



ST. ANGELA MERICI

CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 26, 2025 | The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

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Welcome to St. Angela Merici

“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

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

Psalm

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2025

Sunday | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday | St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday | St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday |

Thursday |

Friday | St. John Bosco, Priest

Saturday |

Next Sunday | The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2025

Sunday | Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday | Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday | Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

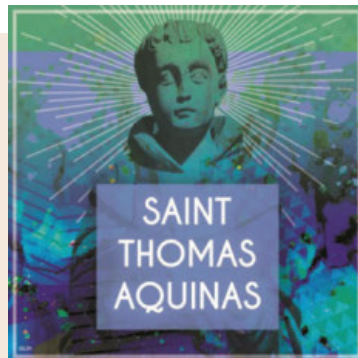
Wednesday | Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday | Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday | Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

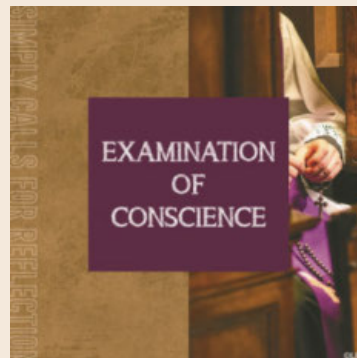
Next Sunday | Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

Mon 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 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: January 25 - February 2

† Deceased

Saturday January 25

09:00 a.m. Abby Abraham
 05:00 p.m. † Vicente D. Muñiz, Sr.

Sunday January 26

08:00 a.m. Private Special Intention
 10:00 a.m. Frank Corridore
 12:00 p.m. † Aaron Mate
 05:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday January 27

09:00 a.m. † Lourdes R. Muñiz

Tuesday January 28

09:00 a.m. Arthur and Marilyn Henley

Wednesday January 29

09:00 a.m. † Mariamma Changummulayil

Thursday January 30

09:00 a.m. Robbie Maasberg
 07:00 p.m. Dominic Corridore

Friday January 31

09:00 a.m. Private Special Intention

Saturday February 1

09:00 a.m. Joseph Corridore
 05:00 p.m. † Aaron Mate

Sunday February 2

08:00 a.m. † Yolanda Moy
 10:00 a.m. † Peter Panaligan
 12:00 p.m. Isa Corridore
 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
Zelie Murray	Carter Vann
Elvira Sta. Ana	Cindy Corbett
Kristian Lewis-Fernando	Anne Higgins
Renee Robbins	Monica Ruiz
Gary Bentz	Glenn Peter Wiltz
Kit Messa	Rose Foucher
Ernestina T. Elizondo	Dorothy Petru
Ruby Goff	Elsy Thomas
Toni Weber	Stephen Long
Veva Harrison	Suzanne Long
Mary Mauricio	Doris Korenek
Sally Bowden	Marguerite Haas

OUR MILITARY

PFC Jonathon Rivas, US Army	Melina Thompson, US Coast Guard
Major Jose Carrejo, Army Reserve	GSM2 Surface Warfare DePlata
Spec. Nicholas Watts	Lt. Tyson Stickler, US Navy
USN Air Corps Robert Mangan	Juan P. Muniz II, US Navy
Col. James Romero, US Army	SGT Nathan J. Hoelker, US Army
Col. Jonathan Esparza, US Air Force	Capt. Samantha L. Guerrero,
BU3 Matthew Roche	USMC Artillery Division
Sailor Denzel Buzon, US Navy	CPL Andrew Molina, US Army
PVT Jonathan Villasenor, US Army	

OUR DECEASED

Roger Yurko	Louisa Bent
Maria Mata	Maria Marrero
Tommy Boney	Rolando Ocampo
Perla Boyoneta Cuaycony	Margaret Fiore
Zenaida Lim Pruna	Josefina Serrano
Diane Mangan	Ikechukwu Obiekwe Nwana
Kim Ralph Hernandez	Benjamin Castro Guzman

Happening this week

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 26

10:00 a.m.	Breaking Open the Word
10:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00 a.m.	Parish Ministry Fair
01:00 p.m.	Parish Ministry Fair
01:00 p.m.	Jr. Legion of Mary Meeting
02:30 p.m.	KC Free Throw Contest
05:30 p.m.	Moms of Teens Meeting
06:30 p.m.	LifeTeen & BEYOND Sessions

Monday, January 27

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

Tuesday, January 28

09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study AM Session
04:15 P.M.	Elem Faith Form Class Session C
06:00 P.M.	Elem Faith Form Class Session D
06:30 P.M.	Finance Council Meeting
07:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
07:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study PM Session

Wednesday, January 29

09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
10:00 a.m.	Quilt Plus Ministry Meeting
01:00 p.m.	ACTS Women's Lead Meeting
06:30 p.m.	EDGE Session

Thursday, January 30

06:15 A.M.	That Man is You (TMIY)
09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out
06:00 p.m.	EMHC Formation Meeting
07:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
07:00 p.m.	Workshops of Prayer & Life

Friday, January 31

06:00 a.m.	Men's Scripture Reflection
09:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Out

Next Saturday, February 1

10:00 a.m.	Baptismal Class
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PRACTICING CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days
"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

- 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 young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby sister!” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is “fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize this man is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— *Father John Muir*

Elementary Faith Formation

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Classes return this week - January 27 and 28 with the Circle of Grace lesson plan.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

True North VBS will be held June 9-13 and planning is already under way! Visit our table at Ministry Fair to find out about ADULT LEAD volunteer positions that are available.

CLOW(Children's Liturgy of the Word)

CLOW is held each week during the 10am Mass.

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 hope you all weathered the cold! Burr.... We will be back in session Sunday, January 26 for Life Teen and Wednesday, January 29 for EDGE. EDGE parents, don't forget this is the second part to our social media series and YOU ARE INVITED, again! See you then.



