



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 24, 2024 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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

I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel

They brought him to the place of Golgotha—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024

Sunday | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins

Monday |

Tuesday |

Wednesday |

Thursday | Holy Thursday

Friday | Good Friday

Saturday | Holy Saturday

Next Sunday | Easter Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024

Sunday | Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday | Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday | Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday | Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday | *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday | Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday | *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday | Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Toribio Romo González (1900 – 1928) was born in Santa Ana de Guadalupe, near Jalisco, Mexico. He entered seminary at the age of 13 and was ordained a priest in 1922 when he was only 22. As a priest, he dedicated himself to serving the faithful in the midst of the Cristero War, a period of intense religious persecution in Mexico during the 1920s and 1930s.

Despite the danger posed by the anti-Catholic government, Romo continued to carry out his pastoral duties. He provided sacraments, offered spiritual guidance, promoted devotion to the Eucharist, and was frequently forced more and more to do so in secret or under the cover of night. He became known for his compassion and selflessness, often risking his own safety to bring consolation and hope to the persecuted Catholic community, and catechesis, as well as the Eucharist, to the poor.

In the late 1920's, a formal law was passed that imposed strict penalties on priests who were found exercising their priestly ministries. Despite the risks, Romo continued to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments to those in remote areas. For a time, he had to hide in an abandoned distillery in the town of Tequila in order to avoid violence, and celebrated Mass there for the community.

Tragically, on February 25, 1928, Romo was murdered. He was shot twice by government troops who broke into his bedroom while he was asleep. His martyrdom became a powerful testimony to the enduring strength of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the face of discrimination. St. Toribio Romo, 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 23 - March 31

† Deceased

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| Saturday March 23 09:00 a.m. † Conchita Grospe 05:00 p.m. † Raymundo & † Fadua Polanco |
| Sunday March 24 08:00 a.m. † Robert S. Breaux 10:00 a.m. † Ronald Borromeo 12:00 p.m. † Harry Walker 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Monday March 25 09:00 a.m. The Lanes |
| Tuesday March 26 09:00 a.m. Christine Lee Barr |
| Wednesday March 27 09:00 a.m. † Jude & † Teresa Leung |
| Thursday March 28 07:00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Friday March 29 07:00 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Saturday March 30 08:30 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday March 31 08:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish |

Please Pray for Them

OUR SICK

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| 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

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| 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

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| Nona Tanoos Ray | Mary Gold Casino Alfara |
| Virgilio Cajipe | Yvonne Laschon |
| Gerry Mata | Maria Marrero |
| Victor Rodrigues | Leo Corey III |
| Luviminda Mejia | Margaret Fiore |
| Maria Mata | Josefina Serrano |

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 24

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| 10:00 a.m. | Becoming Catholic RCIA Session |
| 12:00 p.m. | Breaking Open the Word (RCIA) |
| 01:00 p.m. | Junior Legion of Mary Meeting |
| 05:30 p.m. | Moms Of Teens Meeting |
| 06:30 p.m. | LifeTeen & Beyond Session |

Monday, March 25

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| 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 26

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| 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, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

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| 06:15 a.m. | TMIY (That Man is You) |
| 09:00 a.m. | Mother's Day Out |
| 09:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 07:00 p.m. | Venturing Crew 140 Youth Mtg |
| 08:00 p.m. | Night Watch |

*Parish Office Closed

Friday, March 29

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| 06:00 a.m. | Men's Scripture Reflection |
| 09:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 12:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| 07:30 p.m. | MOSA Monthly Meeting |

*Parish Office Closed

Next Saturday, March 30

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| 09:00 a.m. | Morning Prayer |
| 08:30 p.m. | Easter Vigil Mass |



PRACTICING CATHOLIC

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

- 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

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **“looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve” (Mk 11:11)** for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and “marry” the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited “I do” to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

Elementary Faith Formation

Elementary Faith Formation

This week's lessons will be the last 7 Stations of the Cross led by our 5th graders during the Gathering Time. We will also be learning about Easter. We are still collecting the items for our Discipleship Project. Items were assigned by grade level and can be found on the information paper your child brought home as well as on emails from us.



VBS (Vacation Bible School)

Registration is now open for VBS! VBS will be held June 10-14 for incoming Kindergarteners through incoming 5th graders. Volunteers 6th grade through adults can also register on the same link on our parish website.

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not be held for the next two Sundays - Palm Sunday and Easter. CLOW will return April 7. Led by two adults, CLOW invites children grades K-2nd to gather every Sunday during the 10:00AM Mass for the Liturgy of the Word readings on a child's developmental level.



Youth Ministry

EDGE/LIFETEEN SESSIONS

Our Lenten Service projects are well underway! In Life Teen, we have been collecting items for Easter bags to give the elderly at various local nursing homes, and we will be assembling the bags during our Life Teen session this weekend. In EDGE, we have been collecting items for Easter baskets for the organization, Young Lives. We are excited to share Easter joy with these special people! We will be concluding the season of Lent with our session topics, Preparing our Hearts for Holy Week and Redemption through the Cross. EDGE will also have an opportunity for NET ministries to visit and hold a retreat on Wednesday, March 27.



