



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 8, 2023 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43

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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

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They answered him, “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants.” (Mt 21:41)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

Sunday | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday | Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Tuesday |

Wednesday | St. John XXIII, Pope

Thursday |

Friday |

Saturday | St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2023

Sunday | Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/ Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday | Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday | Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

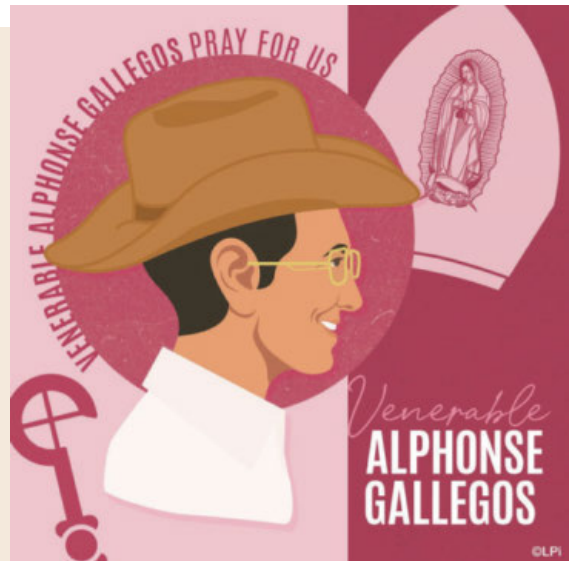
Wednesday | Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday | Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday | Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday | Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday | Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Alphonse Gallegos was born on February 20, 1931, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One of 11 children, he struggled with vision problems as a child but, after many surgeries, his myopic condition partially healed.

While in formation, he continued to struggle with eye issues which caused him to become nearly blind. His condition delayed his ordination as his superiors worried that his disability might impair his ability to serve. Gallegos' worked hard to prove to them that he was able and succeeded in being ordained to the priesthood as a member of the Augustinian Recollects in 1958. Following his ordination, he served as a hospital chaplain and at various parishes until he eventually moved to Sacramento, California and was appointed the Director of the Division of Hispanic Affairs of the California Catholic Conference. He was named the auxiliary bishop of Sacramento in 1981. He'd often serve those in need wearing a cheap sombrero and simple t-shirt to fit in. His kindness caused his community to affectionately name him Bishop of the Barrios. On October 6, 1991, at age 60, while pushing his stalled car to the side of the road with his volunteer driver steering, Bishop Gallegos was struck by another vehicle and thrown 50 feet, dying instantly. His funeral procession included some 300 lowrider cars and hundreds of his friends and neighbors

PRAYER

God our Father, In Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, O.A.R., You gave light to Your faithful people. You made him a pastor of the Church to feed Your sheep with his words and to teach them by example. We pray that his life of holiness and service to the People of God be acknowledged and that this loyal son of Our Lady of Guadalupe be counted among the saints of Your Kingdom. We ask this blessing through 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: October 7 - October 15

† Deceased

Saturday October 7th 09:00 a.m. † Walter and † Mary Kay Johnson 05:00 p.m. † Blanca Muñiz
Sunday October 8th 08:00 a.m. Carolyn Patin 10:00 a.m. Leslie Jeannet 12:00 p.m. † Robert McCarthy 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday October 9th 09:00 a.m. † Ronald Kirberg
Tuesday October 10th 09:00 a.m. Celesta Byrne
Wednesday October 11th 09:00 a.m. Dee and Lori Davis
Thursday October 12th 09:00 a.m. Thomas family 07:00 p.m. Increase in Religious Vocations
Friday October 13th 09:00 a.m. † Sheila Borges
Saturday October 14th 09:00 a.m. Peter Ngo 05:00 p.m. Khalil Khalil
Sunday October 15th 08:00 a.m. Underwood Family 10:00 a.m. Khalil Khalil 12:00 p.m. Alejandro Cabello 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for Them

OUR SICK

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

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
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Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 8

