

# ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

**December 14, 2025**  
**saintangelamerici.org**

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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 BAP-**  
**TISM**  
**Baptism Instruction is**  
**to be scheduled with**  
**the office.**

**SACRAMENT OF MAR-**  
**RIAGE**  
**To be arranged with**  
**the parish priest at**  
**least six months prior.**



## Prayer, Liturgy and Sacrifice

### Mass Schedule

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 8:00 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30, 10:00am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Or by appointment, call 314-838-6565

### Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays After 8:00 am Mass

### 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](mailto:brindley@stangelam.org).

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please register in the parish office, Mon-Fri, 8 am - 4 pm. For more information, call the Parish Office, 314-838-6565.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, December 15

8:00 am - Joe Licavoli, Sr.

#### Tuesday, December 16

8:00 am – Don & JoAnn Holdener (Spec. Int.)

#### Wednesday, December 17

8:00 am - Mass at St. Norbert or Holy Name of Jesus

#### Thursday, December 18

8:00 am - Ruth McCoy

#### Friday, December 19

8:00 am - Joe Licavoli, Sr.

#### Saturday, December 20

8:00 am - Janet Miller

5:00 pm - Joe Licavoli, Sr.

#### Sunday, December 21

7:30 am - James Thielker

10:00 am - Larry Hepburn

### MINISTERS

**FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 20TH & 21ST  
WEEKEND LECTORS**

5:00 pm - Crystalyn Talavera

7:30 am – John Fallah

10:00 am – Mark Reddan

### WEEKEND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm - George Bidleman

7:30 am - Linda McManus

10:00 am - JoAnn Holdener

# ST. ANGELA ALERTS



Due to some recent distribution issues we've had with the Post Office, we would like to **HIGHLY ENCOURAGE** you to share your email address and phone number with the Parish Office. We will continue to utilize the Post Office as needed, but we want to ensure we have multiple ways of communicating news, updates, events, etc. with our parishioners. You can stop by the Parish Office or email [brindley@stangelam.org](mailto:brindley@stangelam.org) with your information. We greatly appreciate it!

And if you have not, consider registering as a parishioner at our parish so we can stay in touch!

### 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.



## *Pondering With Deacon George:*

**“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind are seeing, the lame are walking, the lepers are being healed, the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised, and the poor are hearing good news.”**

In our gospel passage this weekend John the Baptist is in prison. He had spent his life preparing people for the Messiah. He baptized Jesus. He saw the Spirit come down like a dove. He knew Jesus was someone special. But now, sitting in a dark prison, he starts to have doubts. Things probably didn't turn out the way he expected. He hears about Jesus and sends some of his followers to ask Him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” Jesus doesn't just say, “Yes, I'm the one.” He says, “Look at what's happening. Look at the signs.”

That's a big message for us. Because we, like John, also want signs. We want proof. We want to know that Jesus is real and that He cares. But Jesus is telling us something important here: “You'll know Me by what I do. Not by just words, but by actions.” Sometimes we expect Jesus to show up in big, dramatic ways — like a miracle or a voice from the sky. But more often, Jesus shows Himself in quiet ways. We just must pay attention.

We might see Jesus in:

- A close friend who really listens when we are upset.
- A spouse who forgives us, even after a fight.
- A moment at Mass when the Gospel speaks directly to our heart.
- A quiet feeling of peace during prayer, even if it only lasts a minute.

A chance to help someone, and realizing it made us feel closer to God. These are the kinds of signs Jesus was talking about. He brings healing, love, mercy, and hope. And He often does it through other people.

May Jesus use us to be a sign of His presence for others,

Deacon George

### **UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Does our Church database have **YOUR** family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update **YOUR** record for our annual Guidebook & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in **YOUR** record over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guidebook & Directory is correct.

The Church Office number is 314-838-6565. Thanks for your help in this matter!



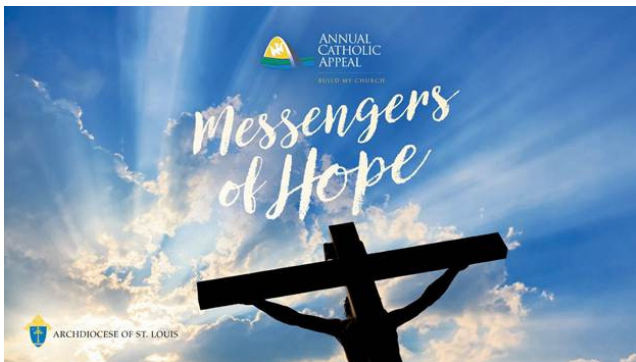
## Features:

