

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 3, 2023
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOPE

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NEW PARISHIONERS
Register in the parish
office,
Mon-Fri, 8:00 am-
4:00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF BAP-
TISM
Baptism Instruction is
to be scheduled with a
parish priest.

SACRAMENT OF MAR-
RIAGE
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 4

8:00 am - Grace Niemann

Tuesday, December 5

8:00 am - For All Our Beloved Priests
 living and deceased

Wednesday, December 6

8:00 am - Jack O'Keeke

Thursday, December 7

8:00 am - Al & Julie Ratermann (Spec. Int.)
 7:00 pm - Don Krause

Friday, December 8

8:00 am - Kenneth Paul LaGarce
 5:00 pm - Kenneth Schmidt

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm - Doris Dawson

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am - People of the Parish
 9:30 am - All Holy Souls
 11:30 am -Debbie Rupp

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - Theresa Prosser
 7:30 am - Theresa Watson
 9:30 am - Laura Vietmeier
 11:30 am - Charles Danganan

Sunday Collection - November 19, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,272
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!

VESPERS!

A) We will celebrate them on all the Sundays of Advent, starting today (with the exception that, since the fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve, the last of the Vespers will be on Thursday, Dec. 21 instead). They start at 7:00PM, all are welcome, of course. (The little ones especially love this ceremony, and for many, it becomes one of the cherished memories of youth.)

B) If you would like to help chant the prophecies for Vespers, do the following: 1) Put on a white top with a black (or dark) bottom, 2) arrive at the lunchroom by 6:15 for rehearsal (what you're singing is the same as all previous years), and 3) walk in the candlelight procession into church (or if you'd rather not, we'll seat you in church beforehand)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy day of obligation)

Even at this late date, many American Catholics still do not realize that the Blessed Mother, under the title of Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our country. Her annual feast day, Dec. 8, is, therefore, *doubly* a holy day of obligation for us; first, it's a holy day for the whole Catholic world, and second, because she's our patroness. Masses will be celebrated for the feast day this Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7:00PM, and on Friday, Dec. 8, at 8:00AM & 5:00PM.

MEXICAN FIESTA TO HONOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Every year we like to match up our ethnic food nights with appropriate saints, thereby fostering veneration of the holy ones while, at the same time, enjoying a decent meal. Next Saturday, Dec. 9, we will have Mexican Food Night in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. And, yes, we will have pinatas! Make your reservations ASAP.

CLERGY SCHEDULE

Next weekend (Dec. 9 & 10), all the Masses here at St. Angela will be celebrated by our pastor, Fr. Peter Faimega. I will cover the Masses at Holy Name of Jesus.

SPECIAL ADVENT CONFESSION DAY

We are going to have a special Advent Day for the sacrament of Reconciliation. It will take place here at St. Angela on Saturday, Dec. 16, from noon to 4:45PM. It will be for the three merging parishes and the priests who serve those parishes will share the duty. Fr. Samuel Inameti will hear from noon to 1:30, Fr. Peter Faimega will hear from 1:30-3:00, and I will hear from 3:00 until 4:45.

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

The Advent & Christmas seasons give us the feasts of many beautiful saints, and most of them have some kind of connection with those seasons. See how many you can identify, by naming the saint who:

1. is the patron saint of children (and the model for Santa Claus).
2. whose name means "light" and whose feast falls during the darkest days of the year.
3. was the humble peasant on whose cloak the BVM miraculously imprinted her image.
4. is the title of the Mother of God as she appeared to the saint in #3 above.
5. was the great bishop, one of the four main Doctors of the Church, who brought St. Augustine into the Church.
6. was the great spiritual writer and mystic, who gave us "*The Dark Night of the Soul*".
7. was perhaps, second only to St. Paul, was Church's greatest missionary.
8. is recognized as the first martyr of the Catholic Church.
9. is the author of the Fourth Gospel.
10. were slaughtered in King Herod's jealousy, in his attempt to kill baby Jesus.

