



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 25, 2024 | Second Sunday of Lent



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Weekly Prayer and Readings

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

"I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Sunday | 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday |

Tuesday | St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday |

Thursday |

Friday |

Saturday |

Next Sunday | 3rd Sunday of Lent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Sunday | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday | Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday | Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday | Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday | Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday | Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny*: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991 –2006) was born in London, England and raised in Milan, Italy. From an early age, he displayed a remarkable talent for computer programming and a deep love for the Christ in the Eucharist. He loved sports, particularly soccer, playing video games, graphic novels, and volunteering with those in need outside of his school hours.

Carlo's particular devotion to the Eucharist was inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and evident in that he always spent time in prayer before his parish's tabernacle either before or after every Mass he attended. He tried to go to Mass daily and he saw the Eucharist as a tangible manifestation of God's love.

With his tech-savvy skills, young Carlo spent four years creating a website that catalogued Eucharistic miracles from around the world. The purpose of his site was to increase awareness and appreciation for the Eucharist while also celebrating the worldwide Church. His hope for this project was to inspire those who visited the site to deepen their faith and develop a stronger relationship with Jesus.

Tragically, in 2006 when Carlo was just 15, his life was cut short when he succumbed to leukemia. Despite this, his story, and website, live on as a shining example of youthful holiness. Recognizing his extraordinary sanctity, the Church beatified Carlo on October 10, 2020, making him the first millennial to be beatified.

Carlo's beatification has gone on to spark a renewed interest in the Eucharist among some young people today. His story also serves as a reminder that holiness is attainable even amid modern challenges and that today's tools, like computers and the internet, can also be an avenue through which someone can serve the Kingdom of God. Blessed Carlo, 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 24 - March 3

† Deceased

Saturday February 24 09:00 a.m. Teresa George 05:00 p.m. Joseph Anthony Smith
Sunday February 25 08:00 a.m. † Raymundo & † Fadua Polanco 10:00 a.m. † Patti Doran 12:00 p.m. † Aida Jimenez 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday February 26 09:00 a.m. † Glen & † Annette Elster
Tuesday February 27 09:00 a.m. The Palermo Family
Wednesday February 28 09:00 a.m. † TYI Gibson
Thursday February 29 09:00 a.m. † Jude & † Teresa Leung 07:00 p.m. † Raymundo & † Fadua Polanco
Friday March 1 09:00 a.m. Ethan Abraham
Saturday March 2 09:00 a.m. The Whisnants 05:00 p.m. † Maria Nguyen & † Peter Lai
Sunday March 3 08:00 a.m. The Feamster Family 10:00 a.m. † Merlin Cruz 12:00 p.m. † Basillo Cruz 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for Them

OUR SICK

Joey Myers	George Cheran
Annabelle Van Deursen	Patrica Hendrix
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
Rubye Goff	Jim Boney
Louisa Bent	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 25

- 10:00 a.m. Becoming Catholic RCIA Session
- 10:00 a.m. CLOW Session
- 12:30 p.m. Breaking Open the Word (RCIA)
- 01:00 p.m. Junior Legion of Mary Meeting
- 01:00 p.m. OCIA Becoming Catholic Inquiry
- 06:00 p.m. Confirmation Breakout Session
- 06:30 p.m. LifeTeen/BEYOND Session

Monday, February 26

- 09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
- 04:15 p.m. Elem Faith Form Session A
- 05:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting
- 06:00 p.m. Elem Faith Form Session B
- 07:00 p.m. Lectio Divina via Zoom

Tuesday, February 27

- 09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study AM Session
- 04:15 p.m. Elem Faith Form Session C
- 06:00 p.m. Elem Faith Form Session D
- 06:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 07:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 28

- 09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
- 06:30 p.m. EDGE Session
- 06:30 p.m. SVDP Meeting

Thursday, February 29

- 06:15 a.m. TMIY (That Man is You)
- 09:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
- 05:30 p.m. First Eucharist Workshop
- 07:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Friday, March 1

- 06:00 a.m. Men's Scripture Reflection
- 06:00 p.m. Soup & Stations

Next Saturday, March 2

- 09:00 a.m. SMYRT Retreat LifeTeen



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Why climb a mountain? "Because it's there," George Mallory famously said, before perishing in an attempt to scale Mount Everest.

God is an event planner; every detail matters, and the location is most crucial of all. On the mountain, God demanded the sacrifice of Isaac. On the mountain, he restored Isaac to his father. On the mountain, Jesus was transfigured, revealed in all his mystifying glory as the beloved Son of God, the sacrifice which would finally balance the scale.

