

ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

December 7, 2025
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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 8

8:00 am - Rose McCarthy (Spec. Int.)

5:00 pm - Janet Miller

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am - Margaret Laska

Wednesday, December 10

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

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am - Carmen Nagel (Spec. Int.)

Friday, December 12

8:00 am - Mary Licata

Saturday, December 13

8:00 am - Ken & Wilam Schmidt

5:00 pm - Joe Licavoli

Sunday, December 14

7:30 am - Brindley Family (Spec. Int.)

10:00 am - Sheryl Wunderlich

MINISTERS

FOR NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH WEEKEND LECTORS

5:00 pm - George Bidleman

7:30 am - Yvonne Jackson

10:00 am - Angi Taylor

WEEKEND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5:00 pm - Deacon George

7:30 am - Deacon George

10:00 am - Deacon George



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 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!



Pro-Life

BIRTHRIGHT ST. CHARLES CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Our Pro-Life Committee will be selling Christmas cards again the weekends of 11/29-30 and 12/6-7 after all Masses.

The cost is \$10.00 for a pack of ten cards. Cash or check accepted. The Moms, Dads, and Babies served by Birthright appreciate your love and support!!



Pondering With Deacon George:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."

In Matthew 3:1-12, John the Baptist calls people to repentance. He's not gentle about it either. He speaks with bold words to people who were very sure of their own holiness. Some of them thought they were fine just because they were part of Abraham's family. In today's language, that would be like saying, "I'm Catholic, I go to church, so I'm good." But John said that wasn't enough. God wanted their hearts to change. He wanted them to show real signs of that change. Not just talk about being good. Not just looking holy on the outside. But to actually live differently, with honesty and humility.

Our call is one of humility and to avoid "spiritual pride" but how do we do that? First, thank God when something good happens. If we helped someone, if we understood something in prayer, or if we did the right thing – don't brag. Just quietly thank God. Say, "Thank you, Lord, for helping me do that." It keeps our heart in the right place.

Second, stay curious and humble. We should avoid thinking that we know everything. There's always more to learn. Sometimes someone who doesn't go to church might still teach us something about love, kindness, or forgiveness. Be ready to listen.

Third, remember that everyone struggles. We might not see other people's weak spots, but they have them. And so do we. The next time we catch ourselves thinking we are better than someone else, pause. Ask God for help. Say a quick prayer. And remember that the most holy people are often the most humble.

Fourth, check our heart. Ask ourselves, "Why am I doing this?" Am I doing something just to look good? Just to be praised? Or am I doing it out of love for God and others? That question can really help us stay honest.

May God help us grow in humility this Advent and avoid spiritual pride,

Deacon George





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, Jacqueline Thomas, Mary "Meg" Peters, Baby Simon Jones, Julie Ross, Jo Chapman, Jerry Gomez, Kaelen Askovich, 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 Sweeney, Karen Dafflitto, Anna Foncessa-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 Hedgesky, Christopher Hedgesky, Maya Hedgesky, Brody MacKinnon



ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLE PROGRAM



Home-cooked casseroles and non-perishable foods provided by volunteers provide one week of nutritious dinners for **St. Patrick's Women's Shelter**. Coordinators will hold the next "drop off" of casseroles and pantry food.

When: Tuesday, December 9th

Where: Church lobby

Contact info: Patty Vytlacil at 314-355-5897

This month is Spaghetti Casserole



Join us for a reflection on Advent to prepare us, as we all are "Waiting For The King"

Wednesday, December 10

10:30 am at St. Angela Merici
Bring a brown bag lunch to continue the discussion afterwards

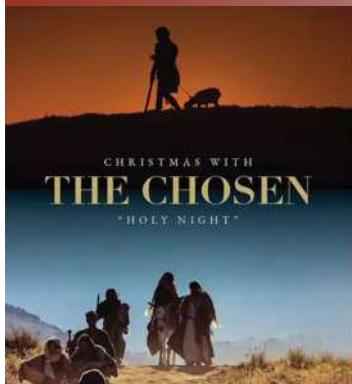
6:30 pm at St. Norbert



Presenter:
Dr. Ben Akers S.T.D.
Chief Mission Officer and
Associate Professor of Theology
At The Augustine Institute



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.