- 10:00 a.m. CLOW Session
- 03:00 p.m. Adult/Youth RCIA Session
- 06:00 p.m. Moms of Teens Book Group

Monday, October 9

- 05:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting
- 06:30 P.M. Safe & Secure Committee Mtg
- 07:00 p.m. Lectio Divina via Zoom

Tuesday, October 10

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study AM
- 07:00 p.m. Education Council Meeting
- 07:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 07:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study PM

Wednesday, October 11

- 06:15 p.m. EDGE Session
- 06:30 p.m. SVDP Meeting

Thursday, October 12

- 06:15 a.m. TMIY (That Man is You)

Friday, October 13

- 06:00 a.m. Men's Frid Scripture Reflection
- 07:30 p.m. MOSA Monthly Meeting

Next Saturday, October 14

- 10:00 a.m. Mother/Daughter Workshop
- 10:00 a.m. Men's Acts Retreat Gathering
- 02:00 p.m. Sacramental Prep Class

Next Sunday, October 15

- 10:00 a.m. CLOW Session
- 03:00 p.m. Adult/Youth RCIA Session
- 06:00 p.m. Confirmation Break Out
- 06:00 p.m. Moms of Teens Book Group
- 06:15 p.m. LifeTeen/Beyond Session



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting; these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less . . . *full*. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

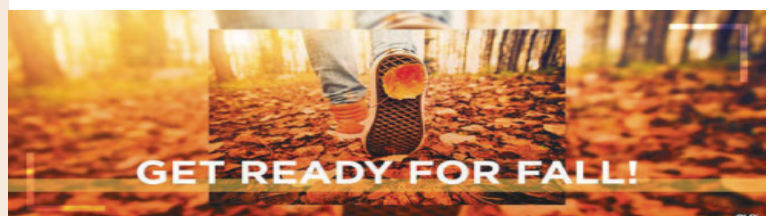
In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43

-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

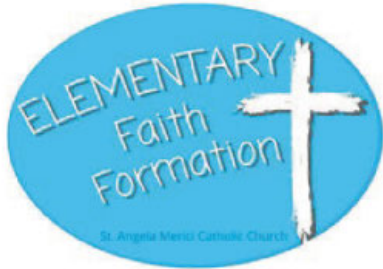
Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir

Elementary Faith Formation



Elementary Faith Formation

This past week our class was focused on learning what does Jesus Christ teach you about God? Spend time praying the Sign of the Cross and talking about how it connects to the Holy Trinity.

**We will not have classes on Monday, October 9th or Tuesday, October 10th due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Remember to check the Elementary Faith Formation calendar posted on the parish website for all important meetings, class dates, and holidays.

First Sacrament Families

Check your email for the First Reconciliation Parent and Child Workshop sign up link. Select the date most convenient for your family and please call the office if you have any questions. 281/778-0400

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.



Youth Ministry



EDGE/LIFETEEN

LifeTeen will not have classes on Sunday, October 8th due to the Columbus Day Holiday. We are off to a great start in both EDGE and LifeTeen!

Confirmation Retreat Registration

Registration is now open. For details, contact Merrie Guerra or see our website.



Mother's Day Out



Spaces Available

We have limited availability in some of our classes so email to set up a tour soon by calling at 281-778-0400 or scan the QR code here for any questions about our program or to contact us.



Parish and Community Life

UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER

Mother/Daughter Workshop

Gratia Plena's Joan's Girls group will be offering a mother daughter day of reflection here at St. Angela Merici! The event will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 9AM to 12PM in the Parish Life Center. Moms bring your middle and high school girls to work on understanding each other. Coordinated by Laura Jackson, LPC-A and Dorothy Godines, LPC. Learn more about this event and register by scanning the QR Code on the flyer. The cost is \$25/person and will include materials and refreshments.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

October Meeting

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned. SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, October 11** at 6:30PM in the SAM Room.

