



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 10, 2023 | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
- Mt 18:19-20

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Welcome to St. Angela Merici

“St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Missouri City, TX is a diverse community, united in the Mission of Christ through the Eucharist, proclamation of the Gospel, and service to the people of God.”

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Bulletin announcements must be print ready and submitted to Tressy Garcia, our bulletin editor at communications@stamericigh.com no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday (9 days) before the Sunday of intended publication.

Weekly Prayer and Readings

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33:8)

Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

Gospel

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18:15)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday | Patriot Day

Tuesday | The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday | St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday | Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday | Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Next Sunday | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday | Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday | Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday | Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

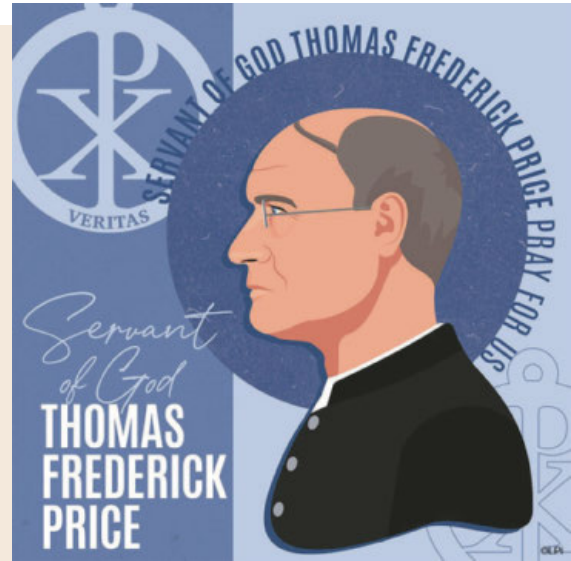
Wednesday | Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday | Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday | 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27

Saturday | C1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday | Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Thomas Frederick Price was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on August 19, 1860, to parents who were Catholic converts. As a child he was an altar server and developed a deep faith. He was mentored and influenced by many of the priests who served the church his family attended over the years. Upon graduating from high school, he decided to pursue the priesthood.

While in China for his first mission as a priest, Price became seriously ill. He had to travel a long way to Hong Kong. By the time he reached St. Paul's Hospital in Causeway Bay, he was found to have an advanced case of appendicitis. Despite operations to help, he died of a burst appendix on September 12, 1919. He was originally buried in Hong Kong but, he was transferred to the Maryknoll Cemetery in 1936 and then interred in the crypt below Maryknoll Seminary Chapel alongside Fr. Walsh's remains in 1955.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve. If it be according to Your will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor I (we) now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here) I (we) make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Let us Pray

JOIN US

In Spreading the Good News

Weekday Mass

Mon-Wed 9:00 a.m.
 Thurs 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 Fri-Sat 9:00 a.m.

Rosary

Fri Following 9:00 a.m. Mass
 Sat Before 9:00 a.m. Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 5:00 p.m.
 Sun 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Thurs 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
 Fri 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 Sat 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
 Other By Appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thurs 9:45 a.m. - Friday 9:00 a.m.
 (Except during Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass)

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 8:45 a.m.

In Remembrance/Prayers

Please stop by the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for a loved one or those dearly departed. You are also able to honor someone by funding the Flowers in the Sanctuary. The cost of each arrangement is \$115, please visit the office to reserve a weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Prayers for the Faithful: Sept 9 - Sept 17

† Deceased

Saturday September 9th 09:00 a.m. † Deacon Ernesto Aberdejos 05:00 p.m. † Dominic Lai
Sunday September 10th 08:00 a.m. Maryle Breaux 10:00 a.m. † D.X. Sengele, Jr. 12:00 p.m. † Delmer C. Santesson 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday September 11th 09:00 a.m. † Theophilus Herlong
Tuesday September 12th 09:00 a.m. Myrna Dozier
Wednesday September 13th 09:00 a.m. † Carmelina Martinez de Santesson
Thursday September 14th 09:00 a.m. † Bob Kaiser, Jr. 07:00 p.m. † Lee Dozier
Friday September 15th 09:00 a.m. Maryle Breaux
Saturday September 16th 09:00 a.m. † Alessandra Mackin 05:00 p.m. † Joan Anne Rodriguez
Sunday September 17th 08:00 a.m. † Gloria Mayse 10:00 a.m. † Jose Barreto Family 12:00 p.m. † Christine Donaldson 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for Them

