

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 17, 2023
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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 Friday at 4:00 pm. Please email notices to: brindley@stangelam.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 18

8:00 am - Gerard Ritzka (Spec. Int.)

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am - Holly M. Feldewerth

Thursday, December 21

8:00 am - James Thielker

Friday, December 22

8:00 am - Agnes, Walter & Leo Dreyer

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm - People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24

7:30 am - Margaret Connors (Spec. Int.)

9:30 am - All Holy Souls

11:30 am -Debbie Rupp

5:00 pm- Paul J. Donovan

10:00 pm - Deacon Joseph (Spec. Int.)

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 23RD & 24TH

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - Crystalyn Talavera

7:30 am - John Fallah

9:30 am - Rick Dorsey

11:30 am - Julie Raterman

5:00 pm - Sign up sheet

10:00 pm - Sign up sheet

Sunday Collection - December 3, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 13,136
Weekly Budget	To be determined
Weekly Over/Under	- \$
Fiscal Year To Date	- \$

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED

To all parishioners,

We are asking for an email address so that weekly you will be getting an email that tells you what is going on in all three parishes. You will be getting this every Friday. Thank you so much for your help in this matter.

Sincerely, Linda Brindley

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a loved one— deceased or living—contact Linda at the Parish Office at 314-838-6565 or stop by the office. The stipend is \$10 per Mass. There are infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefits one's soul. The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass. We have MANY open dates and times! The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originated in the very early Church. We have Mass Cards available in the office you can give to the family of a deceased person or Special Intention Cards for living, for a special occasion or for healing.



From The Desk of Msgr. Matthew Mitas:

REMEMBER THAT DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

SUNDAY AND THURSDAY VESPERS!

We will, of course, have Vespers this evening (Sunday, Dec. 17), but, since next Sunday is Christmas eve, we will have the fourth Vespers of Advent this Thursday, the 21st (at 7:00). Confessions will follow.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Masses are as follows: Sunday, Dec. 24, 5:00PM (the Vigil Mass) and 10:00PM (the Mass at Night), and Monday, Dec. 25, 8:00AM (the Mass at Dawn) and 10:00AM (the Mass During the Day).

CLERGY SCHEDULE

I will celebrate the Masses and hear the Confessions at St. Angela next weekend and every weekend after that into January.

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

This quiz will be on Jesus' birth and early life. Test your knowledge!

1. In what year was Jesus born?
2. Who was the monk charged with the task of calculating Jesus' birth year?
3. Where was Jesus born?
4. Where was Jesus reared?
5. How were Jesus and John the Baptist related?
6. How certain are we that Jesus was born on Dec. 25?
7. Name the insane king who tried to murder Jesus and slaughtered the Holy Innocents.
8. Joseph was a descendant of King David; from which patriarch did Elizabeth descend?
9. What is a "manger"?
10. What does the name "Bethlehem" mean?

ANSWERS: 1. Traditionally, 1 A.D., but this is almost certainly untrue; more likely 1-6 B. C. 2. Dionysius Exiguus (whose name means "little Denny") 3. Bethlehem 4. Briefly in Bethlehem, briefly in Egypt, mostly Nazareth 5. Mary and Elizabeth are called "kinswomen" in the Gospels, which is the English rendering of a Greek word that can mean any relationship from 1st to 4th cousins (but often beyond that); it's safe to say that their relatedness was somewhat less than that of Mary and Elizabeth 6. Not certain at all; the date was chosen more to correspond with the pagan festival of the Sol Invictus (the "unconquered sun") that celebrated the winter solstice (although the odds are 1 in 365.25 that it is the right date!) 7. Herod the Great 8. Aaron (which meant that she belonged to the priestly tribe of Levi) 9. A trough or some kind of open box in which feed for livestock is placed 10. 'House of Bread' (is it mere coincidence that He would feed the people with the "true heavenly bread", i.e., His own substance, was born in the "House of Bread" and laid in a device for the dispensing of food?)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday: Eucharistic Adoration in church from 8:30AM-7:00PM, with Devotions and Benediction at 7:00. (The last hour, 6:00-7:00, is dedicated to prayer for vocations.)

