



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 22, 2024 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37

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“St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Missouri City, TX is a diverse community, united in the Mission of Christ through the Eucharist, proclamation of the Gospel, and service to the people of God.”

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Bulletin announcements must be print ready and submitted to Tressy Garcia, our bulletin editor at communications@stamericigh.com no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday (9 days) before the Sunday of intended publication.

Weekly Prayer and Readings

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

Psalm

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

Second Reading

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

Gospel

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Sunday | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday | St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; National Migration Week

Tuesday |

Wednesday |

Thursday | Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Friday | St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday | St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Sunday | Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday | Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday | Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday | Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday | Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday | Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday | Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday | Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Gregory the Great lived in a most turbulent time. There were devastating episodes of plague, the sacking of Rome and the breakdown of strong Roman rule, invasions by Lombards and Franks, floods, and a widening gap between imperial Byzantium and the Roman Church. Born around 540 into a noble Roman family, Saint Gregory was probably trained in law, and started his public service as a Prefect of Rome. However, upon the death of his father, he converted his family home to monastery, where he resided as a monk. He built six more monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome.

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory was named Pope by acclamation in 590. Although he was reluctant to assume this post, preferring the cloistered life, his accomplishments were many. He was an extremely capable manager of Church estates and tenants and is known for his reform of the liturgy. He was instrumental in the consolidation of papal power and led the fight against the many heresies promoted by small Christian groups at the time. Through his prolific correspondence he oversaw monastic life, curtailing the power of grasping bishops, correcting abuses, and enforcing discipline. He was particularly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his monastery to evangelize there.

Saint Gregory died in 604 and was sainted immediately. He is one of four key doctors of the Western Church. Among the miracles attributed to him is a Eucharistic miracle in which the woman who prepared the bread for communion laughed at the consecration, denying the transformation of the bread to the real presence of Jesus. Saint Gregory prayed for the Lord to show the congregation the truth and confirm their belief. The piece of bread transformed into a piece of flesh and then returned to bread, reforming the woman, and strengthening the faith of all. St. Gregory the Great, 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: Sept 21 - Sept 29

† Deceased

Saturday September 21 09:00 a.m. Silver Maasberg 05:00 p.m. † Walter Francis Rodriguez
Sunday September 22 08:00 a.m. Nick Corredore 10:00 a.m. † Jose Morfin Gomez 12:00 p.m. † Cicely Joseph 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday September 23 09:00 a.m. Ethan Abraham
Tuesday September 24 09:00 a.m. All Priests
Wednesday September 25 09:00 a.m. † Jude and † Theresa Leung
Thursday September 26 09:00 a.m. Isabel Corridore 07:00 p.m. † Carmelina Martinez de Santesson
Friday September 27 09:00 a.m. Conversion of Sinners
Saturday September 28 09:00 a.m. † Francisca Orji 05:00 p.m. † Rodolfo Rios, Sr.
Sunday September 29 08:00 a.m. The Corridore Family 10:00 a.m. St. Angela Merici St. Vincent de Paul Conference 12:00 p.m. † Joan T. Kelly 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for Them

OUR SICK

Joey Myers	Mary Maurico
Marc Carter	Rodney Cook
Veronika de la Mata	Isabela Corridore
Earl Florentino Sr.	Letta Sim
Yellis Ortega	Sonny Acevedo
Joe Mims	Mary Meta
Rick Gaillardetz	Mary Monsanto
Zelie Murray	Carter Vann
Elvira Sta. Ana	Cindy Corbett
Kristian Lewis-Fernando	Anne Higgins
Renee Robbins	Monica Ruiz
Gary Bentz	Renee Lyons
Kit Messa	Glenn Peter Wiltz
Ernestina T. Elizondo	Rose Foucher
Ruby Goff	Dorothy Petru
Toni Weber	Elsy Thomas
Veva Harrison	

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	SGT 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

Gerry Mata	Louisa Bent
Victor Rodrigues	Maria Marrero
Kathryn Mault	Rolando Ocampo
Maria Mata	Margaret Fiore
Tommy Boney	Josefina Serrano
Perla Boyoneta Cuaycony	Ikechukwu Obiekwe Nwana
Zenaida Lim Pruna	Benjamin Castro Guzman

