



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 19, 2023 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.” - Mt 25:20

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“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

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel

“Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.” (Mt 25:21)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Sunday | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday |

Tuesday | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday | St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday | St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot ; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

Friday | St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday | St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Sunday | Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday | 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday | 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday | 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday | 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday | 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday | 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday | Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Carlos Manuel Cecilio Rodriguez Santiago was born on November 22, 1918, in Caguas, Puerto Rico and grew up in a devout Catholic family. He attended the local Catholic grade school and served as an altar boy.

Carlos graduated from eighth grade in 1932, at the top of his class, winning a medal for religion. However, during his high school years, he was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, and due to his condition, he moved back to Caguas and over several years worked part-time and studied, finally earning his high school diploma in May 1939. His love of the sacred liturgy led him to begin publishing the magazines *Liturgy* and *Christian Culture*, filled with liturgical texts that he translated into Spanish and edited. He organized a *Liturgy Circle* in Caguas and later another in Río Piedras at the University to spread the power and beauty of the liturgy and the love of Christ to all.

At the time, before Vatican II, the Catholic Mass was only celebrated in Latin. Carlos worked to promote the idea that Mass should be celebrated in the language of the people participating. He translated the Latin Mass into Spanish so that the beauty of the prayers offered could be understood by those in his community. Carlos Manuel died in 1963 at the age of 44. Marked with the status Venerable in 1997, Pope John Paul II beatified him, declaring him Blessed, only 8 years later — the fastest beatification of a lay person to date. He's fondly remembered today as “Blessed Charlie,”

PRAYER

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need. Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired). Through Jesus Christ your Son and 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: Nov 18 - Nov 26

† Deceased

Saturday November 18

09:00 a.m. † Gina Cruz Mendoza
 05:00 p.m. † Atenogenes Villareal

Sunday November 19

08:00 a.m. † Charles Petru
 10:00 a.m. † Irma and † Al Torres
 12:00 p.m. Irantalab Family
 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday November 20

09:00 a.m. Shayna Muñiz

Tuesday November 21

09:00 a.m. † Anton Tran

Wednesday November 22

09:00 a.m. † Jude and † Teresa Leung

Thursday November 23

09:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday November 24

09:00 a.m. Leslie Abraham

Saturday November 25

09:00 a.m. † Pennamma Ottakkattil
 05:00 p.m. † Paretu Family

Sunday November 26

08:00 a.m. † Pennamma Vadayattu
 10:00 a.m. Camille France
 12:00 p.m. † Poozhiknnel Family
 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	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
 Virgilio Cajipe
 Gerry Mata

Mary Gold Casino Alfafara
 Yvonne Laschon
 Maria Marrero

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 19

- 09:00 a.m. KC Pancake Breakfast
02:30 p.m. Filipino Ministry Meeting
06:00 p.m. Confirmation Break-Out Session

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

- 06:30 P.M. KC Officers Meeting
07:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
07:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

- 06:30 p.m. SVDP Meeting

***Parish Office Closed**

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving

***Parish Office Closed**

Friday, November 24

- 06:00 a.m. Men's Frid Scripture Reflection

***Parish Office Closed**

Next Saturday, November 25

- 05:00 p.m. RCIA Breaking Open the Word

Next Sunday, November 26

- 10:00 a.m. CLOW Session
11:30 a.m. Adult/Youth RCIA Session
06:00 p.m. Eucharistic Procession
06:30 p.m. LifeTeen/Beyond



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

*"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."
1 Thessalonians 5:2*

-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

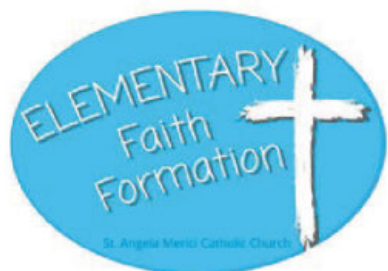
When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation



Elementary Faith Formation

There are NO CLASSES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST. Take time to say a prayer of thanksgiving together during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Advent Service Project – We will be joining with our parish’s Wish Upon A Star this year and collecting items by grade for Gabriel Project. Collections will take place in the PLC November 27- December 6. Kinder– diapers/wipes, 1st grade – socks / hooded towels, 2nd - bottles/formula, 3rd - baby clothing, 4th - baby toiletries, and 5th - diapers/wipes

First Sacrament Families

Our last workbook check was last week. Have your child bring their workbook to class or drop-off at the Admin office if you have not already done so. Thank you for preparing your child for this beautiful Sacrament.