OUR SICK

Erin Johnston	Patrica Hendrix
Joey Myers	E L Guidry
Annabelle Van Deursen	Paulette Fawcett
Marc Carter	Mary Maurico
Veronika de la Mata	Rodney Cook
Earl Florentino Sr.	Isabela Corridore
Yellis Ortega	Letta Sim
Joe Mims	Lila Sim
Rick Gaillardetz	Carol Boney
Zelie Murray	Sonny Acevedo
Elvira Sta. Ana	Mary Meta
Kristian Lewis-Fernando	Mary Monsanto
Renee Robbins	Carter Vann
Gary Bentz	Cindy Corbett
Kit Messa	Anne Higgins
Rick Weber	Monica Ruiz
Ernestina T. Elizondo	Renee Lyons
Rubye Goff	Glenn Peter Wiltz
Nadine Yurko	Gerry Meta
	Richard Holliday

OUR MILITARY

PFC Jonathon Rivas, US Army	Lt. Hailey Kryszewski, US Navy
Major Jose Carrejo, Army Reserve	Melina Thompson, US Coast Guard
Spec. Nicholas Watts	GSM2 Surface Warfare DePlata
USN Air Corps Robert Mangan	Lt. Tyson Stickler, US Navy
Col. James Romero, US Army	Juan P. Muniz II, US Navy
Col. Jonathan Esparza, US Air Force	SPEC Nathan J. Hoelker, US Army
BU3 Matthew Roche	Capt. Samantha L. Guerrero,
Sailor Denzel Buzon, US Navy	USMC Artillery Division
PVT Jonathan Villasenor, US Army	CPL Andrew Molina, US Army

OUR DECEASED

Nona Tanoos Ray
 Virgilio Cajipe

Mary Gold Casino Alfajara
 Yvonne Laschon

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9

06:00 p.m. Venturing Crew 140 Info Event

Sunday, September 10

01:00 p.m. Men's ACTS Retreat Luncheon

05:15 p.m. LifeTeen/BEYOND Kick-Off

Monday, September 11

04:15 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session A

06:00 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session B

05:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting

07:00 p.m. Lectio Divina via Zoom

Tuesday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study AM

04:15 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session C

06:00 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session D

06:30 p.m. Elem Faith Form Parent Meeting

07:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

07:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study PM

Wednesday, September 13

10:30 a.m. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

06:30 p.m. SVDP Meeting

07:00 p.m. Readings in Spirituality Book Club

07:00 p.m. Meet the Youth Ministry Team Night

Thursday, September 14

06:00 p.m. Becoming Catholic RCIA Session

06:30 p.m. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

07:00 p.m. Venturing Crew 140 General Mtg

Friday, September 15

06:00 a.m. Men's Friday Scripture Reflection

Next Saturday, September 16

08:00 a.m. MDO Family Fun Run

Next Sunday, September 17

10:00 a.m. CLOW Session

02:00 p.m. First Communion Sacrament Prep



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

*"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." —
Psalm 95*

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Spiritual Journey



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism

To baptize your child at our parish, you must be a registered parishioner or live within our boundaries. For children older than age seven or Adults seeking Baptism, please contact the Parish office for information about the RCIA process.

Holy Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact the Parish office nine to twelve months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process at St. Angela Merici. One member of the engaged couple needs to be a Baptized Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick/Homebound

Any parishioner who is scheduled for surgery is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, prior to hospitalization. We will hold an anointing of the sick every other month on the second Saturday during the 9AM mass. Parishioners who are seriously ill, and the elderly may also be anointed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

First Communion/First Reconciliation

Students preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, at a minimum, must have regularly attended Catholic Faith Formation classes the year prior to their sacrament year (this could be through a parish Faith Formation program or Catholic school) and be at least seven years of age.