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 22

- 10:00 a.m. CLOW Session
- 10:00 a.m. Becoming Catholic Session
- 01:00 p.m. JR Legion of Mary Meeting
- 01:00 p.m. Breaking Open the Word RCIA
- 06:30 p.m. LifeTeen & BEYOND

Monday, September 23

- 09:00 a.m. MDO Class
- 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, September 24

- 09:00 a.m. MDO Class
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study AM Session
- 04:15 p.m. Elem Faith Form Session C
- 06:00 p.m. Elem Faith Form Session D
- 07:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 07:00 p.m. Bible Study PM Session

Wednesday, September 25

- 09:00 a.m. MDO Class
- 06:30 p.m. EDGE Session
- 06:30 p.m. SVDP Ministry Meeting

Thursday, September 26

- 06:15 a.m. That Man is You (TMIY)
- 09:00 a.m. MDO Class
- 04:00 p.m. Men's ACTS Sendoff
- 07:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Friday, September 27

- 06:00 a.m. Men's Scripture Reflection
- 07:00 p.m. Talleres de Oracion y Vida
- Men's ACTS Retreat

Next Saturday, September 28

- 02:00 p.m. SAM Filipino Ministry Meeting
- Men's ACTS Retreat

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

I am fascinated by minor Gospel characters. These people — the rich young man, the adulterous woman, the teachers at the temple — share the stage with Jesus only briefly. They bear passing but powerful witness to crucial moments of his earthly ministry. They breathe the air he breathes. They hear the sound of his voice. Some of them feel the touch of his skin.

And then they go on with their lives and disappear into obscurity. They become just another one of us.

I think of the child who sat in Jesus' lap while he said those famous words: *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

What did the boy think? Did he understand the words, or did he only know that they were gently spoken? Did he only think to himself how kind was the face of this man, and how consoling and warm his embrace?

I picture this child growing up. Perhaps he married and loved his wife and children. Perhaps he was happy, or perhaps he was not. Perhaps he became wealthy or was even wealthy to begin with. Perhaps he, like so many other children of that era, had only a very short life, and returned quickly to the arms that enveloped him that day in Capernaum.

We don't know. But we know he was there: he saw Christ, he felt him, he heard him. We sigh to think of it. *How lucky. If only we could, too. Then it would be easier. Then we could be holy.*

But we are all this child in Capernaum. We are all the woman at the well. We are all the centurion at the cross. Every time we kneel before the Host and hear the words "This is my Body," we occupy the same earthly time and space as the Messiah, and he fixes upon us the same gaze he fixed upon them.

We all bear witness. We receive him, and then we go back to our lives, our ordinary lives. Do we carry him with us? Do we dare?

"I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness." — Psalm 54:6

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Spiritual Journey



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism

To baptize your child at our parish, you must be a registered parishioner or live within our boundaries. For children older than age seven or Adults seeking Baptism, please contact the Parish office for information about the RCIA process.

Holy Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact the Parish office nine to twelve months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process at St. Angela Merici. One member of the engaged couple needs to be a Baptized Catholic.

Anointing of the Sick/Homebound

Any parishioner who is scheduled for surgery is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, prior to hospitalization. We will hold an anointing of the sick every other month on the second Saturday during the 9AM mass. Parishioners who are seriously ill, and the elderly may also be anointed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

First Communion/First Reconciliation

Students preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, at a minimum, must have regularly attended Catholic Faith Formation classes the year prior to their sacrament year (this could be through a parish Faith Formation program or Catholic school) and be at least seven years of age.

Confirmation

Confirmation at St. Angela Merici must have at least one year prior preparation in Life Teen, Faith Formation or Catholic school and then complete a year of immediate preparation before receiving the sacrament and be at least in tenth grade.

