



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:17

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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

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me." (Ex 20:1-3)

Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:23-24)

Gospel

Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

Sunday | 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday | St. Casimir

Tuesday |

Wednesday |

Thursday | Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Friday | St. John of God, Religious

Saturday | St. Frances of Rome, Religious; St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday | 4th Sunday of Lent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2024

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

Monday | 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday | Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

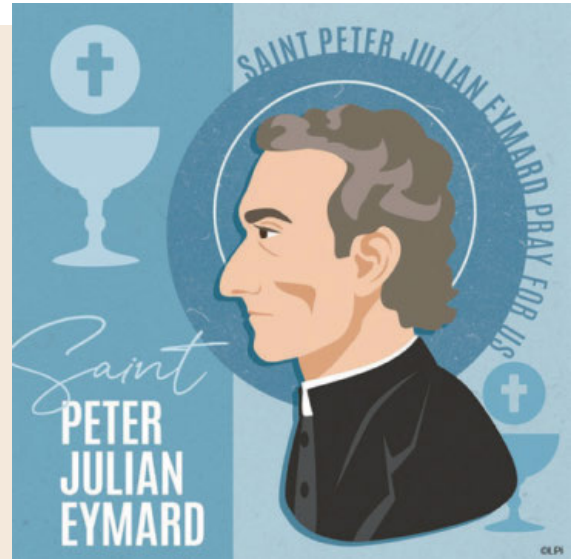
Wednesday | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday | Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday | Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday | Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday | 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny*: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Peter Julian Eymard, (1811-1868) was born in La Mure d'Isère, France. When he was a child, he felt a strong calling to the priesthood and a devotion to Mary. He attempted to enter the Oblates of Mary Immaculate at age 18 but had to leave due to health problems. Eymard frequently had lung issues and migraines that disrupted his life. He tried to enter the priesthood again through the Diocese of Grenoble and was ordained a diocesan priest at the age of 23. After a few assignments he chose to join the Marists and entered the Society of Mary seminary in Lyon, France. By 1844 he had risen to the position of Provincial of the congregation.

While visiting neighboring Marist communities, Eymard experienced the perpetual adoration of the Eucharist for the first time. His devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament grew and he decided to start a Marist community specifically devoted to perpetual adoration. His vision wasn't supported by his Marist superiors, though, so he eventually chose to leave the Society of Mary in order to start his new religious congregation.

In the late 1850's he founded The Society of the Blessed Sacrament for men and, along with Marguerite Guillot, the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women. The congregation's ministries were different from other Eucharist-centered groups at the time because, beside perpetual public adoration of the Eucharist, their goal was to nurture and to inspire those estranged from the Church to return and to educate those outside of the Church about the love of Christ.

St. Peter Julian Eymard's contributions to Eucharistic spirituality earned him the title "Apostle of the Eucharist." His writings on the Eucharist, including the book "The Real Presence," continue to inspire and guide believers in their understanding of the Sacrament. St. Peter Julian Eymard, 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: March 2 - March 10

† Deceased

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

Monday March 4

09:00 a.m. Abby Abraham

Tuesday March 5

09:00 a.m. Jainy Keezhangattu

Wednesday March 6

09:00 a.m. † The Vadakkedam Family

Thursday March 7

09:00 a.m. The Lewis's
 07:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory

Friday March 8

09:00 a.m. † Abraham P.V. & † Mary Abraham

Saturday March 9

09:00 a.m. † Kathleen Esmilla
 05:00 p.m. † Timothy Linatok

Sunday March 10

08:00 a.m. † Glen & † Annette Elster
 10:00 a.m. † Hunaldo Vera
 12:00 p.m. The Jeannet Family
 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, March 3

09:00 a.m.	SMYRT Retreat Confirmation
11:00 a.m.	First Sunday Event
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
05:30 p.m.	Moms of Teens Meeting
06:30 p.m.	LifeTeen/BEYOND Session

Monday, March 4

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, March 5

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
07:00 p.m.	Education Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
10:00 a.m.	Quilt Plus Ministry Meeting
06:30 p.m.	EDGE Session
06:30 p.m.	KC Business Meeting
07:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Revival Night

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

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

Next Saturday, March 9

09:00 a.m.	Lector Formation
09:00 a.m.	Lenten Day of Reflection



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely co-exist in a healthy way. But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for diktat.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong. Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." — 1 Corinthians 1:25

- 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

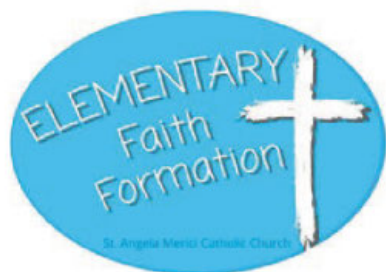
One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “**have no other gods besides me.**” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation



Elementary Faith Formation

This week we will introduce our Discipleship Project for this year – Birthday Bags for the Seniors at Mamie George Community Center. Your child will be bringing home an information sheet listing the items to be collected by grade level. These items will be due the week of March 19. Spend time discussing how we are all called to be disciples of Christ and to take care of others.