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



RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

Knights of Columbus



October is Respect Life Month and the Knights of Columbus are honoring this month by conducting a fundraiser and supply drive for the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center (PRMC) in Rosenberg. We ask parishioners to place their contributions in the baby bottles handed out last weekend and return them to the collection baskets located in the narthex throughout the month of October. We also encourage parishioners to contribute to much needed supplies such as: diapers (especially 5M/6M sizes), pull ups, baby wipes, formula, baby clothing (especially 6M to 12M sizes), and 6 or 8 foot tables and chairs for their classrooms. Gently used baby products are also welcome. Additional information on the PRMC can be found at: <https://prmcfortbend.org>.

Scan the QR Code above to find the other events the Knights are doing this month to honor Respect Life Month. We are so grateful for your donations and participation.

2023 PUBLIC ROSARY CRUSADE

Filipino Ministry

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: St. Angela Merici Catholic Church (starts in the church after the 9AM mass and ends at the Virgin Mary statue)

When: Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:45AM

For more information contact the Filipino Ministry:

Name: Fe Blalack, 713-624-0951

Susan Lacap, 832-871-1534

Corazon Matillano, 281-299-1118



Snacks will be served after the Rosary Prayer Crusade.

NEWLY BAPTIZED PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

Joanna Jebin Joseph

Palmer Grace Jorgensen



Parish and Community Life

ADVENT EVENTS

Save the Date



As we prepare for the Advent Season to begin in less than 8 weeks, we want you to prepare your hearts and minds for the hope and joy of the season by saving the date for various Advent events we will be holding here at the Parish. Further details will be coming soon on these events but we prayerfully ask that you not only join us for these events but that you also share with friends and family.

<p>Saturday, Dec 2 <i>Advent Day of Reflection</i> 9AM - 3PM Centered on theme of "Re-igniting Our Hope" led by Kathleen Messina.</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec 6 <i>Youth Ministry Advent Night</i> 6:30PM - 8:30PM Have the family join us for praise & worship, speakers and adoration.</p>
<p>Saturday, Dec 9 <i>Anointing of the Sick</i> 9AM - 10AM We invite all who are ill to come and allow us to pray over you at Mass,</p>	<p>Saturday, Dec 9 <i>Project St. Nick</i> 4PM - 7PM Fun, games, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus for everyone.</p>
<p>December 9-12 <i>Advent Parish Mission</i> 9AM - 9PM Join Deacon Herald for motivational talks to strengthen your faith.</p>	<p>Friday, Dec 15 <i>Simbang Gabi</i> 7PM - 10PM Filipino traditional event of a novena of Advent Masses with songs.</p>
<p>Monday, Dec 18 <i>Maranatha Concert</i> 7PM - 8PM A journey through scripture and song to prepare for Christ's coming.</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec 20 <i>Advent Penance Service</i> 7PM - 9PM Several priests will be available to hear confessions and reconcile.</p>

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

October 14

We will have anointing of the sick on Saturday, October 14 during the 9AM mass. We invite all who are ill to come and allow us to pray over you! As a reminder, we hold a special anointing of the sick every other month on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The remaining anointings of this year will take place on Saturday, December 9th.



MISSOURI CITY PD/FD

Thank You

A special thanks to the Missouri City Fire and Police departments for coming out to see our MDO program kids and teaching them all about fire safety and the important work our first responders do in our community.



VENTURING CREW 140

Join Us



Outdoor adventure and service opportunities with fellow high school aged youth. Upcoming events:

- Adventure Activity – Oct 20-21, Webelos Woods camping trip
- Service Activity – Oct 28, St Angela Merici Trunk or Treat support

For more information, come to a meeting, visit our Crew's web page: www.troopwebhost.org/Crew140MissouriCity or contact the Crew Advisor, Nick Merry at themerryfamily@yahoo.com.



Parish and Community Life

ENGRAVED PAVER/BENCH PROGRAM Capital Campaign

We are very excited to launch the Paver & Bench Project... and from the feedback we have heard, 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!!!