These things happened on a mountain because they could only happen on a mountain. The mountain is where the reckoning happens. It is where God takes, where He gives back, where He hands down.

In Lent, we encounter the mountain. We are removed from the distractions of ordinary life and placed outside the confines of our everyday habits. We find silence and mystery, pain and truth. We struggle and we become tired, and there is always a moment when we wonder if, perhaps, it would have been easier not to climb. There is always a moment when others look at us and think: "Why climb a mountain?"

I confess, I am not much of an outdoorswoman. Hiking, in my family, is any walking you do on a trail that is not paved, so I am far from qualified to comment on whether or not the view from the summit was worth George Mallory's life. But I do know a thing or two about struggling through a difficult experience. I know the strange peace that exists in the moment after it's all over and you catch your breath and realize you are a better, stronger, wiser person for the pain.

The mountain is there. Let's climb it.

"God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, 'Abraham!' 'Here I am!' he replied." — Genesis 22:1

- 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

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **“Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

— *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation



Elementary Faith Formation

This week's classes cover the topic "Why and how does Jesus Christ want me to make good choices?" and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Be sure to check this bulletin as well as the parish website for pictures from our Elementary Faith Formation church tour, Parish Lenten activities, as well as Reconciliation (Confession) times.

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

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

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

VBS will be June 10-14! Look for registration for children as well as general volunteers in March!



Youth Ministry

EDGE/LIFETEEN

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.

Summer Save the Date

Steubenville Retreat is June 21-23. This Youth Conference will be held in Dallas and is open to incoming 9th graders to outgoing 12th graders. Middle School Day Camp will be held July 15-19. This week-long camp is open to incoming 6th graders to outgoing 8th graders. More information is coming soon.

Youth Ministry Reconciliation

Your youth will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. They all received an examination of conscience at our last Life Teen and EDGE sessions. Please help them to prepare for this Sacrament. LIFE TEEN/Confirmation: February 25 (during Life teen)
EDGE: February 28 (during EDGE)

EDGE Eucharistic Revival Night

Our EDGE session will be held at the church for the youth to participate in the Eucharist Revival Night. PLEASE JOIN US! If you cannot attend, drop off will remain 6:30 and pick up will move to 8:15, to give us time to go back to the PLC.



Mother's Day Out

MDO This Week

MDO is having a great time enjoying the new playground!! Thank you again to everyone that made this possible!! If you haven't come by to see it please do so, it's great!

Fall Student Registration

There are still a few spots available in our MDO program for the Fall. Please scan the QR code for registration information or to schedule a tour.





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ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH



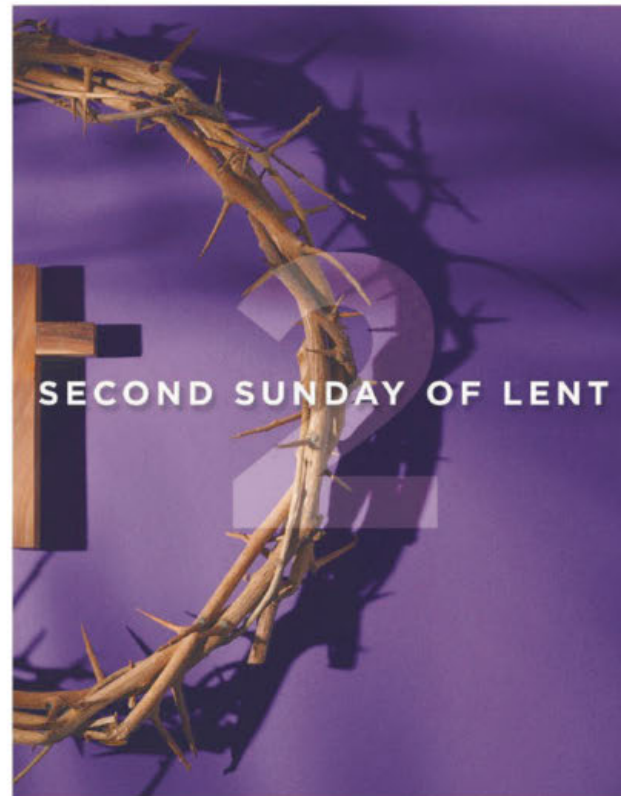
Sunday, February 25, 2024 | Second Sunday of Lent | [Mark 9:2-10](#)

Friends, today's Gospel presents the Transfiguration of Christ. What is the Transfiguration itself? Mark speaks literally of a metamorphosis, a going beyond the form that he had. If I can use Paul's language, it is "the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ." In and through his humble humanity, his divinity shines forth. The proximity of his divinity in no way compromises the integrity of his humanity, but rather makes it shine in greater beauty. This is the New Testament version of the burning bush.

