

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 11, 2022
saintangelamerici.org

3860 N. Hwy 67
Florissant, MO 63034



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOY

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 12
 8:00 am - Souls of Andrew, Antionette and Robert Prosser

Tuesday, December 13
 8:00 am - Dorothy Bunevac (Spec. Int.)

Wednesday, December 14
 8:00 am - Joseph James Kroutil

Thursday, December 15
 8:00 am - Mike Taylor

Friday, December 16
 8:00 am - Priest Intention

Saturday, December 17
 5:00 pm - Helen Conlon

Sunday, December 18
 7:30 am - Robert (Bob) Happe
 9:30 am - Carl Herbergs
 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

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 17TH & 18TH

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 - George Bidleman
 7:30 am - Theresa Watson
 9:30 am - Laura Vietmeier
 11:30 am - Jeanie McCrary

Sunday Collection - November 27, 2022

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,205
Weekly Budget	\$12,469
Weekly Over/Under	- \$ 6,264
Fiscal Year To Date	-\$ 63,541

Vespers

at *Saint Angela Merici Parish*

3860 North Highway 67 (Lindbergh Boulevard)

Sundays of Advent
 (December 11, & 18)
 Starting at 7:00pm

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin for weekend December 25th is due December 12th
 Bulletin for weekend January 1st is due December 19th.

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!

REJOICE! (...but not too much!)

This third Sunday of Advent, the rose-colored one, is a time for modified rejoicing. The tough, penitential season of Advent is now more than half-over and the goal of Christ's Birth is well in view (but we're still not there yet and there's work yet to be done). That makes it a time for modified rejoicing, which is expressed by the use of the color rose. And so the rose-colored candle is lit and every Catholic thereby knows that the Lord is near. (I appreciate all of you for humoring me and not calling it "pink"!)

ADVENT VESPERS

The third of the Evening Prayer (or "Vespers") for Advent will be celebrated this Sunday night at 7. There are still two more to go, and each one does wonders for establishing your sense of this holy season. Come and join us (even if you missed the first two!).

ADVENT IS A TIME FOR RECONCILIATION

There will be many extra times for the great sacrament of Confession all throughout the Advent season (in addition to the usual Confession time on Saturday afternoon from 4:00-4:45PM). This week, I'll be hearing confessions on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 6:30-7:00PM, and Thursday, Dec. 15 after the 8:00AM Mass and from 6:00-6:30PM.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY (UPDATE)

I heard back from our new travel agent and the numbers he's coming up with are significantly higher than expected. Apparently, a lot of people who couldn't travel previously are now able to and are filling up the hotels & airplanes. The places I was hoping to stay are all booked up for the timespan previously mentioned. So right now, he's working to come up with a time that is not the "high season" where the weather will not be quite as sunny (but it never gets all that terribly cold in Italy), but certainly manageable. I'll let you all know when I have something concrete.

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

This week's quiz will be another mangle-mangle of Catholic stuff (I liked last week's pretty well), but this one will have a decidedly Catholic-American theme. Identify, if you can:

1. The U.S. President who enrolled his daughter in a convent school in France, only to pull her out when she announced she wanted to become a nun!
2. The first First Lady of the U.S. to begin life as a Catholic and had a Catholic upbringing.
3. The first (and so far, only) Catholic wedding to take place in the White House.
4. The first baby baptized in the White House.
5. The former First Lady who shocked Washington by becoming Catholic several years after she left the White House.
6. The legendary train engineer, a convert to The Faith, who saved the people on his train in a fatal wreck, but surrendered his own life in the process.
7. The convert to The Faith whose stirring rendition of "God Bless America" still rouses many teams to victory when played before the match.
8. The former Catholic mission that became a fort and a mantra for Texas independence.
9. The Catholic feast day of "light and darkness" that gives us a folklore holiday for predicting spring's arrival.
10. The American entity on which the Catholic symbol of the all-seeing "Eye of Providence" is featured prominently.