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Rachel Lawson, Jeff Gauthier, Augustine Porter, Billie Lawson, Kristine Lawson, Laurie Kauffman, Carl Kling, Sr., Jerome Rueckert, Debbie Vietmeier, Gloria Wasser, Donna Ahrens, Jim McMullen, June Hildebrand, Bill Moon, Vivian Easley, Deborah Corcoran, Tom George, Janet Stubits, Steve Scherer, Tom Karanzieff, Alma Hankins, Christopher Dafflitto, Theresa Hamilton, Brian Perry, Kathy Russell, Colleen Chronister, Tamara Shrader, Art Batson, Lisa Williford, Joe O'Brien, Judy Eads, Tina Hawkins, Jack Kiaman, Gloria Frisella, Barb Schmitz, Gerry Schilly, Philip & Ester Sansone, Marilyn Werner, Pete Miller, Vitina Galati, Jaqueline Thomas, Mary "Meg" Peters, Baby Simon Jones, Julie Ross, Jo Chapman, Jerry Gomez, Kaelen Askuvich, Doris Hofer, Maricia Cissell, Deacon Joseph Kroutil, Jim Belcher, Kaylee Gain, Tom O'Brian, Kay Cabay, Pat Scott, Bill Winters, William F. Tierney, David Neumann, Saralinda Bauer, Joan Geerling, Vincent Rojano, Sue Pitti, Maralee Wilson, Paul Prentice, Bill Boschert, Kathy Benoist, Joyce Donovan, Ed Dafflitto, Sue Scheiding, Robert Phinney, Joan Bowers, Shirley Sweney, Karen Dafflitto, Anna Foncesa –Bartels, Al Ratermann, David Kauffman, Sandy Norman, Terry Farace, Darrell Van-Hooser, Debbie Schroeder, Jonathan Louvall, Sharon Zelch and Teka Jefferson

### 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, Dylan Krause, Tyler Krause, Daniel Schmitz, Zachary Hofer, Kyle Hofer, Jacob Graham, Michael Rose, Nicholas Hedlesky, Christopher Hedlesky, Maya Hedlesky, Brody MacKinnon



Many thanks to all from St. Angela who pledged to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Together we pledged a total of \$37,006.**

Funds raised will be allocated for Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, parish life, affordable housing, and other important areas served by the ACA.



#### SPEAKERS



Tim Gray, Ph.D.



Liz Klein, Ph.D.



Ben Akers, S.T.D.



Simone and Scott Hefelfinger, Ph.D.



Julia and Chris Mooney, Ph.D.

Join us for a weekend retreat rooted in Scripture, as we journey through the stories of couples in the Bible to better understand God's plan for marriage.

Through talks, prayer, and meaningful activities, couples will rediscover their shared calling, grow in love and communication, and renew their commitment to each other and to Christ.

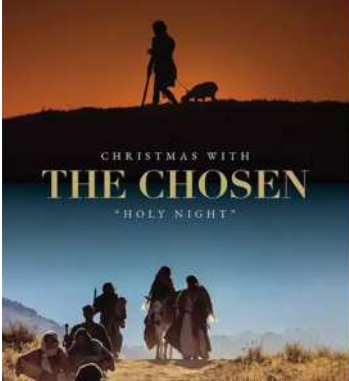
Early Bird: \$750 per couple | Registration closes January 23, 2026

Learn More at  
[augustineinstitute.org/retreats/beloved](https://augustineinstitute.org/retreats/beloved)





## Features:



### JOIN US FOR "CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: HOLY NIGHT"

Experience the birth of Jesus through the eyes of the young

Shepherd, Mary and Joseph as *Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night* blends its Christmas episodes of The Messengers and The Shepherd into one story.

Join us on Wednesday, December 17 at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM in the Commons Area of the Parish Office Center at Holy Name for the viewing of *Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night* and time for prayer and faith sharing led by Deacon George.

### "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT"

A Parish Retreat, preached by Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, OP

**DECEMBER 18TH - 20TH (THURSDAY - SATURDAY)**  
**AT 6:30 PM - ST FERDINAND CHURCH**  
**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN DUCHESNE HALL**

Sister Joseph Andrew connects our experience of the Holy Eucharist to the biblical title of Jesus as Lamb: The lion and the Lamb lie down together; the Gentle Lamb led to the slaughter; the Lamb Enthroned in the Book of Revelation. The retreat emphasizes that Joy is necessary for holiness, and that God wishes to give that Joy to us! Meeting Jesus, we encounter the One Perfect Love, who is the answer for our interior suffering. In the fullness of his love, Christ gives us not only Himself, but his Blessed Mother as well, to be our own.