ANSWERS: 1. St. Nicholas (Dec. 6) 2. St. Lucy (Dec. 13) 3. St. Juan Diego (Dec. 9) 4. Our Lady of Guadalupe 5. St. Ambrose (Dec. 7) 6. St. John of the Cross 7. St. Francis Xavier (Dec. 3) 8. St. Stephen (Dec. 26) 9. St. John the Apostle (Dec. 27) 



Features:

CONTINUED

10. *The Holy Innocents (Dec. 28)*

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. 3, 10, 17 (Sun.) & 21 (Thu.): Advent Vespers, 7:00PM, in church

Dec. 5, Tue.: Confessions in church, 1:00-1:30PM

Dec. 5, Tue.: Catechism Class, Parish Meeting Room, after the 7:00PM Devotions

Dec. 7, Thu.: First Thursday Breakfast after the 8:00AM Mass

Dec. 7 & 8, Thu. & Fri.: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Masses at 7:00PM on Thursday, and 8:00AM & 5:00PM on Friday

Dec. 9, Sat.: Mexican Dinner in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, after the 5:00PM Mass

Dec. 16, Sat.: Advent Penance Day, confessions heard from 12:00N to 4:45PM

NB: I will send out a letter soon chronicling the special services, etc. for Advent; it will be a complement to these notices.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Man’s nature, undisciplined by values, will allow sex to dominate his life and the life of society. It is not overstated to say that the Torah’s prohibition of non-marital sex made the creation of western civilization possible. Societies that did not place boundaries around sexuality were stymied in their development. The subsequent dominance of the Western world can, to a significant extent, be attributed to the sexual revolution, initiated by Judaism and later carried forward by Christianity.” – *Political commentator Dennis Prager*

“In sum, it is a simple and sobering fact that no society that has sanctioned unconstrained sexuality has long survived.” – *Psychiatrist Jeffrey Satinover*

“Jesus promised His disciples three things: that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble.” – *G. K. Chesterton*

WORD OF THE WEEK

VEGETIVOROUS (*adj.*) eating only vegetables, as in: “*Vegitvorous people are vegetarians, and if vegetarians eat nothing but vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?*”

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, Florence Coyne, 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 Dafflitto, 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, Don Krause, Norma Trupiano, Ed Dafflitto, Marilyn Werner, Pete Miller, Vitina Galati, Sister Suzanne Wesley, Jaqueline Thomas, Mary “Meg” Peters, Baby Simon Jones, Julie Ross, Rose Schneider, Jo Chapman, Jerry Gomez, Joe Licavoli and Mozell Baskin III

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:



SPAGHETTI CASSE-ROLES are due by December 12th. Casseroles must be at Church by 10 am. We appreciate new contributors to the

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is on Friday, December 8th. We will be celebrating mass on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm and on Friday, December 8th at 8am & 5pm. On Friday, December 8th the Parish Office will be closed.



**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 4

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Bsmt

Thursday, December 7

After 8am Mass - Birthday Celebration

Friday, December 8

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 9

After 5 pm Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dinner in lunchroom

Sunday, December 10

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Bulletin for December 17th, notices due by December 6th

Bulletin for December 24th, notices due by December 12th

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 3, 10, 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.)



Features:

JESUS is alive.

Come see how He loves us and remains with us. JESUS invites you to see for yourself by witnessing a **First Class Relic of Bl. Carlo Acutis** and a compelling presentation of His Eucharistic Miracles presented by Real Presence Education Foundation.

At St. Norbert, Wednesday, December 13, 2023
16455 New Halls Ferry Rd. Florissant, MO
Veneration of the relic from 4pm—7pm
Presentation and Adoration from 7pm-8pm

JESUS is the Holy Eucharist.



King of Love



SAM Seniors



Meeting at 11:30am

Monday, December 11th

Krause Katering will be making Roast Pork, Sweet Potatoes, Greenbeans, Roll & Special Krause cake for Dessert!!!

Beverages will be provided.

We will play the annual game Left, Right and please make sure that you bring a \$5.00 wrapped Christmas gift suitable for a male or female



The cost is \$12.00. Payment is due by Wednesday, December 6th, St. Nicholas Day in the parish office or black mail box.

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



Features:



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

St. Angela Merici will be celebrating her feast day on Saturday, December 9th with Mexican food prepared by our famous caterer Krause Katering.

Place: St. Angela Merici Lunchroom

Time: 6:00pm till 8:00pm

Cost: \$18.00 per person or \$35.00 for a couple

Menu: Fajitas (Steak, Chicken, Pork w/Toppings) (you build your own), Chicken Flautas, Enchilada Casserole, Burritos, Nachos Grande, Mexican Rice and Southwestern Salad.

Dessert: Caramel cake, and Sopapilla Cheesecake

Beverages included with the meal are water, Ice Tea, Coffee and a Mexican Punch. We will be selling Beer, including Corona, and Margaritas at a cost of \$3.00 each.

Check one: Dine In _____ **Carry out** _____

How many dinners? _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

All orders must be preordered and paid for by Thursday, December 7th. .