



# ST. ANGELA MERICI

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 29, 2023 | Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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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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# Weekly Prayer and Readings

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### First Reading

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

### Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

### Second Reading

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

### Gospel

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023

**Sunday** | 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday** |

**Tuesday** | All Hallow's Eve

**Wednesday** | All Saints

**Thursday** | All Souls' Day

**Friday** | St. Martin de Porres, Religious

**Saturday** | St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

**Next Sunday** | 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023

**Sunday** | Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Monday** | Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday** | Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

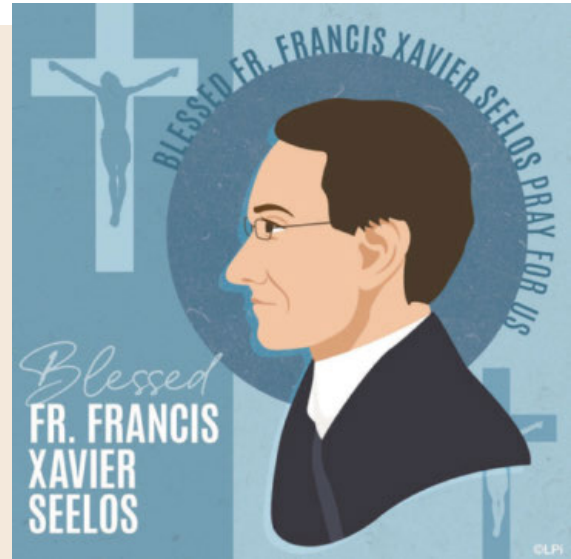
**Wednesday** | Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday** | Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

**Friday** | Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday** | Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday** | Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Father Francis Xavier Seelos was born on January 11, 1819, in now part of modern-day Germany. He was the sixth of 12 children, and his parents instilled in him a deep faith and a desire to serve the Lord. As a young man, he studied at the University and then joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorists, in 1842, and was ordained to the priesthood two years later. He began his ministry in Bavaria, where he served as a pastor and missionary.

In 1849, Father Seelos volunteered to go to the United States, where the Redemptorists had established a mission, to work among German-speaking immigrants. He arrived in New York City and was immediately struck by the poverty and hardship that he saw in the city's slums. He decided to dedicate his life to the service of the poor and spent several years ministering in the Redemptorists communities in New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and elsewhere around the United States.

One of Father Seelos' most important contributions to the Church was his work among the black communities wherever he was serving. At a time when racial prejudice was rampant in America, he made a special effort to minister to the spiritual needs of his black neighbors, often putting himself at risk to do so. He died at the young age of 48 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 9, 2000, and is considered Blessed.

## PRAYER

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. I offer to You the grace You have bestowed on Your humble missionary, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. May I have the same joyful vigor that Blessed Seelos possessed during his earthly life to love you deeply and live faithfully your gospel. 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 28 - November 5

† Deceased

#### Saturday October 28th

09:00 a.m. All souls  
 05:00 p.m. Dioun family

#### Sunday October 29th

08:00 a.m. Joselin Jose  
 10:00 a.m. † Mary Fernandes  
 12:00 p.m. † Pauline Augustine  
 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

#### Monday October 30th

09:00 a.m. † Mathai Manalel

#### Tuesday October 31st

09:00 a.m. Lily Keezhangattu

#### Wednesday November 1

09:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 07:00 p.m. Souls of Departed Parishioners

#### Thursday November 2

09:00 a.m. All souls  
 07:00 p.m. † Robert Breaux

#### Friday November 3

09:00 a.m. Lopez-Vito Family

#### Saturday November 4

09:00 a.m. Shaheen Bandeali  
 05:00 p.m. † Don Santesson

#### Sunday November 5

08:00 a.m. † Esthappan Thayil  
 10:00 a.m. † Ricardo de Leon  
 12:00 p.m. † Harry Walker  
 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 Mauricio
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	Richard Holliday
Louisa Bent	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	Mary Gold Casino Alfajara
Virgilio Cajipe	Yvonne Laschon
Gerry Mata	Maria Marrero

## Happening this week

### EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, October 29

10:00 a.m. CLOW Session  
03:00 p.m. Adult/Youth RCIA Session

#### Monday, October 30

05:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting  
07:00 p.m. Lectio Divina via Zoom

#### Tuesday, October 31

07:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, November 1

10:00 a.m. QuiltPlus Ministry Meeting  
06:30 p.m. KC Business Meeting

**\*Parish Office Closed for All Saints Day**

#### Thursday, November 2

06:15 a.m. TMIY (That Man is You)  
05:30 p.m. First Reconciliation Workshop  
06:00 p.m. Becoming Catholic RCIA Session  
07:00 p.m. Venturing General Crew Meeting