ANSWERS: 1. Thomas Jefferson (and his daughter, Martha) 2. Louisa C. Adams (wife of John Quincy Adams) 3. The marriage of Mary Anne Lewis and Alphonse Pageot, arranged by President Andrew Jackson, Nov. 9, 1832





Features:

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4. *The child of the happy couple of question #3, just a year later.* 5. *Julia Gardiner Tyler, wife of President John Tyler* 6. *John Luther "Casey" Jones* 7. *Kate Smith* 8. *The Alamo* 9. *The Presentation of the Lord (aka, "Candlemas"), Feb. 2* 10. *The dollar bill (on the back)*

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 for seniors, from 9:00-10:00AM in the gym

Dec. 11 & 18, Sun.: Solemn Advent Vespers, 7:00PM, in church

Dec. 12, Mon.: SAM Seniors meeting & luncheon, 11:30AM, lunchroom

Dec. 13, Tue.: Confessions, 6:30-7:00PM

Dec. 15, Thu.: Confessions after the 8:00AM Mass and 6:00-6:30PM

Dec. 16, Fri.: Catholic Family Movie Night, featuring the classic "The Bells of St. Mary's", 7:00PM in the lunchroom, free pop & popcorn, of course!

Dec. 20, Tue.: Catechism Class, after the 7:00PM Devotions, in the Parish Meeting Room; all welcome!

Dec. 24 & 25, Sat. & Sun.: Christmas, Masses at 5:00 & 10:00PM (Sat.), and 8:00 & 10:00AM (Sun.)

Dec. 28, Wed.: Men's Club Christmas party at Sports Café (at the Rock Road & 270)

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"My religion makes me pro-abortion." - *"Jewish" journalist Danya Ruttenberg (Really?)*

"I don't think that you guys ask enough of your people." - *Popular psychologist Jordan Peterson, when asked about the Church's apparent failure to attract and retain the young*

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness." - *Pope Benedict XVI*

WORD OF THE WEEK

QUOMODCUNQUIZE (*v.,i.*) to make money in any way possible, as in: *"He was poor when he was elected into office, but now, after much quomodocunquizing, he's mega-rich." (Does that sound like anybody you know?)*

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, William Buchholz, Debbie Vietmeier, Gloria Wasser, John Beyatte, Joe Knese, Donna Ahrens, Katie Sanders, Jim McMullen, Pat Brennan, Patty Holschen, Jude Pauli, June Hildebrand, John Keeven, Florence Coyne, John Thummel, Rita Sommer, Bill Moon, Spencer Broyles, Vivian Easley, Deborah Corcoran, Tom George, Marge Dubray, Bob Holschen, Leona Alligood, Janet Stubits, Vince Perrot, Agnes (Babe) Dreyer, Sally Caruso, Steve Scherer, Tom Karanzieff, Janet Hughes, Vince Beseau, Alma Hankins, Christopher Dafflitto, Theresa Hamilton, Brian Perry, Jan Ostermeyer, Kathy Russell, Doris Hofer, Colleen Chronister, Tamara Shrader, Art Batson, Sharyn Buchholz, Lisa Williford, Joe O'Brien, Jonathan Louvall, Judy Eads, Tina McFadden, and Tina Hawkins .

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN:

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, Daniel Schmitz, Zachary Hofer, Jacob Graham, Michael Rose, Nicholas Hedlesky, Christopher Hedlesky and Maya Hedlesky.



Features:

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



OUR GIVING TREE

If you visit our Giving Tree, you will see red ornaments. The ornaments have young children's names with their ages and sex. We are asking that you purchase some clothing that will fit the child on your ornament plus some toy. Every child should receive a toy for Christmas.

On the back of the ornament are directions for wrapping. We are taking these presents to Holy Trinity in North St. Louis. Your generosity will bring many smiles to these children!

This Week in our Parish:

Monday, December 12

11:30 am - Senior Luncheon in the lunch-room

Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 am - Exercise Class in GYM

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, December 14

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Bsmt

Thursday, December 15

Friday, December 16

9:00 am - Exercise Class in GYM

Saturday, December 17

Sunday, December 18

7:00 pm - Vespers in Church

SVdP FOOD DRIVE AFTER ALL MASSES

BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION DRIVE

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, bottles, baby wash, and small winter sleepers and onesies - sizes preemie to 6 months. They could also use gift cards for groceries or to Target or Walmart so the mothers can purchase a car seat, formula, or put toward a crib.

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!