To learn more about any of the Sacraments at St. Angela Merici please visit our website or call the Parish Office at 281-778-0400

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

St. Angela Merici has experienced Spiritual Directors to accompany you (in English and in Spanish) as you more deeply explore your questions about a relationship with God and others. Here are some gifts of spiritual direction:

- Notice and savor your experiences of God.
- Grow in relationship with God, self, others, and creation.
- Deepen your freedom to live a more authentic life.
- Integrate spirituality into your daily life.
- Find understanding, encouragement, and affirmation.
- Celebrate joys and share losses.

To meet with a spiritual director or to obtain more information contact **Kathleen Messina** at kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com or 281-778-9178.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, **"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me"** (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

This week's faith formation question covers "What do you know about Jesus Christ's life on earth". Spend some time talking as a family about how Jesus lived and what He said. First Reconciliation families – if you have any questions concerning your workbook lessons please contact the office. Candy donations for Trunk or Treat are being accepted now! Drop them off as you pick up your child for class.

CLOW(Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) meets during the 10am Mass every Sunday 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. Children who have made their First Communion are asked to remain in the church. 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.



Youth Ministry

EDGE/LIFETEEN

Our 2024-2025 year has begun!! Our kick-offs were a huge success! A big thank you to our Knights of Columbus who came out and grilled hotdogs to feed our teens. EDGE is on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Life Teen is on Sundays following the 5pm mass until 8:00pm.

We look forward to a year filled with fellowship, faith, and fun!!



CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Parent Meetings were very well attended! Thank you to all our parents and teens for spending the evening with us. We look forward to witnessing your faith grow.

Our Confirmation Retreat will be here before we know it!

Confirmation Retreat is November 8-10, 2024. Retreat Registration is open! Please use the QR Code here to register.



Mother's Day Out

MDO THIS WEEK

MDO will be closed Friday, September 27, 2024 On Wednesday and Thursday we will be celebrating Purple Day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We love to have volunteers help with various things throughout the school year. If you are interested, email our director Meredith Canny at stangelaangels@stamericigh.com. Reminder that all volunteers must complete our CMG Connect training to be in the classroom.



Parish and Community Life

ST. ANGELA'S ANGELS

Chapel Visits

Mother's Day Out has begun monthly Chapel in our beautiful church. Led by Father John and Father Joy, our youngest parishioners are hearing the Word of God, learning the ways of Jesus, and practicing our prayers together. We are excited for this new religious experience.



Parish and Community Life

PAINTED CHURCHES TRIP Schulenburg, TX



Join your fellow parishioners on a trip to the Historic German town of Schulenburg, TX on Friday, October 4 to see the painted churches! This is the perfect trip to come and relax after a busy and fast start to school activities with the entire family since FBISD is off that day. The cost of the trip is \$100/per person and will include a charter bus, admission to 4 painted churches and breakfast, lunch and snacks. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code here. We can work out a payment plan if needed.



Schulenburg, TX **Friday, October 4, 2024**

Join your fellow parishioners in a **Tour to the Painted Churches**

COST \$100/person

The COST includes

- Breakfast (Taco, Pastry, Drink)
- Lunch Meal (Buffet)
- Afternoon Snacks and Drinks
- Church Visit Fees (4 churches)
- Continental Charter Bus
- Games & Prizes (in the bus)
- Tips

Register Now

"The Painted Churches are located in the communities of Dubina, High Hill, Moravia, St. John, and Ammannsville. They appear unassuming as you approach them, but as you enter the front doors prepare to have your breath taken away by the incredible beauty found inside."

For any questions, call the Parish office or please contact our Director of Adult Faith Formation, Claudia Sereno: adultff@stamericigh.com

THE FLAVORS OF ST. ANGELA SAM Cookbook

We are looking to publish a cookbook that delights the tastebuds and celebrates the wonderful diversity we have here at St. Angela Merici! Parishioners are invited to consider contributing up to FOUR recipes for consideration for "The Flavors of St. Angela." Selected recipes will appear in the cookbook in time to make the perfect Christmas gift! Please use the QR code here to submit your recipes. The deadline to submit is **September 22**.