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.

This Week in our Parish:

Monday, December 8

9:00am - Quilters in the Rectory Basement

Tuesday, December 9

Wednesday, December 10

10:30am - Waiting for the King in the lunchroom

Thursday, December 11

Noon - Ladies Club Meeting in lunchroom

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

6:00 pm - Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner in lunchroom

Sunday, December 14

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Bulletin article due for the December 14th needs to be turned in by December 3rd, Bulletin for December 21st due by December 9th, December 28th due by December 15th, January 4th due by December 18th.

Visit the Shrine for a festive fundraiser

Tablescape 2025

Get into the holiday spirit with the Shrine's most festive fundraiser!

Join us for a fun experience featuring over 20 holiday decorated tables, wreaths & trees. Raffle tickets will be available for a chance to win holiday decor, gift baskets, and much more.

Friday, Nov. 21, 5-9 | **Tuesday, Dec 2, 11-3**
Saturday, Nov. 29, 12-5 | **Wednesday, Dec 3, 11-3**
Sunday, Nov 30, 1-6 | **Friday, Dec 5, 11-3**
Saturday, Dec 6, 11-3

OLD ST. FERDINAND SHRINE
1 Rue St. Francois St., Old Town Florissant 63031

On Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, join us for lunch at 11:30 in the Schoolhouse before you stroll through Tablescape. \$20 ticket, purchase on the Shrine's website or through the QR code: includes Tablescape ticket, lunch, and beverages. Please reserve by Monday, November 24th.

QR Code

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 November 9th, 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!



We would like to thank those of you that volunteered from St Angela Merici and St Ferdinand Parishes for hosting an amazing volleyball tournament on the weekend of November 20-23. We had many compliments on the tournament and would not have been able to be as successful as we were without your help and commitment. A good time was had by all and we had many compliments at the front desk and concession stand about how well everything was going. A huge thanks to Jamie Broeker for organizing the tournament and the SAM Athletic Association/Men's Club for providing the facilities.



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@stangalam.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number : _____

E-mail: _____

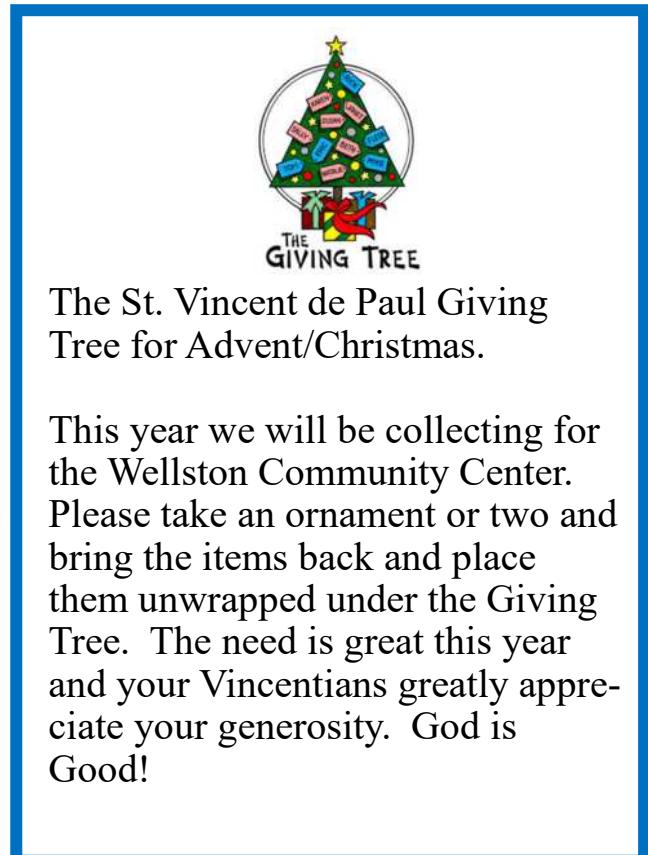


SAM Seniors Meeting
Monday, December 15th
At 11:30am in the
lunchroom

Menu: Chicken Piccata, Sautéed 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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