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.



Youth Ministry



EDGE/LIFETEEN

The holidays are upon us! Please note there will be no EDGE on Wednesday, November 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please join Life Teen after the 5pm mass on Sunday, November 26 for a Eucharistic Procession to celebrate Christ the King. All are invited! Our Advent Service Projects will be announced very soon. Please be watching for the Sign-Up Genius in order to participate.

Confirmation

Our Confirmation Retreat was a huge success! A huge thank you to all who helped and participated. It truly takes a team.

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



Project St. Nick

Registration is still open for our Project St. Nick event on Dec 9 from 4-7PM. We will have games, food and pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Use the QR code here to register.

Thanksgiving Break

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at MDO!

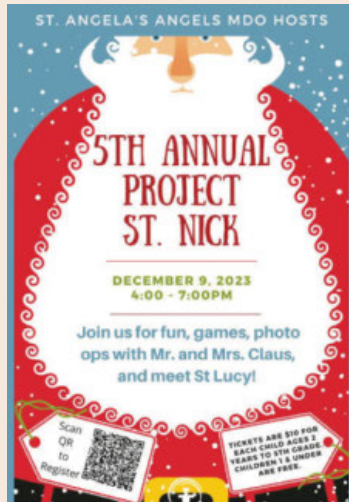


Parish and Community Life

PROJECT ST. NICK

December 9

It's that time of year! 5th Annual Project St Nick will be December 9th, from 4-7pm. Registration is now open, scan QR code to register. Grab your spot before we sell out again this year! This event is a chance to meet and learn about St. Lucy, and have your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Plus families will play fun games, activities and do Christmas crafts. We will be assisting East Fort Bend Needs Ministry again this year for our service project. We will assemble Birthday Bags and Snack Sacks for their food pantry recipients. Tickets are \$10 for each child, ages 2 years to 5th grade. Can't wait to see you there! Ho! Ho! Ho!



SAFE & SECURE TRAINING SESSION

November 28

Our annual Safe and Secure Training Session will be held on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:15 pm in the Church narthex. This is a required training for Mass Captains, Sacristans, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes for our Safe and Secure program to be in compliance.

We'll be covering the following items:

- Securing the church
- Being Vigilant
- Where to go in case of evacuation
- Where is the First Aid equipment
- How to respond to disruptive persons
- Active shooter
- And more...

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world. Reminder that the Parish Office is closed 11/22, 11/23, and 11/24.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;

we ask you this day to create in us

a spirit of gratitude,

that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Save the Date

You work way too hard to be this broke! Now is the time to take back control of your money, and that starts by taking Financial Peace University. Classes are starting on Thursday, January 4, 2024 — and start making your money work for you. More information to come!



NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

The Joy Family



Parish and Community Life

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

November 26

On Sunday, November 26, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe which marks the end of the liturgical year. Please join us for an Eucharist Procession after the 5PM mass. This will be a time to give thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father and pray for our families, especially our children, as we pray the rosary and rejoice in songs. This year our LifeTeen Youth will be leading us in procession. Please make plans to join us.



COUPLES COMEDY EVENT

Register now - 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!



YOUTH MINISTRY ADVENT EVENT

December 6

All families are all welcome to join us for this amazing youth event to prepare our hearts for Advent. Join us Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30PM for a dynamic speaker, amazing music and a time of adoration. We will be hosting a special guest musician, John Finch. We hope to see you and your entire family there.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meeting Information

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, November 22** at 6:30PM in the SAM Room.

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



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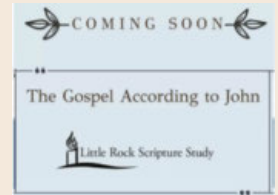
ENGRAVED PAVER/BENCH PROGRAM Capital Campaign

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!!!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY The Gospel According to John

Please join our ongoing Little Rock Scripture Bible Study featuring the Gospel According to John. This is part 2 of this series. There will be AM and PM sessions so you can choose which one is more convenient for you. The sessions started on November 7 and will end on December 19, but you are welcome to join any time.

More details can be found using the QR code above. The cost of the class also includes the materials covered.