SIMBANG GABI 2023 I am Stepping Up

Participants are needed to assist in the preparation of this traditional event put on by the Filipino Ministry. Sign-up sheets will be available after all masses on Oct. 14/15 weekend in the Narthex, for Liturgical Ministers, choir (singers and instrumentalist), decorators and fellowship team members. Please do not hesitate to volunteer you and your families time, talent, and blessings for this event on Dec. 15, 2023. For more information contact: Fe Blalack at feblalack@yahoo.com or Maria Panaligan at panaligan@att.net.



FEELING THE CALL TO SERVE? Join the Pastoral Council



Dear St. Angela Merici Parishioner,

I am extending an invitation to you to participate in a **Day of Discernment** for new members for our Parish Pastoral Council. Discernment is a prayerful and reflective selection process to determine who will serve on this important leadership body of our parish.

What is a Pastoral Council? The council is a representative body of faithful whose focus is on the whole community, uniting that community, and pursuing the mission of the Church. The Council is called together by the Pastor, responds to his call, and offers the best consultation possible, including seeking consensus. The consultation is a result of prayer, reflection, and dialogue as well as study, research, and consultation with other parishioners. If called, you will be asked to serve a two or three-year commitment.

What are the requirements to be a member of the Pastoral Council? Council members must: 1) be registered in the parish, 2) have demonstrated a commitment to the parish community, 3) be in full communion with the Catholic Church, 4) commit themselves to spiritual growth, 5) commit themselves to skills development as part of the Christian leadership process, and 6) be willing to commit the necessary time and energy to offer effective consultation.

When is the discernment? The discernment will be held October 28th. We ask all parishioners interested in discerning to attend the 9 am Mass. The discernment will follow the Mass in the St. Angela Merici room from 10am to 2pm. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Julie Merry at parishcouncil@stamericigh.com.

Please prayerfully consider serving on St. Angela Merici's Pastoral Council.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. John E. Cahoon

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!

LARY & RACHEL
BATISTE
2-AUG-20

4 X 8 BRICK PAVER
\$200

"PRAY, HOPE AND
DON'T WORRY"
PADRE PIO
TORRES FAMILY
2023

8 X 8 BRICK PAVER
\$400

JAEL & BJ
CARBAJAL
MARRIED SINCE
11/18/2000
GO COOGS!

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BEVERLY BROWN

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



Thank you so much for your commitment to growing our faith family! If you have any questions, or want to pay in person, please contact the Parish Office. Deadline to buy pavers for the December 2023 install is October 31, 2023.

Parish and Community Life

MISSION APPEAL: OCTOBER 7/8

Eden Nivas

Your contribution to the 2nd collection this weekend, October 7/8 will help to create a place in Kerala, India, where retired MSFS missionary priests can live, rest and receive necessary healthcare once their active ministry work is over. Supporting this Mission Appeal is a beautiful way to show gratitude to Fr. Joy and other MSFS priests who left their loved ones far behind in India to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to us here in Missouri City and to others around the world. We prayerfully ask you to be generous in your giving for this mission appeal on October 7/8. For more information, scan the QR code below.



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Mission Appeal October 7th/8th

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- Eco-friendly campus, walkways, fish pond, vegetable garden, fruit trees

SOUTHWEST INDIA PROVINCE

- 245 priests and one senior lay brother
- Serving in 12 countries outside India
- 37 MSFS priests are over the age of 60
- Target Opening Dec 2024, Budget = \$1.5 Million



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!