#### Friday, November 3

06:00 a.m. Men's Friday Scripture Reflection  
07:00 p.m. Eucharistic Revival Night  
Youth Confirmation Retreat Departure

#### Next Saturday, November 4

10:00 a.m. Catechetical Framework  
06:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat  
Youth Confirmation Retreat

#### Next Sunday, November 5

10:00 a.m. CLOW Session  
11:00 a.m. First Sunday Event  
03:00 p.m. Adult/Youth RCIA Session  
06:00 p.m. Moms of Teens Book Group  
06:30 p.m. LifeTeen/Beyond  
Youth Confirmation Retreat Return



### PRACTICING CATHOLIC

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they *think* they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

*"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40*

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



## All Hallows' Eve



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# 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](mailto:kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com) or 281-778-9178.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

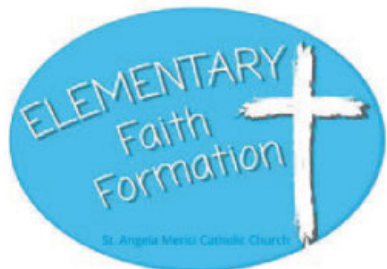
In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

— *Father John Muir*

## Elementary Faith Formation



### Elementary Faith Formation

This past week our classes learned about All Saints and All Soul's Days. Take this time to learn about everyone in the family's name Saint! Home Study families please sign up for your lesson review. Check the Flocknote for the link or call the office.

There are NO CLASSES MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH OR TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST for the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st.

### First Sacrament Families

First Reconciliation Parent and Child Workshops are October 28th and November 2nd. Make sure to attend the workshop you registered for.

### 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



## Youth Ministry



### EDGE/LIFETEEN

Our youth are continuing to learn their faith, build forever relationships and have fun! EDGE meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm.

Following the 5pm Mass, Life Teen meets on Sundays from 6:15-8:00pm.

### Confirmation

Our Confirmation Retreat is right around the corner! The retreat will take place the first weekend in November. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for a spiritual, faith-filled retreat.

### Gumbo Cook-off

Do you enjoy cooking? Do you like to win? Then the Gumbo Cook-off is for you! If you would like to enter the Gumbo Cook-Off, please contact the church office for details or see our website by scanning the QR code.



## Mother's Day Out



### Happy Halloween

Happy Halloween from us at the Mother's Day Out Program.

### Project St. Nick

Please save the date for our Project St. Nick event. We will have games, food and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. This is a fun event for the whole family taking place on Saturday, December 9 from 4:00-7:00PM.



# Parish and Community Life

## MOSA NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Moms of St. Angela

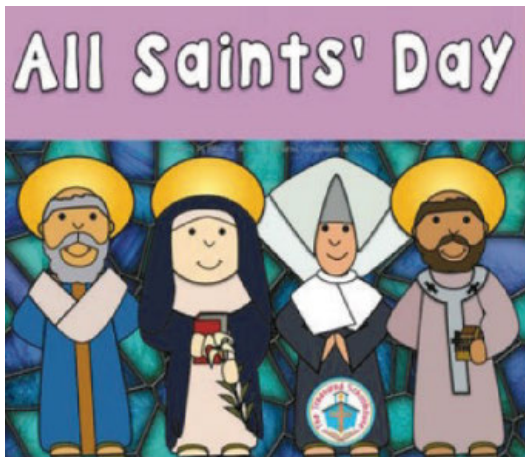


Moms of St. Angela: We've got some great events on the horizon for the next couple of weeks!

Come join us on Thursday, November 2 from 3-5PM at the big pavilion by the lake at 10302 Fountain Shore Dr. for a fun and interactive All Saints Party (on All Souls Day)! Optionally, have the kids dress up as their favorite saint and share a couple of fun facts about their saint as well! We will also enjoy special foods that remind us of some of our Saint friends!

