

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 31, 2023
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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, January 1

8:00 am - Florence Coyne

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 am - Mary Dietz

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 am - Don Krause

Thursday, January 4

8:00 am - Marie Dienstbach

Friday, January 5

8:00 am - Don Krause

6:00 pm - For all our beloved Priests living and deceased.

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am - Geoffrey & Agnes Bulloch (Spec. Int.)

5:00 pm - People of the Parish

Sunday, January 7

7:30 am - Robert (Bob) Happe

9:30 am - Don Krause

11:30 am - Paul Donovan

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 6TH & 7TH

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - Theresa Prosser

7:30 am - Theresa Watson

9:30 am - Laura Vietmeier

11:30 am - Charles Danganan

Sunday Collection - December 17, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,300
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 AND JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Since the annual festival honoring the Mother of God, which always coincides with New Year's Day, falls on a Monday this year, it is *not* a holy day of obligation. We will, however, have one Mass on New Year's Day, the usual 8:00AM celebration, to honor her. This feast is the ecclesiastical version of Mothers' Day. Kill two birds with the same stone: honor the Mother of God and pray to God for the graces needed for the New Year, both at the same Mass. Start the new year off right!

REMEMBER MITCH MILLER...?

...and his famous sing-along show? America, in those days, didn't just sit back and listen to the singing of others, they got into the act themselves, belting out the old classic standard songs *viva voce!* It has become a tradition here at St. Angela to have our own sing-along of Christmas carols on Holy Family Sunday (the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's), and we're doing it again this year. I hope you love to sing the carols as much as I do. You're not Pavarotti? You don't have to be! God is praised and human souls are edified as we croon these beloved chants of the season.

It starts at 1:00PM this Sunday (the 31st) and lasts about an hour. I introduce each carol (they all seem to have fascinating histories) and then we sing a few verses of each. Come along, sing along, and bring family members and friends along to where we all belong (and sing out loud and strong!).

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Deacon Ron LeFors, who served our parish for 11 years, passed away at his home in Texas. His funeral will be held here at our parish on January 13, 2024.

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

George Orwell forever changed the way we think of politics simply by pointing out how the practice of using carefully chosen euphemisms can soften harsh rhetoric either by distorting it or completely reversing its meaning. Examples of which include: "downsized" for "fired" and "servicing the target" for "bombing a village". Governments and businesses especially have been using Orwellian "doublespeak" now for many years, mastering this diabolical craft in ways that are oftentimes as clever as they are insidious. This week's quiz is on Orwellian Doublespeak; I'll present you with the doublespeak and it's up to you to figure out what it really means:

1. "Compassion and Choices"
2. "Final Solution to the Jewish Situation"
3. "Alternative lifestyle"
4. "Planned Parenthood"
5. "Birth control"
6. "ACLU"
7. "Eugenics"
8. "Choice"
9. "Gay marriage"
10. "Promoting women's health"

ANSWERS: 1. Formerly known as "The Hemlock Society", this is an organization that promotes suicide 2. Hitler's program for killing all the Jews 3. Sexual perversion 4. Killing babies (mostly babies from minority groups) and selling their body parts 5. As Chesterton points out: "It means no birth and no control" 6. "Anti-Christian League of Undesirables", or "Assorted Colossal Losers United", or "Atheists, Communists and Liberals Unleashed" 7. Nazism 8. Baby killing 9. Sodomy as sacrament 10. Baby killing

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.)





Features:

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

Dec. 31, Sun.: Feast of the Holy Family, Festival of Carols sing-along, 1:00PM, in church

Jan. 1, Mon.: Feast of Mary's Divine Maternity (not a holy day of obligation, but Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM)

Jan. 2, Tue.: Catechism Class, after the 7:00PM devotions (in the Parish Meeting Room)

Jan. 8, Mon.: SAMS meeting & luncheon, 11:30AM, in the lunchroom

Jan. 11, Thu.: Ladies' Club Meeting, 7:00 PM in the lunchroom

Jan 19, Fri.: Catholic Family Movie Night, featuring "Unplanned" (the story of Abby Johnson and her relationship with "Planned Parenthood", 7:00PM in the lunchroom

Jan. 22, Mon.: Men's Club meeting (with dinner), meet in church for the rosary at 6:30PM

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Funny how people who style themselves victims always want to bully everybody else. *Diversity* now means conformity. It means making sensible people afraid to contradict nonsense so obvious as to insult their intelligence." - *Joseph Sobran*

"Without education, we are in a horrible and deadly danger of taking educated people seriously." - *G. K. Chesterton*

STAT OF THE WEEK

Less than 10% of the American population don't use seatbelts, but account for 51% of auto-related fatalities. (Buckle up your seatbelts before you leave the parking lot!)

WORD OF THE WEEK

KAKISTOCRACY (*n.*) government, or rule, by the worst elements of society, as in: "*To an awful lot of people, it seems as though every aspect of society has devolved into some kind of kakistocracy*".

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 Emilia 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, Dustin Kyle, 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:



CHICKEN CASSEROLES are due by January 4th. 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.



Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you do to ME."

Your Vincentians are very thankful to each of you who donated to the Giving Tree! Our neighbors in North St. Louis near Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Bank will be warm with the many blankets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, warm socks and other warm clothing you generously donated. We also received many rolls and rolls of toilet paper! We filled more than half of the panel truck that they brought to pick up the many gifts you donated! All of you should be very proud of how you reached out to the poor this Christmas!



St. Angela Merici Ladies' Club is hosting their annual Christmas party on Saturday, January 6th, which is the feast day of the Epiphany of the Lord. We

would like to invite members from St. Norbert and Holy Name of Jesus to join us. It will be a potluck lunch. All are welcome to come and share their favorite dish -with everyone. Lunch will begin at 12:30pm in the lunchroom at St. Angela Merici Parish. Call or email Robin at Drsgalanos@att.net, 314-315-6858 with any questions. Thanks Robin Galanos, Chairperson



This Week in our Parish:

Monday, January 1

Parish office Close Happy New Year

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Bsmt

Thursday, January 4

Friday, January 5

Saturday, January 6

Sunday, January 7

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EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

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 premie 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!



Features:

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

Wednesday, January 3 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

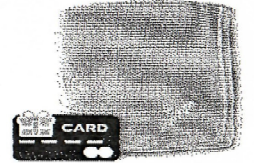
Community Center/Tuesday 10235 Ashbrook Drive

To schedule appointment, scan QR code
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
or go to www.bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10035



Masks optional. Appointments required.

Give & get your choice
of a gift card or bonus
points to shop our
store for our new gray
blanket & more!



 **ImpactLife**

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



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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:

Happy
January



Happy New Year!

S.A.M. Seniors Meeting & Luncheon

January 8th, 11:30 am

Mostaccioli, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert

By: Krause Katering

AND

*For Entertainment Let's enjoy a great game
of BINGO*



Cost is \$12.00 Name, phone number and payment need to be in by January 3rd. Either drop off at the office, or black mail box.