FIRST SUNDAY EVENT October 6

We invite you to join the Indian Community of St. Angela Merici on Sunday, October 6, after the 10 a.m. Mass, for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts. The Indian Community of St. Angela Merici is composed of parishioners from various regions of the Indian subcontinent, united by our Catholic faith and a shared commitment to fostering fellowship. We celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity by sharing our unique traditions and heritage with the larger parish. One of our most cherished events is the community-wide Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, the patron saint of India. Please stop by for doughnuts and the opportunity to learn more about the ministry.



Parish and Community Life

TRANSITION OF LIFE SERIES

Four Part Series


When the time comes to transition from this life to the next, are you prepared? St. Angela Merici can help you prepare with a panel of experts in topics of interest to help ANYONE prepare for this inevitable moment. We will hear from attorneys, funeral directors, health care providers and church ministers during this four part series that begins on October 19 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes. Learn more and register to attend by scanning the QR code here.



Saturday, 10am - 12pm

Saint Angela Merici Parish
Parish Life Center

Register Here



- Refreshments will be served
- Door prizes

This information will be open to the public, so register soon. We have limited space.

TOPICS

 October 19, 2024 LAW CARE Presented by a Panel of Lawyers	 November 16, 2024 END-OF-LIFE CARE Presented by Local Funeral Directors
 January 18, 2025 HOME CARE SUPPORT SERVICES (Caregivers) Presented by Healthcare Providers	 March 15, 2025 PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY Presented by Church representatives

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

September 29


Let us come together and invite Mary to intercede for our families and parish community. Join us on Sunday, September 29 after the 10AM mass to pray the rosary together with the Knights of the Columbus.



Join the Knights of Columbus

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

September 29, 2024
after the 10am Mass



JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

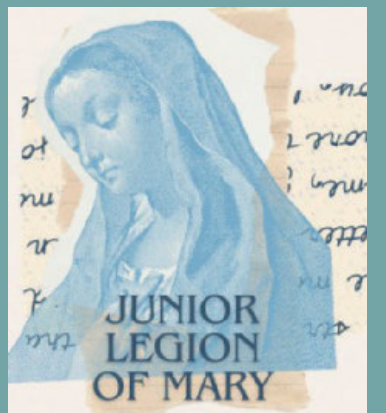
Come Join us!

The Junior Legion of Mary is an association of Catholics affiliated to the LEGION OF MARY that has been long organized here at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. The Junior Presidium is geared towards children less than 18 yrs. of age. Its mission is to enable youth to progress victoriously in wisdom, age, and grace before God and His people. We meet every Sunday at 1:00PM for our regular meetings after the noon mass.

REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS (As per handbook)

- Attendance to regular weekly (sessions of at least one hour)
- Saying the daily Holy Rosary.
- Receive the Holy Communion not less frequently than once a month.

Members will be encouraged towards apostleship and evangelization by works assigned to them during the meeting. Assigned works are simple tasks and will be discussed in depth during our parent meeting. For any questions, please contact: Jessie Chittilapilly, email: jesjose@yahoo.com



KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Give back while you shop!



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.



Parish and Community Life

TAMALE FUNDRAISER

Hispanic Ministry

The Hispanic Ministry needs your help in a fundraiser they have begun. The money collected will help with organizing and providing food for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe that will take place on 12/12/2024. To participate in the fundraiser, scan the QR code here. Please share this information with as many friends as you can. The more sales we have, the more we can contribute back to the parish. The sales will run until October 10. Distribution will be in the main Church Building on Friday, October 25 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, September 25** at 6:30PM in the SAM room. If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please contact Maggie Woods: stamsvdp@gmail.com.

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



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 26

Please join us for our 14th annual trunk or treat here at the Parish. Saint Angela Merici coordinates this event with the effort of bringing the community together to celebrate "community" and "family" in a safe environment and by sharing our gifts and talents with others. Child-friendly and religious-decorated vehicle trunks and costumes are encouraged. We will have food and games provided by the Knights of Columbus as well as prizes for best costume! We are also asking for candy donations to make this event a success! Please scan the QR code here for more details and ideas for your trunk!