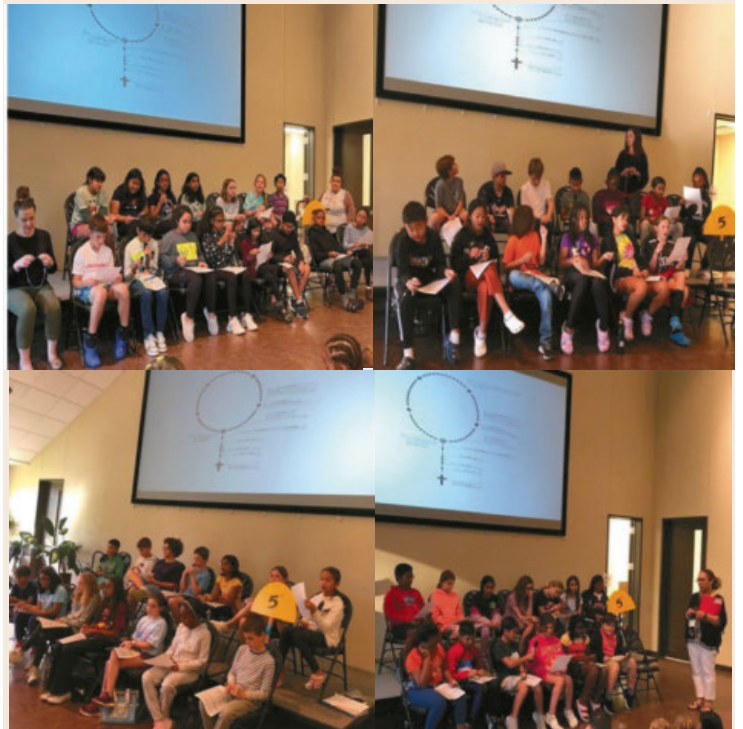
On Tuesday, November 7, join us for a Play Date at the Houston Zoo for their monthly free Tuesday event! Tickets will be available to reserve on their website on Wednesday, November 1 at 7pm. Please see our MOSA Facebook page or email us at: [momsofsaintangela@gmail.com](mailto:momsofsaintangela@gmail.com) to sign up and for more details! You can also scan the QR code here.

On Friday, November 10 at 6:30PM, join us for our monthly fellowship meeting in the St. John Paul II Room in the PLC. We will continue our discussion with the Blessed is She book series. We invite ALL moms to our events: from expecting moms to empty nesters, and moms of tots to moms of teens. To allow us to grow in fellowship with each other, we ask that you leave children at home, except for infants in arms. We can't wait to see you there!



## ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Our 5th grade class led our praying a decade of the Rosary during the Gathering Time for the In Person Elementary Faith Formation sessions on Monday, October 16th and Tuesday, October 17th. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to the Legion of Mary for the handmade rosaries for each of the children!



## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

### KC Baby Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be wrapping up their fundraising and supply drive for the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center this weekend. Please return your fundraising bottle with your monetary donation along with any needed supplies by this Sunday, 10/29. We thank you for generously helping us with this drive over the last month.



## NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

The Alex-Oni Family

The Etta Family

The Eze Family



## Parish and Community Life

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

#### Join Us!

Our next Eucharistic Revival Night is on Friday, November 3 with a special theme of the Eucharist and the Old Testament. We will have a special guest speaker, Brian Henritze. Brian Henritze is a disciple, husband, father, and nerd, in that order. He has an MA in Theology and Christian Ministry from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, and an MBA from LSU. Brian has served as a professional Lay Minister for over 18 years on both the parish and diocesan levels. He currently serves the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as an Associate Director of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization and the Director of the Capernaum Learning Management System. Brian will discuss how the Eucharist is the fulfillment of the promises and covenants of the Old Testament.

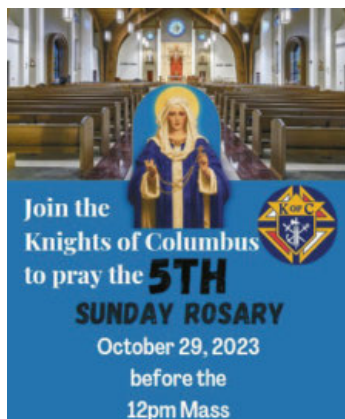
We invite you and your whole family to join us for this powerful night of music, Eucharistic Adoration and prayer.



### 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

October 29

October is the month of the Rosary, all parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary on Sunday, October 29 BEFORE the 12pm Mass. The rosary will begin around 11:35am and will end about 5 minutes before 12pm Mass begins. Please join us and share the message with others.



### 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!



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

#### Meeting Information

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

Thanks to your generosity, St. Vincent de Paul was able to financially assist 34 families in August with utilities, rent, lease and mortgage payments which prevented eviction and loss of electricity during these hot times. Thank you!

SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, November 8** at 6:30PM in the SAM Room.

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

## FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

November 5



November seems to be a month in which people are intentionally thankful and grateful for the many blessings received from God. People in your life are gifts from God! What are you thankful for or whom are you thankful for? On the First Sunday Event, Sunday, November 5, we invite you to take a moment to think about the gifts that people in your parish have. You can write a thankful note to the persons in your parish (pastor, parochial vicar, parish administrator, staff members, choir directors, Mass captains, or anyone you see serving at Mass), your family members.....anyone you're thankful for. Scan the QR code for more information.