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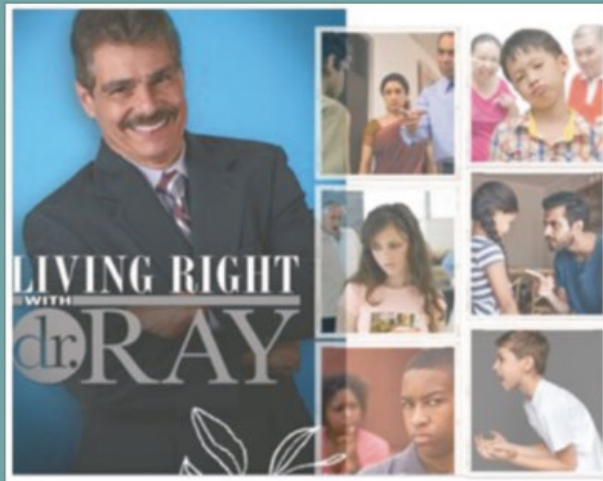
PARENTING CONFERENCE

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 and 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. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on 500 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, "Living Right with Dr. Ray" can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries. This presentation will foster self-confidence, peace of mind, and will put authority into your hands where it belongs. Childcare is available, please register today using the QR code here. Children 11-18 can also attend at a discounted price.



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. 112 Households contributed \$207.76 this quarter.



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Join us for a Advent Parish mission event with a dynamic Catholic Speaker! Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers – known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon" – is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith will challenge and inspire those who hear him. In addition, he is the host or co-host of several popular series on EWTN television and is featured on the renown Chosen faith formation program by Ascension Press. He is also an award-winning author who has written six books.

He will be preaching at all masses the weekend of December 9/10 as well as holding his event from 10AM-12PM and 7-9PM on December 11th and 12th. Please save the date and share with friends.



13TH ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28



The Knights of Columbus and Adult Faith Formation Office invite you to participate in our 13th Annual Trunk or Treat Event, Saturday, Oct 28th from 6:00-7:30PM. 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 above, there are limited spaces. You can also sign up to volunteer the day of the event to help with games, set-up and clean-up.



Parish and Community Life

ST. LAURENCE PARISH BAZAAR

October 14/15

Look for the tents at St. Laurence and come to the parish bazaar Saturday, October 14 (5-10pm), and Sunday, October 15 (10am-5pm). Expect a delicious array of international foods, games and activities for all ages, rides, bingo, cake walk, potato sack races, art gallery, live music and a raffle drawing. Entrance is free; buy food, activity and raffle tickets at the event. A Carnival cruise, plus six other exciting prizes, will be raffled at the close of the bazaar on Sunday. Raffle tickets are \$10/each or \$25/book of 5



MOSA OCTOBER GATHERING

Moms of St. Angela

Please join us for our October Fellowship Gathering on Friday, October 13 from 7:30-9:30PM in the St. John Paul II Room in the PLC, where we will continue our discussion with the "Blessed is She" book series. RSVP on our Moms of Saint Angela FB page or by emailing: momsofsaintangela@gmail.com. This event is for ALL moms! From expecting moms to empty nesters, and moms of tots to moms of teens. No children please, with the exception of infants in arms. We can't wait to see you there! *Please note, that beginning in October, we are changing our monthly Fellowship Gatherings to the Second Friday of each month.

TRAVELING CHALICE MINISTRY

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Sign up to take the Traveling Chalice to your home for a week and pray for our current seminarians, those preparing for priesthood and those in religious life, including our already ordained priests, especially Fr. John and Fr. Joy. This program provides a physical object on which to focus during prayer. To learn more and sign up to take the Traveling Chalice to your home, please scan the QR Code.



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.

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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OCTOBER 1ST PEW COLLECTIONS

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time	\$12,902
Registered Households	1795
Envelopes Used	71
Loose Checks	51

ONLINE GIVING

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

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2023 DSF GOAL	\$50,000
Amount Received	\$64,509
Participants	214

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Upcoming Second Collection Dates

10/15: St. Vincent de Paul
10/22: World Mission Sunday



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	\$3,383,288
Remaining Goal	\$316,712
Loan Balance	\$6,656,077
Pledges Collected	\$1,749,431
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To join us on this journey visit our webpage here: <https://stamericigh.com/capital-campaign>



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