



St. Angela Merici
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ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH

Archdiocese of New Orleans

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

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Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish you a very happy and blessed New Year! May peace prevail in our hearts, homes, and parish!

Hopefully we've had time to rest after all of the Christmas parties and family gatherings and are readjusting to our normal, everyday lives. This Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord, will mark the end of the Christmas Season. With great joy we, as a faith community, celebrate our Savior's birth and pledge to carry in our hearts the great message of hope that this holy season signifies. May we, like the reformed character, Ebenezer Scrooge, strive to hold good will in our hearts throughout the year and indeed, throughout our entire lives.

Fr. Ken and I, along with the parish staff, would like to sincerely thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts that were sent to the rectory. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much to the lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, choir members, altar servers, and the many others who gave so generously of their time and talent by signing up to serve at our many Christmas liturgies. The decorations, music, community participation, and overall atmosphere were absolutely beautiful and greatly enhanced our celebrations.

Also, a very special thanks for *your* participation in our Christmas liturgies. Together, as grateful disciples, we made a joyful noise unto the Lord! Together, let us go into this new year with that same zeal so that we can grow in our faith. Together, may our love for God and for one another continue to increase.

I would like to take a moment to comment on the wonderful response to the Advent Giving Tree Project. Fr. Ken and I are truly inspired by your generosity in reaching out to help those in need to have a better Christmas. During each of the four weeks of Advent, more and more toys, bikes, and clothes were brought to church and surrounded the Sanctuary as a sign of love for God's people.

As a result, more than 200 families benefitted from your selfless giving. It was heartwarming to watch as the huge truck took our gifts to their destinations and recipients. Thanks to all in our school, staff, and volunteers who helped in coordinating and carrying out this project.

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Our St. Angela Merici Super Bowl Raffle is well underway! This raffle has great potential to bring in substantial and necessary funds to our parish and school. The money raised will help our parish in many ways, including the carrying out of our various ministries. These funds will also greatly benefit our school (the largest ministry of our parish) in its endeavors to be a beacon of light in educating our children...our future.

The prize package includes: 2- 2011 Super Bowl tickets donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Benson, \$1,500.00 cash, \$200.00 gift card to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, and a 3 night hotel stay in Dallas. The raffle tickets are only \$10.00 per chance or \$25.00 for 3 chances. Get your tickets now!

If you would like tickets (or more tickets) to take to work or clubs, etc., please contact the parish or school office. The drawing is Sunday, January 16th at 12:30pm. during the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner in the Kern Center, here on our campus. While the winner need not be present, why not come by, have a great meal with your family, friends, and fellow parishioners, and say a prayer that you might be holding the winning ticket!

This Saturday, January 8th, the various parish councils will be having a Joint Councils Meeting to discuss the *Needs Assessment* that we were all invited to participate in during this past October and November. Together we will go over the results and, in the spirit of collaboration, seek realistic ways in which to implement our needs for the betterment of our parish community. Our findings will be forthcoming. Please keep this important meeting in your prayers.

This weekend, during the 9:30am Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word (Child Church) resumes.

During this time of New Year's resolutions, may each of us make the resolve to grow in our discipleship by being attentive to the voice of God speaking to us daily in our prayer.

---Fr. Peter

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Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. - Mt 3:13-15

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2011

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8

8:30a.m. Sister Camilla Gaudin

Sunday, January 9

4:00p.m. Vigil

Richard Deas Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Nolan Adoue Harvey Lee Ducote
Lawrence Chigoy The Maxwell Family (*)
Helen Wilkinson Douroux and Delise Families
Duval Wilkinson John B. Cressend Family
Iris Lousteau Lousteau and Griffin Families (*)
Al Martiny Fred Bullinger, Sr. (*)
Brian Leonard Dorothy and Lee Roy Soignet
Leo Spadaro Rosemary O'Brien Jernigan
Jackie Miele Incarnatos and Bordelon Families
Patrick Freeman Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
In Thanksgiving Daniel and Catherine Kane
Fred Goodrow (*) John Matthew Laura
8:00a.m. John and Loretta Niemietz (*)
9:30a.m. Iva Helen Weber
11:00a.m.
Robert Held Amadie Grantadam
Marie Poche Earl and Dorothy Miller
Lara Calamari Paul and Pauline Masino
Lillian Guillory Rosario "Cy" Cali
Nathan Trepagnier Frank and Virginia Gambino (*)
Forrest Shodsmith The Coussou Family (*)
Ethel A. Olsen Albert Martiny, Jr.
Carolyn Miceli For the Parish
Leo Spadaro Ursula Villere

Monday, January 10

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)
8:30a.m. Al Martiny

Tuesday, January 11

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)
8:30a.m. John Hoffschwelle

Wednesday, January 12

6:15a.m. Brian Phillips
8:30a.m. Sidney and Alice Serio

Thursday, January 13

6:15a.m. Michael Bagert
8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, January 14

6:15a.m. Joan Talamo
8:30a.m. Bruno and Frank Marasco

Saturday, January 15

8:30a.m. Rudolph Rivas

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The Sanctuary Candle This Week

burns in loving memory of

Marvann Bienvenu



CALENDAR

Saturday, January 8

9:00A-Noon, Joint Councils Meeting, Kern Center

Sunday, January 9

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
9:30A, Scout Mass, Church
10:30-11:00A, Donuts for Scouts, gym
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room
6:30-8:00P, CYO Meeting, gym

Monday, January 10

3:15-4:15P, Daisy Troop 3, Classroom 11
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
7:00P, Knight of Columbus Officers' Meeting, Conf. Rm.
7:00P, Co-Op Meeting, Kern Center

Tuesday, January 11

8:30A, Lower Grade School Mass, Church
9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
10:30A, Bridge to NAIM, Conference Room
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym
6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00P, Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Rm
7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, January 12

9:30A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room
10:00A, Upper Grade School Mass, Church
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
3:30P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
4:30P, Staff Meeting, Rectory
5:30P, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory
7-8:00P, 11th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting, gym
7-8:00P, RCIA Religious Ed. Library
7:00P, Family Life General Membership Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, January 13

7:00A-4:30P, Band, Religious Ed. Library
9:15-10:15A, Senior Citizens' Executive Board Meeting, Board Room
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
3:15-4:30P, Girl Scout Trp. 671 Meeting, Board Room
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

Friday, January 14

3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
7-8:30P, Pinewood Derby Tune-up, gym



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Ursula Villere, Verna Balu and Cora Lopez

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ *May all of our beloved dead rest in peace* ~

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

OPEN HOUSE

St. Angela Merici School cordially invites you to the Annual Open House to be held on Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. The evening will begin in the Kern Center with a presentation and will conclude with a tour of the school, which includes Pre-K 3-year-olds through 7th grade. 2011-12 registration information will be distributed to prospective parents at this time. You will have an opportunity to meet some of the members of the St. Angela Merici School family and to learn more about the foundation of educational excellence that is offered in your home parish. Invest a little time in your child's future by coming to learn more about the "good news" of our school. For more information, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 835-8491. New student registration is on February 21st.

Lord, Teach Me To Pray is a three-part prayer series for women based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part 1, "Praying Christian Virtues", (12 week program) will start the week of January 17, 2011 in your area or parish. Part 1, "Praying Christian Virtues", helps women to deepen their prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer; meditation, contemplation and Consciousness Examen. Small groups of women will meet with 2 trained facilitators for 2 hours once a week to pray and faith share. Part 2, "My 19th Annotation", the entire Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola will be available in January 17, 2011 for those who have completed Part 1. Part 3, "Discernment & Gifts of the Spirit", (14 week program) invites the group to pray with the Holy Spirit and St. Ignatius' Rules for Discernment. Part 3 is available for those who have completed Parts 1 & 2 and begins the week of January 17, 2011. To register, contact Kathleen Steen at 835-0892 or Marilyn Ducasse at 833-3470, or go to www.lordteachmetoprayer.com.

Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean the church on Saturday, January 8.

Church Linen Team No. 7 will clean linens on Saturday, January 8.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study group is made up of men and women interested in learning more about the Bible. The session opens with prayer and the readings of the following Sunday's Scripture to better understand them at Mass.

You are welcome to join the group on any Tuesday morning in the Religious Ed. Library in the Annex from 9:15-10:45 a.m.



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Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday, thirty members of your Pastoral Staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils and School Board came together for a three-hour session to begin the process of reviewing the results of the needs assessments gatherings you participated in during the Fall and turning those needs into new goals for our parish to pursue together during the course of the next three years. These folks, who serve you faithfully and well in their continuing leadership work, got a good deal accomplished and have come up with a “first draft” of a number of goals for our parish. On Tuesday of this week, the members of the Pastoral Council continued that work at their monthly meeting, as did the Pastoral Staff at our monthly meeting on Wednesday. It will take us a bit more time to complete this part of the project, as we review the goals, suggest strategies that can be used to achieve these goals, prioritize and timeline them and then determine which groups need to take the leadership in their pursuit.

When all of that is completed, members of our Staff will meet with the leaders of all parish organizations and ministries so that we can share the goals with them and discuss how all of those in leadership roles can best facilitate all parish groups to work together so that we can meet our goals successfully.

And, at that same time, I will share with all of you, through the bulletin, the fruit of this work and the goals we will all be pursuing together, as we work to make our parish more and more a genuine experience for all of the reign of Christ.

I thank all of the Council and Staff members who were present for the day for the generous sharing of their time and talent in service of us all!

We have created six spaces in the pew areas of the church to accommodate those with wheel chairs, crutches or walkers – one space in each of the six seating areas. We did this so that all those with special needs will be able to be seated with their families and with the entire community for Mass. I ask all those who are in need of this kind of accommodated space to begin using these areas. Please let me know if anything about this isn’t adequate so that we can continue to provide in our worship space a welcome space for all!

On Wednesday of this past week, we had a meeting for parents of the young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, sharing with them information about the sacrament, the preparation their daughters and sons are receiving and how they can work with them as they now begin their final preparation for this Sacrament.

Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers in the coming weeks, that the formation in which they are now participating will truly help them to be open to the great gift of God’s Spirit, and that they will be able to discern how to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their own lives for the service of all of us in the Church.

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This is *very good news*: our parish indebtedness to the Archdiocese is now under \$200,000, from a high of nearly \$900,000 when I arrived here as your pastor. Because of your faithful and conscientious church support, we have regularly been able to pay more than the premium on our debt each week, and now we can almost see light at the end of the tunnel.

When our indebtedness is retired, we can begin to be more aggressive about the steps to implement the master plan for our campus that was developed and that can allow us to improve and grow our parish facilities to meet the anticipated needs of our school and parish ministries.

Please, please, please continue to be faithful to your weekly parish financial support!

I offer you what I anticipate being a final word (for a while) about the parking situation:

Several weeks ago, Fr. Peter and Jackie Appleton (our parish Business Manager) met with one of the chief aids of Cynthia Lee Sheng to discuss the possibility of creating angled, off street parking next to the Church on Melody Drive. We had discussed this possibility with the four neighbors who live across from us on Melody: two were in agreement with the plan, but two were not. They both feel that there is adequate parking for each Mass in our school yard and in the commercial lot across the street, which we are permitted to use ON WEEKENDS. Councilperson Lee Sheng's position is to support the folks of the neighborhood and, because two of the four were opposed to this idea, she would not support it either. This is certainly an understandable decision on her part. Therefore, my decision is that we will not pursue this any further.

I remind you that, with current signage as it is, there is NO PARKING on the church side of Melody Drive at any time. If you do park there, you are opening yourself to a rather pricey parking ticket.

