



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 6, 2024 | Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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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

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

Psalm

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

Second Reading

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 9:11)

Gospel

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2024

Sunday | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday | Our Lady of the Rosary

Tuesday |

Wednesday | St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Thursday |

Friday | St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday |

Next Sunday | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2024

Sunday | Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday | Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday | Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday | Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday | Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday | Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday | Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday | Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917) was born in the village of Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, Italy. Young Frances dreamed of being a missionary. She was educated to be a teacher by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was refused entry to the order due to her poor health. Instead, she worked as a teacher and administrator at an orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, run by the Sisters of Providence. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit, adding Xavier to her name in honor of St. Francis Xavier.

When the orphanage closed in 1880, she founded the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1887, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini sought an audience with Pope Leo XIII, to seek permission to go as missionaries to China. He famously told her to go "not to the East, but to the West," and in 1889 she and six other sisters departed for New York, to serve Italian immigrants in the United States. However, anti-Italian and anti-immigrant attitudes were prevalent at the time, even in the Church. When she arrived, the archbishop advised her to go back to Italy. Undeterred, she provided education and healthcare within the Italian Catholic immigrant community.

At first, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini followed and served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S., becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1909. Eventually she also founded institutions in Central and South America and Europe. Overall, she established 67 schools, hospitals, and orphanages. She was also known for her deep spirituality, often entering a trancelike state during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

She died in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She was canonized in 1946 by Pope Pius XII, the first United States citizen to be canonized. She is the Universal Patron of Immigrants. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 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: October 5 - October 13

† Deceased

Saturday October 5 09:00 a.m. † Lauren Benoit 05:00 p.m. † Minerva Garza
Sunday October 6 08:00 a.m. Private Special Intention 10:00 a.m. † Mathews Kakkanatt 12:00 p.m. Private Special Intention 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday October 7 09:00 a.m. † Blanca H. Muñiz
Tuesday October 8 09:00 a.m. Ellaine
Wednesday October 9 09:00 a.m. † All souls
Thursday October 10 09:00 a.m. Thomas Family 07:00 p.m. † Matilde Ramos
Friday October 11 09:00 a.m. † Raul & Lilia Garza
Saturday October 12 09:00 a.m. † Jose Toruno 05:00 p.m. † Mr. T.O. Thomas
Sunday October 13 08:00 a.m. Sarah 10:00 a.m. † Thankamma Jose 12:00 p.m. † Joe & † Esperanza Zamora 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for Them

OUR SICK

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

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, October 6

- 10:00 a.m. CLOW Session
- 10:00 a.m. Becoming Catholic Session
- 11:00 a.m. First Sunday Event
- 01:00 p.m. JR Legion of Mary Meeting
- 01:00 p.m. Breaking Open the Word (RCIA)
- 06:15 p.m. Moms of Teens Meeting
- 06:30 p.m. LifeTeen & BEYOND

Monday, October 7

- 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, October 8

- 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
- 07:00 p.m. Discernment Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

- 06:15 a.m. That Man is You (TMIY)
- 07:00 p.m. Financial Peace University

Friday, October 11

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

Next Saturday, October 12

- 09:00 a.m. Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 09:45 a.m. Rosary Rally

PRACTICING CATHOLIC

As far as I know, no one has ever woken up in the morning, looked out the window, and thought, "This is a beautiful sunrise. I'll have to be very careful not to let it make me happy."

But I'm certain that every day, lots of people — including, on not-infrequent occasions, myself — have woken up and remembered something that happened the day before. Something that made us feel upset or frustrated or insulted. And we thought to ourselves, "That makes me so, so angry." And we've pictured the face of the person who made us feel that way, and we have scoffed with disgust.

And we hold onto that anger because anger feels so much better than sadness. And deep within ourselves, in the place where we feel all the love and pain and confusion that is inherent in human existence, we harden.

