a secure box for the gift cards. We need the gifts returned by December 19th unwrapped. Thanks!

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO FOOD DRIVE IN DECEMBER. THANKS!



An interactive lesson on some of the saints with samples of some related alcoholic beverages!

St. Ann Church-Normandy Parish Center

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Thursday 12/16 7 PM

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Christmas 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I send my warmest and most sincere greetings at this holy time of the year to all of you, and to all your families and loved ones!

This past year has been a challenging time for everyone. It has also been a year of great grace. We have witnessed the love and concern of people for one another. So many have been willing to make tremendous sacrifices to keep people safe, and try and curb this global health crisis. We have much to be grateful for as we move a step closer to the end of the pandemic. Now is the time for Catholics to step forward, giving generously to help those in need.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood, and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2,000 years ago to future generations.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. How wonderful it is to have the faithful back in church to celebrate Christ's birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

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