Confirmation

Confirmation at St. Angela Merici must have at least one year prior preparation in Life Teen, Faith Formation or Catholic school and then complete a year of immediate preparation before receiving the sacrament and be at least in tenth grade.

To learn more about any of the Sacraments at St. Angela Merici please visit our website or call the Parish Office at 281-778-0400

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

St. Angela Merici has experienced Spiritual Directors to accompany you (in English and in Spanish) as you more deeply explore your questions about a relationship with God and others. Here are some gifts of spiritual direction:

- Notice and savor your experiences of God.
- Grow in relationship with God, self, others, and creation.
- Deepen your freedom to live a more authentic life.
- Integrate spirituality into your daily life.
- Find understanding, encouragement, and affirmation.
- Celebrate joys and share losses.

To meet with a spiritual director or to obtain more information contact **Kathleen Messina** at kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com or 281-778-9178.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

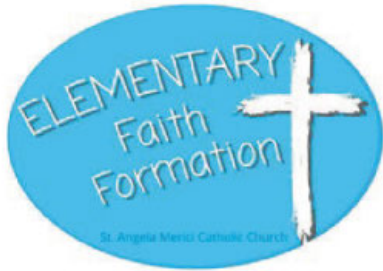
What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— *Father John Muir*



Elementary Faith Formation



CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Led by two adults, CLOW invites children grades K-2nd to gather every Sunday during the 10am Mass for the Liturgy of the Word readings on a child's developmental level. The children are invited to join the Faith Sharers after the Gloria and process reverently to the St Angela Merici room in the back of church. They are then led back into the church and return to their parents for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. No registration is needed for the children and please contact the office if you are willing to volunteer for this wonderful ministry! 281/778-0400

Elementary Faith Formation Families

Just to highlight a few dates:

FIRST DAY OF In Person Classes:

September 11th (Mon) OR Sept 12th (Tues) in the session you registered for. Be sure to walk your child in the first day to meet their Catechist. Reminder that dismissal will always be parents parking and walking to the classroom.

Registered First Sacrament Families

MANDATORY PARENT MEETINGS will be on Wednesday, September 13th at 10:30AM in the PLC OR Thursday, September 14th at 6:30PM. Please call the office if you are unsure if you have registered for First Sacraments



Youth Ministry



EDGE Volunteers Needed

These crazy middle-schoolers need you! Please consider volunteering for our middle school youth program, EDGE, held Wednesday evenings 6:30-8PM at our Parish Life Center. If interested, please contact our Youth Ministry Director, Merrie Guerra: youthministry@stamericigh.com.

KICK-OFF SESSIONS

LifeTeen/BEYOND: Sunday, September 10th after the 5:00PM mass
EDGE: Wednesday, September 20th at 6:15PM.

GUMBO COOK-OFF & CARNIVAL 2024

We are going back to February for our annual Gumbo Cookoff and Carnival. Please contact Merrie Guerra at youthministry@stamericigh.com if you are interested in serving on the festival team or want to compete in the cookoff.



Mother's Day Out



Family Fun Run

MDO will be holding a Back to "Cool" Family Fun Run on Saturday, September 16th. For more information click the QR code and look under our events page. We are also looking for sponsors if you own a local business.

Playground Fund

Help us build a new playground for the children in our parish. Please see the envelopes in your pews to donate today. Thank you!



Parish and Community Life

INTRODUCING OUR DIP JAR

Take a Dip for St. Angela

We are excited to introduce THE DIP JAR this weekend! The Dip Jar is a safe and secure way to make a donation to the St. Angel Merici Building Fund & Capital Campaign. You can find The Dip Jar in the Narthex on the last weekend of each month and throughout the following week. The Dip Jar is set up for a \$20 donation each time you “dip” your credit or debit card into it. Dip once for \$20, two times for \$40, three times for \$60... you get the picture.