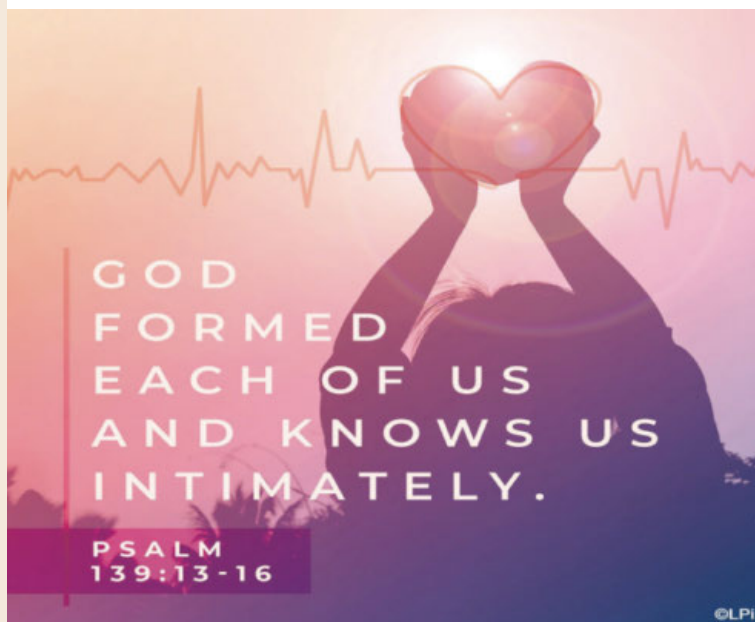
Nobody ever intends to be hard-hearted. That's just the stuff of Bond villains and horror flicks. No, in real life a hardened heart isn't a conscious choice. It's a reflex. It's just us trying to protect ourselves, to be strong — or, at least, to embody the version of strength offered by a fallen world.

A heart of stone is not so easily scratched, you see. But it's also not so easily warmed or touched or moved.

A heart hardened by resentment and pain and anger is not just protected from injury. It is protected from the impact of the whole spectrum of tender feelings. It is not open to forgiveness, so it cannot feel the rush of life-giving mercy. It is closed off to new ideas, so it can never feel the awe of discovery.

There is a reason we are called to guard ourselves against hard-heartedness. God gave us hearts of flesh and blood. They are hearts that can be broken, yes — but also, they are hearts that can be made new.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Spiritual Journey



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism

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

Holy Matrimony

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

Anointing of the Sick/Homebound

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

First Communion/First Reconciliation

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

Confirmation

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

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

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

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

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathizing with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, “Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?” I replied, “Actually, Jesus’ teaching is what’s difficult.” He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

We opened the Bible and together read today’s gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, **“Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her...”** My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn’t know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, **“Let the children come to me.”** The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren’t yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church’s demanding teaching on marriage, it’s best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves.

— *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

In this week's faith formation classes, we will spend time saying a decade of the Rosary together. Rosaries were made with love for each child by the Legion of Mary. A big THANK YOU goes out to them!

Look for information on our early Advent Service Project in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus benefitting the Gabriel Project. Items will be assigned by grade levels and collected the week of October 21 and October 28. 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

We are off to a great start! Both EDGE and Life Teen toured the Church during our last sessions, spending time in the sanctuary of the church where God is present and where they can encounter him and be able to identify liturgical items in the church.

EDGE is on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Life Teen is on Sundays following the 5pm mass until 8:00pm.

CONFIRMATION

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 below to register.

EDGE/LIFETEEN CONTEST

Bulletin Hunt!! Do you know who the Saint of the Week is? Pick up and bulletin tell us at our next session! Tell us: 1) The Saint of the week and 2) What the Saint is known for. Prizes will be awarded!!



Mother's Day Out



MDO THIS WEEK

Children will be attending their Chapel on Monday 10/7 & Tuesday 10/8. MDO will be closed for Fall Break October 10-15, 2024.

PROJECT ST. NICK VOLUNTEERS!

Calling all Elves! Project St. Nick is looking for adult volunteers to help plan this year's event. Project St Nick is a family event; featuring multiple stations including: photo with Santa, cookie decorating, a saint play, games and a service project. We would love to have your help! Reach out if you have any questions, stangelaangels@stamericigh.com



ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH PICNIC

pickleball • cornhole • karaoke • games for all ages

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16**

Mass: 11am

Picnic: 12-3pm

Enjoy pizza & beverages while
supplies last! Bring lawn chairs for
your family and a dessert to share.



