



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 11, 2024 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

- Mk 1:40

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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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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

"As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

Psalm

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

Second Reading

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

Gospel

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sunday | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Monday |

Tuesday |

Wednesday | Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day

Thursday |

Friday |

Saturday | The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday | 1st Sunday of Lent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Sunday | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday | Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday | Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday | Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday | Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday | Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday | Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday | Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Imelda Lambertini (1322-1333) was born into nobility in Bologna, Italy. Her parents recognized her extraordinary spiritual gifts early on and, when Imelda asked to live with the Dominican sisters, they agreed and enrolled her into the Dominican convent of Val di Pietra when she was only nine years old.

From the moment she entered the convent, Imelda developed a love for the Mass and the Eucharist although, according to the tradition of the time, she was considered far too young to receive it. Despite being denied her first Communion, she would spend hours in prayer and Eucharistic adoration, frequently begging her superiors to allow her to receive the Eucharist. Sometimes, while in prayer, she was known to enter deep states of contemplation.

In May of 1333, on the Feast of the Ascension, young Imelda experienced a remarkable and public event following Mass. As she knelt in prayer, a Eucharistic miracle unfolded before everyone's eyes. The sacred Host miraculously lifted into the air and suspended directly above her, shining a radiant light onto her. This miracle, witnessed by the sisters as well as by the priest who was celebrating Mass, persuaded her superiors to allow her to finally receive Communion.

As the story goes, Imelda was allowed to stay in the chapel for a time to pray after the miraculous event but, when the sisters who went to collect her, they found that she had died. She was still kneeling in prayer with a smile on her face. They determined that she had died of pure joy.

Blessed Imelda is considered a model of childlike faith, exemplifying the importance of approaching Christ in the Eucharist with a pure heart and childlike joy. Blessed Imelda, pray for us!

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: February 10 - February 18

† Deceased

Saturday February 10 09:00 a.m. The Goode Family 05:00 p.m. † Nestor Rueda, Jr.
Sunday February 11 08:00 a.m. † Salim Joseph Chakkumkal 10:00 a.m. † Girly Trinidad 12:00 p.m. † Pepita Cobarrubia & † Arsenio Tacsagon, Jr. 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday February 12 09:00 a.m. The Harpers Family
Tuesday February 13 09:00 a.m. † The Cheruvelil Family
Wednesday February 14 06:30 a.m. † Jacobo Garcia 09:00 a.m. † Jude & † Teresa Leung 07:00 p.m. Rosa Milagros Higareda
Thursday February 15 09:00 a.m. † Jackson Kavil 07:00 p.m. † Mary Pat Langford
Friday February 16 09:00 a.m. Alice Chacko
Saturday February 17 09:00 a.m. The Howlett Family 05:00 p.m. † Beth Roberson
Sunday February 18 08:00 a.m. † Hess Worsham 10:00 a.m. † Sylvia Cruz 12:00 p.m. † Robert Lee Davis, Jr. 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
George Cheran	Rolando Ocampo

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 Alfara
Virgilio Cajipe	Yvonne Laschon
Gerry Mata	Maria Marrero
Victor Rodrigues	Leo Corey III
Luviminda Mejia	Margaret Fiore
Josefina Serrano	

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 11

- 10:00 a.m. CLOW Session
01:15 p.m. Junior Legion of Mary Meeting
*World Marriage Day

Monday, February 12

- 09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
04:15 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session A
06:00 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session B
07:00 p.m. Lectio Divina via Zoom

Tuesday, February 13

- 09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
04:15 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session C
06:00 P.M. Elem Faith Form Class Session D
07:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14

- 09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
06:30 p.m. SVDP meeting
*Ash Wednesday, see page 8 for service times

Thursday, February 15

- 06:15 a.m. TMIY (That Man is You)
09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
07:00 p.m. Venturing Crew 140 Adult Mtg
07:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Friday, February 16

- 06:00 a.m. Men's Scripture Reflection
06:00 p.m. Soup & Stations
07:00 p.m. Couples Comedy Event Day 1

Next Saturday, February 17

- 10:00 a.m. Couples Comedy Event Day 2
03:00 p.m. Becoming Catholic RCIA Session
05:30 p.m. Breaking Open the Word (RCIA)



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing little novella about a man who (spoiler alert!) turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect, his family gradually ceasing to recognize the creature he has become.