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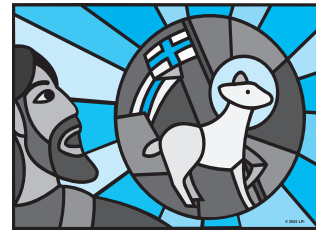
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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" - Jn 1:29-30

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2011

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25---8:6/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Is 8:23---9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
 Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 15

8:30a.m. Rudolph Rivas

Sunday, January 16

4:00p.m. Vigil

Sylvia A. Porche Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
 June W. Calcagno Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families
 Alice Bouvier Lawrence T. Gettys
 Ann Pelican Talamo and Bouvier Families
 Earl St. Romain Virginia and Maurice Punch
 Al Martiny Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.
 Jackie Miele Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
 Rita Kennedy Patrick Freeman
 Special Intention Jackielee Odom

8:00a.m. Zito, Vitrano and Cavalier Families

9:30a.m. Carolyn Miceli

11:00a.m.

Richard Deas Lara Calamari
 Robert Held Mary and Anthony Loria
 Al Martiny Carolyn Miceli
 Blake Berrigan Rosario "Cy" Cali
 Leo Spadaro Forrest Shodsmith
 Ursula Villere Sister Camilla Gaudin
 Lillian Guillory Nathan Trepagnier
 For the Parish Purgatorial Lisat

Monday, January 17

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguiard

Tuesday, January 18

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)

8:30a.m. Josephine P. Morgan

Wednesday, January 19

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt(*)

8:30a.m. Thelma Donnaway

Thursday, January 20

6:15a.m. Elmo Frederic

8:30a.m. Alice and Sidney Serio

Friday, January 21

6:15a.m. Laura Frederic

8:30a.m. Katie and Paul Jacamine

Saturday, January 22

8:30a.m. Dolores Vath Brewin

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CHURCH SUPPORT

December 25	
Christmas Collection.....	\$20,116.49
December 26	
Weekly Collection	\$18,370.77
January 1	
Mary Mother of God Collection	\$1,266.00
January 2	
Weekly Collection	\$11,992.81
January 9	
Weekly Collection	\$16,189.39

The Sanctuary Candle This Week
 burns in loving memory of

Wattigny and Villere Families



Sanctuary Flowers This Week
 are in loving memory of

The millions of pre-born children
killed by abortion



Tabernacle Flowers This Week
 are in loving memory of

Ban and Bulot Families



Flowers at St. Joseph's Altar This Week
 are in loving memory of

Joseph Christiana



CALENDAR

Saturday, January 15

8:00 a.m.-Noon, Pinewood Derby, gym
 9:00 a.m.-Noon, Sidewalk Counseling Workshop,
 Conference Room
 9:30 a.m., Adult Sharing, Religious Education Lib.
 Noon-3:00 p.m., KC Spaghetti Dinner, gym
 4:00 Vigil, KC Quarterly Mass, Church

Sunday, January 16

9:30 a.m., Children's Liturgy, Church
 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., KC Spaghetti Dinner, gym
 11:00 a.m., RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room
 12:30 p.m., Super Bowl Raffle Drawing, gym

Monday, January 17 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

8:30 a.m. Mass only
 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 SCHOOL CLOSED
 11:00 a.m., Parent-Teacher Conferences, School
 6:00 p.m., CYO Basketball, gym
 Family Life "Family Day" Poster/Essay Contest
 kick-off

Tuesday, January 18

9:15-10:45 a.m., Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
 3:10 p.m., G.S. Trp 561 Meeting, Ms. Diane's Room
 3:30-6:00 p.m., Boys' Basketball, gym
 6:30-7:45 p.m., CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
 7:00 p.m., Adult Choir Practice, Church
 7:30 p.m., SAMA Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center

Wednesday, January 19

9:30 a.m., Prayer Meeting/Mass, Conference Room
 3:15 p.m., Kindergarten Daisy Troop Mtg., Rel. Ed. Lib
 3:30 p.m., Boys' Basketball, gym
 3:30 p.m., Children's Choir Practice, Church
 7:00 p.m., School Open House, gym and school
 7:00 p.m., Finance Council Meeting, Rectory
 7-8:00 p.m., RCIA, Religious Ed. Library
 7-8:30 p.m., Scout Troop 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, January 20

7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Band, Religious Ed. Library
 3:30-6:00 p.m., Boys' Basketball, gym
 7:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus Meeting, gym

Friday, January 21

3:30 p.m., Boys' Basketball, gym
 7:00 p.m., Pro-Life Mass, Church

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In your charity please pray for the souls of

Lillian Creighton and Constance Wallenburg

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

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2009 Christopher Kliebert Valedictorian

Archbishop Rummel High School

2009 Steven Lowe Valedictorian

Brother Martin High School

2008 Aimee Plaisance Valedictorian

Mt. Carmel Academy

2007 Courtney Pinac Valedictorian

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Four Valedictorians in Three Years!

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

Knights of Columbus Council 9007 will have a Spaghetti dinner **Sunday, January 16** at the Kern Center from 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (unless sold out before).

Take outs will be available. All Dinners are \$7.00.

Supper Bowl Raffle drawing will take place at 12:30 p.m.

Altar Ladies Team No. 2 will clean the church on Saturday, January 15.

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Dear Parishioners,

As we embark on a new year, we now find ourselves liturgically in “Ordinary Time”. Every year, at least one person will ask me why we call it that. Let me start by saying that Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary! The rhythm of the liturgical seasons reflects the rhythm of life—with its celebrations of anniversaries and its seasons of quiet growth and maturing.

Ordinary Time, meaning “ordered” or “numbered time”, is celebrated in two segments: from the Monday following the Baptism of the Lord up to Ash Wednesday; and from Pentecost Monday to the First Sunday of Advent. This makes the largest season of the Liturgical year. Notice that the weeks are numbered.

In vestments of green, the color of hope and growth, the Church counts the thirty-three or thirty-four Sundays of Ordinary Time, inviting her children to meditate upon the whole mystery of Christ—his life, miracles, and teachings----in light of his resurrection.

If you and I are to mature in our spiritual life and increase our faith, then we must descend the great mountain peaks of Easter and Christmas in order to “pasture” in the vast verdant meadows of *tempus per annum*, or Ordinary Time.

Sunday by Sunday, the Pilgrim Church marks her journey through the *tempus per annum* as she processes through time toward eternity. This is a very special time in the Church Year, one in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. In the end, there is nothing “ordinary” about that.

As you already know, there is nothing “ordinary” about our parish either. Both Fr. Ken’s and my bulletin articles the last couple of weeks mentioned that thirty members of your Pastoral Staff, Pastoral and Finance Councils, and School Board came together recently to review the needs of our parish and began working toward formulating those needs into goals.

To be quite honest, we’re not wasting any time. At our most recent Pastoral Council Meeting, we began working together to categorize our parish “needs” into “goals”. The goals that we set will be ones that can be measured and will be realistic and attainable. The goals that are in the process of being formulated will give us all something to work toward, together and collaboratively over the next three years. No doubt, they will present us all, as a parish community, with some exciting challenges.

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There is still much more to do. The *Needs Assessment* that we completed in the Fall, and the *Goal Setting* that we are still in the process of working on, are only the beginning. Once the goals are finalized, then we must develop strategies to accomplish each goal. Though there is a lot of time and work involved, it is very much worth the effort! In the end, they enhance the life and spirit of St. Angela Merici Parish and enable us to move forward more confidently into the future.

As our parish goals are finalized in the months ahead, both Fr. Ken and I will keep you abreast of any developments. Please continue to keep this important process in your prayers.

Lastly, I regret that as of this writing (prior to the raffle), the Super Bowl Raffle winner is not yet known. We will announce the winner in next week's bulletin.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our Confirmation retreat for our 11th graders begins with 11 A.M. Mass on January 30. Candidates are to attend Mass with their parents. They are to sign in before Mass. Retreat continues until 4 P.M. All candidates who plan to be confirmed here on February 23 must attend this retreat.

CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP MEETING FOR PARENTS

Any parent that missed the required Parent Meeting on January 12 must attend a make-up meeting in order for your son or daughter to be confirmed.

All sacramental preparation requires a parent session. The make-up meeting will be held on January 26, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room (the room next to Sr. Paula's office).

FUNERAL MASS PLANNING

Many of you approached Sr. Paula about repeating the funeral planning we did in November. We will offer this on Saturday, **February 12 and 19** from 11 am to 12:30 in the Religious Education Library.

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On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:16b-17

Readings for the Week of January 23, 2011

Sunday: Is 8:23---9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22

8:30a.m. Dolores Vath Brewin

Sunday, January 23

4:00p.m. Vigil

Al Martiny Harvey Lee Ducote
Ed Landry, Jr. Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Verna Balu Vernon J. Dupre, Sr.
Marie Aspelund Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Richard Matherne John B. Cressend Family

8:00a.m.

Carolyn Miceli

9:30a.m.

Walter and Rose Mount

11:00a.m.

Richard Deas Hodges and Mule Families (*)

Robert Held Earl St. Romain

Lara Calamari Rose Mae Trosclair

Carolyn Miceli Albert Martiny, Jr.

Lillian Guillory Rosario "Cy" Cali

Blake Berrigan Forrest Shodsmith

Leo Spadaro Robert J. Calmes, Sr.

Ursula Villere For the Parish

Purgatorial List Anna Lopez (*)

Monday, January 24

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)

8:30a.m. John Hoffschwelle

Tuesday, January 25

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)

8:30a.m. Christopher Adams

Wednesday, January 26

6:15a.m. Hazel Lyon Baehr

8:30a.m. Frank De Michiel

Thursday, January 27

6:15a.m. Marie Bulot

8:30a.m. John Dodt

Friday, January 28

6:15a.m. Blanche D. Peters

8:30a.m. Al Martiny

Saturday, January 29

8:30a.m. Albert Lore

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Altar Ladies Team No. 3 will clean the church on Saturday, January 22.

Church Linen Team No. 1 will clean linens on Saturday, January 22.

COME FOR A VISIT!

St. Angela Merici School is currently preparing for New Student Registration for the 2011-12 school year is to be held on Monday, February 21st. If you would like to schedule a tour of the school, or need more information about the foundation of excellence provided at St. Angela, please call the school office at 835-8491.

St. Angela adheres to the same age requirements as the Jefferson School Board as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten students must be 3 or 4 years old by September 30

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 30

The Sanctuary Candle This Week

burns in loving memory of

The Houdobre Family



Sanctuary Flowers This Week

are in loving memory of

Rose Hotard



Flowers at St. Joseph's Altar This Week

are in loving memory of

Van Flynn **Arnulfo Jimenez**



CALENDAR

Saturday, January 22

9:30A, Ministers to the Homebound Meeting, Conference Room

Sunday, January 23

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room

Monday, January 24

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym

6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, January 25

9:15-10:45A, Bible Study, Religious Ed Library

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym

6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, January 26

9:30A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room

3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym

3:30P, Children's Choir, Church

6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

7-8:00P, RCIA, Religious Ed. Library

7:00P, Parent's Confirmation Make-Up Meeting, Board Room

7-8:30P, Scout Troop 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, January 27 St. Angela Feast

7A-4:30P, Band, Religious Ed. Library

10:00A, Whole School Mass for Feast, Church

3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym

6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

7:00P, Adult Faith, Religious Ed. Library

Friday, January 28

3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym

5-11:00P, CYO Field trip to Leo's Iceland, Baton Rouge

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, invites you to a breakfast where Sr Julia Mary Darrenkamp, FSP, manager of the Pauline Media Center, will give her faith witness which includes conversion and her vocation story. Friday, Feb 11, 2011, 9 - Noon, Jefferson Orleans South, 2536 Edenborn Ave, Metairie 70002. Reservations \$20 check to "Magnificat Metairie" mailed to Jane Margavio, 1005 Maryland Ave, Kenner 70062 by Feb. 7th. More information 466-2010.

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS



Welcome To Our Newly Baptized

Robert Louis Stierwald, Jr.