Bring your family, bring your friends!

**RSVP by
NOV. 11**



Parish and Community Life

MOSA FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

October 18

From expecting moms to empty nesters, and from moms of tots to moms of teens, we are a group of moms with children of all ages looking to create lasting friendships and spiritual relationships with other moms within our parish! Join us on Friday, October 18 at 7:00PM for our monthly Faith and Fellowship Gathering, which we host each 3rd Friday of the month. We will be meeting in the John Paul II Room in the PLC and continue our series with 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! We will be using the same book from last year, but if you don't have one, you can purchase yours online. Please see our MOSA Facebook page or email us at momsofsaintangela@gmail.com to sign up or for more details!



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 or drop off paper copies of your recipes to the Parish office. Proceeds from sales of the cook book will go towards the Capital Campaign.



ROSARY RALLY

October 12



Join the 2024 Public Square Rosary Crusade, sponsored by the Filipino Ministry. We will be reciting the Holy Rosary starting in the church after the 9:00AM mass on October 12. Our rally will end at the Virgin Mary statue behind the PLC. For more information contact the Filipino Ministry members below. We hope to see you all there!

Fe Blalack, 713-624-0951

Lilibeth Ramas, 832-866-8949

Corazon Matillano, 281-299-1118

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.



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 here and enter NPO #UA485 for St. Angela Merici. 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.



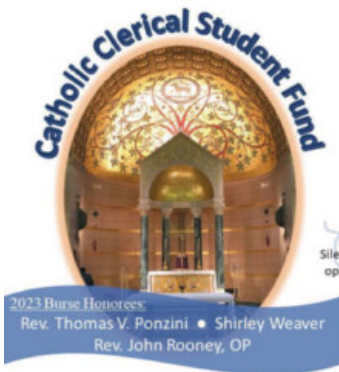
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Parish and Community Life

HONORING FR. JOHN ROONEY

October 12



You are cordially invited to the Catholic Clerical Student Fund luncheon with His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo for the presentation of the CCSF Gift benefiting St. Mary's Seminary and recognizing the Bursar Honorees.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

10:30am Doors open
Luncheon in Borski Hall
Presentation of Burses

Silent auction
opens 10:30

St. Mary's Seminary
9845 Memorial Dr.
Houston, TX 77024

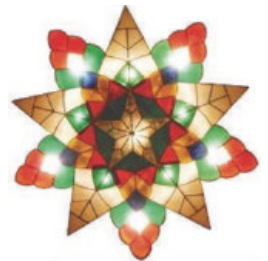


\$35 tickets available for purchase at QR code or <https://bit.ly/ccsfuncheon>

SIMBANG GABI

Filipino Ministry

St. Angela Merici parish community is celebrating its 14th annual Simbang Gabi (Advent Novena Mass) on Friday, December 20 starting at 6:30 pm with carols and a novena Mass at 7:00 pm. Participants are needed for the choir (singers and instrumentalist), Liturgical Ministry, Environmental and Fellowship Team. Sign up sheets and information will be available after all masses on October 19 and October 20. Please get involved and know that you and your family have a hand in making this event a success.



PROJECT ST. NICK

Adult Volunteers Needed

Calling all Elves! Project St. Nick is looking for adult volunteers to help plan this year's event on Saturday, December 7. Project St Nick is a family event featuring multiple stations including: photos with Santa, cookie decorating, a saint play, games and a service project. Our MDO program would love to have your help! Please reach out if you have any questions, stangelaangels@stamericigh.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please scan the QR code in the image.



BENEFIT FOR LIFE GALA

October 11



The 2024 Annual Benefit for Life Gala is just a few weeks away and the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center is delighted to welcome special guest speaker and avid pro-life supporter, Angelica Park!

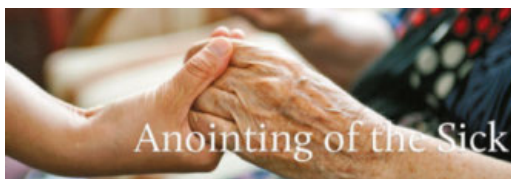
During her time in high school, Angelica became outspoken about the rights of the unborn. She had always grounded her pro-life beliefs in her Catholic faith, recognizing each and every person is made in the image of God. From zygote to embryo to fetus to newborn, Angelica was fascinated by the complex process of human development. To her, the facts were very clear – life begins at the moment of fertilization. With this knowledge in hand, she knew she had to speak out against the injustice of abortion.

