

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 24, 2023
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LOVE

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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 25

8:00 am - Don Krause
 10:00 am—Ron Volk

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 am - All Holy Souls

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 am - Florence Coyne

Thursday, December 28

8:00 am - Warren & Barbara Schnell (Spec. Int.)
 60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, December 29

8:00 am - James Walsh

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm - Madleine T. Knobloch

Sunday, December 31

7:30 am - People of the Parish
 9:30 am - Jeanne Croteau
 11:30 am—Paul J. Donovan

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 30TH & 31ST

WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - Matt Adams
 7:30 am - Katherine Ising
 9:30 am - Judy Pitlyk
 11:30 am - Linda McManus

Sunday Collection - December 10, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,758
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!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

In case you haven't yet made your Christmas Mass plans, here's the Christmas Mass schedule: 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).

BREAKING, ASTONISHING CHRISTMAS NEWS

According to research reported in the National Catholic Register, historical scientist Liberato de Caro, of the Institute of Crystallography, has determined the actual date of Christ's birth. Drawing from all kinds of sources (biblical, astronomical, historical, and the Jewish literature), he has determined that Jesus was, with very high probability, born in December of 1 BC. Most of his conclusions, apparently, are drawn from an "understanding of Jewish pilgrimages at that time", connecting them with Mary's visit to Elizabeth. He then added to that the astronomical evidence of celestial events at that time, and calculating the true date of Jesus' Resurrection, he reached his conclusions. The first attempt to calculate Jesus' birth date was made by the monk, Dionysius Exiguus, in the 6th century. Our current system of dating years either AD or BC is based on his research. In the 18th c., scientists contested Exiguus' findings and reported that he was off by at least three years. Now Professor de Caro's research shows that the good monk was fairly spot-on. I'm sure this comes as a great consolation to him, wherever he may be right now. It is also of interest to the faithful to know the truth of it.

QUIZ-A-CATHOLIC

Everybody loves Christmas music, and the carols we sing really touch the heart. We will again have our festival of Christmas carol singing on next Sunday afternoon, New Year's Eve (which is also the feast of the Holy Family). See how much you know about the history of the songs we've sung for years:

1. How is "O Come All Ye Faithful" rendered in Latin?
2. Who/what is the "rose" in "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"?
3. The song to which carolers have sung almost 200 times?
4. Lowell Mason (who also wrote "Nearer My God to Thee") wrote the melody for what Christmas classic?
5. Which carol was mentioned by name in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"?
6. Which popular carol's text was composed by Boston minister, Phillips Brooks, in 1868, and whose tune was originally named "St. Louis"?
7. Felix Mendelssohn wrote the music, and Charles Wesley wrote the text for which carol?
8. What carol's "O" sets the *melismatic* * record?
9. What carol is set to the music for "Greensleeves" (and was the theme song for "Lassie")?
10. Name the carol that was written as a simple melody that could be played on a guitar because a flood wiped out the parish organ that Christmas. Also, Bing Crosby's recording of it has sold 20 million copies.

*Melismatic refers to a syllable that is held over more than one note

ANSWERS: 1. "Adeste, Fideles" 2. *The Blessed Mother* 3. "Away in a Manger" 4. "Joy to the World" 5. "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" 6. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 7. "Hark! The Herald Angles Sing" 8. "Angels we have heard on high" (whose "O" is held for 16 notes!) 9. "What Child is This?" 10. "Silent Night"

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

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





Features:

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Dec. 26, Tue.: Catechism Class, after the 7:00PM devotions (in the Parish Meeting Room)

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

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, 12:00noon 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

"I identify myself as a Catholic. I was raised, I was baptized, I was confirmed, I was married in the Church. My children were baptized in the Church. But as far as practicing it, it seems like almost a pro-forma thing that I really don't need to do...I think my own personal ethics on life are enough to keep me going on the right path." - *Dr. Anthony Fauci (ed. note: this statement explains an awful lot...)*

"A merry Christmas to everybody! A happy New Year to all the world! Hallo here! Whoop! Hallo!" - *Ebenezer Scrooge (from "A Christmas Carol")*

STAT OF THE WEEK

Recent research reveals that Jesus Christ was most likely born in Dec. of 1 BC - *The National Catholic Register (see above)*

WORD OF THE WEEK

QUIDDITATIVE (*adj.*) quirky or eccentric, as in: "*At Christmas time everybody gets a bit quidditative, but that's perfectly okay!*"

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 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, Ed Dafflitto, 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:

SAVE THE DATE

MUSIC TRIVIA

St. Ferdinand Church,
1765 Charbonier Rd, Florissant,
MO 63031

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Stay "tuned" for more details



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 25

Parish office Close Merry Christmas

Tuesday, December 26

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8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 pm - Benediction

Wednesday, December 27

9:00 am - Quilters meet in Rectory Bsmt

Thursday, December 28

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

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 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!



Features:

Come to the Quiet is a silent retreat, January 5-7, at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. The retreat opens with 5:30 PM supper Friday and concludes at 11:00 AM on Sunday. The cost is \$165 for a private room with a private bath. The retreat has minimal structure with optional sessions and informal spiritual companionship to help participants connect with the silence within. Dawn Stringfield, Executive Director of Mercy Conference and Retreat Center will lead the retreat. Register at www.mercycenterstl.org by January

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Attention All St Angela Merici Men's Club Members, Our Holiday gathering will be December 27th at 6pm at Irma Jeans Bar and Grill.

All members of the St Angela Merici's Men's Club, Holy Name of Jesus Men's Club and St Norbert Men's Club are invited. We ask that everyone donates \$10. The donation is to cover tips and other incidentals.

I hope to see everyone there.
Merry Christmas to everyone.



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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.