FAMILY DAY

Join us on February 19 – 20, 2011 to celebrate **Family Day** during each Mass. The purpose of Family Day is to promote and strengthen all families and the parish family. This parish celebration is for all ages and stages of family life. We are all members of God's family as we come together to worship and celebrate in our parish family and community. We are the Body of Christ, the Family of God. **"Table Time – Celebrate Family!"** is the theme. A poster and essay contest is being sponsored by Family Life Apostolate for grades K - 7. The winning posters will be displayed in church at all Masses. The winning essays will be read before each Mass. For more information, call Kay Dornier at (504) 834-4689.

CYO NEWS:

Movie Night was the theme for our January 9th meeting. Despite the less than pleasant weather we had 30 teens present. We discussed several upcoming service projects which include volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank and another drive to support the troops.

Also happening this month is our annual trip to CiCi's Pizza and Leo's Iceland in Baton Rouge! Mark your calendars for these activities.

January 28th (Friday) Leo's Iceland 5-11 p.m. Cost is \$35.00

February 12th (Saturday) Volunteer at Second Harvest 8-11 a.m.

February 26th (Saturday) Troops Drive 2-4 p.m. More details to follow!

For more information contact Diane Kratochvil

SAMA NEWS

During December SAMA's Cooking Team assisted with the meal served to celebrate the ordination of Deacon David Aaron. We also prepared the meal served to those attending the parish caroling on December 19th. Approximately 300 people attended the caroling. We have other parish activities in the planning stages for the spring.

Annual membership dues are \$35 and monthly guest fee for non-members is \$10. SAMA usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month.



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Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesday, following 8:30 A.M. Mass

Confessions: Saturday, 5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., or by appointment

Dear Parishioners,

The feast of our patroness, St. Angela Merici, is celebrated each year on January 27, which fell during this week. We marked this special day at both of our regularly-scheduled morning Masses and also had a very special feast day Mass with our school community. This weekend, we are fortunate to be able to continue this commemoration of our patroness.

This Saturday, at our anticipated Mass of Sunday, that is January 29, Archbishop Gregory Aymond returns to visit us again and to lead us in prayer at our 4:00 p.m. Mass. We will again use the prayers and readings of the Memorial of St. Angela Merici as we honor her as a parish community.

From 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., we will also have a parish dinner in the Msgr. Kern Center, coordinated by our parish Family Life Apostolate members. The Archbishop will also be with us at the dinner and have time to visit with you individually.

Please make every effort to join us for this parish celebration!

I am certain that you remember Mr. Rami Qumsieh, who visited us a while back and shared with us a report on the status of and the severe challenges that face the Christians in the Holy Land. A few weeks ago, Rami sent a note to us, again thanking us for the warm reception and generous support that you gave him and he also sends this message to all of us as he reflected in his note on the experience of being in the Holy Land at Christmas time:

If you still have not been to Bethlehem, you must make time to go. It's a wonderful mystical place full of the Holy Spirit. We are so very blessed to have so many religious sites commemorating the earthly ministry of Jesus still standing. Let us pray for the Holy Land and its remaining Christian Palestinian community. Let us remember that people are the Church and we must never ever allow our Mother Church to die. Let us pray for Peace, even though it seems the peace process is still eluding us. Pray for the Christian presence in the Holy Land as they will pray for you. Next Christmas in Bethlehem, God willing: mark your calendars.

-- Rami Quemsieh

A concerned Catholic Palestinian from Bethlehem

This is Catholic Schools Week, a time for us to offer special support for those young people entrusted to our care in Catholic schools, to continue our encouragement of parents to place their children in our schools, to offer prayerful support to those who serve on the faculties and staffs of our schools, to recognize and proclaim the value and the success of Catholic educational institutions and to pledge to continue to give our support beyond just this week.

Archbishop Aymond will offer a Mass at St. Dominic Church on Friday morning of this week with faculty and student representatives from the schools throughout our Archdiocese. As is our custom here at St. Angela, we welcome the grandparents of our students on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week for a special prayer service each day, followed by a reception and classroom visits as well. These are some of the most energetic and happy days of the school year for our children!

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I want to take this opportunity to remind all of our parishioners that there are very practical ways that you can support our school, whether you have children or grandchildren here or not.

Financial support can be given on a regular basis to our school by bringing in your Community coffee proofs of purchase and Box Tops for Education coupons found on some food items and paper products. Even better, you can participate in the Scrips program, where you purchase from the school office gift cards for products you regularly use, stores you regularly go to. You purchase the gift card and receive full face value, but these companies return to the school a percentage of that cost, between 2 and 5%, depending on the merchant. When you use these for REGULAR PURCHASES (food, gasoline, home improvement stores, department stores, big box discount stores, movies, restaurants) you are constantly supporting our ministry of Catholic education. Much more information about this, and a list of the merchants in the Scrips program can be found on the school website, www.stangelaschool.org. Many cards can now even be replenished with PayPal over the internet, making all of this very easy. Check it out!

I will be out of the parish Feb. 3, 4 and 5, attending a workshop in Shreveport in conjunction with my service in the Office of Worship. This workshop is on new Mass settings for the coming revised translation of the Roman Missal, and so it actually will be of benefit to our parish too as I have the opportunity to hear and evaluate possible settings of the Mass prayers (Gospel Acclamation, Preface Acclamation, Memorial Acclamation, Amen and Lamb of God) for us to use here at St. Angela.

F. Ken

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE

Congratulations to **Isabel Schneller**, the winner of our Super Bowl Raffle package. Added to the excitement is the fact that Mrs. Schneller is one of our parishioners right here at St. Angela!

Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets for the raffle. Special thanks also to our Knights of Columbus for hosting the drawing for this raffle at their spaghetti dinner, and to everyone who helped to make this raffle a success.

The net proceeds from the raffle are \$32,713.53. These funds will be used to support the ministries of our school and church here at St. Angela.

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"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

Readings for the Week of January 30, 2011

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/
Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29

8:30a.m. Albertha Lore

Sunday, January 30

4:00p.m. Vigil

Jackie Miele Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Patrick Freeman June W. Calcagno
Andre` Barbazan Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Verna Balu John Manfrin
Mr. Franz St. Joseph (for favor granted)

Ursula Villere

8:00a.m. Albert Bode, Jr.

9:30a.m. Marilyn Maheu

11:00a.m.

Richard Deas Lara Calamari
Robert Held Albert Martiny, Jr.
Carolyn Miceli Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Leo Spadaro Deacon Dave Aaron (*)
Ursula Villere Hope and Rodric Singleton, Jr. (*)
Henry Herbert Doris Herbert (*)
Maureen Reed Joseph N. and Doris Hilferty
For the Parish Rosario "Cy" Cali
Purgatorial List Louise Rita Purcaro
Dianne and Fred Goodrow (*)

Monday, January 31

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)

8:30a.m. Christopher Adams

Tuesday, February 1

6:15a.m. Dwight Mc Namara

8:30a.m. Alfred Rodrigue

Wednesday, February 2

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)

8:30a.m. Edward J. Sinnott

Thursday, February 3

6:15a.m. Wayne Schmidt

8:30a.m. Earl A. Jeansonne, Jr.

Friday, February 4

6:15a.m. Rosemary O'Brien Jernigan

8:30a.m. William L. Schellhaas, Jr.

Saturday, February 5

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Tabernacle Flowers This Week

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CALENDAR

Saturday, January 29

9:15-10:15A, Book Sharing, Religious Ed. Library
NO CONFESSIONS

5:00P, Family Life Dinner for St. Angela Feast Day, gym

Sunday, January 30

Children's Liturgy, Church

11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room

11:00A-4:00P, 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat,
Church, Conference Room, Kern Center Board Room
and Religious Ed. Library

Monday, January 31

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym

6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

Beginning of Catholic School Week

Tuesday, February 1

9:15-10:45A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library

10:00A, Grandparent Prayer Service, Church followed
with a Reception in the gym

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym

6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00P, SALA Meeting, Kern Center

7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Rotolo's Pizza Night for School

Wednesday, February 2

9:30-11:30A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room

10:00A, Grandparent Prayer Service, Church followed
with a Reception in the gym

12:30-2:30P, CYO Adult Advisory Board Meeting,
Conference Room

3:15-4:00P, Kindergarten Daisy Troop Meeting,
Religious Ed. Library

3:30P, Children's Choir Practice, Church

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym

6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

7-8:00P, RCIA, Religious Ed. Library

7-8:00P, Scout Parent's Meeting, Board Room

7-8:30P, Scout Troop 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, February 3

7:00A-4:30P, Band, Religious Ed. Library

Noon-2:30P, Senior Citizens' Meeting, Kern Center

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym

6:00P, Men's Basketball, gym

Friday, February 4

1:45P, Early School Dismissal

1:45P, G.S. Trp 280 Meeting, Mrs. Lalla's Classroom

2:00P, Faculty Meeting, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Our Confirmation retreat for our 11th graders begins with 11 A.M. Mass. on January 30. Candidates are to attend Mass with their parents. They are to sign in before Mass. Retreat continues until 4 P.M.

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 16

Weekly Collection\$14,282.59

January 23

Weekly Collection\$10,559.99



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Philip Condon and Barbara LaRocca

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

SALA NEWS

Welcome back St. Angela Ladies Auxiliary for the year 2011. Our program for this meeting will be the game of BONCO. Please join us in the Kern Center on Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. for a fun filled, spirited evening. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Also, please remember to bring in your boxtops and excess pennies.

ST. ANGELA MERICI FEAST DAY DINNER

Please join us for St Angela Merici Feast Day Dinner scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2011 in the Kern Center beginning at 5:00 PM. Archbishop Aymond will be celebrating the Vigil Mass. He will be joining us for dinner. Please make plans to attend. Come enjoy the fellowship of our wonderful church parish.

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FUNERAL MASS PLANNING

Many of you approached me about repeating the funeral planning we did in November. We will offer this on Saturday, February 12 and 19 from 11 am to 12:30 in the Religious Education Library.



We remind expectant parents that, to prepare for the Baptism of a baby, the parents must make an appointment with the Deacon **prior to Baptism**. It is recommended that you call **well in advance of the delivery date** to be prepared. Baptisms in our parish are usually performed on the second Sunday of the month provided the parents have fulfilled the preparation.

Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, January 29.

Church Linen Team No. 2 will clean linens on Saturday, January 29.



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Dear Parishioners,

As we all know, January 27th, was the feast of our patroness, St. Angela Merici. Because her feast day fell on a Thursday, we celebrated as a community this past Saturday at the 4:00pm Mass. We were so blessed to have had our Archbishop, Gregory Aymond with us to celebrate that very special liturgy. He also joined us at our parish dinner which took place from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. It was very noticeable that he stayed for the entire celebration, greeting us and getting to know us better.

It was very nice to see that Mass so well attended. Also, our dinner afterward was very well attended. It was so inspiring to see so many of our parishioners come together to share that delicious meal. Fr. Ken and I would like to thank all who helped plan, set up, cook, serve, and clean up afterwards. It was noticeable how well our organizations came together and worked so well together to provide a memorable evening.

There were so many tasty sweets that I decided to have desert both before and after dinner. While the food and deserts were excellent and plentiful, it was the fellowship that made our meal and celebration complete. I believe that one of the most important aspects of parish life is that we work to get to know one another and develop new relationships and strive to sustain present ones. I truly believe our dear patroness would have been inspired by the unity that exists and is growing among us as a community of faith. I am reminded of Scripture: *How good it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity.*

During his homily, the archbishop mentioned several times what a vibrant community of faith we have here at St. Angela Merici Parish. He confirmed my thoughts! Most certainly, we cannot take what we have here for granted. Let us remember to keep one another in our daily thoughts and prayers as we continue to grow and move forward following the example of St. Angela, who exemplifies for us what it truly means to be *poor in spirit*.

This past Sunday at the 11:00am mass, we were pleased to have had with us 41 very special young people. These young men and women are our Confirmation candidates, who joined us, not only for Mass, but for their retreat day which took place here at St. Angela. This retreat was the final formal preparation for these students who will be confirmed on February 23rd at 7:00pm. Please keep them in your prayers. We pray that they will take their upcoming Confirmation seriously and that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to carry on Christ's work of service and ministry in the Church.