This is a fun way for us to chip away at the remaining balance of our building loan! AND, for the rest of the year, all donations through The Dip Jar will be matched by a generous Parish family... up to \$250,000 (your \$20 donation is actually \$40)! So, take a dip for St. Angela this weekend and let's continue to grow together!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

September Meeting

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them." SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, Sept 13** at 6:30 p.m. in the SAM Room.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Rick Vice at honeyfarmer@fastmail.com.



THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)

Worthy of the Call

Men, St. Paul Begs us to live a life worthy of the call you have Received! Though we are not worthy, by the grace of God, we too are more than conquerors. Let us first experience the superabundance of God's love, peace, joy, and mercy so our hearts are ready to discover what we have truly been called to at our depths: called to mature manhood - called to joy - called to lift up our hearts and minds - called to unity and called to live a life worthy of the call we have received! Join TMIY, "That Man is You" for food, fellowship and faith every Thursday morning at 6:15am starting September 21st, 2023 in the SAM Room. All men are welcome.



NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

The Wahome Family

The Almuete Family

The Andrews Family



Parish and Community Life

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

August 27-28

Pius Leung, our liturgy coordinator, held a two session training for our newest set of altar servers. We had 14 kids attend that are eager to learn all about serving our Parish! A special thanks to Bosco Fernandez for the pictures and aiding Pius in the training. We ask that you pray for these kids and their families as they embark on this journey.



YOUTH MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Melanie Lubrano

Please help us in welcoming to our staff, Melanie Lubrano. Melanie is a transplant from Lake Charles. She and her husband, Gino, moved to the Sienna area in March of this year. They have two children, Toni and Christopher. Melanie was an elementary school teacher for 23 years before prayerfully following God's call. She left teaching to join the staff at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Lake Charles where she worked the past four years as a middle school religious education coordinator and youth minister. Melanie feels both blessed and excited about this new chapter at St. Angela Merici.



KROGER REWARDS

Give Back while you Shop!



Don't forget to support St. Angela Merici by registering your Kroger card for the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Scan the QR code and enter NPO #UA485 for St. Angela Merici or scan the QR code here. What an easy way to give to the Parish while doing your shopping. Thank you for your support! New members can enroll by searching for either the new number (UA485) or St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. 113 Households contributed \$209.72 this quarter.



Parish and Community Life

ENGRAVED PAVER/BENCH PROGRAM

We are very excited to launch the Paver & Bench Project... and from the feedback we heard this weekend, so are you! These pavers are being installed just to the right of the plaza as you approach the front doors of the Church. Personalized pavers are available in 4x8, 8x8, and 8x8 granite. In addition to the pavers, benches are available for \$3000. These are weather-resistant, maintenance-free benches that come with a personalized bronze plaque. These pavers and benches are a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion! A very generous family in our Parish will be matching dollar-for-dollar every donation toward the capital campaign from now until the end of the year... up to \$250,000!!! This includes your paver and bench purchases.

PARENTING CONFERENCE

Dr. Ray Guarendi



St. Angela will host Dr. Ray Guarendi on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10am to 12pm in the Church building. The conference's theme is You're a Better Parent Than You Think! This conference is not only for parents but for anyone who deals with children/youth and wants to gain tools to "stand strong and keep the sanity of family and discipline."

Dr. Ray Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. This presentation will foster self-confidence, peace of mind, and will put authority into your hands where it belongs. Child-care is available, please register today using the QR code here. Children 11 years old and up can also attend the conference at a discounted price.



THE PAVER PROJECT

A Fundraiser for the St. Angela Merici Capital Campaign

Let's pave the way to a brighter future... together!

Help us create a space to celebrate, commemorate and communicate with one another! Monies raised through this fundraiser will go toward the IGNITE and Built on Faith: Growing Together as One campaigns, reducing the church construction debt, and offering parishioners and friends the opportunity to be a lasting part of St. Angela Merici's history and future.

