

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 18, 2022
saintangelamerici.org

3860 N. Hwy 67
Florissant, MO 63034



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LOVE

PARISH OFFICE, 838-6565
Parish Fax Number, 838-6566

Pastor
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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 19
 8:00 am - Priest Intention
Tuesday, December 20
 8:00 am - Priest Intention
Wednesday, December 21
 8:00 am - Joseph Galati
Thursday, December 22
 8:00 am - Priest Intention
Friday, December 23
 8:00 am - Joseph Hess
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve
 5:00 pm - Joseph Krause
 10:00 pm - Rob Tudor
Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day
 8:00 am - Robert & Florence Krause
 10:00 am - Agnes, Walter & Leo Dreyer

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 24TH & 25TH

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 - Sign up sheet
 7:30 am - Sign up sheet
 9:30 am - Sign up sheet
 11:30 am - Sign up sheet

Sunday Collection - December 4, 2022

Sunday Offering	\$12,707
Weekly Budget	\$12,469
Weekly Over/Under	+\$ 238
Fiscal Year To Date	-\$ 63,303



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 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!

ARE YOU READY?

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and all four candles on the wreath are burning, a sure sign to every dyed-in-the-wool Catholic that Christmas is near. So the question stands: are you ready? I'm not talking about just being ready to celebrate the holiday, I'm talking about the **BIG PICTURE**: are you ready to meet Jesus? That's really what Advent is all about. It's to make us like the Wise Virgins in the Gospel parable, who had extra oil for their lamps in order to be doubly sure that they would welcome the Bridegroom when He came. Well, the Bridegroom is Christ and the oil we need is sanctifying grace. There are still more time for Reconciliation before the 25th. They are: Tonight (the 18th), after Vespers, Monday (the 19th) after the 8:00AM Mass, Tuesday (the 20th) from 1:00-1:30PM, and Wednesday (the 21st) from 5:00-5:30PM.

ADVENT VESPERS

The last of the series is this evening (the 18th). It's been wonderful this year, as in all previous years, too. My thanks to all our musicians and choir members, and to all the faithful who all came together to welcome the Lord and make ourselves ready, too!

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY (ANOTHER UPDATE)

Our travel AGENT (George at Travel Tyme) has looked into November of 2023 and found better numbers. The weather is not as reliably nice as it is in October, but there's every chance of really nice weather, with the certainty that it wouldn't be cold and ugly. When I have the dates and times, I'll post them here.

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

No quiz this week (early Christmas holiday)

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. 18, Sun.: Solemn Advent Vespers, 7:00PM, in church (Confessions to follow)

Dec. 19, Mon.: Confessions, after the 8:00AM Mass

Dec. 20, Tue.: Confessions, 1:00-1:30PM

Dec. 21, Wed.: Confessions after the 5:00-5:30PM

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)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The vicissitudes of fortune, which spares neither man nor the proudest of his works...buries empires and cities in a common grave." - *Edward Gibbon, in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire"*

WORD OF THE WEEK

FLOCCINAUCINIHIPIPILIFICATION (*n.*) the act of setting something at little or no value, as in: "For 'way too many people, their faith and observance of the events of our salvation are an act of floccinaucinihilipilification." 



Features:

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 it off at the parish office or emailing the parish office at brindley@stangelam.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number : _____

E-mail: _____

DIAMOND JUBILEE FUND RAISER ON BEHALF OF FOOD FOR THE POOR.

No donation is too small. To date, we have raised \$6215.69. We are going to collect up to the end of the year, so that we might make it toward a whole house, which would be \$9800.00. All of the money is tax deductible.

BINGO

Every Friday evening at the
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
 1216 Teson Rd.
 Hazelwood, MO 63042



St. Angela Merici Mass times for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day.

December 24th Saturday Christmas Eve

5:00pm & 10:00pm

December 25th Sunday Christmas Day

8:00am & 10:00am

December 31st Saturday New Year Eve

5:00pm

January 1st Sunday, New Year Day

7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am

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, 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 Stremmlau, 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 - Vesper 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!

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/>



Christmas Concert

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.



Features:

THE SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS

BLOOD offer an Open House Tour of their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area. For more information or to schedule a tour contact Sr. Cecile Gunelson at 636-293-8013.

Address: 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. MO
Directions: Use the entrance at Main and 3rd street and take the first right. Parking is available on the south side of chapel. Chapel is handicapped accessible.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NORTH COUNTY DEANERY

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.**
- Advent Novena – **Friday, December 16 to Friday, December 23**

ALL THINGS NEW

Thank you for your recent participation in a parish listening session for your planning area. All of the parish listening sessions for your planning area have now been completed.

This will provide you information about how to access to all of the material shared at the listening session as well as the online survey that you can complete to give your feedback about what you learned.

Accessing the Material Shared at your Parish Listening Session:

To access the material that was shared at your parish listening session, including the presentation, videos, and model option maps, visit <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Planning-Process/Planning-Areas/Planning-Area-1>

Accessing the Online Survey:

To access the online survey to provide your feedback about the draft model options that were presented for your planning area, visit <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Planning-Process/Planning-Areas/Planning-Area-1>

Here are some helpful hints to assist you with completing the survey:

The online survey is open from today until December 31, 2022. The online survey will take approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete, depending on your responses to the open-ended questions.

The online survey is anonymous; however, you will have the option to provide your name and contact information in case further clarification is needed about your comments.

Once you start the online survey, you cannot stop or go back in to finish the survey. You will need to finish the online survey at one time. A list of all of the questions are attached so you can prepare your answers prior to starting the survey online. Only responses entered through the online survey will be accepted. Due to the anticipated volume of responses, we are unable to accept any feedback not entered into the online survey.

If you do not have access to a computer, the internet, or the online survey, contact your parish for assistance with entering your survey responses. Due to the anticipated volume of responses, we do not have the ability to respond to any questions that you submit through the online survey. If you have any questions that require a response, send them to allthingsnew@archstl.org.

Compilation of the Online Survey Results:

Based on previous experience and the response to other archdiocesan surveys, we anticipate approximately 20,000 to 30,000 responses to the online survey. All of the feedback will be individually reviewed as it is received by a team comprised of individuals from the All Things New team, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and Catholic Leadership Institute. This compilation will occur through early January 2023 and will be used to add to and modify existing model options. These revised model options will be shared with priests, deacons, parish life coordinator, and key parish leaders in the winter of 2023 for further feedback.

Questions:

For any questions pertaining to All Things New, contact allthingsnew@archstl.org. For any questions pertaining to accessing or completing the online survey, contact onlinesupport@catholicleaders.org.

Thank you for your feedback and participation in the All Things New initiative.

Sincerely, Catholic Leadership Institute



Features:



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Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you, your families, and your loved ones joyful greetings at this special time of year!

This past year has been a year of consultation and unceasing prayer as we continue in this journey to make All Things New in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This strategic pastoral planning process is about revitalizing our parishes and ministries, and providing a more vibrant future for Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese.

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. 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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