### This Week in our Parish:

#### Monday, December 15

9:00am - Quilters in the Rectory Basement

11:30am - Seniors Luncheon in lunchroom

5:30pm - Men's Club Christmas Party

#### Tuesday, December 16

#### Wednesday, December 17

Noon - All Staff Meeting at St. Norbert

#### Thursday, December 18

#### Friday, December 19

#### Saturday, December 20

#### Sunday, December 21

6:00pm - Advent Evening Prayer & Benediction in church

**STVdP Food Drive after all masses during the weekend.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Bulletin for December 21st due by December 9th, December 28th due by December 15th, January 4th due by December 18th.**

PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM:

## A Biblical Retreat on the Gospel of Matthew

**January 26-28, 2026**  
AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE CAMPUS  
Florissant, MO

**SPEAKERS**

Dr. Tim Gray, Ph.D.

Dr. Michael Barber, Ph.D.

The Church enters the new liturgical cycle focused on the Gospel of St. Matthew. You are invited to join biblical scholars, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber for a two-day (Monday evening until Wednesday morning) retreat of study, prayer, and community. Explore the Gospel of St. Matthew at a deeper level for your own personal life of discipleship and with the goal of sharing the life and mission of Christ with others.

**\$600 for Individuals**

**\$850 for Couples**

**Registration Closes January 5, 2026**  
Only 115 Spots Available

Learn More at  
[augustineinstitute.org/retreats/matthew](http://augustineinstitute.org/retreats/matthew)

## Features:

### Anointing of the Sick:

*“Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.”*

*-James 5:14-15*

Throughout his public ministry, Jesus healed the sick physically, mentally and spiritually. The apostles continued this ministry and handed it on to their successors. For 2,000 years, the Church has continued Jesus' ministry of healing through the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**.

At St. Angela we are going to begin celebrating each month the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the second weekend after Mass, alternating between the Saturday evening and the two Sunday Masses. **The next will be on Sunday, December 14th following the 10:00AM Mass.**

This Sacrament is a sacrament of healing and so is for anyone who has a chronic, serious illness, anyone preparing for surgery, or anyone suffering from the effects of advance age.

We invite all in the parish who could receive benefit and grace from this sacrament to join us on December 14th, as we pray with and for each other, asking God's healing, comfort and peace for all who receive the sacrament.

**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!

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

The office will be open on Monday, Dec 22nd, Tuesday, Dec. 23rd and Wednesday 24th. Then the office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25th and Friday, Dec. 26th.

We will be back to work on Monday, Dec 29th and then off the rest of the week. Then we will be back to work on Monday, January 5th.

In January the Birthday Breakfast would have been on January 1st, we will be moving this to Thursday, January 8th.



## Features:

# WELCOME!

Whether you are a longtime resident or newly arrived to the parish, we thank God for you. If you are not registered or if your information has changed, please let us know by returning the information below either by placing it in the collection basket, dropping it off at the parish office or emailing the parish office at [brindley@stangelam.org](mailto:brindley@stangelam.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL SACRED HEART MEN'S CLUB**

**BAGS TOURNAMENT**

**JANUARY 24, 2026**

**AT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE PARISH HALL  
2650 PARKER ROAD FLORISSANT, MO 63033**

**REGISTRATION OPENS 12:00PM  
TOURNAMENT KICK OFF 1:00PM**

**Registration Fee:**

**\$60** per 2 person Team

**Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Teams!**

**50/50 RAFFLE, CHUCK-A-LUCK, & SILENT AUCTION!**

**Includes: Beer, Soda, Chili, and Hot Dogs**

*Scan me to Register!*





**SAM Seniors Meeting**  
**Monday, December 15th**  
**At 11:30am in the**  
**lunchroom**

Menu: Chicken Piccata, Sauteed Green Beans, Italian Salad with Peppercorn Dressing, Rolls and Butter and wine.

We will be playing Santa's favorite game, The Left and Right game. Don't forget to bring your gift.



The cost is \$17.00 per person. We will need your payment by Wednesday, December 3rd. You can leave your payment in the black mailbox outside the parish office or inside with Linda.



The St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree for Advent/Christmas.

This year we will be collecting for the Wellston Community Center. Please take an ornament or two and bring the items back and place them unwrapped under the Giving Tree. The need is great this year and your Vincentians greatly appreciate your generosity. God is Good!

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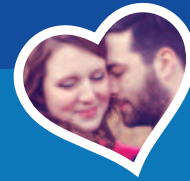
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