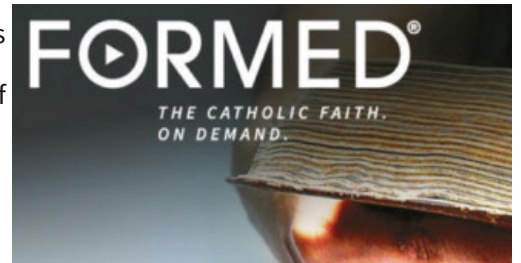
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## THE PAVER PROJECT

*A Fundraiser for the St. Angela Merici Capital Campaign*

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*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.

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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!

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## TOTAL CONSECRATION



Join us as we begin a new round of Total consecration to Jesus through Mary on November 5. Anyone can get consecrated: women, men, children, youth, couples, singles, and entire families. This consecration will conclude on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Prayers are emailed every day at 5am, but you can pray/meditate the time that is best for you. For details or to sign up, please use the QR code above.



# Parish and Community Life

## ADVENT 2023

A Season of Light



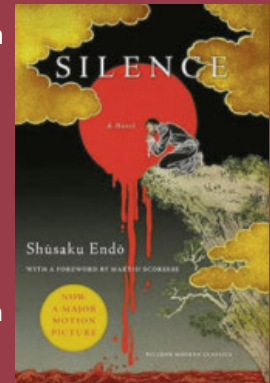
As we prepare for the Advent Season to begin in less than eight weeks, we want you to prepare your hearts and minds for the hope and joy of the season by saving the date for various Advent events we will be holding here at the Parish. Click the QR code above to find further information on each one of these events. The Advent Day of Reflection requires registration, but is free of charge. Most all of the events are meant to be for the entire family. We hope you join us for these events and share with friends and family.

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

## SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB

November 8

Join us for the next meeting of the St. Angela Spirituality book club on November 8th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office. (We meet every other month.) The book we are reading is *Silence* by Shusaku Endo. It is a historical novel set in 16th century Japan. It tells the story of how the Jesuit priests and converts to the faith were persecuted so that they would deny Christ. The book also raises the question of how much the Church may have to adapt to meet the culture in which it exists in order to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. So definitely a current discussion as well!



## 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.

## KC BLOOD DRIVE

November 12

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Blood Drive with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center on Sunday, November 12 from 9:00AM - 1:30PM in the PLC. While 1 in 7 hospitalized people will need a blood transfusion in a lifetime, only 1 in 20 eligible blood donors actually donate. There is no substitute for blood - your donation saves lives. Schedule your appointment today by scanning the QR code below! You will receive a free pizza and blanket for all donations. Come help save a life with the gift of blood donation!

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## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2022

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you for continued support of St. Angela Merici. We would not be where we are today without each and everyone one of you and your spiritual and financial support. We continually strive to be good stewards with your generous financial contributions to the Parish. In that regard, the following is a breakdown of income and expenses for the Parish from July 1, 2022, through fiscal year-end June 30, 2023.

I am pleased to report that due to your generosity the fiscal year ended with a positive balance of \$168,000.

We are always appreciative of your financial support of and commitment to St. Angela, and especially appreciative of your continued assistance especially beyond the challenges of the pandemic. Your contributions enabled the Parish to continue to provide faith formation and sacramental classes, grow our ministries, and pay the salaries of the Parish staff throughout this uncertain time. This past year illustrated a modest return to normal, and with your support, we fully anticipate the continued growth across all our programs during the upcoming fiscal year.

It is with great pride that I report that we have seen an increase in the number of families joining the Parish. In the last 12 months alone, 114 new families have joined us bringing out total registered families to be 1767. There continues to be a growing number of children from PreK to 12th grade enrolled and active in Faith Formation. Of these children, 83 children received their First Communion, and 65 high schoolers received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Finally, we also welcomed 16 new members to the faith through RCIA and were blessed to officiate over 59 baptisms, 11 weddings and 13 funerals.

As we enter our second year of this current capital campaign, I am pleased to announce that we have achieved 28% participation in the campaign which represents total pledged to date of \$3.4 M of which \$1.7M has been redeemed. Our annual parish gala returned this year as well after an almost 3 1/2 year hiatus. This much anticipated event not only provided a night of memorable fellowship, but also successfully raised \$75,000. To date, our remaining debt is \$6.6M and Pastoral Council with support from our Finance Council are diligently focused on debt reduction opportunities to further accelerate the payoff through various initiatives including the paver project and the new "dip jar".