In 2020, Angelica brought her pro-life convictions to the national stage as she performed the National Anthem at the March for Life preceding President Donald Trump's address. The previous day, Angelica also spoke directly to her peers at the March for Life Youth Rally alongside Charlotte Pence Bond and Abby Johnson. Through her pro-life work, Angelica desires to bring courage to these mothers and to the pro-life generation. Don't miss your chance to hear Angelica deliver an inspiring message at the PRMC "In His Image" Gala on October 11! Scan QR code to purchase tickets!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

October 12

We will have anointing of the sick on Saturday, October 12 during the 9AM mass. Any parishioner who is scheduled for surgery is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, prior to hospitalization. Parishioners who are seriously ill, and the elderly may also be anointed. We invite all who are ill to come and allow us to pray over you! As a reminder, we hold a special anointing of the sick every other month on the second Saturday of the month.



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 tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

Our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, October 9** 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!



NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

The Bandoy Family



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!**

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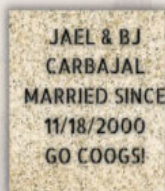
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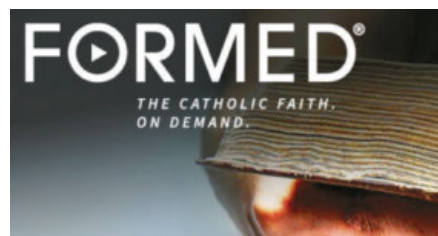
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SILVER ROSE PILGRIMAGE

October 19

The Knights of Columbus invites parishioners to come and participate in a special ceremony after the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, October 19, marking the visit of the Traveling Silver Rose and life in all its stages. Each year eight Traveling Silver Roses start their journey in various locations in Canada on the Feast of the Annunciation making their way to Mexico City. The Roses stop at different parishes along their separate way to remember the story of the patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and to celebrate life in all its stages. At the final stop in Mexico City, the Roses are presented to our Lady on her feast day of December 12. It is an honor to have the Rose visit St. Angela Merici and we hope you will come and celebrate with us.



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. Parishioners are asked to fill the baby bottles they took home last weekend with monetary donations and also donate the supplies needed for the PRMC all month long. See the 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 Pro-life 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.

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- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Gift Cards

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD

October 26

Proclaimers of the Word give human voice to the word of God in the assembly at Mass There will be a mandatory Proclaimer of the Word training for all who are interested in serving as lector and those ministers who are within their first or second year of service on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning in the church. Any lector who is interested in a refresher of the Proclaimer of the Word practices is welcome to join us from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the church.

For any questions, please contact Mazie McCoy: mzmccy@aol.com.

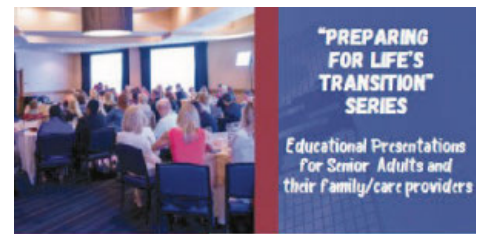


TRANSITION OF LIFE SERIES

Four Part Series



Our first speaker for this series is Timothy P. Alcorn, Attorney at Law. His presentation on October 19 on law care will inform of relevant documents to have ready in life and at the time of death. We will also have various vendors with information that will help you prepare for life's transition. You will get an opportunity to win door prizes, provided by the vendors. Space is limited so we encourage you to register soon. Learn more and register to attend by scanning the QR code here.



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.

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26th Sunday Ordinary Time	\$12,698
Registered Households	2171

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	\$62,281
Participants	220

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Campaign Goal	\$3,700,000
Total Pledged	\$3,911,577
Remaining Goal	(\$211,577)
Loan Balance	\$5,560,134
Pledges Collected	\$2,856,848
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