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Also, coming very soon is First Penance for our second grade students. That date is Wednesday, February 9th at 7:00pm. We are blessed to have 58 children who will begin on that evening, a lifelong journey toward God with the help of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

Lastly, I am reminded of Archbishop Aymond's words reminding us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. I believe that this is a call that we must all take very seriously. Here at St. Angela, we have a ministry dedicated to prayer for vocations.

This ministry is actually very simple, but very profound. Each week our "vocations cross" is received and returned by families who choose to actively participate in this ministry. Along with the cross, a prayer card is given for you to take home. Simply place the crucifix in a central place in your home and offer to God the prayer that is written on the card and/or add your own prayers. During the week you have the cross, you commit to praying for vocations. Then return the cross the following week at the mass of your choice.

We are still in need of more families and individuals to participate. If you feel you would like to participate, please call the parish office. Thanks for your consideration!




BLESSED CANDLES

At Masses this past Tuesday, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, candles were blessed for use in the home.

If you did not attend Mass on Tuesday and would like a box that contains two of the blessed candles, the ladies of SALA will have them available in church after the Masses this weekend. A donation of \$3.00 for each box is requested.

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"Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:15-16

Readings for the Week of February 6, 2011

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20---2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 5

8:30a.m. Scott Limbeck

Sunday, February 6

4:00p.m. Vigil

Brian Leonard	Harvey Lee Ducote
John B. Punch	Margaret Punch-Ladner
Al Martiny	Incarnatos and Bordelon Families
Patricia Landry	Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
Esther Riccobono	John B. Cressend Family
Mr. Franz	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Rita Balu	Joseph Zuppardo (*)
John Manfrin	Lloyd Tilly (*)
Marie Aspelund	Wilton L. Clay
Ursula Villere	Lawrance Santana
8:00a.m.	John and Loretta Niemietz (*)
9:30a.m.	Bill Graham
11:00a.m.	
Richard Deas	Michael Sublette
Robert Held	Albert Martiny, Jr.
Lara Calamari	John and Rosalie Hodges
Carolyn Miceli	Hartie and Rose Mae Trosclair
Leo Spadaro	Ina and Curry St. Romain
Audrey Chiro	Rosario "Cy" Cali
Anna M. Wood	Hope and Rodrick Singleton, Jr. (*)
Elizabeth Wood	Joseph N. and Doris Hilferty
Benjamin Wood	Henry Herbert
Philip Condon	Doris Herbert (*)
Ursula Villere	Dianne and Fred Goodrow (*)
For the Parish	Purgatorial List
Shirley Lodato	

Monday, February 7

6:15a.m. Deacon Ray and Marilyn Heap (*)
8:30a.m. Al Martiny

Tuesday, February 8

6:15a.m. Deacon Gil and Anna Schmidt (*)
8:30a.m. Vital Fauque

Wednesday, February 9

6:15a.m. Ursula Villere
8:30a.m. Dooley Schellhaas

Thursday, February 10

6:15a.m. Terry P. Gerstner, Sr.
8:30a.m. Marie Louise Burke

Friday, February 11

6:15a.m. Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze
8:30a.m. Gerard Maxwell

Saturday, February 12

8:30a.m. Hunley, Loeb and Schnabel Families
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BULLETIN INFORMATION

The bulletin is prepared in advance and is submitted to the publisher on Monday morning. If you would like to include information about your group or organization, it should be submitted 2 weeks prior to the published date. Example: Information to be included in the bulletin of February 27 should be submitted by February 7. The preferred method would be to email the info to the parish secretary, dianne@stangela.org, if this is not possible, you may bring the information to the rectory. If you have any questions, please call Dianne @ 835-0324.

Sanctuary Flowers This Week
are in loving memory of



Michael Sublette

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 5

10-11:30A, CYO Officers/Board Meeting, Conference Room
11:00A., Profession of Faith, Religious Ed. Library

Sunday, February 6

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room

Monday, February 7

3:15P, Daisy Troop 3 Meeting, Room 11
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym
7:00P, KC Officers' Meeting. Conference Room

Tuesday, February 8

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
10:30A-Noon, Bridge to NAIM, Conference Room
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00P, Pastoral Council Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, February 9

9:30-11:30A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room
3:30-4:30P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
4:30P, Staff Meeting, Rectory
5:30P, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory
7:00P, 1st Penance, Church/Kern Center
7-8:00P, RCIA, Religious Ed. Library
7-8:30P, Scout Troop 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, February 10

7:00A-4:40P, Band, Religious Ed. Library
3:15P, Cub Scouts, Webelos I Meeting, Board Room
3:30P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

Friday, February 11

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym
Space Camp, gym

CHURCH SUPPORT

January 30

Weekly Collection..... \$15,132.41

Altar Ladies Team No. 5 will clean the church on Saturday, February 5.

Church Linen Team No. 3 will clean linens on Saturday, February 5.

FUNERAL MASS PLANNING

Many of you approached me about repeating the funeral planning we did in November. We will offer this on Saturday, February 12 and 19 from 11 am to 12:30 in the Religious Education Library.

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

FAMILY DAY

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SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Thank you for using the Scrip Program for your holiday shopping. The program received a tremendous boost over the holidays. You are encouraged to use the program on a regular basis for your spending and entertainment needs. This is an excellent way to support the school and enable us to earn money without any additional spending on your behalf. By planning ahead and using the Scrip Program at St. Angela, you become a vital part of this growing and ongoing program that can produce an excellent fund raiser for our school. A Family Order Form is included online on the school website. Linda will continue to collect and place orders on Thursdays of each week. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 835-8491 ext. 105. Thanks for using the St. Angela Scrip Program for all of your shopping and spending needs.

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GOLF "FORE" LIFE TOURNAMENT

Whether you're a scratch golfer or have only played once or twice, the first ever Golf "Fore" Life Tournament is a great way to have fun and benefit the work of Louisiana Right to Life. The Richie Kernion Memorial Golf Fore Life Tournament will be held on Monday, March 28th at Covington Country Club. Four Person Scramble with tee time at noon. \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorships are needed. You can register your team by calling 1-866-463-5433 or online at www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/Golf.



St. Angela Merici
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Sunday: 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: 6:15 A.M.; 8:30 A.M.; Saturday, 8:30 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

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Dear Parishioners,

We had two wonderful celebrations of our patron, St. Angela Merici. Our Mass on her Feast day with our school community was a joyful prayer. Our Mass with Archbishop Gregory Aymond, his excellent homily, his warm words of affection for our parish (where he served during his time at Notre Dame Seminary) and the parish dinner after Mass, attended by almost 300 parishioners, all made for a most special evening. The presence of our parish choir at Mass added to our prayer and joyful celebration. The bountiful dinner, coordinated by our dedicated Family Life Apostolate, aided by SAMA's Kitchen Team, SALA, the Knights of Columbus and others, was a relaxed and warm gathering of friends, a feast of plenty.

Thanks to ALL who had a hand in making all of this possible and THANKS to all who participated!

You may have noticed the work being done on the sidewalk between the church and the Annex. When we added new signage to our campus buildings some time back, we also had in the plans the widening of the sidewalk between the fence and the church to help create a more obvious "entrance" to our multi-doored facility. New-comers and one-time visitors have always found our campus challenging as they tried to figure out just where the church is and how to get into the school. We had planned the walkway addition as a way of easing the confusion.

What we found out was that this was a more challenging project than I first thought it would be. But thanks to the groundwork of Paul Galloway, identifying the folks with the needed skills, and Jackie Appleton and Glenn Scorsone, who worked together to get the right equipment and to get all the pieces time-lined properly, that work is now well under way. It is expected that this part of the project will be completed in another week.

The next step, as funds permit, will be to mechanize the church door at the northeast corner of the church and to adjust the sill so that this door is fully handicapped accessible, since it is one of the sets of doors used for both weekday and weekend Masses.

Getting used to this "entrance" will be helpful in the long run for, when we are able to implement the master plan for our campus facilities' expansion, that corner of the building will become the new main entry area for our school.

Thanks to all who had a leadership role in this concrete work and the men of SAMA for their volunteered service to get the job done!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our annual parish Lenten Mission will begin at the Masses on the weekend of March 12-13, and then will follow Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with a special prayer service and Mission homily. I'll share more detailed information with you in the weeks ahead. Save the dates for this special Lenten opportunity for prayer and renewal!

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I would like to remind all those who serve us each weekend as Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) that we will have a special meeting on **Saturday, Feb. 19 at 10:00 a.m.** in the parish Conference Room. This is to share with you information about a Lenten program that the Archdiocese will be sponsoring and your particular role in that program. This meeting will replace the meeting we usually have shortly before Easter, so we will also have information about the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

This weekend is the annual Archdiocese collection in support of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese. This is an extremely important collection, for the services offered by the many and varied departments of Catholic Charities touch the lives of hundreds of people in our community each and every day. From pregnancy counseling to Second Harvest, from adult day care services to ministry in the hearing impaired community, from health and management programs to neighborhood and community services, Catholic Charities makes our Church present for others.

Following Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill, the staff and services of Catholic Charities were among the first on the scene and are still assisting those whose lives remain affected by those disasters.

We recently received a new directory of services from Catholic Charities. The 8 ½ X 11 inch booklet is twenty-one pages long: that's a lot of service our Archdiocesan Church is ready to offer as long as your financial support allows those services to be properly funded.

Please come prepared to be your most generous in support of the second collection at Mass this weekend.

On Wednesday, February 23, Bishop Dominic Carmon will be with us at St. Angela to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the youth of our parish who are completing their two years of preparation. Please keep these young women and men in your daily prayer, that they will truly be open to the gift of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament.

F. Ken

SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIALS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Open dates are available for Sanctuary Candle Memorials (\$15) and Flower Memorials (\$35) for the year 2011. Also, many dates are still available for Mass Intentions. If you would like to schedule a Candle Memorial, Flower Memorial or Mass Intention, come by the parish office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:21-22a

Readings for the Week of February 13, 2011

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37
or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34--9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/
Mt 5:38-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 12

8:30a.m. Hunley, Loeb and Schnabel Families

Sunday, February 13

4:00p.m. Vigil

Lawrence Chigoy	June W. Calcagno
Patrick Freeman	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Jackie Miele	Lee Roy Soignet
Amalia Velasquez	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Mr. Franz	Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
John Manfrin	Joseph Sacco, Sr.
Anne Leach	Wilton L. Clay
Barbara LaRocca	Thomas A. Kane
Eugene Lillis	For the Parish
Gerald Pastor, Sr.	Matthew Louis Scaruffi

8:00a.m. Joseph Zito

9:30a.m. Tut Treuting

11:00a.m.

Richard Deas	Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Robert Held	Gloria Mae Knecht Wadge
Lara Calamari	Hope and Rodrick Singleton, Jr. (*)
Carolyn Miceli	Joseph N. and Doris Hilferty
Henry Herbert	Doris Herbert (*)
Philip Condon	Constance P. Wallenburg
Ursula Villere	Eugene H. Lillis
Leo Spadaro	Coralia Lopez
Al Martiny	Dianne and Fred Goodrow (*)
In Thanksgiving	Terry P. Gerstner, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Blanda	

Monday, February 14

6:15a.m. Joan Talamo

8:30a.m. Robert J. Held

Tuesday, February 15

6:15a.m. Matthew J. Hedrick, Sr.

8:30a.m. Terry P. Gerstner, Jr.