Confirmation Save the Date

Mark your calendar! The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Wednesday, June 26.

Steubenville Retreat

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." – John 1:5. 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. Registration is now open! Space is limited...early bird prices through June 1. HURRY, HURRY, HURRY.... YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!



Mother's Day Out

MDO This Week

MDO enjoyed helping to collect cans for the St. Angela Merici's Knights of Columbus annual 40 Cans for Lent food drive. To celebrate the class bringing in the most cans has won a pizza lunch party!!! Congratulations 2's MWF Class! Since all the classes did such a great job we also celebrated with popsicles at recess for everyone!



Summer Camps

April will start open registration for MDO summer camps. Watch the bulletin for dates coming soon or visit our website under events. <https://www.stamericigh.com/mdo>



PALM SUNDAY

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Jesus, the innocent Lamb of God, takes on the burden of our sin. Imagine how he felt as he heard the crowds shout mercilessly, "Let him be crucified!" Gazing upon Jesus in the Eucharist, allow yourself to enter into Jesus' experience of rejection and sorrow that he bore for your sin. Ask him to help you experience sorrow for your own sins and seek forgiveness, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.

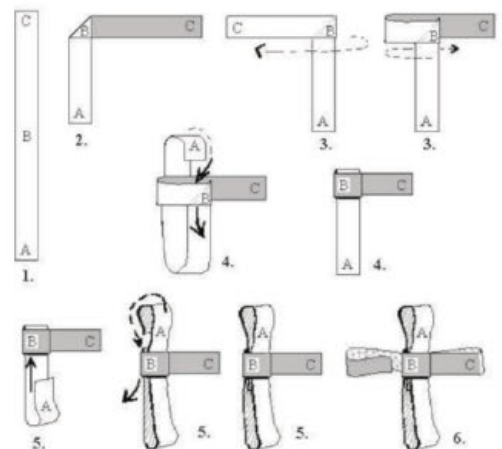
"Pilate said to them, 'Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' But he said, 'Why? What evil has he done?' They only shouted the louder, 'Let him be crucified!'"

Matthew 27:22-23

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.



HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



Holy ⁺Week **SCHEDULE**

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday

9AM: Daily Mass

9AM to 8PM: Church open for Private Prayer

Holy Thursday

9AM: Morning Prayer

7PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper with Night Watch until Midnight

Good Friday (Wear Red)

9AM: Morning Prayer

12PM: Stations of the Cross

3PM: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7PM: Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

9AM: Morning Prayer with Ephphetha Rite

10AM to 7PM: Veneration of the Cross

8:30PM: Easter Vigil with Rites of Initiation

Easter Sunday

8AM, 10AM, 12PM EASTER MASS

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Parish and Community Life

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

April 5

Our next Eucharistic Revival night is being held on **Friday, April 5 at 7:00PM**. This one will have the special theme of the Eucharist and our Devotion. All are welcome to join us for powerful music, Eucharistic Adoration, and our special guest speaker, Paul Faraca. Paul Faraca is married to Tina. They have 2 boys, a Freshman at SMU (Andrew) and a Junior at Strake Jesuit (Joe). They have been Parishioners at St. Angela since 2010. Paul has been involved with the Curillo movement for over 20 years, prison ministry for 10 years, ACTS Community 3 years, Catechist for CCE 9 years and was a weekly adorer of the Blessed Sacrament for about 5 years. He has been a stay at home dad for 18 years and also an investor in multi-family real estate. Please join us to hear Paul and experience Revival through the Eucharist.



KC 15TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

March 31

The 15th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Angela Merici will be held on Easter Sunday, March 31, immediately after the 12:00PM Mass, at approximately 1:15PM. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the event. The grassy area between the PLC and Administration building will be setup for kids ages 0 to 4 and the grassy area between the PLC and Church will be setup for kids ages 5 to 9. The Knights will direct the children to the proper areas before the Easter Egg hunt begins. Bring your Easter baskets to Church on Easter Sunday and meet outside the PLC after Mass.



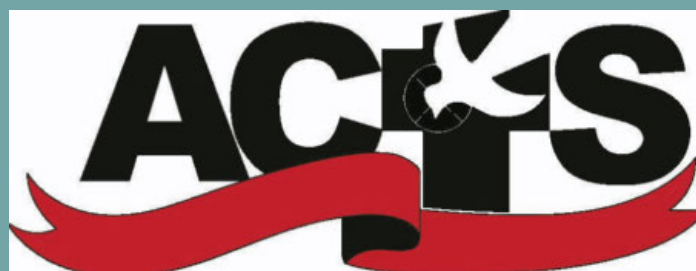
WOMENS ACTS RETREAT

Registration Deadline March 31



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 deadline is March 31 and spots will fill up. Questions: Please contact Yvonne Pirnik at samactswomen@gmail.com or 832-512-0496

Please register using the QR code above.