This is a wonderful way to give recognition to a family, individual (living or deceased), or an organization as a lasting display of your support and connection to our faith community.

AND THERE'S MORE...

We are so very grateful that one of our generous families has offered to MATCH ALL NEW DONATIONS toward the Capital Campaign between now and the end of 2023... UP TO \$250,000! So, your \$200 brick is actually \$400 toward our efforts... \$800 is \$1600... and so on! Let's make the most of this incredibly generous opportunity!



4 X 8 BRICK PAVER
\$200



8 X 8 BRICK PAVER
\$400



8 X 8 LEGACY GRANITE PAVER
\$800

Not just pavers! Help beautify our outdoor plaza with a bench...



4-FOOT OUTDOOR BENCH WITH ARMS AND PERSONALIZED BRONZE PLAQUE
\$3000



Scan the QR code to purchase online, visit www.stamerichigh.com or call 281-778-0400.



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28th



The Knights of Columbus and Adult Faith Formation Office invite you to participate in our Annual Trunk or Treat Event, Saturday, Oct 28th from 6-7:30pm. Decorate your trunk and come in costume! Use your favorite bible character or super hero! Note that costumes and car decorations should be tasteful and appropriate for an audience of small children. To register your vehicle, scan the QR code.



Thank you so much for your commitment to growing our faith family! If you have any questions or would like to pay for your paver or bench through cash or check, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish and Community Life

MISSION APPEAL: SEPT 9/10

Dominican Sisters of Houston

As part of the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan, the Dominican Sisters of Houston will give a mission appeal at the Masses the weekend of September 9-10 for their mission school, San Vicente de Paul Bethania, which is located in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Guatemala City. The neighborhood in which the school is located is plagued with drugs and violence, but against tremendous odds, our students continue to succeed. The school serves about 530 children from PK3 through the 6th grade. The school supports families with counseling, food, clothing, medical and financial help and gives breakfast to every child who needs one.

No family can pay the actual cost of educating their children at San Vicente, but they pay what they can. The Dominican Sisters of Houston raise the funds necessary to run the school through mission appeals, grants, and individual donations.



COUPLES COMEDY EVENT

Save the Date - Feb 2024



Join Mark Gungor for his 2-day LIVE Couples' Comedy Event! Mark Gungor, one of the most sought-after speakers on love and marriage, explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships. His conference brings striking clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes.

Mark's humor makes this conference so enjoyable, effective, and memorable that husbands and wives will retain these insights and immediately put them to work. You don't want to miss this event; it is a once-in-a-lifetime experience! Share with those you care the most! TICKETS ARE NOW for sale using the QR code above!



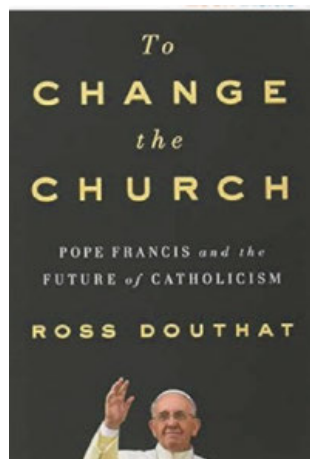
SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB

Fall Selection

To Change the Church: Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism

By: Ross Douthat

This book looks at the struggle for the future of Catholicism within the Church itself and argues that the outcome has even broader implications for the future of Western civilization. Join other parishioners and bring a friend for what will surely be a lively discussion on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office For more information contact Kevin Corbett at ktcorbett01@yahoo.com.



MAUI RELIEF

Knights of Columbus

Maui Relief

DONATE

Natural disasters can happen anytime and anywhere. In these moments of darkness and trial, the Knights has always been there bringing immediate aid and comfort to those people affected.