Wednesday, February 16

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List

8:30a.m. Alfred Rodrigue

Thursday, February 17

6:15a.m. Angelina and Russell Talamo

8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, February 18

6:15a.m. Special Intention

8:30a.m. Ursula Villere

Saturday, February 19

8:30a.m. Isabel Stewart

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Hartie and Rosemae Troclair



Flowers at Mary's Shrine

the week of February 6

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Eleanor R. Georger



CALENDAR

Saturday, February 12

Catholic Charities Collection
8-11:00A, CYO Second Harvest Food Project
7-9:00P, Co-Op Father/Daughter Dance, gym

Sunday, February 13

Catholic Charities Collection
9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
9:30A, Scout Mass, Church
10:30-11:00A, Donuts for Scouts, gym
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room
6:30-8:00P, CYO Meeting, gym

Monday, February 14

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym

Tuesday, February 15

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church
7:30P, SAMA Meeting, gym

Wednesday, February 16

9:30A, Prayer Meeting/Mass, Conference Room
3:15P, Kindergarten Daisy Troop Meeting, Religious Ed. Library
3:30P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym
7:00P, Finance Council Meeting, Rectory
7-8:00P, RCIA, Religious Ed. Library

Thursday, February 17

7:00A-4:30P, Band, Religious Ed. Library
9:00A, "Family Day" Judging, Conference Room
3:15-4:30P, G.S. Troop 671 Meeting, Board Room
3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
7:00P, Knights of Columbus, gym

Friday, February 18

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym
5:00P, Senior Altar Server Outing
7:00P, Scout Pack Meeting and Webelos Cross Over, Msgr. Kern Center

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February 6

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Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Craig Louis Magnon and Robert Witty

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

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DONATION DRIVE FOR TROOPS

SAM CYO will once again be hosting a donation drive for troops currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan on **Saturday February 26** from 2-4 pm in the St. Angela Gym/Kern Center!

You can participate in several ways:

- *By bringing items to ship in the care packages. Some suggestions are listed below.
- *By donating cash to cover the cost of shipping. (Each package costs \$12.95)
- *Bring or email (samcyo@cox.net) names and addresses of family and/or friends serving overseas so we can send them a package.
- *Write a note of thanks, or a spiritual boquet.
- *Most importantly, please continue to pray for our troops and their families.

No donation is too small and no prayer goes unappreciated!

Donation suggestions:

Chapstick Hard Candy and Gym
M & M's Pretzels Handwritten notes/Cards
Board Games Protein Powder

Baked Goods are always great! (Pack in a heavy duty Ziploc bag, then in a Ziploc container)

Good disposable razors (Please no single-blade cheap, plastic razors)

Fun items - deflated footballs, flag football flags, cones, etc.

Individual drink packets-crystal light, kool-aid, Gatorade powder

Coffee & Creamer (single packs or large containers)



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Dear Parishioners,

Needless to say, our parish is thriving with activity! If you have any doubts, just take a look at our weekly bulletins as well as our church and school websites. This is a great sign as we are all striving to work together to build up the body of Christ by doing the work that each of us has been called to do. I'd like to take a little time to share with you some of what's happening here at St. Angela as well as some of our upcoming events.

On Wednesday evening of this week, February 23rd, Bishop Dominic Carmon will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the youth of our parish who are completing two years of preparation. It's so important that we all keep these young men and women in our prayers that they may be truly open to the Holy Spirit empowering them to live lives more closely dedicated to Christ.

Coming up on Thursday, February 24th from 7-9 pm, the Jefferson Community Band will be performing here in the Msgr. Kern Center. That evening promises to be a time to relax and enjoy great music and wholesome family fun. Refreshments will follow the concert. Please consider attending with your family and friends. Admission is free.

Did you know that here at St. Angela we have a Prayer Line? We sure do! If you or someone you know is ill or has a special prayer request, please call our parish secretary, Dianne Goodrow or e-mail your requests to dianne@stangela.org. Dianne will then forward any requests to the prayer line coordinator, Elaine Ridgley. Elaine then e-mails those who have signed up to receive those e-mails. Just a quick note: If you are requesting prayers for someone other than yourself, please obtain permission for that person's name to be published in that newsletter. Also, remember that prayer requests can be anonymous. The Prayer Line is a great way to offer support to those in need. Through prayer, great things happen!

A note to all Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers, and Lectors: Sign-up sheets for Ash Wednesday will be available in the sacristy on Saturday, February 26th.

In this week's bulletin, you'll notice a summary of the approved minutes from last month's Pastoral Council Meeting. Each month, a summary of the approved minutes from the previous meeting of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, and School Board (the consultative councils) will be printed in the bulletin. These will be provided to keep you aware of the work they are working on.

As you may have heard, the Archdiocese is planning a very special program for the upcoming Lenten Season called "Catholics Come Home". Beginning on Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, the Archdiocese will broadcast television and radio segments inviting non-practicing Catholics to "come home" and reclaim their Catholic faith. Let's keep those, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, in our prayers.

I'd like to remind all Ministers of Hospitality that an extremely important meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 19th at 10am in the Parish Conference Room. Please make every effort to attend. We will discuss your particular and important role in the upcoming "Catholics Come Home" program.

L. Peter



PARISH ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The **PASTORAL COUNCIL** met on January 11 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room.

There was an update on the Super Bowl Package ticket sales. The raffle will be held at the KC Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, January 14.

The Finance Council, Pastoral Council and School Board met the morning of Saturday, January 8 for their annual combined meeting. The objective this year was to update our Pastoral Plan and to establish goals to be completed in our parish over the next three years. These goals address a number of areas of our parish life and ministry: Worship, Resources, Service, Word, and Vocations. Tonight the goals were refined. They will be reviewed by all prior to the next meeting to see if any changes or additions should be made. At the February meeting the goals will be discussed and refined further if necessary, and then assigned to the group or committee responsible for their implementation.

At **SAMA's** January meeting, approximately 75 members attended to listen to Councilwoman Cynthia Lee-Sheng discuss items of interest in our community. Members of the Cooking Team assisted with cooking and serving of the meal served at the St. Angela Feast dinner on January 29th.

SALA held its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. After the meeting, a lively game of bonco was played and prizes were awarded.

In helping to celebrate the Feast of St. Angela Merici the ladies of SALA provided sweets for the reception.

The group is planning a field trip to Longue Vue House and Gardens on March 15th with lunch at Sun Ray Grill afterwards.

Nominations are being taken for officers for next years slate of officers. Any member may be an officer.

2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION

Registration information is available from the school office. New Student Registration is Monday, February 21st from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Conference Room. If you need more details or would like to make an appointment to tour the school, please call the school office at 835-8491. We would love to share the good news about the foundation of excellence provided at St. Angela Merici School with you.

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"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well." - Mt 5:38-39

Readings for the Week of February 20, 2011

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/
Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19

8:30a.m. Isabel Stewart

Sunday, February 20

4:00p.m. Vigil

Marie Aspelund Harvey Lee Ducote
John Manfrin Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families
Mr. Franz Lawrence T. Gettys
Ursula Villere Joseph and Lillie Sevin
Barbara LaRocca John B. Cressend Family
Jesse Mc Neil Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Robert Witty Joseph Sacco, Jr.
Wilton L. Clay Lawrance Santana
Jane Klotz Anita E. Michell
8:00a.m. Doris Cowan (*)
9:30a.m. Bernadette Stassi
11:00a.m.
Richard Deas Kathy and L. J. Broussard
Robert Held Albert Martiny, Jr.
Lara Calamari Dianne and Fred Goodrow (*)
Leo Spadaro Genelle Armstrong (*)
Carolyn Miceli Richard Lipscomb (*)
Philip Condon Paul Eversol (*)
Patricia Landry Mary and Madeline Zuppardo (*)
Ursula Villere For the Parish
Trent Fucich

Monday, February 21

6:15a.m. Marian Rivard Magee
8:30a.m. Mae Carlin

Tuesday, February 22

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List
8:30a.m. Inez, Lester and Alice Folsie

Wednesday, February 23

6:15a.m. Ty Casebonne
8:30a.m. Alfred Rodrigue

Thursday, February 24

6:15a.m. Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze
8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguiard

Friday, February 25

6:15a.m. Donald T. Weaver, Sr.
8:30a.m. Garner Knoepfler

Saturday, February 26

8:30a.m. Ursula Villere

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Altar Ladies Team No. 2 will clean the church on Saturday, February 19.

Church Linen Team No. 5 will clean linens on Saturday, February 19.

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Saturday, February 19

Family Life "Family Day Masses"
10:00A-1:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
10:00A, Usher's Meeting, Conference Room

Sunday, February 20

Family Life "Family Day Masses"
9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room
11:30A-1:30P, Daisy Scout Red Bean Dinner, gym

Monday, February 21

3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym
7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Safari Teen Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Tuesday, February 22

9:15A, Bible Study, Religious Ed. Library
10:00A, Lower Grade Mass, Church
3:10P, G.S. Troop 561 Meeting, Ms. Diane's Classroom
3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
6:00P, CYO Basketball, gym
6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00P, Confirmation Practice, Church
7:00P, School Board, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 23

8:30A, Upper Grade Mass, Church
9:20A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room
3:30-4:30P, Children's Choir, Church
3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
7-8:30P, Scout Troop 45 Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Confirmation, Church followed by reception in Kern Center

Thursday, February 24

7A-4:30P, Band, Religious Ed. Library
3:30-6:00P, Boys' Basketball, gym
7-9:00P, Jefferson Community Band Concert, gym

Friday, February 25

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

CHURCH SUPPORT

February 13

Weekly Collection..... \$16,281.76
Catholic Charities Collection \$4,282.66

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS



Welcome To Our Newly Baptized

Amelie Grace Bradford
Jude Maxwell Ducote
Ariella Lea Frey
Avery Elizabeth Powell
Hailey Madelyn Schmidt

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

If you were married in 1961, 1956, 1951 or 1946 and would like to participate in the Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration that will take place on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie, please call the parish office at 835-0324. This year's celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish. All participants must register by February 22.

DONATION DRIVE FOR TROOPS

SAM CYO will once again be hosting a donation drive for troops currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan on **Saturday February 26** from 2-4 pm in the St. Angela Gym/Kern Center!

You can participate in several ways:

- *By bringing items to ship in the care packages. Some suggestions are listed below.
- *By donating cash to cover the cost of shipping. (Each package costs \$12.95)
- *Bring or email (samcyo@cox.net) names and addresses of family and/or friends serving overseas so we can send them a package.
- *Write a note of thanks, or a spiritual boquet.
- *Most importantly, please continue to pray for our troops and their families.

No donation is too small and no prayer goes unappreciated!

Donation suggestions:

Chapstick Hard Candy and Gym
M & M's Pretzels Handwritten notes/Cards
Board Games Protein Powder
Baked Goods are always great! (Pack in a heavy duty Ziploc bag, then in a Ziploc container)
Good disposable razors (Please no single-blade cheap, plastic razors)
Fun items - deflated footballs, flag football flags, cones, etc.
Individual drink packets-crystal light, kool-aid, Gatorade powder
Coffee & Creamer (single packs or large containers)

CONCERT



Mark the date, Thursday, February 24, and join us in the Kern Center as we welcome back to St. Angela the Jefferson Community Band. This group always presents a variety of music that is enjoyed by all. Be there!!!



St. Angela Merici
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Dear Parishioners,

This past weekend in church, members of our parish Finance Council spoke about an exciting new development for our parish: the purchase of the house (our own former rectory) at 828 Melody Drive. The presentation clearly explains the “why” of this purchase and the “why now” and also explains how we will use the current administration area/rectory in service of the parish. I am repeating this presentation here in the bulletin for those who did not hear it (knowing that lots of folks attend other churches near the city parade routes or away from the Metairie parade route!

We will be closing on this purchase in early April, do some minor work in the new home before Father Peter and I move over there and hope to have the move complete and new offices for parish Pastoral Staff set up sometime in May, thus giving us the Summer months to re-arrange rooms in the Annex for our new Pre-K2 program.

Fr. Ken

Thank you Father for that introduction and for this time to address the congregation about an opportunity we, as a parish family, have before us.

