

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 10, 2023
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PEACE

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Paul...ext. 504

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 11

8:00 am - Florence Coyne

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 am - All Holy Souls

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 am - For all our beloved priests living and deceased

Thursday, December 14

8:00 am - Mike Taylor

Friday, December 15

8:00 am - Tina McFadden (Spec. Int.)

Saturday, December 16

5:00 pm - William Dawson

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am - People of the Parish
 9:30 am - All Holy Souls
 11:30 am - Felicia S. Krygier

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - Claudia Bidleman
 7:30 am - Theresa Prosser
 9:30 am - Mary Ann Kauffman
 11:30 am - Jeanie McCrary

Sunday Collection - November 26, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 16,908
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!

The Vespers are off to a great start, with the praise of God and the edification of our people. We will celebrate them again this evening at 7:00. Invite your children, grandchildren, and the neighbors (and their grandchildren!) to come. It's a wonderful way to keep a good Advent, i.e., by honoring all of Advent's discrete customs and traditions, Vespers being one of the best. You never regret the things you do for God, especially if there's sacrifice and hardship involved.

CLERGY SCHEDULE

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

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 Faimaga will hear from 1:30-3:00, and I will hear from 3:00 until 4:45. Please also notice that there are many extra opportunities for Confession here at St. Angela; just check the Advent/Christmas letter I sent you and the "Upcoming events" at the bottom of this page.

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD

Every year, our parish puts up its "Book of the Dead", i.e., the annual roster of those whose funerals took place in our parish since the previous November. Yes, I did say, "November". Because of pilgrimages and other disruptions of procedure, I forgot to put it out this year. So, this year's remembrance will occur during this month, December (the book is found beneath the statue of St. Joseph (patron of a happy death!).

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

The Year of Grace 2023 has come to an end, and we are in the beginning stages of the Year of Grace 2024. Around this time of year, it's natural to think apocalyptically, namely, of the last things. This quiz will help you in your eschatological musings!

1. What are the traditional "Four Last Things"?
2. Name the theological term for the end of the world that is Greek for "the end times".
3. According to Revelation, Philippians and Daniel, where does one find the names of the saved?
4. What fancy word for Jesus' return trip is found in Revelation?
5. What are the two judgements that we face?
6. Revelation speaks of a "First Resurrection"; what is it?
7. Revelation also speaks of a "Second Death"; what is that?
8. Hell is given many names in Scripture; name as many as you can.
9. The righteous of the Old Testament could not go to heaven when they died; where did they go?
10. Scripture foretells an epic battle at the end of time when the forces of evil will be forever trounced by the forces of good; where will this battle take place?

ANSWERS: 1. Death, judgement, heaven and hell 2. Eschaton (the study of which is called "eschatology") 3. In the "Book of the living" 4. Parousia 5. Our particular judgement (at the moment of our death) and the General judgement at the end time when all will stand in judgment 6. The "risen-life" experience that the saints experience after their particular judgement 7. When all the damned go to hell after the general judgement 8. The Abyss, Hades, Sheol, Gehenna, "fiery pool of sulfur", the Pit, the Netherworld, etc. 9. The Limbo of the Fathers (Limbus Patrum), aka, the "bosom of Abraham" 10. In the Valley of Megiddo, called, in Hebrew, Armageddon





Features:

CONTINUED

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. 12, Tue.: Confessions, in church, 6:30-7:00PM

Dec. 14, Thu.: Confessions after 8:00AM Mass NB: *(6:00PM Confessions cancelled)*

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

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

NB: Please refer to the Advent/Christmas I sent you as a supplement to these notices

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

“But the aim of the Faith was not to make us comfortable on earth, but to prepare us for eternal life in heaven.” - *St. John Henry Newman*

“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel!” - *Jesus Christ (Mark 1:15)*

WORD OF THE WEEK

WHISKERANDO (*n.*) a whiskered person, as in: *“It seems like all the fashionable men these days have abandoned shaving and become whiskerandos!”*

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 Allgood, Janet Stubits, Vince Perrot, Agnes (Babe) Dreyer, Sally Caruso, Steve Scherer, Tom Karan-zieff, 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, Don Krause, Norma Trupiano, Ed Dafflito, 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:

★ MOVIE NIGHT ★

Admit One



Movie Night at S.A.M

Please join us Friday, December 15th, at 7:00 PM in the lunchroom for the showing of the movie **Beckett**. This is the story of St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop Chancellor of England during the reign of King Henry II (1133-1189). The king has trouble with the Church, so when the Archbishop of Canterbury dies, rather than appoint another pious cleric loyal to Rome and the Church, the king appoints his closest confidant and advisor, Thomas Becket, as Archbishop. However, as Archbishop, Becket finds himself moved toward an uncompromising devotion to God, which creates grave conflict with the king's wishes. Peter O'Toole plays King Henry II and Richard Burton plays Archbishop Thomas Becket.

Popcorn and soda will be provided—see you Friday night.



DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN BABY—FOURTH MONTH

Your spiritually adopted baby's mother can finally feel the movements of her baby within her womb. By the time this fourth month is over your baby will be 6 inches long. His tiny heart has been beating since he was 21 days old. Now this strong little heart pumps 6 gallons of blood every day (picture 6 milk cartons—your baby's heart is a pumping miracle! Your baby is becoming stronger and he likes to turn somersaults. Your baby has lots of nice skin but not much fat to fill it out so he looks a little wrinkly. His skin is covered with vernix, a thick white cream which protects his skin from the salty amniotic fluid. Your baby's face is becoming prettier and he begins to resemble his parents.

This Week in our Parish:

Monday, December 11

11:30 am - Seniors Luncheon in Lunchroom

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Bsmt

Thursday, December 14

7:00 pm - Ladies Club Meeting in Lunchroom

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

After all Masses St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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 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:



OUR GIVING TREE is here in the Church vestibule. You have the opportunity to choose an ornament and help a Neighbor in Need during Advent. Please return your gift unwrapped and place under the Giving Tree. We are helping Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Bank in North St. Louis this Advent. The items they desperately need are on our Giving Tree. You can see that their Christmas wants are quite different than ours.

The following are the gifts they hope for:

- ◆ Socks for men and women
- ◆ Undershirts for men, L, XL, XXL
- ◆ Bath Towels
- ◆ Large Blankets
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Toilet Paper

We need the gifts returned by December 17th unwrapped. Thanks!

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. 13th**.

Please help us to share the truth with our North County brothers and sisters. For more information, please call Julie Ratermann (314-401-0047).



THE LADIES CLUB

will meet Thursday, December 14th at 7pm in the lunchroom. All ladies of the parish are invited and encouraged to come. Hope

to see you then. Cathy Welsh 314-921-9663



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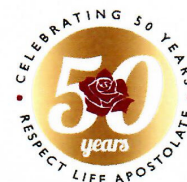
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5 Things You Can Do *Right Now* to Save the Preborn & Protect Missouri Women

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:

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

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 20, 2023 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



**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!



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