The Jesus who is both divine and human is the Jesus who is evangelically compelling. If he is only divine, then he doesn't touch us; if he is only human, he can't save us. His splendor consists in the coming together of the two natures, without mixing, mingling, or confusion.

This same Jesus then accompanies his disciples back down the mountain and walks with them in the ordinary rhythms of their lives. This is the Christ who wants to reign as Lord of our lives in every detail. If we forget about this dimension, then Jesus becomes a distant memory, a figure from the past.

Bishop Robert Barron



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.
- **40 Cans for Lent:** Our annual canned food drive hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Please donate canned goods, dry goods, and non-perishable items to benefit local food pantries.
- **Lenten Eucharistic Revival:** Wednesday, March 6 at 7PM. Join us for praise and worship, adoration and a powerful speaker. The entire family is welcome.
- **Lenten Day of Reflection:** Saturday, March 9 from 9AM to 3PM. Join the Knights of Columbus in this special day of prayer. Begins with a rosary prayer before the 9AM Daily mass and moves to PLC for sessions of instructive videos and small group discussion.
- **Lenten Penance Service:** Monday, March 18 at 7:00PM. There will be several priests available to hear confession.

Parish and Community Life

40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE

Knights of Columbus

St. Angela Merici's Knights of Columbus invites you and your family to join in the annual 40 Cans for Lent food drive beginning February 14. All donated items will benefit local food pantries such as Sacred Heart in Manvel and the Mamie George Community Center in Richmond. Acceptable donations include canned goods, dry goods, and non-perishable items. Please use the KofC collection bin located in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity. If you need more information please contact Greg Garvin greggarvin1@gmail.com.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT

Ash Wednesday

Our littlest Parishioners got a special chance to receive ashes from Father John on Ash Wednesday. The children are learning all about Lent in Mother's Day Out, the importance of prayer and showing reverence while inside the church by using quiet voices and prayer hands. We love to see them learning more about God's love and this special season.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

March 6

Our next Eucharistic Revival night is being held Wednesday, March 6 at 7PM. Be a part of the movement to rediscover the Source and Summit of our faith during Lent! All are welcome to join us for powerful music, Eucharistic Adoration, and our special guest speaker, Kathleen Messina. Kathleen continues to offer Spiritual Direction at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church and has been a Chaplain at the Harris County Jail for over 10 years. A life-long Catholic, Kathleen has been graced with opportunities to express her faith and discipleship throughout her varied career working for the Church, in the public sector, and as a consultant in Community and Economic Planning and Development. She and her husband Joe have been married for 49 years and are blessed with three children, two sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law, and seven grandchildren.



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 year's 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.



DISCERNMENT GATHERING

March 12



Do you know a teen or someone who may have an interest in religious life or priesthood? As a baptized person, you are invited to create awareness to this or other God-calls (vocations). We invite you to invite a child/teen between 9th-12th grade to ask God what is it that He wants from them? Father John will have a gathering with youth who may be interested in knowing more about discerning God's call on Tuesday, March 12 at 7PM. Please learn more and register by scanning the QR code if you are interested.

DO YOU EVER ASK GOD WHAT HE IS CALLING YOU TO BE? HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHICH PATH HE WANTS YOU TO TAKE?
You're invited to come meet with Fr. John to start your discernment process.

DISCERNMENT GATHERING
Tuesday, March 12 at 7pm
FOR BOYS & GIRLS
9TH-12TH GRADE

PRESS TO RSVP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date

Plans are already under way for VBS 2024 taking place June 10-14! Please save the date and make plans to join us this year if you have kids from K-5th grade! Look for open registration for VBS in March for participants and all other volunteer positions. We can't wait to dive into friendship with God with you this summer!

ST. ANGELA MERICI

June 10-14, 2024

Save the Date!

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

Registration Opens March 2024

Parish and Community Life

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Church Tour

Elementary Faith Formation children toured St Angela Merici church on February 5 and 6. We spent time reviewing blessing ourselves with Holy Water and genuflecting when entering the pew as you arrive and leave church. Volunteer presenters were stationed around the church to discuss the Stations of the Cross, the Ambry- which holds the Holy Oils, the Baptismal Font, the Confessionals, and the Altar. Ask your child about what they remember from the tour when you attend Mass. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to our volunteer presenters and catechists for making this an exciting and informative tour!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter. If you or someone you know is in need, please call the SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, February 28** at 6:30PM in the SAM room. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Maggie Woods: stamsvdp@gmail.com.