NEWLY BAPTIZED PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

Julian Eduardo Baez



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.

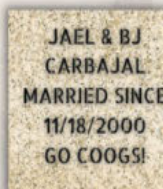
This is a wonderful way to give recognition to a family, individual (living or deceased), or an organization as a lasting display of your support and connection to our faith community.



4 X 8 BRICK PAVER
\$200



8 X 8 BRICK PAVER
\$400



8 X 8 LEGACY GRANITE PAVER
\$800

Scan the QR code to purchase online, visit www.stamericigh.com or call 281-778-0400.

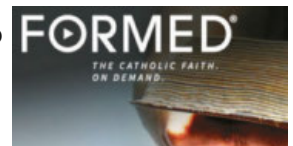


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CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Knights of Columbus

The Saint Angela Merici Knights of Columbus Council 14617 is proud to sponsor the 2024-2025 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good. It governs our acts, orders our passions, and guides our conduct by reason and faith. It also encourages Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. The call to live a virtuous life applies to individuals in every state of life and occupation, including our elected leaders. In an essay of 500-750 words, what are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

- Deadline to enter essay contest: September 22, 2024
- Deadline to submit essay: September 30, 2024
- Submission must be in paper form with entry form attached. If mailed, the postmark must be no later than September 30, 2024.
- Parish level award for winning essay for each grade is \$50. Top award at international level is \$300 (two \$100 runner ups).

For entry form please contact: Ronald Tharappel

- 713-201-4029 (mobile) Please leave message or text
- a0602386@yahoo.com

Parish and Community Life

RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

October



October is Respect Life Month and once again the Knights of Columbus will be holding a fundraiser and supply drive supporting the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center, PRMC (Home (prmcfortbend.org) in Rosenberg. We will be distributing fundraising baby bottles after each Mass on the weekend of September 28-29. Parishioners are asked to take the bottles home and place their monetary donations in the bottle and return them to the donation bin, along with any supplies throughout the month of October. See needed items below in the image. You can also use the attached QR code to make a monetary donation as well. Last year we able to donate just over \$3,200 in cash, let's strive for \$5,000 in 2024.

We also invite all parishioners to join us at the Sugar Land Life Chain on Sunday, October 27. Please join fellow ProLife advocates from neighboring parishes and churches to stand as witnesses to Life along Highway 6 from 2:00-3:30 PM. For more information please visit Life Chain - Christian Voices for Life - Sugar Land, TX or contact Ed Young dad22great-kids@gmail.com, 832-310-4190.

Essentials for Baby

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- Pull Ups
- Wipes
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Formula
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 - Clothing 3-5T
 - Equipment
 - Furniture

Essentials for Mom

- Toiletries: Body Wash, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Deodorant, Lotion, etc.
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Gift Cards

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Register Now



Symbolon: The Faith of the Church is an adult bible study series comprised of 16 sessions. Sessions will begin on 9/24 with registration open now. In this new series, you will embark on a journey through salvation history and the core teachings of the Catholic faith using the Creed as a guide. You will gain a deeper understanding of truth and be inspired by beauty as Symbolon explores the Church in America and worldwide. You will walk away encouraged that the glory of the Catholic Church is closer than you think. This session will be offered at two different times every Tuesday: 10:00AM-12:00PM or 7:00PM - 9:00pm, you can choose which one to attend. Scan the QR code here to register.



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 reportphishing@apwg.org

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

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 2100 households. Please visit our website www.stamericigh.com for Parish registration forms.

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SEPTEMBER 15TH PEW COLLECTIONS

24th Sunday Ordinary Time \$10,751
Registered Households 2168

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

August Monthly Budget \$101,087
August Offertory \$44,453
August Online Giving \$66,237
OVER/UNDER August \$9,603
OVER/UNDER Fiscal YTD \$15,640

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2024 DSF GOAL \$53,800
Amount Received \$61,709
Participants 218

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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.

Campaign Goal	\$3,700,000
Total Pledged	\$3,911,487
Remaining Goal	(\$211,487)
Loan Balance	\$5,560,134
Pledges Collected	\$2,831,619
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