NOW HIRING

Parish Business Manager

We are now hiring for a full-time Business Manager for our Parish. This role works under the direction of the Pastor and assists him with the stewardship of the finances of the parish, in accordance with Archdiocesan Internal Controls and Policies and our Parish guidelines. The Parish Business Manager values the organization and the responsible management of its resources in support of the Pastor, ensuring that the business, finance, and human resource needs of the parish are sustained. The Parish Business Manager of St. Angela Merici Parish must understand and respect the mission and vision the pastor has set for the church by projecting a faith filled presence with knowledge of the Catholic Faith and in support its social teachings. For any questions or if you are interested in applying, please email Father John: frcahoon@stamericigh.com.

Parish and Community Life

STEUBENVILLE RETREAT

Now Registering



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. Registration is NOW open! Space is limited...Early Bird: \$325 open until May 1st. Regular Registration: \$375 closes June 3rd. Includes Bus Transportation, Conference registration, 2 night stay at the hotel, 2 t-shirts and 5 meals. Scan the QR code to register for the retreat. We are also offering the opportunity to apply for financial aid to attend if needed.



NOW HIRING

Volunteer & Safe Environment Coordinator

Now hiring for the part time position of Volunteer and Safe Environment coordinator for our Parish. This position assists the Pastor in leading a community of engaged, active volunteers. This role also assists the staff and ministry leads in the development of all service/volunteer opportunities within our community. This person will also ensure compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines for Safe Environment training for all volunteers. We are looking for a well-organized, enthusiastic person to fill this role. For more details and to apply, please email Margaret Myers:

margaretmymyers@stamericigh.com.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. During December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting 13 families, providing \$8,841.35 in food, gifts, and utility, rent and bills.

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



Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, March 27** at 6:30PM in the SAM room. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Maggie Woods: stamsvdp@gmail.com.

MOSA MONTHLY MEETING

March 27

Please join us for our monthly Fellowship Gathering at La Escondida Mexican Restaurant on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30PM to continue our book study of the Blessed is She book. There is no need to read ahead, catch up if you missed our previous gatherings, or do any homework either! All moms from expectant moms to empty nesters are welcome to join us as well as infants in your arms. Please see our MOSA Facebook page or email us at momsofsaintangela@gmail.com to sign up and for more details!



NEWLY BAPTIZED PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

Daniela Del Angel



Parish and Community Life

THE PAVER PROJECT

A Fundraiser for the St. Angela Merici Capital Campaign

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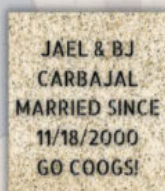
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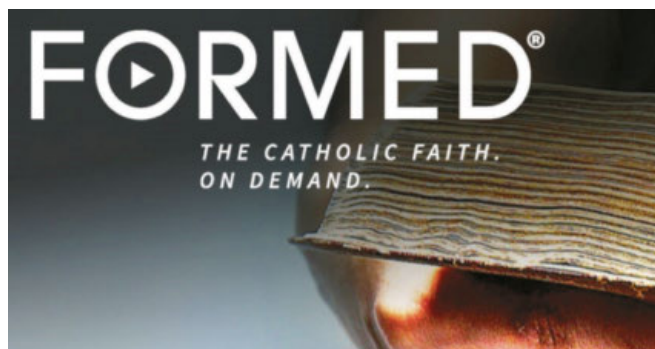


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HISPANIC MINISTRY

April 18

We are thrilled to begin a Hispanic ministry that will serve our ethnic group. We cannot begin this ministry without your support or knowing who we are serving. We will be meeting on Thursday, April 18 in the Parish Life Center (San Damiano Room) at 7:00PM. We want to hear from you, please scan the QR code and fill out the form if you are interested in more details or joining.



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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.

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-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.



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.

FORTY 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.



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Don't forget to support St. Angela Merici by registering your Kroger card for the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Scan the QR code and enter NPO #UA485 for St. Angela Merici or scan the QR code here. What an easy way to give to the Parish while doing your shopping. Thank you for your support! New members can enroll by searching for either the new number (UA485) or St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. 117 Households contributed \$189.40 this quarter.



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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MARCH 17TH PEW COLLECTIONS

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| Fifth Sunday of Lent | \$11,215 |
| Registered Households | 2102 |

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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| February Monthly Budget | \$112,286 |
| February Offertory | \$55,733 |
| February Online Giving | \$58,518 |
| OVER/UNDER February | \$1,965 |
| OVER/UNDER Fiscal YTD | (\$39,006) |

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

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| 2024 DSF GOAL | \$53,800 |
| Amount Received | \$31,203 |
| Participants | 158 |

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Upcoming Second Collection Dates

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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.



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| Campaign Goal | \$3,700,000 |
| Total Pledged | \$3,893,960 |
| Remaining Goal | \$193,960 |
| Loan Balance | \$5,841,679 |
| Pledges Collected | \$2,612,577 |
| #Pledges Received: 537 | % of Parish: 26% |



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