"Never underestimate how badly human beings need touch," our teacher told us. "Without each other, we curl up and die."

Our need for communion with each other is written into our biology — breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against the skin of their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the early days of the pandemic, and the emotional starvation we all experienced, prevented from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter other people, we kept a mutual distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled to our families when we returned home, because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is not pain and disfigurement. The real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ (Mark 1:40). He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement. He was begging for deliverance from isolation.

"If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.

"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, 'I do will it. Be made clean.'" — Mark 1:41

-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

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

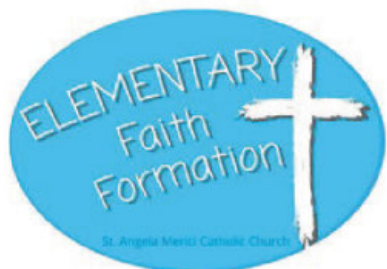
What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation

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Our lesson this week will cover Ash Wednesday and the Liturgical Season of Lent. Your child will be bringing home a Lenten "Calendar" with a daily activity. Spend time together this Lent making it a special time to prepare for Easter. Be sure to check this bulletin as well as the parish website for Mass times for Ash Wednesday.



CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Led by two adults, CLOW invites children grades K-2 nd 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.

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

We are currently in need of several Adult Lead Volunteers as we begin our planning for VBS. Please complete the volunteer form on the VBS page of the parish website or call the office (281)778-0400 if you are willing to lead one of the stations during the week of VBS. We will have our first planning meeting on February 22 at 6:00 pm in the PLC.



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 and following the 5pm Mass; Life Teen meets on Sundays from 6:15-8:00pm.

Please note there will be no Life Teen this Sunday, February 11 and next Sunday, February 18. Life Teen will resume Sunday, February 24. Please note there will be no EDGE next Wednesday, February 14 and February 21. EDGE will resume Wednesday, February 28.

We are looking forward to our spring retreats, SMYRT Saturday, March 2 for our first year Life Teen students and SMYRT Sunday, March 3 for our Confirmation students. Our NET retreat for EDGE is March 27.



Confirmation

Mark your calendars!! Our Confirmation students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, June 26.



Mother's Day Out

MDO This Week

MDO will be having their Valentine's Day parties and learning about St. Valentine this week. We are continuing our new student registration which started on February 5 for the 2024/25 school year. Please scan the QR code for more info.



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 14, Father John will visit with our MDO program to distribute ashes. All children are welcome to participate in receiving the ashes.





LENT

at

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ash Wednesday: Repent & Believe!

While it's not a holy day proper, Ash Wednesday is, interestingly, a day when Catholics all over the world feel the need to attend Mass. There's something in us that calls us to participate in this kickoff to Lent. It's like the opening ceremony of the Olympics. With these funny ashes on our foreheads, now we can begin the Christian game anew, taking on the specific challenges of renewed prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Ashes are an external sign of penance. They are a reminder that we all will experience death and we don't have forever to repent, to "get right" with God. Jesus has victory over death in the end. With him by our side, what have we to fear? As our Lenten season begins, how will this year be different? What concrete steps will you take to allow Jesus to live in you more fully? Who will you trust to walk alongside you as companions and friends?

Ash Wednesday

Schedule February 14

6:30AM:
Mass &
Distribution of Ashes

9:00AM:
Mass &
Distribution of Ashes

12:00PM:
Liturgy of the Word &
Distribution of Ashes

5:00PM:
Liturgy of the Word &
Distribution of Ashes

7:00PM:
Mass &
Distribution of Ashes

WHAT IS LENT?

It commemorates the **40 days** before the **Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus**, based on: the **40 years** in which the Israeli wandered the desert and the **40 days** in which Jesus was tempted by Satan.

LENT FEAST DAYS

PALM SUNDAY › Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem

HOLY THURSDAY › Last Supper and Passover

GOOD FRIDAY › Jesus' death on the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY › Jesus has resurrected!

THE 3 PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER

It helps us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him, joining Him in his sacrifice in the Cross.



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Both are practiced on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. Abstinence is practiced **every Friday** during Lent.