After Spring Break, we will be including the Stations of the Cross in our Gathering Time and Home Study lessons. Join the parish on Fridays for Soup and Stations, with the Friday, March 22 Soup and Stations being focused on our youth of the parish.

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

VBS will be June 10-14! Look for registration for children as well as general volunteers in March! We can't wait to dive into friendship with God.

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

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



Youth Ministry

EDGE/LIFETEEN SESSIONS

We are looking forward to our next sessions with our Youth. Note that we are not meeting for Spring Break.

EDGE: 3/6, 3/12(OFF SPRING BREAK), 3/20, 3/27

LIFE TEEN: 3/10 (OFF SPRING BREAK), 3/17, 3/24



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.

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 6:30PM and pick up will move to 8:15PM, to give us time to go



Mother's Day Out



Fall Student Registration

We only have a few spots still available for the 2024-25 school year at MDO. If you are interested in attending please email our Director Meredith Canny at stangelaangels@stamericigh.com or call 281-778-0400 to schedule a tour.





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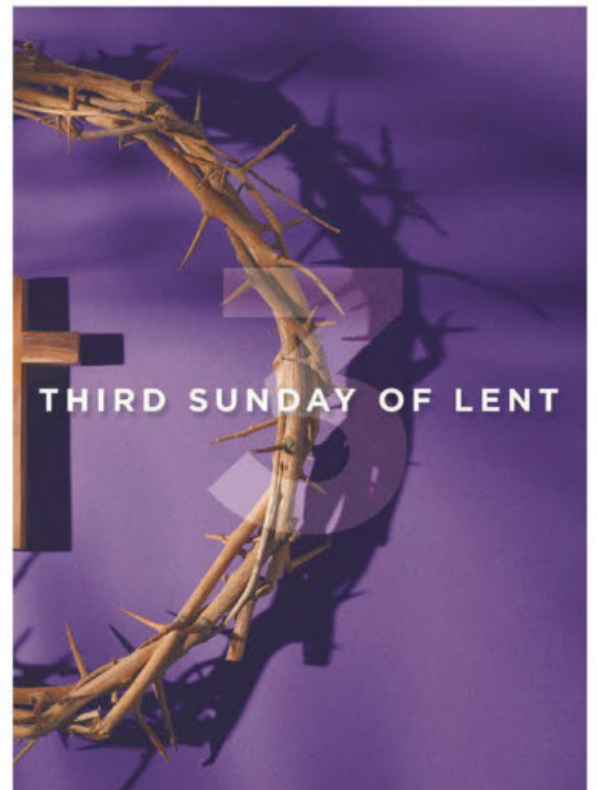
Sunday, March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday of Lent | [John 2:13-25](#)

Friends, in today's Gospel, the Jews ask Jesus for a sign, and he blithely comments, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." One of the most startling claims that Jesus made about himself is that the people of Israel should come to him for those goods that they formerly sought in the temple: forgiveness, teaching, and healing. And he confirmed this identification when making this statement after purifying the temple of the money changers.

The bystanders remark on the absurdity of this claim, reminding him that the construction of this Herodian version of the sacred place had taken forty-six years. The author of the Gospel provides the indispensable gloss: "But he was speaking about the temple of his body." In a word, Jesus himself is the very particular "place" where the God of Israel, who cannot be contained by the entire universe, deigned in a unique and unrepeatable way to dwell.

The temple known to Jesus and his followers would be obliterated just forty years after the time of Christ. But the temple of Jesus' Body, the Church, will endure forever.

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. 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.



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 the 9AM 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. Contact Kevin Corbett at ktcorbett01@yahoo.com with any questions.



EUCHARISTIC 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! This is a special Revival Night being held during Lent as well as during our EDGE session so our Youth can attend! 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.

We hope to see you and the entire family there!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Candidates/Elects

We invite the whole community of St. Angela to pray for our Elect and Candidates as they approach the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Elect: Samuel Bowman, Sarah Bowman, David Nkemdirim, and Christian Martínez

Candidates: Cherish Plazinich, Michael Martinez, Manuel Muñoz, Jose Hernandez, Zachary Graham and Hannah Bowman



Parish and Community Life

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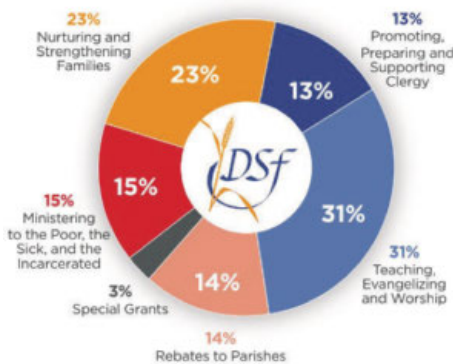


ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH GOAL 2024: \$53,800

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. We are 28% to our goal this year. Please donate by using the QR code above.

HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED



WOMENS ACTS RETREAT

Register Today



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

Please register using the QR code above.

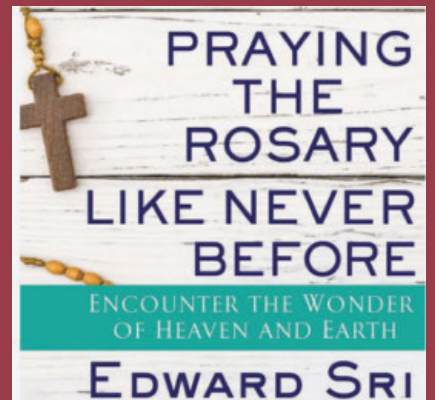


SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB

March 13

Lenten Selection: Praying the Rosary like Never Before by Edward Sri

Would you like to pray the Rosary more frequently this Lent? We struggle with or can be intimidated by this spiritual practice. This book offers practical ways to encounter Jesus and Mary in the rosary and incorporate it more in your life. Join other parishioners and bring a friend to discuss the book and the experience of praying the Rosary on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office. For more information contact Kevin Corbett ktcorbett01@yahoo.com.



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.



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COUPLES COMEDY EVENT

Mark Gungor

A special thank you to all who attended our couples comedy event and the Parish staff that put this event together. Mark had the audience laughing and smiling throughout.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

If you or someone you know is in need, please call the SAM SVDP Help Line: 281-710-2002

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, March 13** at 6:30PM in the SAM room. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Maggie Woods: stamsvdp@gmail.com.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

March 18

Join us Monday, March 18 at 7:00PM for a communal penance service. Communal celebration shows more clearly the ecclesial nature of penance. The faithful listen together to the word of God, which proclaims His mercy and invites us to conversion; at the same time we examine the conformity of our lives with that word of God and help each other through common prayer. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions and reconcile the penitents.



NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

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The Onyirioha Family



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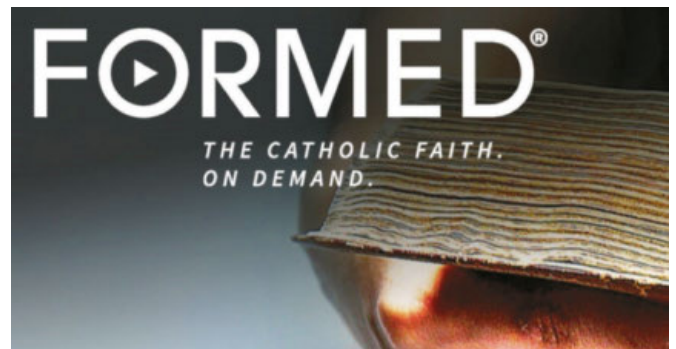


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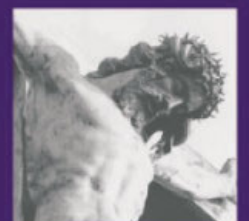
SOUP AND STATIONS Fridays of Lent

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 Friday's event on March 8 is being graciously hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council. No registration is required, please join us with the whole family.



SOUP
&
STATIONS



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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.



DIOCESAN FREE THROW CONTEST

Knights of Columbus

On February 18, 2024, the Knights of Columbus held the Diocesan Free Throw Championship at St. Pius X High School in Houston. Winners from each of the Galveston-Houston KC districts gathered to shoot 25 free throws in their respective age and gender groups. We would like to congratulate Sydney Montalbano, who finished 1st in the 14-year-old girls level.

Sydney has qualified to represent Galveston-Houston in the KC State of Texas Free Throw Championship on Sat. March 2, 2024 in San Antonio. Congratulations to all of the participants from St. Angela Merici who represented our council well in each level of competition.



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.

Rev. John E. Cahoon
Pastor

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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 \$15,185
Participants 91

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Upcoming Second Collection Dates

3/10 - Catholic Relief Services Collection
3/29 - Holy Land Collection (Good Friday)

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	\$3,891,454
Remaining Goal	\$191,454
Loan Balance	\$5,841,679
Pledges Collected	\$2,576,446
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To join us on this journey visit our webpage here: <https://stamericigh.com/capital-campaign>

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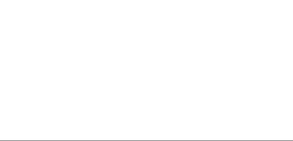


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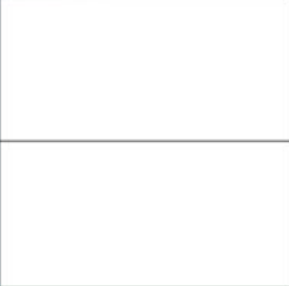
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