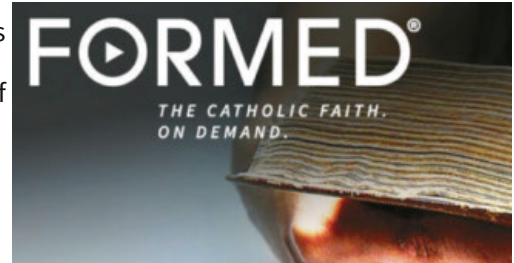


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THE PAVER PROJECT

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-26

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\$200

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

8 X 8 BRICK PAVER
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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.

LET US GIVE THANKS



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? We are celebrating Thanksgiving Day on Nov.23. Let us all remember what we are all truly thankful for. Starting November 5 we will be collecting notes of gratitude from everybody in our GRATITUDE BOX in the Narthex and when we celebrate our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am it will be displayed at the altar. For more information and other ideas, scan the QR code.



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.

Saturday, December 2

Advent Day of Reflection

9AM - 3PM

Centered on theme of "Re-igniting Our Hope" led by Kathleen Messina.

Wednesday, December 6

Youth Ministry Advent Night

6:30PM - 8:30PM

Have the family join us for praise & worship, speakers and adoration.

Saturday, December 9

Anointing of the Sick

9AM - 10AM

We invite all who are ill to come and allow us to pray over you at Mass.

Saturday, December 9

Project St. Nick

4PM - 7PM

Fun, games, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus for everyone.

December 9-12

Advent Parish Mission

9AM - 9PM

Join Deacon Herald for motivational talks to strengthen your faith.

Friday, December 15

Simbang Gabi

7PM - 10PM

Filipino traditional event of a novena of Advent Masses with songs.

Monday, December 18

Maranatha Concert

7PM - 8PM

A journey through scripture and song to prepare for Christ's coming.

Wednesday, December 20

Advent Penance Service

7PM - 9PM

Several priests will be available to hear confessions and reconcile.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

December 1

Our next Eucharistic Revival Night is on Friday, December 1 with a special theme of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Our very own Father John Cahoon will be our special guest speaker. He will discuss the significance of Holy Mass and the importance of true participation in the ritual and sacrifice of the liturgy. The gestures, acclamations, hymns, and sacrifices joined to Christ's own sacrifice made present to us in the Mass.

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



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 renowned 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.



WISH UPON A STAR

Christmas Gift Drive

Wish Upon a Star is a program in our parish that provides Christmas gifts to children, from newborn to 18 years old, and senior citizens in need within our community. We will partner with Sacred Heart of Jesus Social Ministry, our St. Vincent de Paul, and the Gabriel Project again this year to provide gifts for over 400 individuals. Our Christmas tree will be in the Narthex starting on Nov. 18. Parishioners will select the star of an individual, purchase a gift, wrap the gift, attach the star tag, and return the wrapped gift. Parishioners can select an envelope to make donations of gift cards, cash, or check. After the gifts are returned, our wonderful volunteers gather, sort, and deliver the gifts to spread the joy of the season. We are so grateful for the tremendous generosity our parishioners have given to this project over the years.



Parish and Community Life

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

November 3-5

Confirmation Retreat 2023, TRANSFORMED (ROMANS 12:2), was a huge success! We all came home filled with the Holy Spirit and were "TRANSFORMED" in some way. Please continue to pray for these teens as they journey toward their Confirmation next year.



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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.



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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.

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-Hosts:
St. Angela Merici Spiritual Directors
Magdalena Rodriguez
Raymond Rodriguez
Marta Kabanich
Carmela Maffei
Heather Ruchart

The Advent Day of Reflection is generously sponsored by St. Angela's Knights of Columbus Council.

ST. ANGELA MERICI
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Donations

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November 12th PEW COLLECTIONS

Financial update not available at the time of publication.

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory (October) \$67,168
Participants 437

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2023 DSF GOAL \$50,000
Amount Received \$68,784
Participants 218

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Upcoming Second Collection Dates

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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	\$1,787,539
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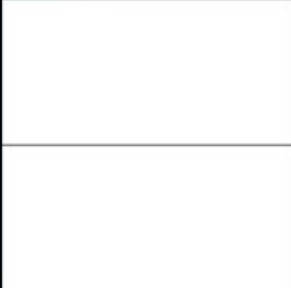
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