ALMSGIVING

Giving what we have helps us to understand Christ's generosity in the Cross.

WHEN DOES LENT BEGIN?



Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, where we remember our mortality and need for repentance.

FASTING



ONE MEAL A DAY



MANDATORY FROM 18 TO 59 YEARS OLD

ABSTINENCE



NO MEAT (ONLY FISH)



MANDATORY FROM 14 YEARS OLD



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Lenten Happenings in our Parish

Soup & Stations - Every Friday during Lent. Join us for a simple soup Dinner at 6PM, followed by Stations of the cross at 7PM. This event is graciously hosted by our various Parish Ministries.

40 Cans for Lent - Starting February 14. Our annual canned food drive hosted by the Knights of Columbus. All items benefitting local food pantries in Manvel and Richmond. Please donate canned goods, dry goods, and non-perishable items.

Lenten Day of Reflection - Saturday, March 9 from 8:30AM to 3PM. Join us for this special day of prayer. Will begin with rosary before the 9AM Daily mass and move to the PLC for sessions of instructive videos and small group discussion.

Lenten Penance Service - Monday, March 18 at 7PM. Come to this special Penance service during the Lenten Season. There will be several priests available to hear confession.

AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO
LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE
PRESENTED BY JONATHAN TELUSIJA FOR THE FOCUS BLOG

WHEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

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ABSTINENCE

WHO

CATHOLICS 14+
 ARE OBLIGED TO PRACTICE ABSTINENCE

CATHOLICS 18-59
 ARE OBLIGED TO FAST

THOSE OUTSIDE THE AGE LIMITS
and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, those who are ill) may be excused from the requirements of fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence or acts of charity or piety.



- Give up harsh words: use generous ones.
- Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.
- Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.
- Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.
- Give up worrying: take up trust in God.
- Give up complaining: value what you have.
- Give up stress: take up prayer.
- Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.
- Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.
- Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.
- Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.
- Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.

Parish and Community Life

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

Please Donate Today



ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH GOAL 2024: \$53,800

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) is an annual effort of our local Church that provides essential support for 64 ministries that serve those in need in our Archdiocese. The broad areas of ministry that receive DSF support include: Catholic education of children and adults; pastoral ministries for the sick, the poor and the incarcerated; the formation and education of church leadership; and social service programs such as the San José Clinic, St. Dominic Village and Catholic Charities.

We invite you to prayerfully consider giving to DSF and bring Christ to those in our own parish communities, in our neighborhoods, in our towns, and throughout the Archdiocese. Through your generosity, you will live out our Faith in an authentic and inspiring way. Help us meet our Parish goal this year by donating to DSF using the QR code above.



WOMENS ACTS RETREAT

Now Registering



We invite you to join us on this years women's ACTS Retreat! The ACTS retreat meets ladies where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal. Retreatants leave from the PLC the evening of Thursday, April 11th and return on Sunday, April 14th for the 12:00PM Mass. The cost is \$285 private room or \$250 double room and includes all meals, activities, and transportation to/from the Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend. Registration will be on a first come first-serve basis, with a waiting list thereafter. Questions: Please contact Yvonne Pirnik at samactswomen@gmail.com or 832-512-0496

Registration is now open using the QR code above.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Adult Volunteers Needed

Plans are already under way for VBS 2024! We are currently in need of ADULT LEAD VOLUNTEERS to make this year's VBS a great success. Scan the QR code if you are interested in one of the Adult Lead Positions as planning meetings will begin soon. Look for open registration for VBS in March for all other volunteer positions as well as for participants.

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June 10-14, 2024

VBS Adult Lead Volunteers Needed!!!

ADULT LEAD VOLUNTEERS ONLY

Please Contact:
 Claire Gregory
 elemfaith@stamericigh.com
 Stacy Pavlik
 effassistant@stamericigh.com

Registration Opens March 2024

CONSECRATION TO JOSEPH

February 16



In the past few months, we've had people consecrating to Jesus through Mary. We are now also opening the registration to men and all who want to consecrate to St. Joseph. We will begin this consecration on February 16 and will end on St. Joseph's feast day, March 19. What does it mean to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph? "Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God... Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance." Learn more and register by scanning the QR code.