Have you noticed in the last few years how our part of Metairie has this constant number of houses that are for sale? No sooner than one house is sold, another for sale sign seemingly pops up over night to take its place. I would like to call your attention to one particular house that has been listed for sale not only in our neighborhood, but is actually one of our immediate neighbors; the house directly across the street at 828 Melody.

Back in 2009, the owner offered our parish an opportunity to purchase their house before it was listed for sale on the market. Fr. Ken consulted the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee to get their thoughts. All agreed it offered a great opportunity to solve some of our office space issues. Currently only the priests, business manager and parish secretary have office space in the parish administration center at Beverly Garden and Pomona. Our director of religious education has an office in the Annex building; the deacons and director of youth ministry have no parish office space at all and work out of their homes. The director of music ministry uses part of a storage room behind the choir as an office. Shouldn't the key parish staff who work together to lead our parish, be physically working together as well and not be spread out all over the parish? All agreed it was a great opportunity. But at that time in 2009, the national economy was not looking good; our collections were weak, our parish debt was on everybody's minds and the price of the house was more than we were willing to add to our parish debt. So Fr. Ken relayed the message to the owner that we would pass on the opportunity to buy their house.

Well here we are over a year and a half later and some things have not changed; the house across the street is still for sale and we still desperately need more parish office space. But what has changed is that the price of the house has been reduced several times, the economy is getting better, our collections are stronger and we have paid down our parish debt to about \$182,000.

Archbishop Aymond, while leaving after the Mass and parish dinner celebrating St. Angela Merici's feast day, recommended and encouraged Fr. Ken to have the parish buy the house. So, Fr. Ken, acting on the Archbishop's suggestion, brought the idea back up to the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. All still agreed it offered a great opportunity to solve some of our office space issues and this time all agreed that the time was right to act on this opportunity. Fr. Ken and Jackie Appleton, our business manager, will begin the process of purchasing the house across the street at 828 Melody to add to the St. Angela Merici parish.

This purchase actually begins the implementation of our parish's Master Plan to increase and improve our parish facilities in service of parish needs. After the purchase closes, the plan is to move the priests into the house across the street on Melody, thereby making it the parish rectory. It is larger than the current rectory and opens the possibility of inviting a priest to live here in residence in exchange for assistance with parish sacramental responsibilities, or to have a seminarian live with us in the parish for a time as part of their priestly formation experience. The parish offices will remain at Beverly Garden and Pomona and will be converted to contain all the parish offices for our priests, deacons, business manager, parish secretary and directors of religious education, music and youth ministries. The Religious Education Library and Board Rooms will also move over to the Administration Building, thus making them more available to the parish for weekday meetings, since this space would no longer need to be shared with the school. Finally, the Annex building will be converted into a parish early childhood development center during the summer as we add a pre-kindergarten program for 2 year olds to our school. Periodic updates in our parish bulletin will keep everyone informed on the progress of this new project. Once again thank you Father for this chance to explain the opportunity for growth that our parish will be taking.

LENT: TIME OF RENEWAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

This time is fast approaching. I hope you have begun plans to attend our parish mission by attending a weekend mass here on March 12 or 13 and plan to attend our 3 nights of the mission. On Monday Fr. Williams, O.P. will place the emphasis of his talk on Baptism and what is expected of us since we are all baptized into Christ.



We remind expectant parents that, to prepare for the Baptism of a baby, the parents must make an appointment with the Deacon **prior to Baptism**. It is recommended that you call **well in advance of the delivery date** to be prepared. Baptisms in our parish are usually performed on the second Sunday of the month provided the parents have fulfilled the preparation.

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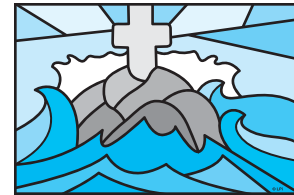
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"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock." - Mt 7:24-25

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2011

- Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/
Mt 7:21-27
- Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20---6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or
5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 5

8:30a.m. Thomas J. Mathews

Sunday, March 6

4:00p.m. Vigil

Brian Leonard Harvey Lee Ducote
Lawrence Chigoy Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr.
Marie Aspelund Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Wilton L. Clay Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Jane Klotz Rosemary Sacco Alessi
Michael Spicuzza John B. Cressend Family
Myris Schellhaas Anita E. Michell
Dr. Joseph Noya Tom and Jeanne Touns
Special Intention Roy Billings
Lloyd Landry Joe and Eunice Muniz
8:00a.m. John and Loretta Niemietz (*)
9:30a.m. For the Parish
11:00a.m.
Richard Deas John James McNamara
Robert Held Albert Martiny, Jr.
Lara Calamari Leo Spadaro
Ursula Villere Anna M. Wood
Philip Condon Elizabeth Wood
Trent Fucich Benjamin Wood
Carolyn Miceli Dorothy and Earl Miller
Frank Oliveri Pauline and Paul Masino, Jr.
Jacqueline Brouillette

Monday, March 7

8:30a.m. Mary Touns (*)

Tuesday, March 8

No masses today

Wednesday, March 9

6:15a.m. Anthony Marcello
8:30a.m. Joseph Zito
Noon Edward J. Appel, Jr.
6:00 p.m. Robert Witty
Tom and Jeanne Touns

Thursday, March 10

6:15a.m. Joan Talamo
8:30a.m. Angelina Giordano

Friday, March 11

6:15a.m. Mark Anthony Marcello
8:30a.m. Ursula Villere

Saturday, March 12

8:30a.m. Joseph Sunseri

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CALENDAR

Saturday, March 5

10-11:30A, CYO Officers/Board Meeting, Conf. Room
Girl Scout Cookies for Sale after 4:00 P Mass
NO CONFESSIONS AFTER 4:00 MASS TODAY

Sunday, March 6

Girl Scout Cookies for Sale after all Masses today
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room

Monday, March 7

8:30A Mass only
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
SCHOOL CLOSED THIS WEEK
10A-5:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
7:00P, KC Officers Meeting, Conference Room

Tuesday, March 8 MARDI GRAS

No Masses today

Wednesday, March 9 ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Times: 6:15A, 8:30A, Noon and 6:00P
9:30-11:30A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room
10:00A-5:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
3:30P, Staff Meeting, Rectory
4:30P, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory

Thursday, March 10

Senior Citizens' Bus Trip to the Abbey
10:00A-5:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
3:15-4:15P, Cub Scouts, Webelos I Meeting, Board Room
7:00P, Family Life Chair Meeting, off campus

Friday, March 11

10:00A-5:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of

Mayrose Claus and Stanley H. Stucke

who died recently, and for those who mourn her.

~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

REMINDER

Please note, there will be no Confession on Saturday, March 5. If necessary, you may call the rectory to schedule an appointment with either Fr. Ken or Fr. Peter.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekly Collection\$9,710.85

Altar Ladies Team No. 4 will clean the church on Saturday, March 5.

Church Linen Team No. 7 will clean linens on Saturday, March 5.

GOLF "FORE" LIFE TOURNAMENT

Whether you're a scratch golfer or have only played once or twice, the first ever Golf "Fore" Life Tournament is a great way to have fun and benefit the work of Louisiana Right to Life. The Richie Kernion Memorial Golf Fore Life Tournament will be held on Monday, March 28th at Covington Country Club. Four Person Scramble with tee time at noon. \$100 per golfer. Hole sponsorships are needed. You can register your team by calling 1-866-463-5433 or online at www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/Golf.

ST. ANGELA MERICI NEWS

SAM CYO held their February Meeting on February 13th. Thirty-six members were in attendance. Agenda items discussed were:

Abbey Youth Fest which will be held on March 26. Deadline to register is March 9th. Cost is \$40.

The National Catholic Youth Conference (N.C.Y.C.) in Indianapolis in November (ncyc.nfcym.org)

Catholic Heart Work Camp in Mobile, Alabama July 31-August 6. (heartworkcamp.com)

Upcoming Service Project for the Troops (February 26, 2-4 p.m. in the Kern Center)

Members also participated in a brainstorming activity to get some new ideas as we look toward planning the calendar for 2011-2012.

Special thanks to Eric Broadbridge and Mary Delesdernier for their technical assistance at this meeting and to Family Life for all the delicious goodies left over from the Father-Daughter Dance!

On Saturday, February 12, eleven members and three adults volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank. The group worked with about 30 others from around the city including some members of Corpus Christi's youth group from 8-11 a.m. on the conveyor belt sorting food for delivery to those in need.

The **Knights of Columbus****** would like to congratulate Nathan Coussou and Anais Lowe as the St. Angela winners for the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. They will now go on to compete at the district level. If chosen at the district level, they will compete at the state level for chance to win a \$4,000 scholarship. We wish Nathan and Anais the best of the luck as they continue on in the competition.

The Knights of Columbus would also like to thank all those that participated in the contest. It was a difficult decision as they were all excellent candidates.

SUMMER SAFARI

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Dear Parishioners,

Our annual Lenten Parish Mission begins this weekend. This year, Father Richard B. Williams, a Dominican priest, will be our mission preacher. Father Williams is from Natchitoches, LA and was ordained a priest for the Dominican community in 1971. He has served as a campus minister, as Director of Novices and Vicar Provincial for his community, has been a pastor and a teacher. He has been a member of the Louisiana Bar since 1973. Beginning in the Summer of 2009, he moved to Austin, TX as a full time Itinerant Preacher, a ministry he has done for seventeen years, preaching missions for parishes and for priests and deacons. We are happy to welcome Father Williams to our parish!

I believe that our Lenten Mission is one of the most important activities of our life as a parish community. We come together to pray, to be formed in the Word of God, to be refreshed in the Sacraments, to have a common direction for our Lenten journey as a parish family. All of this binds us more closely together with one another and in Christ. I cannot strongly enough encourage, even *urge*, you to participate in these special days of prayer. By participating in the Mission, we each find and receive encouragement on our Lenten journey to renewal and new life and we also and just as much *give* encouragement and support to one another. We do not walk the journey of faith alone. Here at St. Angela, our very long-standing parish tradition is that we come together on part of our journey each Lent and find a common path to Easter life.

This is how important your attendance at the Mission is: we have NO other parish activities during the Mission; teachers do not assign homework during the Mission and we provide FREE childcare each night of the Mission so that parents of school children may attend. Each night begins at 7:00 p.m. and the prayer service and preaching are planned to last only about an hour, so that everyone can get home in time to take care of routine evening activities and responsibilities.

Father Williams will be introducing himself and the Mission theme as he preaches at all of the Masses this weekend. He will be preaching at both the 6:15 and 8:30 a.m. Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Mission Prayer Service and homily will begin at 7:00 p.m. each of those nights.

Please remember that we have a reception on Wednesday night after the Mission service. Also on Wednesday night, there will be a collection, which will be our gift to Father Williams in gratitude for his ministry to us.

Members of the Finance Council and the parish Pastoral Staff heard many positive comments last weekend,, when members of the Council shared with you the news about our parish's purchase of the house at 828 Melody Drive. Here is a little more information to keep you up-dated:

- By borrowing funds from the Archdiocese for this purchase, we have NOT increased our weekly debt payment, so we have proven that we can service this debt in a timely manner.

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- The needed inspections on the property will already have taken place by the time you read this edition of the bulletin.
- Closing on the property is scheduled for the first week of April or sooner.
- St. Angela Merici Parish is purchasing this property, but because of the legal structure of the Archdiocese, Bishop Shelton Fabre, Vicar General, actually signs the legal documents.
- There is a small amount of work we will do in the house after we close, and then we will move the priests' residence over there and convert the current rectory area into offices.

I thank you for your support of this project. We have already begun registration for our new Pre-K2 program, which this addition of facilities will allow us to have next school year, thus increasing our school's services.

More information to follow in future issues of the bulletin.

Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Days to those who have special devotions to these very popular saints!

The blessing of our school St. Joseph Altar will be on Friday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center. Parishioners are invited to join our school community in this blessing.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 p.m. in church.

Please keep in your prayers each day of Lent those adults of our parish who are preparing to enter into full communion with our Church at Easter.