MOTHER'S DAY OUT REGISTRATION

Spots still Open

There is still time to register your child for our pre-school program. St. Angela's Angels is a Catholic centered Mother's Day Out (MDO) program. Our program is open to any child no matter of race or religious beliefs, provided our program can meet the needs of that child. This program is for children 2 years old to 5 years old (Must be 2 by September 1st). Scan the QR code for more info.



NEWLY BAPTIZED PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

Rory Christopher McCollum
Arjun Logan Sambangi



Parish and Community Life

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.

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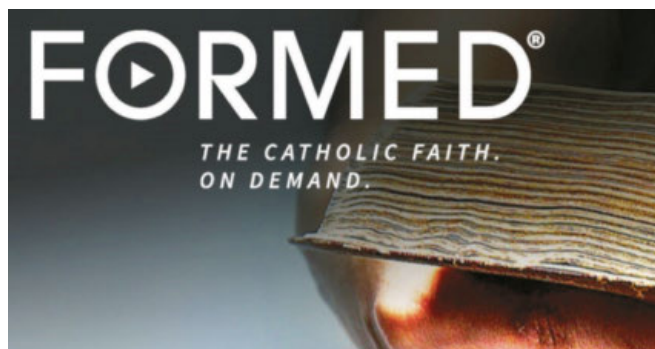
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SOUP AND STATIONS

Fridays of Lent

Every Friday during Lent, join us for a simple soup dinner at 6:00PM, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. The Stations of the Cross has a long history. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make, in spirit, a pilgrimage to the primary scenes of Christ's suffering and death. This has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions and is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each, and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn.

This event is graciously hosted by our various Ministry teams with no registration being required. Please join us with the whole family.



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&
STATIONS



Parish and Community Life

KC SCHOLARSHIP

Apply Today!



The Knights of Columbus Council #14617 is now accepting applications for their twelfth annual scholarship. The Knights will award up to four \$500 non-renewable educational grants. There are three different scholarship applications. Up to two scholarships will be awarded in each group.

-Application for a Parishioner who is graduating 8th grade and who plans to attend a Christian-based or Catholic high school for 9th grade.

-Application for a Parishioner who is currently a 9th, 10th or 11th grader and who will attend a Christian-based or Catholic high school for 10th, 11th or 12th grade in the Fall semester.

-Application for a family member of a St. Angela Merici Parishioner who will be going to or is currently attending a two- or four-year college and will continue in the Fall semester.

We are looking for qualified boys and girls to apply. Scan the QR code for more information and applications. Completed scholarship applications must be submitted by April 1, 2024.



LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

March 9



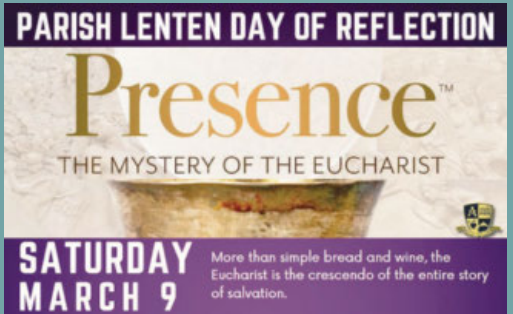
As we approach Holy Thursday, the Knights of Columbus invite men and women of the parish to join us on Saturday, March 9 for a Lenten Day of Reflection. We will be using materials from Augustine Institute's "Presence" to explore the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.

We will begin by praying the Rosary and attending Mass in the Church. This will be followed by sessions of instructive videos and small group discussion in the PLC.

Schedule for the Day:

8:30AM Rosary before Mass in Church
9:00AM Mass in Church
9:45AM Register in the PLC
10:00AM Session 1 – GOD IS WITH US
11:25AM Break
11:30AM Session 2 – THE STORY OF THE EUCHARIST
1:00PM Lunch
1:45PM Session 3 – BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY
3:00PM Wrap-up / Feedback

There is no cost, but pre-registration is requested using the QR code above.



PARISH EMAIL SCAM

Please Report

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

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

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

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Pastor

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First Sunday of Lent	\$23,268
Registered Households	2095

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	\$6,450
Participants	46

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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	\$3,828,708
Remaining Goal	\$128,708
Loan Balance	\$5,841,679
Pledges Collected	\$2,503,370
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