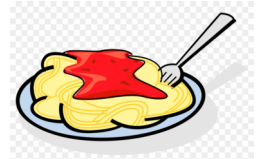
AN INVITATION FROM THE LADIES CLUB

The Ladies of the Parish invite you to enjoy a delicious homemade dessert after Vespers on Sunday, December 11, Gaudete Sunday. Come celebrate and rejoice with us as we mark with great joy the nearness of the birth of Jesus. Vespers are at 7:00 pm. See you then. Rejoice! The Lord's coming is near.!

COLD WEATHER SUPPLIES NEEDED.

Along with you Spaghetti Casseroles that are due on December 13th, St. Pats is asking for some winter socks,

gloves, coats, blankets, sleeping bags, snowsuits, tents, tarps, hand warmers, water resistant gloves, winter boots, to-go kleenex, and lip balm/vaseline. There will be a container in the entry to church to drop off your items for them. Thanks in advance for your help. Paddy will be delivering these items to them.





Features:

PRAYERFUL WITNESSING AT OUR LOCAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Please join some fellow parishioners in sharing our message of Life in front of the Planned Parenthood on Lindbergh in Surrey Plaza II. We will be present there from **3:00-4:00 pm** this **Wednesday, Dec. 14.**

Please help us to share the truth with our North County brothers and sisters. **If temperature is below 32 degrees, we will not witness.** For more information, please call Julie Ratermann (314-401-0047).



SAM Seniors Meeting
Monday, December 12th
At 11:30am

An early Merry Christmas to all Seniors of St. Angela Merici Parish
A FREE LUNCHEON

Menu: Sliced Roast Beef w/Gravy, Cranberry Chicken Breast, Pasta House Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Amaretto Carrots, Rolls, Butter and Dessert all this made for us by Krause Katering. Remember that this is a free luncheon only available to St. Angela Merici Seniors.

We will be doing our usual entertainment of playing the game left, right. So you will need to make sure that you bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift suitable for a woman or man.



Ok now is the most important part. Reservations. You need to leave your name & phone number at the parish office or place a note in the black mail box with that information on it. You need to make sure that your name is on the list no later than, Wednesday, December 7th.

Sorry, we can not accept any walk-ins on the day of the luncheon.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NORTH COUNTY DEANERY

Holy Name of Jesus welcomes parishioners from the North County Deanery to the below:

- Immaculate Conception Solemnity – Advent Guided Adoration – **Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

Sacred Heart welcomes parishioners from the North County Deanery to the below:

- Advent Confessions – **Saturday, December 10 & 18 at from 8:30 a.m. & 4:15 p.m. and Wednesday, December 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
- Advent Novena – **Friday, December 16 to Friday, December 23**

St. Martin de Porres welcomes parishioners from the North County Deanery to the below:

- Christmas Caroling Service – **Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.)**



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise

On our normal food drive weekend of December 17th/18th, we are not looking to collect any food!!! Instead, we would like to collect only paper products. We are looking for the following items: Paper towels, napkins, toilet paper and facial tissue. All of these items will be given to a food pantry in North St. Louis City. We would like to Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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Features:



MOVIE NIGHT AT S.A.M

Please join us Friday, December 16th, at 7:00 PM in the lunchroom for the showing of the movie *The Bells of St. Mary's*. Movie Description: At a big city Catholic school, Father O'Malley (Bing Crosby) and Sister Benedict (Ingrid Bergman) indulge in friendly rivalry and succeed in continuing the school, which was being considered for closure due to its run-down school building. This is an oldie but

goodie.

Popcorn and soda will be provided—see you Friday night



SAVE THE DATES FOR MARIAN CONFERENCE 2023

The Maran Conference is BACK! A dynamite schedule of speakers includes Frs. Bill Casey and Mitch Pacwa, exorcist Msgr Rossetti from the Archdiocese of Washington and popular Catholic speakers Dr. Ray Guarendi and Jesse Romero. Local Catholic personalities Zip Rzeppa and Patty Schneier will also speak. So mark your calendar for May 19-21, 2023 at the Renaissance Hotel. More information forthcoming and registration at <https://stlmc.org/>

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ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH

Christmas Caroling Service

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15TH DECEMBER AT 7:00 PM

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for socializing and fellowship.

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The St. Ferdinand Music Ministry will be presenting "O Holy Night", a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00pm. This concert is free of charge and features the Youth and Family Choirs singing traditional and contemporary holiday favorites. The concert is at St. Ferdinand Church, 1765 Charbonier Road and is a great opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit. We hope to see you there.

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