F. Kern

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- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12

8:30a.m. Joseph Sunseri

Sunday, March 13

4:00p.m. Vigil

Jackie Miele June W. Calcagno
Patrick Freeman The Maxwell Family (*)
Arnulfo Jimenez Incarnatos and Bordelon Families
Jesse Mc Neil Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Michael Spicuzza Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Terry P. Gerstner, Jr. Karen Arena (*)
Hazel Arena (*)

8:00a.m. For the Parish

9:30a.m. John Korach

11:00a.m.

Richard Deas Albert Martiny, Jr.
Robert Held Gabriel Falgoust, Jr.
Lara Calamari Ursula Villere
Philip Condon John Eckholdt (*)
Carolyn Miceli Hugh Eddie Lassabe
Frank Oliveri Leo Spadaro
Robert A. James, Jr.

Monday, March 14

6:15a.m. Wattigny and Villere Families

8:30a.m. Natalie Kerlin

Tuesday, March 15

6:15a.m. Sylvia Fauque

8:30a.m. John C. Cronin

Wednesday, March 16

6:15a.m. St. Patrick

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguillard

Thursday, March 17

6:15a.m. Anna Owens

8:30a.m. Richard Deas

Friday, March 18

6:15a.m. Rosemary O'Brien Jernigan

8:30a.m. Catherine Touns

Catherine Burke

Saturday, March 19

8:30a.m. Minnie Halverson

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CALENDAR

Saturday, March 12

10:00A-3:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym

4:00 Vigil, Parish Mission

Lenten Project Begins

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Parish Mission

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church

9:30A, Scout Mass, Church

10:30-11:00A, Donuts for Scouts in gym

11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room

12-3:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym

6:30-8:00P, CYO Meeting, gym

Monday, March 14

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

7:00P, Parish Mission, Church

Tuesday, March 15

10:30A-Noon, Bridge to NAIM, Conference Room

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School

7:00P, Parish Mission, Church

Wednesday, March 16

9:30-11:30A, Prayer Meeting/Mass, Conference Room

3:15-4:00P, Kindergarten Daisy Trp. Meeting, Religious Education Library

3:30-4:30P, Children's Choir Practice, Church

3:30-5:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

7:00P, Parish Mission, Church Reception to follow in Kern Center

Thursday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

7:00A-4:30P, Band, Religious Ed. Library

3:15-4:30P, G. S. Trp. 671 Meeting, Board Room

7:00P, Knight of Columbus Meeting, gym

Friday, March 18

9:30A, St. Joseph Altar, Msgr. Kern Center

2:30P, Stations of the Cross, (lower grades) Church

7:00P, Stations of the Cross, Church

7:00P, Scout Pack Meeting, Msgr. Kern Center



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**Mary Gutekunst, Vera T. Pfaff and
and Robert A. James, Jr.**

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10th GRADE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

10 Graders who plan to be confirmed as Juniors should register now for the Confirmation Preparation program. To register, please send Sr. Paula at pderise@stangelaschool.org the following information: Full name, address, phone numbers, email address, and school you attend. If you attend a private, non-Catholic school or a public school, please call Sr. Paula at 837-9347 so we can get you into a parish religious education program. Your program begins on **March 20, 2011** from 4-6 pm in the gym. Your second class is on **April 17, 2011** again in the gym and from 4-6 pm. Mark your calendars now as we only do these classes and one make-up class each. There will also be one class in the fall.

**Spring
forward**

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Summer Safari

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With all the teens we have helping, it is a time of learning that is fun and energetic. Our cost will stay the same \$35.00 a week per child, as our teens are going to ask for Advertisement for T- Shirts and some to Sponsor our Snacks. This will defray some of our costs.

We will again provide before care, 7:30- 8:30 and after care, from noon to 5:30. After care youngsters bring their own lunch and a mat or towel for watching the movie during quiet time after lunch. They have creative play later in the afternoon. Cost for this extra care is \$2.00 an hour per child.

Registration begins on May 2 and continues until May 20. Forms will be sent home and be put on our website at

ARCHBISHOP CHAPELLE 1966 CLASS REUNION

Archbishop Chapelle High School - Charter Class of '66 - will be celebrating its 45th class reunion on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Chateau Golf & Country Club in Kenner from 11am - 2pm. Cost is \$35.00. Contact: Carol Falati Gutelius 504/615-1818 or carolf-

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Passionate about Marriage? Come to The Way of the Cross for Married Couples hosted by New Orleans Catholic Engaged Encounter on March 19, 2011 at 7PM at St Clement of Rome, 4317 Richland Avenue, Metairie. A reception will follow. For more information, call Gary & Claudia Levy at 837-9121 or email Levy@nocee.org.

SALA

Details are complete for the SALA field trip on Tuesday, March 15. The group will meet at **Longue View Gardens** at 10:00A. The fee is **\$8.00 per person**. At 12:00 Noon the group will proceed to Sun Ray Grill on the corner of Pink and Focis Street. Each person is responsible for their own lunch check. Please call Jo Ann Casebonne at 833-1786 **by March 11 for a reservation.**



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Holy Day of Obligation: See the Parish Bulletin for Schedule

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Dear Parishioners,

With the parades and merriment on Mardi Gras behind us, we now move forward, together, to the Season of Lent. However, that doesn't mean that joy is behind us...far from it! Indeed, joy is upon us now because during these forty days, we are to direct our hearts and minds to God who desires to be with us in closer relationship.

Perhaps some people see the season of Lent as less than joyful because it is a time of reflection and penance. It's never easy to admit our faults, failings, and shortcomings, but by doing so we can open ourselves to receive the grace and sustaining power of Christ in our lives in a deeper and more profound way. It is a joyful season because God has great things in store for each of us and for our community of faith here at St. Angela Merici as we go on this journey into the desert together. Notice, I use the word "together". I purposely use this word because God has called us to live in community...community with each other and in community with our sisters and brothers throughout the world. We are on a corporate journey, not an individual journey. The Church is very clear in giving us direction as to how we might grow closer to God and to our neighbor. We are to actively seek and act on performing works of prayer for the world, fasting, and works of charity.

In the spirit of prayer and almsgiving, it is our tradition here at St. Angela Merici, during the Lenten season, to offer two projects that will benefit our neighbors, and thus enhance our relationship with them. This year, as a parish, we are supporting Senior Citizens of our archdiocese and ACCESS Pregnancy and Referral Centers. We have so many senior citizens who are in need of the basic necessities of life who truly need our prayers and monetary support. You'll notice the little boxes in front of the church this weekend in which to place the money you saved through fasting. We supported ACCESS Pregnancy last year and continue to support it this year again because of our call to support the life of the unborn. You'll notice the baby bottles in front of the church in which to place your Lenten donation. We ask you to consider choosing one of these organizations as a part of your Lenten sacrifice. If you choose, there are also many other worthy causes that you may wish to support. The important thing is that we do something to make a difference in our community.

As part of our commitment to prayer during this holy season, I encourage you to take home with you the "Walking on Holy Ground" booklet of prayers and meditations which are available at all of the church entrances.

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These are free of charge. These booklets are a helpful guide for each day of Lent and can be prayed either individually or as part of your family's daily prayer.

Last Sunday, as is tradition on the First Sunday of Lent, the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names, took place at St. Louis Cathedral. This ritual marks the beginning of the final and more intense preparation for candidates and catechumens who will be fully admitted into the Church at the Easter Vigil. From St. Angela Merici, our four candidates were present. They are: Michael Cooper, Nicole Aiovolasiti, Bobbie Prator, and Eric Broadbridge. Let us continue to pray for them during these final days of study and preparation.

I just wanted to mention that during Lent, I will be conducting a "book club" for those who might be interested in study and reflection as a part of their Lenten journey. The Book we will be using is called "Your Sorrow Is My Sorrow: Hope and Strength in Times of Suffering" by Joyce Rupp. The cost of the book is \$15.00. Due to limited space the number of participants is limited to ten people. It will take place over five weeks beginning on Monday, March 21st and ending on April 18th. Please call Dianne at the parish office for more details if you are interested.

Lastly, please keep in your prayers, Fr. Ken and Fr. Jace Eskind who will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome this week with fifteen other pilgrims. We pray that God will keep them safe and bless their journey abundantly. We also pray that it be a joyful time of spiritual growth and renewal.

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. - Mt 17:1-3

Readings for the Week of March 20, 2011

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 19

8:30a.m. Minnie Halverson

Sunday, March 20

4:00p.m. Vigil

Carolyn Slemmer Harvey Lee Ducote
Marie Aspelund Rau, Rodriguez and Saucier Families
Jennie Schweibel Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Anthony Catanese Frank and Miriam Zimmerman
Earl J. Sevin, Sr. Rosemary O'Brien Jernigan
Lawrence T. Gettys John B. Cressend Family
Ethel Sorci Douroux and Delise Families

8:00a.m. Joseph Zito

9:30a.m. For the Parish

11:00a.m.

Richard Deas Lara Calamari
Robert Held Lottie Grantadam
Carolyn Miceli John Eckholdt (*)
Frank Oliveri Hugh Eddie Lassabe
Philip Condon Albert Martiny, Jr.

Tammy Johnson

Monday, March 21

6:15a.m. Anthony Marcello

8:30a.m. Al Martiny

Tuesday, March 22

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List

8:30a.m. Dorothy Soignet

Wednesday, March 23

6:15a.m. Mark Anthony Marcello

8:30a.m. Ursula Villere

Thursday, March 24

6:15a.m. Micheal Giambalvo

8:30a.m. Irwin J. Olsen, Sr.

Friday, March 25

6:15a.m. Paul F. and Lucille H. Boze

8:30a.m. Olivia Munguia Enriquez

Saturday, March 26

8:30a.m. Rosemary B. Hendricks

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The Sanctuary Candle This Week

burns in loving memory of

Hubert M. Aucoin, Jr.



CALENDAR

Saturday, March 19 St. Joseph's Day

9:15-10:30A, AFF Book Sharing, Religious Ed. Library
10:00A-6:00P, Full Dress Rehearsal for Play, gym
Collections this weekend will be for Churches in Eastern Europe

Sunday, March 20

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9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room
12-3:30P, Play Rehearsal, gym

Monday, March 21

8:30-9:30A, Student Assembly, gym
3:30-6:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
4:00P, Fr. Peter Book Club, Rectory
7:00P, Co-Op Meeting, gym
7-9:00P, Music Workshop, Church

Tuesday, March 22

3:10P, G.S. Trp 561 Meeting, Ms. Diane's Classroom
3:30-6:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
6:30-7:45P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
7:00P, School Board Meeting, Conference Room
7:30P, SAMA Meeting, gym

Wednesday, March 23

9:30-11:30A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room
3:30-4:30P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30-6:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
6:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym
6-10:00P, Fish Fry Prep, gym kitchen
7-8:00P, RCIA, Religious Ed. Library
7:00P, Finance Council Meeting, Rectory
7-8:30P, Scout Troop 45 Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, March 24

7:00A-4:30P, Band, Religious Ed. Library
3:30-6:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
6-10:00P, Fish Fry Prep, gym kitchen
6:00P, CYO Volleyball, gym

Friday, March 25

2:30P, Stations of the Cross (upper grades) Church
5:30-8:30P, Fish Fry, gym
7:00P, Stations of the Cross, Church



Make your plans to attend the St. Angela Lenten Fish Fries to be held in the Kern Center on March 25 and April 8 from 5:30

p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (or until fish supply lasts). To avoid the ticket line at the Fish Fry, advanced ticket sales are available at the rectory and the school office. Pre-ordered tickets are not refundable. Following are the prices for the menu offered:

Adult Fried Fish Dinner	7.00
Child Fried Fish Dinner	5.00
Grilled Fish Dinner	9.00
Seafood Gumbo	3.50

Come and enjoy the fellowship and the delicious fish prepared by "our new SAMA Cooking Team!"