The Knights of Columbus have established a capability for you to easily support those in such great need as a result of the Maui Disaster. Simply use this link <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/disaster-relief.html>. The funds will be distributed by fellow Knights on the ground so we are insured that they will go directly to the most needy. It is at times of disaster that we are most tested to help those in need. We prayerfully ask that you please contribute generously to this relief fund.

Parish and Community Life

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

October 6

Experience Revival! In response to the sobering Pew Research Center study that only 31% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the USCCB has launched the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year grassroots movement that aims to "restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist".

Be a part of the movement to rediscover the Source and Summit of our faith and attend our first Eucharistic Revival Night on October 6th, at 7 PM. All are welcome to join us for powerful music, engaging guest speakers and Eucharistic Adoration.



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MENS ACTS RETREAT

Sept 7 - 10

Please join us as we pray for the 46 men who will be on retreat this weekend. We pray that the Holy Spirit renews their faith to become strong Christian examples in their households, for their retreat experience to live on in their acts of kindness and faith and for them to return to our community and homes as great stewards of their Catholic Faith. We also want to thank Mike Blake and Paul Faraca for leading this year's Men's ACTS Retreat.



BACK TO COOL FUN RUN

September 16



Calling kids of all ages! Lace up your shoes, grab your bathing suit and towel and join us for our first annual, Back to Cool Family Fun Run at St. Angela Merici on Saturday, September 16th from 8am-10am, check-in at 7:30am. Kids will participate based on age in the following categories: Diaper Dash (0-2 yrs.), Toddler Trot (3-4 yrs.), or Big Kids Run (5-18 yrs.).

First child is \$20 and each additional sibling is \$10. This event features the fun run, water activities, bubbles, swag bags and more! Don't miss out on the fun! Proceeds benefit the St. Angela's Angels Mother's Day Out Program Playground Fund. Scan the QR code to register today! Also looking for sponsors if you own a local business!



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AGES 0-18

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RCIA: BECOMING CATHOLIC

Rite of Christian Initiation



The Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) is a process for adults who desire to learn about the Catholic faith and who are considering joining the church. Do you have a friend or family member interested in joining the Catholic Church? If so, we would like to meet and journey with them. Set up an appointment to tell us more about your inquiry.

We are also looking for people to join our discipleship team and possibly be a prayer partner, Parish sponsor, help with hospitality and more. Contact Claudia Sereno at adultff@stamericigh.com or scan the QR code for more info.



PARISH EMAIL SCAM

Please report

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support and meeting requests. These scams are coming from email accounts or text messages identifying as Archdiocesan priests or Parish staff. As a reminder, priests/churches would never make such appeals to our parish community. We advise you to please notify the church office immediately if you receive **any** unfamiliar donation requests or emails. You can also report spam to the Federal Trade Commission by forwarding the spam email directly to spam@uce.gov.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

In light of the most recent sex abuse scandal, I would urge anyone who has experienced sexual assault or harassment by ANYONE in the church to come forward. Where the incident may rise to the level of a crime, please also contact local law enforcement. Contact information for the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Diane Vines; vac@archgh.org or 713-654-5799.

Rev. John E. Cahoon
Pastor

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome to St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, located in Sienna in Missouri City. We were founded on October 1, 2007 and have since been ministering to the Catholic Community in the Missouri City area. St. Angela Merici is an active, welcoming parish with over 1750 households. Please visit our website www.stamericigh.com for Parish registration forms.

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*Financial Info not available at the time of bulletin publication

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory (August)	\$63,768
Participants	439

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2023 DSF GOAL	\$50,000
Amount Received	\$62,409
Participants	213

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Upcoming Second Collection Dates

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN : BUILT ON FAITH

Due to special circumstances, the Archdiocese financially supported our parish with a 100% loan to grow our parish campus. We prayerfully ask you to help us pay this debt by donating to our Capital Campaign.

Campaign Goal	\$3,700,000
Total Pledged	\$3,379,338
Remaining Goal	\$320,662
Loan Balance	\$6,656,077
Pledges Collected	\$1,731,191
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