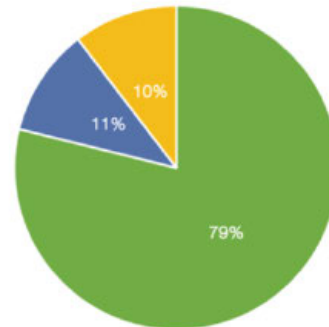
I appreciate the trust you place in me to ensure the financial stability of the Parish, and do not take this trust lightly. The members of the Finance Council and I continually monitor the operational expenses of the Parish, meet at least once quarterly to ensure the Parish's financial viability, and consistently work with the ministry directors to remain without budget and communicate and challenges or changes in expectations. We remain confident that with your continued gifts of time, talent, and treasure we will continue to meet both the operational and spiritual needs of our growing Parish, and ensure that St. Angela Merici remains a financially healthy, warm, and welcoming place of worship.

In closing, I am deeply grateful for your support of our Parish, and I look forward to working together with you to fulfill the mission of St. Angela Merici.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

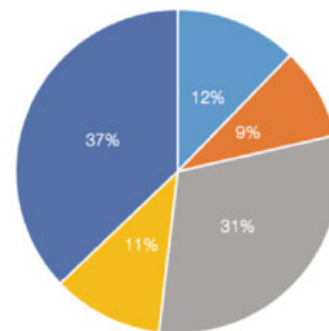
Rev. John E. Cahoon  
Pastor

Income Breakdown



■ Parish Offertory ■ Pastoral and Educational Ministries ■ Special Operations (MDO and Nursery)

Expense Breakdown



■ General Parish ■ Clergy ■ Pastoral and Educational Ministries ■ Special Operations ■ Administration

# Parish and Community Life

## KROGER REWARDS

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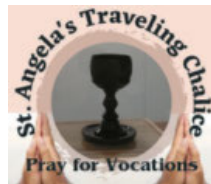


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## ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

December 2

Accept God's invitation this Advent to re-ignite the hope that sustains us in all things, in all times. Join other parishioners as we step out of darkness and into the light of true blessed and joyful expectation of Jesus who was and is and is to come.

Sponsored by St. Angela's Knights of Columbus, the day will be led by Kathleen Messina, Director of the Spiritual Direction Institute and St. Angela Parishioner and Spiritual Director, along with other St. Angela Spiritual Directors. The three sessions will include talks, small group discussions, activities and music. There is no fee, but Registration is requested via the QR code or by visiting the parish website. Lunch is included. For more information contact Kathleen Messina 281-778-9178.

Advent Day of Reflection  
ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH

RE-IGNITING OUR HOPE  
DECEMBER 2, 2023  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

9:00 AM  
Mass in the Church preceded by Rosary

9:45 AM  
Check-In at the Parish Life Center

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Sessions in the Parish Life Center (lunch included)  
Session 1: Longing for That Day in Our Time  
Session 2: The Mercy of Divine Love  
Session 3: Proclaiming the Greatness of the Lord

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED to plan for materials and lunch. This is a free event.

Presented by:  
Kathleen Messina  
Director, Spiritual Direction Institute  
St. Angela Parishioner  
Spiritual Director

Co-Sponsors:  
St. Angela Merici Spiritual Directors  
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The Advent Day of Reflection is generously sponsored by St. Angela's Knights of Columbus Council.

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## 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

## 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](mailto:spam@uce.gov).

## 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](http://www.stamericigh.com) for Parish registration forms.

# Donations

## CHARITY IS PRICELESS

### OCTOBER 22ND PEW COLLECTIONS

No financial update at the time of this publication.

### ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory (September) \$63,252  
Participants 438

### DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2023 DSF GOAL \$50,000  
Amount Received \$66,734  
Participants 217

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



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### Finance Council Chair

Monica Agostinelli | [financecouncil@stamericigh.com](mailto:financecouncil@stamericigh.com)

## Upcoming Second Collection Dates

11/5: Retired Priests Collection  
11/12: St. Vincent de Paul



## 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	\$3,382,996
Remaining Goal	\$317,004
Loan Balance	\$6,567,065
Pledges Collected	\$1,784,996
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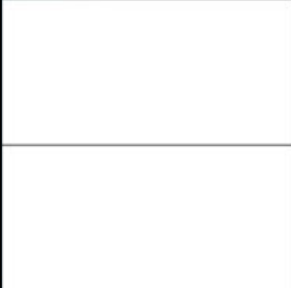
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