By special arrangement with the Parish Office: Pickleball! (in the gym)

Dec. 17 (Sun.) & 21 (Thu.): Advent Vespers, 7:00PM, in church

Dec. 18, Mon.: Confessions heard after the 8:00AM Mass

Dec. 19, Tue: Confessions heard from 1:00-1:30PM

Dec. 21, Thu.: Confessions heard after the 7:00PM Vespers

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

Dec. 25, Mon. Christmas Mass at 8:00AM & 10AM

Dec. 27, Wed.: Men's Club Christmas dinner at Irma Jean's, 6:00PM





Features:

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, cast your solemn gaze upon the devil and all his minions, and protect us with your mighty staff. You fled through the night to avoid the devil’s wicked designs; now, with the power of God, smite the demons as they flee from you! Grant special protection, we pray, for children, fathers, families and the dying. By God’s grace, no demon dares approach you while you are near, so we beg of you, always be near to us! Amen!” - *Prayer to St. Joseph, Terror of Demons*

“The look of Satan’s rage is unmistakable. When you see it on a possessed person’s face for the first time, it takes your breath away. Today, as I look out across our country, I see the same fire of Satan’s rage. And it is spreading. Hatred, bitterness, violence, and rancor are everywhere. People cannot civilly dialogue. Backbiting and constant criticism are the norm. Everywhere, there is anger and hatred. Satan’s rage is spreading.” - *Exorcist Msgr. Stephen Rosetti*

“Our Constitution is in actual operation; everything seems to promise that it will last, but in this world, nothing is certain but death and taxes.” - *Benjamin Franklin*

STAT OF THE WEEK

Four out of every five people under the age of forty report that the most influential people in their lives are their grandparents. - *Courtesy of Newsmax*

WORD OF THE WEEK

OSMOGENESIA (*n.*) the sweet smell that accompanies many saints when they are present (aka, *the odor of sanctity*), as in: “*They knew that Padre Pio was in the room by the osmogenesia that always accompanies him and which they could smell.*”

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Rachael Lawson, Jeff Gauthier, Augustine Porter, Billie Lawson, Kristine Lawson, Laurie Kauffman, Carl Kling, Sr., Jerome Rueckert, Debbie Vietmeier, Gloria Wasser, John Beyatte, Joe Knese, Donna Ahrens, Jim McMullen, Pat Brennan, June Hildebrand, John Thummel, Rita Sommer, Bill Moon, Vivian Easley, Deborah Corcoran, Tom George, Marge Dubray, Leona Alligood, Janet Stubits, Vince Perrot, Agnes (Babe) Dreyer, Sally Caruso, Steve Scherer, Tom Karanzieff, Alma Hankins, Christopher Dafflito, Theresa Hamilton, Brian Perry, Jan Ostermeyer, Kathy Russell, Colleen Chronister, Tamara Shrader, Art Batson, Lisa Williford, Joe O’Brien, Judy Eads, Tina McFadden, Tina Hawkins, Jack Kiaman, Wilma Schmidt, Clarence Friedman, Gloria Frisella, Barb Schmitz, Gerry & Wayne Schilly, Philip & Ester Sansone, Ed Dafflito, Marilyn Werner, Pete Miller, Vitina Galati, Sister Suzanne Wesley, Jaqueline Thomas, Mary “Meg” Peters, Baby Simon Jones, Julie Ross, Jo Chapman, Jerry Gomez, Joe Licavoli, Mozell Baskin III and Emilian Askuvich

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, Craig Richardson, Matthew Moorman, Dylan Krause, Tyler Krause, Daniel Schmitz, Zachary Hofer, Kyle Hofer, Jacob Graham, Michael Rose, Nicholas Hedlesky, Christopher Hedlesky, Maya Hedlesky, Brody MacKinnon and Mitchell Trost



Features:

THE LADIES CLUB will be having refreshments and punch for our Gaudete Sunday after the Vespers on December 17th in the lunchroom. So come and plan on joining your fellow Vespers.

Masses for Christmas Eve, December 24th
5:00pm & 10:00pm
Masses for Christmas Day, December 25th
8:00am & 10:00am.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for the holiday and we will be back to work on Wednesday, December 27th.



NEW! SHOP ONLINE!
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORES!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in St. Louis launched its new E-commerce shop. Like its brick-and-mortar Thrift Stores, online sales will provide financial support to our area Neighbors in Need. Here is the web site:
www.ebay.com/str/svdpstl.

On the Society's eBay online shopping site, you can find listings for Men's, Women's and Kid's apparel, specialty sports items, jerseys, and shoes! New items are posted daily. Purchases can be shipped to anywhere in the continental United States. Check out our store daily for new deals!

It's a great way to provide help to those in need!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS Monthly Candlelight Community Peace Vigil the Last Sunday of Each Month ~ 7 PM Our monthly candlelight vigils are held outdoors on the front steps of our church on the last Sunday of each month. In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the church vestibule. The vigil is sponsored by the Holy Name of Jesus Social Justice Group and last for 30 minutes. The purpose is to pray for unity in the community, raise awareness of social justice issues and pray for an end to violence, especially gun violence. The vigil consists of music, silent reflection, and group prayer. ALL are welcome to join us every month or whenever you're available to pray with us!