Parish and Community Life

COUPLES COMEDY EVENT

February 16/17



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. The deadline for Saint Angela's parishioners to register for the Couples Comedy Event is January 15. After this date, the registration will be open to the public. TICKETS ARE NOW for sale using the QR code above!



LAUGH YOUR WAY A COUPLES' COMEDY EVENT

At St. Angela Merici Church
9009 Sienna Ranch Road
Missouri City, TX 77459

2024 Feb. 16 - 7pm-10pm
Feb. 17 - 10am-1pm

Mark Gungor

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal. Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread. If you or someone you know is in need, please call the SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, February 14** at 6:30PM in the SAM room.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Maggie Woods: stamsvdp@gmail.com.

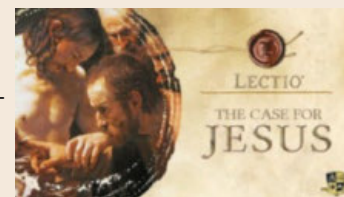


LECTIO ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Starts February 20



Join us for our next Adult Bible Study - Lectio: The Case for Jesus with Dr. Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre's powerful presentation will strengthen your faith that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter. The nine sessions start on Tuesday, February 20. You have the choice to attend either 10am-12pm or 7pm-9pm (and can swap at any time.) The Cost is \$25, which includes the Class Study Guide and snacks for every session. Scan the QR code above to register. Note: We need at least 15 to 20 people registered for either session (AM & PM) by February 13. Either session may be cancelled if the number of registrants is not met. Thanks for your understanding.



NEWLY BAPTIZED PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

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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!

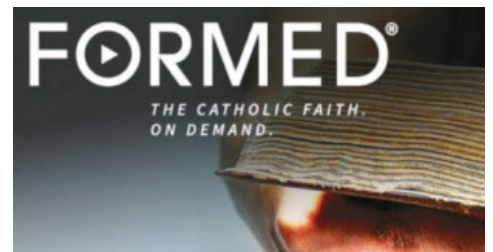
Thank you so much for your commitment to growing our faith family! If you have any questions, or want to pay in person, please contact the Parish Office. Now taking paver orders for our July 2024 installation, deadline to order is May 1.

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St. Angela Merici is excited to announce our parish has subscribed to a dynamic new online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone, and TV with internet access. Content is also available to download for use without the internet. Registering for FORMED is easier than ever, just scan the QR code here and then select your parish and register with your name and email address.

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BLOOD DRIVE February 18

You have the opportunity to save someone's life. The Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Gulf Coast Blood Center is holding a blood drive on February 18 in the PLC from 9:00-1:30. Walk-ins are welcome but you can register for a time slot using the QR code here.

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St. Angela Merici

Sunday, February 18
9:00 am - 1:30 pm

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BAKE SALE Women's ACTS Fundraiser

The Women's ACTS Retreat is hosting a Bake Sale in the Narthex after all Masses the weekend of February 10 and 11. Please stop by to purchase goodies or make a donation to support our upcoming Women's ACTS retreat. They accept cash, credit cards and checks.



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!

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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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Update your Email Today



All volunteers and members of ministries, groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin to volunteer or participate in ministries, groups, movements, and organizations at St. Angela Merici. In addition, the mandatory renewal training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5-year expiration of prior training. To ensure you receive notifications, please update your email address in the CMGConnect today.

Scan the QR Code to take you to our training page and learn more about Safe Environment requirements as well as go to CMG Connect.



Keeping Children & Youth Safe
Safe Environment Program

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
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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 2000 households. Please visit our website www.stamericigh.com for Parish registration forms.

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time \$11,776
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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

January Monthly Budget \$112,287
January Offertory \$47,869
January Online Giving \$56,157
OVER/UNDER January (\$8,261)
OVER/UNDER Fiscal YTD (\$40,970)

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2024 DSF GOAL \$53,800
Amount Received \$0
Participants 0

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Upcoming Second Collection Dates

2/14 - Social Ministries Collection (Ash Wed)
2/18 - Black and Indian Missions Collection

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	\$3,577,625
Remaining Goal	\$122,375
Loan Balance	\$6,431,782
Pledges Collected	\$2,130,778
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To join us on this journey visit our webpage here: <https://stamericigh.com/capital-campaign>

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