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all who participated in the CYO sponsored Troops Drive! So many were so generous. On Saturday, February 26 members of the CYO and several parents sorted and packed the many items donated in a great show of support for those serving overseas. In all, 43 care packages were made and over \$700 in cash donations were collected for postage. The amount for postage exceeded the amount needed so we were able to buy more items to make additional care packages! The packages were all decorated with messages of support and appreciation by our members and turned many a head at the post office on the shipping day. Packages went to all branches of the military, to Afghanistan, Iraq and Japan. Please continue to keep our servicemen and women in your daily prayers. Thanks again to all who helped make this so successful.

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CHURCH SUPPORT

March 6

Weekly Collection\$17,022.15

March 13

Weekly Collection\$14,253.00

SAMA

SAMA will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the Kern Center. Our meal for this month will be hot sausage sandwiches, potatoes, and desert. Guest fees for the meeting is \$10. Our guest speakers will be Al Mipro, World War II Museum, and Lionel Lopez, World War II veteran. Members of SAMA assisted with the completion of the concrete project for the entrance to the church. Our Cooking Team is preparing for the first Lenten Fish Fry to be held on March 25th. At our February meeting, Jon Norris, General Manager for New Orleans Voodoo, spoke to approximately 90 members of SAMA.

SPECIAL MASS – GOD’S SPECIAL CHILDREN

The monthly mass has been moved to Sunday, March 20 at 2:00PM at St. Francis Xavier at 444 Metairie Road. Everyone welcome. Celebrant is Father Mike Mitchell. Refreshments served after mass. Further information – contact Joy Zainey at 834-5865 Or visit website www.godsspecialchildren.org.

16th MORNING OF MEN’S SPIRITUALITY

Scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at St. Dominic Church from 9AM to 1:00PM. Coffee and donuts at 8:15AM. Talks entitled “Building Strong Families” by Lloyd and Jan Tate and mass celebrated by Archbishop Aymond. All are welcome.

Altar Ladies Team No. 1 will clean the church on Saturday, March 19.

Church Linen Team No. 1 will clean linens on Saturday, March 19.

CATHOLIC WEB SITES

- www.newadvent.org/cathen
- www.catholicway.org
- www.catholiccompany.com
- www.catholicscomehome.org





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Dear Parishioners,

As we continue our Lenten journey toward Easter together, we are being blessed as a parish community in many ways. This past week had our Parish Mission presented to us by Fr. Richard Williams, O.P. Through his teaching, preaching, and subtle humor, he reminded us of our baptismal call to holiness and stressed the need for repentance and conversion as we walk with Christ, and each other through the twists and turns of life. His words were not just for the mission only...his words were meant to stick with us as words of encouragement for our forty-day retreat of Lent. In my bulletin article last week, I mentioned that we are on this journey together, in community. Let us make the commitment to follow through in supporting one another in our daily prayers and offerings.

As part of our call to grow closer to Christ, we are constantly called home...the place where we find Christ and grow in our relationship with him and one another. As Fr. Ken mentioned in his homily last weekend, the archdiocese has initiated a program called "Catholics Come Home". You may have noticed the television and radio spots which speak of God's call, especially those who are presently away from the Church, to come "home" and reclaim their Catholic faith and the richness of our community. Certainly we all know friends, co-workers, and family members who no longer attend Mass or are no longer involved in the life of the Church. Over the years, I have met so many parents who are devastated that their children and family members no longer want to be involved in the Church. For various reasons, some people choose to leave the Church. Some have felt rejected, hurt by a priest or fellow parishioner, or simply feel lost and are unsure if they will be welcomed back. As I always say...through the power of prayer, great things happen. In addition to prayer, an invitation is helpful, to let them know that they are loved and that we care deeply for them. At each of the weekend Masses, various staff members, and council members will be available after Mass to welcome any new or returning members. They will gladly answer any questions they may have. On each of the tables by the entrance doors, cards will be available for you to fill out if you have the name of a Catholic person who you would like to invite back home. Those cards can be put in the collection basket or given to any minister of hospitality. The cards will then be sent to the archbishop so that he may personally invite them home. He will invite...not pressure. None of us should pressure anyone to come back. Pressure or coercion does not work. We can pray for them and offer a listening ear, thereby offering encouragement. Then we allow the Holy Spirit to work!

I would like to commend our school children and faculty for the beautiful St. Joseph Altar this past Friday. They did a fine job in paying tribute to St. Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary. The pastries and other goodies were beautifully displayed and shared. As declared by Pope Pius IX, St. Joseph is recognized as "Patron of the Universal Church" and was declared "Guardian of the Redeemer" in 1989 by Pope John Paul II. St. Joseph, patron of workers, pray for us.

I believe I can speak for all of us regarding the sadness we feel for the people of Japan who endured such a horrific earthquake and tsunami recently. All of us who endured Hurricane Katrina and past hurricanes understand what it like to experience loss and devastation. Of course, for the people of Japan, their plight continues. Our hearts and prayers are with them in their rescue and recovery efforts.

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Prior to Mass last Sunday, Fr. Ken read a letter from Archbishop Aymond, in which he expressed his heartfelt concern and asked for prayers for the people of Japan at this critical moment in time. In his letter he mentioned that Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will help the people of Japan as they recover in the months and years to come. "Caritas Japan" is the affiliated Catholic organization handling disaster services and response in Japan. Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org), which handles international disaster response, would receive donations to pass along to Caritas Japan. Caritas Japan said it would concentrate its efforts on meeting the needs of people with no access to public services and on the rehabilitation phase of recovery. Niigata Bishop Isao Kikuchi, president of Caritas Japan said, "We have received so many e-mails from all continents, filled with words of compassion and prayer. We are very grateful for this solidarity. We believe that aid activity is needed, but prayer is also important in such a situation."

Our assistance is needed and appreciated!! You can donate by internet at www.crs.org/japan. You can also donate by phone by calling 1-800-736-3467 from 8a.m. to 11p.m. Eastern time. You can also mail your check or money order to:

Catholic Relief Services
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

Last but not least, let's remember Fr. Ken, Sr. Paula, and Fr. Jace Eskind, from the Diocese of Lake Charles in our prayers as they continue their pilgrimage to Rome along with fifteen other pilgrims. May they be blessed on their journey and brought home to us safely.

Fr. Peter

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Our Parent meeting for those receiving First Communion on May 22 at 12:30 mass will be on April 6th at 7 pm in the gym. This is a required meeting and will last about 1 hour. Please plan to be there.

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"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2011

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a,40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26

8:30a.m. Rosemary B. Hendricks

Sunday, March 27

4:00p.m. Vigil

Alice Bouvier	June W. Calcagno
Ann Pelican	Talamo and Bouvier Families
Jackie Miele	Edward J. Appel, Jr.
Patrick Freeman	Mary and Emile R. Hammel, Jr.
Van Flynn	Connie Dumun Weisdorffer
Vera Pfaff	Jeanette Panigay
Leona Leak	Mary Gutekunst
Betty Bostwick	Daniel and Catherine Kane
Domonic Pizzuto	
8:00a.m.	Ty Casebonne
9:30a.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Perrone, Sr.
11:00a.m.	
Richard Deas	Lara Calamari
Robert Held	For the Parish
Albert Martiny	Hugh Eddie Lassabe
Carolyn Miceli	Tammy Johnson
Stanley Stucke	Mary Gutekunst
Jo Folsie	Maryrose M. Claus
Stacy Andres	Ronald Wiseman
Philip Condon	Frank Oliveri
Carl Giffin	Robert James, Jr.

Monday, March 28

6:15a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas B. Chetta
8:30a.m. Ursula Villere

Tuesday, March 29

6:15a.m. Laura Anderson
8:30a.m. Miriam Abele

Wednesday, March 30

6:15a.m. Purgatorial List
8:30a.m. Richard Matherne

Thursday, March 31

6:15a.m. Special Intention
8:30a.m. John Dodt

Friday, April 1

6:15a.m. Rita Hamilton
8:30a.m. Albert Martiny

Saturday, April 2

8:30a.m. Lloyd and Ada Aguillard

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CHURCH SUPPORT

March 20

Weekly Collection \$13,477.92
Church in Eastern Europe Collection \$2,304.21



Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of

Leona Leak and Carl Giffin

who died recently, and for those who mourn them.
~ May all of our beloved dead rest in peace ~

The Sanctuary Candle This Week

burns in loving memory of

St. Patrick



CALENDAR

Saturday, March 26

9:00A-9:00P, Abbey Youth Fest, St. Joseph's
Abbey
11:00A-2:00P, Scouting Event, School Parking Lot

Sunday, March 27

9:30A, Children's Liturgy, Church
11:00A, RCIA Dismissal, Conference Room
1:00-7:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym

Monday, March 28

3:30-7:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
6:00P, CYO Volleyball
7:00P, SALA Board Meeting, Religious Ed. Library

Tuesday, March 29

3:30-7:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
6:30P, CCD, St. Clement of Rome School
6:30P, Fair Committee Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Adult Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, March 30

9:30A, Prayer Meeting, Conference Room
3:30P, Children's Choir Practice, Church
3:30-7:00P, Play Rehearsal, gym
7-8:00P, RCIA, Religious Ed. Library
7-8:30P, Scout Troop 45 Meeting, Conference Room
7:00P, Gumbalaya Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, March 31

7:00A-4:30P, Band Class, Religious Ed. Library
7:00P, Beauty and the Beast Performance, Kern Center

Friday, April 1

1:45P, Early School Dismissal
1:45P, G.S. Tr. 280 Meeting, Mrs. Lalla's Classroom
2:00P, Faculty Meeting
7:00P, Stations of the Cross, Church
7:00P, Beauty and the Beast Performance, Kern Center



FISH FRY

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of Peace. As I write, the world is witness to the devastating images of destruction in Japan. In light of this situation and the great needs of our brothers and sisters around the world, I encourage your prayers and active participation in the Catholic Relief Services Collection which will take place during the fourth Sunday of Lent (April 2 – 3). Catholic Relief Services (CRS) stands as a sign of hope to countless people across the world. In the midst of brokenness, we recognize God's fidelity through acts of compassion in pursuit of integral human development. In the Book of Psalms, we hear that

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob" (Psalms 46: 1 – 4).

We have seen the images of devastation from the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. CRS is gathering resources and developing a strategy to support our Church partners in the affected areas.

We also remember just over a year ago the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti. In its initial response to the disaster in Haiti, CRS distributed food to nearly 900,000 people. Currently, CRS is providing food to more than 90,000 students in more than 270 schools. CRS is committed to work in Haiti for continued rebuilding, rehabilitation, and development.

Here in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, some parishes have initiated partnerships with church parishes in Haiti. This formation of solidarity-based relationships builds the Body of Christ and is a living expression of our Catholic values. I encourage other parishes to work with Catholic Charities' Office of Justice and Peace, our archdiocesan CRS Office, to learn more about setting up a parish partnership.

In addition to the response to these disasters, CRS works for integral human development in the midst of the everyday disasters of hunger, deprivation, illiteracy, and violent conflict. Due to the immense need present across the world, I am setting the goal of raising at least \$200,000 here in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. You have shown your immense generosity in the past and I encourage you to again join with me as we demonstrate God's fidelity to our sisters and brothers around the world through the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

Altar Ladies Team No. 2 will clean the church on Saturday, March 26.

Church Linen Team No. 2 will clean linens on Saturday, March 26.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

The cast and crew of St. Angela Merici would like to invite you to see our production of Beauty and the Beast in the Kern Center.

Thursday, March 31	7:00 PM
Friday, April 1	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 2	5:30 PM Dinner Theatre
Sunday, April 3	2:00 PM Matinee

Please call the school office to purchase tickets. School office phone number is 835-8491.

SOPHOMORES

We will have a make-up class for those of you who missed the March 20th class. It will be on Thursday, April 14 from 7-9 pm in the religious education library. This is the only time I have to do a make-up, so try to fix your schedule so you can attend.