This Week in our Parish:

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Bsmt

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin for December 31st, notices due by December 19th

Bulletin for January 7th, 2024, notices due by December 22nd.

Bulletin for January 14th, 2024 notices due by January 5th, 2024

Please come to

Vespers

at Saint Angela Merici Parish

3860 North Highway 67 (Lindbergh Boulevard)

On each of the four Sundays of Advent
(December 17 & Thursday, December 21)

Starting at 7:00pm

“Vespers” are the official Evening Prayer of the Catholic Church.

It is traditional to celebrate them with great solemnity on Advent's four Sundays.

Come join us in observing this holy season

with the solemnity it is due!

(Eucharistic exposition and Benediction included.)



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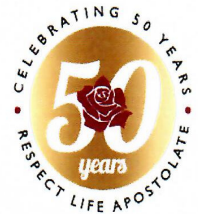
On Dec. 25th, We will have a second collection for Kenrick -Glennon Seminary. We have, in our diocese, the great privilege of educating and forming men for the priesthood right here at home alongside the Church that we will one day serve. This means that the training and formation that they receive—what they study, how they pray, who they shepherd—can be particularly suited for the needs of our community. Currently 22 different dioceses from across the Midwest send seminarians to Kenrick. In order that no obstacle would stand in the way of a man's call to the priesthood, including finances, Kenrick subsidizes the cost of formation for each man, and the sending diocese covers the rest. This is where we need your help. Even a small gift helps support our future priests with access to some of the best instructors, psychologists, and spiritual directors in our church today. You can be part of the formation of the next generation of priests. In doing so, you will help these men form the next generation of Christians. Please consider making a donation this Christmas Day for the Seminary. Thank you



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5 Things You Can Do *Right Now* to Save the Preborn & Protect Missouri Women

With the June 24, 2022, Dobbs v. Jackson decision, Missouri became the first state in the nation to restore legal protections that save the preborn and protect women. Missouri Catholics and other pro-life advocates are committed to keeping these safeguards in place by telling the public the truth about the harm the passage of a pro-abortion ballot initiative petition would do in Missouri. Here are 5 things you can do right now to help:

1. **Pray:** Be bold and confident in asking our Good Lord's help in stopping any pro-abortion initiative petitions. Pray and invite others to pray to help save babies and protect moms. Ask your pastor to start a regular Rosary for Life and Holy Hour.
2. **Walk with Moms:** Support moms in your parish and community, especially those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Partner with your local pregnancy help center to walk with them. Go to walkingwithmomsstl.com.
3. **Decline to Sign:** If the ballot initiative language is "certified" so that pro-abortion supporters can start collecting signatures, **DO NOT SIGN** any petition to allow abortion to be enshrined in the state constitution on the November 2024 ballot.
4. **Promote Voter Registration:** Encourage young people and other new voters to register. Help at a registration drive in your community or ask your pastor if you can organize one at your parish.
5. **Help Those Wounded by Abortion:** Encourage those affected by abortion to reach out for compassionate help and healing at archstl.org/hope-healing.



Features:



Hello Fellow Parishioners and St. Louis Cardinal Fans

Just in time for Christmas

The SAM Men's club is selling "2024" Cardinal Calendars

When you purchase your calendar, you will be helping support our men's club, who helps our parish by supporting parish events.

They also give a student scholarship each year.

The Cost of a calendar is \$15.00

We are accepting cash or check.

Checks need to be payable to St. Angela Merici
We will be selling in the lunchroom after 7:30am & 9:30am Masses.

You can also contact the parish office at

314-838-6565 or

Bill Stubits 314-741-1794



Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Below are listed the next three experiences. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

2/2/2024 - 2/4/2024, St. Peters, MO

3/15/2024 - 3/17/2024, Cape Girardeau, MO

DESERT DAY: I really need a day of prayer and quiet! Desert Days at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are just that. Come to the quiet and beauty of St. Joseph Chapel at 204 North Main St., O'Fallon, MO on **December 12, January 16 or February 21 from 9:15 am – 3:15 pm.**

The day will begin and end with prayer. The remainder of the day is solitude, quiet, reflection, and rest. The opportunity to talk with a spiritual director is also available. Lunch is provided. A free will offering is requested. For more information or to register contact Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson, CPPS at 636-293-8013 or by email at mcgunelson@cpps-ofallon.org



Advent LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 17 • 2pm

Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
The Old Cathedral

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Presiding
Choir of the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France

Free and open to the public
(No reservations required)