GUMBO COOK-OFF

Join us for a day filled with fun, food, and fellowship! Our Gumbo Cook-Off set for Saturday, February 8th! Do you like to cook gumbo? If so we have 5 team spots left. We are still accepting your generous donations and sponsorships, in addition to discounted ticket sales. Scan the QR code below for more details. Please consider this wonderful event to support the youth ministry in our parish.



Mother's Day Out

MDO THIS WEEK

This week for Religion the children will be learning about St. Angela Merici and her role as a Catholic religion educator. MDO will be hosting First Sunday Donuts on February 2nd, after the 10 am mass. Please come by and learn about our great program.



FALL CLASS REGISTRATION

New Student Registration begins February 3rd at 9am. Mother's Day Out is a preschool program for children ages 2 years to 4 years. For information, and to download the Registration Form, please visit our website by scanning QR code here. To schedule a tour, please email Meredith Canny at stangelaangels@stamericigh.com.



Parish and Community Life

MISSION APPEAL VISIT

February 1/2

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As you are well aware, each year every Parish in our Archdiocese is asked to become more conscious of and more involved in the Missionary Activity of the Catholic Church throughout the world by participating in the Mission Co-op Plan of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Our Missionaries for our (belated) 2024 Mission Appeal, are the Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, from Reading, Pennsylvania. Since they are coming a little late – on the weekend of February 1 and 2.

Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC, will visit us here at St. Angela Merici to talk about the Missionary work of her Congregation. The MSC Sisters were founded in 1900 - specifically to be missionaries -- and are currently serving in 19 countries throughout the world including: India, Namibia, Angola, the Philippines, Perú, Guatemala, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Korea, China, and Vietnam. Their work among the “poorest of the poor” is amazing, but they need our help to be able to accomplish it. As we reflect on the Blessings we experienced just a few short weeks ago, during the Christmas season, may our gratitude include giving thanks to God for the gift of being able to freely practice our FAITH here in the USA – and may our gratefulness be reflected in our generosity to the Missions – knowing that in this way we will share in the Mission work of our Church and support Sister Lisa and all the MSC Sisters. May God bless you throughout the coming New Year with peace and joy.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Stay Up to Date



All volunteers and members of ministries, groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin to volunteer or participate in ministries, groups, movements, and organizations at St. Angela Merici. In addition, the mandatory renewal training must be completed every 5 years and a new background check submitted before the 5-year expiration of prior training. To ensure you receive notifications, please update your email address in the CMGConnect today.

Scan the QR Code to take you to our training page and learn more about Safe Environment requirements as well as go to CMG Connect.



Keeping Children & Youth Safe
Safe Environment Program

BAPTISM CLASS

February 1

If you are interested in baptizing your infant, zero to under seven years of age. Our next class is on Saturday, February 1. Baptisms in English are on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month after the 12pm Mass (at 1:30pm). In 2025 only the Easter Sunday (which falls on a 3rd Sunday) will not be a Sunday of baptisms. Please visit our website to learn more about the requirements and register to attend a pre-baptismal class by scanning the QR code here.



FIRST SUNDAY EVENT

February 2

Please join us for donuts after the 10am Mass on Sunday, February 2 to learn more about St. Angela's Angels. St. Angela's Angels is a Catholic centered Mother's Day Out (MDO) program. Our program is open to any child no matter of race or religious beliefs, provided our program can meet the needs of that child. This program is for children 2 years old to 5 years old.



Parish and Community Life

GUMBO COOK-OFF & CARNIVAL

February 8

We are getting ROUX-dy for the 8th annual Gumbo Cookoff on Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 11AM to 3PM! This focal community-wide event benefits the youth ministry programs of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church, and we need your support to help our Youth Ministry flourish! There are three ways to help us with this event!

- Become a sponsor
- Register as a Gumbo cook-off team
- Attend our event!

You can pre-order Gumbo Tickets for our 8th Annual Gumbo Cook-off and Carnival benefiting the Youth Ministry now. All carnival activities, food, beverages, gumbo tasters and bowls will take a minimum of 1-7 tickets each. Get your Gumbo cook-off and carnival tickets now! Scan the QR code here for more information and for any questions, please contact: youthministry@stamericigh.com.



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8TH ANNUAL

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SATURDAY, FEB 8, 11AM - 3PM

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH 9009 SIENNA RANCH RD.

ACTS BAKE SALE

February 8/9

Do you need some yummy snacks for the Super Bowl? Some sweets for Valentine's Day? Stop by the women's Acts table in the Narthex after all of the masses on February 8th & 9th for some homemade goodies. Support our ACTS community with your donations and take home some delicious treats.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." In the month of October, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 17 families, providing \$16,048 in food, utility, rent, bills, and etc. Thank You!

Join us for our upcoming meeting: **Wednesday, February 12** 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



Parish and Community Life

MDO REGISTRATION

February 3

Mother's Day Out will open Registration to the public on February 3 at 9:00am. Availability is first come/ first serve. St. Angela's Angels is a Catholic centered Mother's Day Out (MDO) program. Our program is open to any child no matter of race or religious beliefs, provided our program can meet the needs of that child. This program is for children 2 years old to 5 years old (Must be 2 by September 1st). We offer multiple class options. Our program runs from 9 am - 1 pm, Monday through Friday. For any questions, scan QR code here.



Mother's Day Out Registration

February 3, 2025 - 9:00AM

Ages: 2, 3, and 4 Yrs Old
Class Times: 9AM to 1PM
Class Day Options:
Tues/Thurs
Mon/Wed/Friday
5 day option
*Also offering paid play hour (1 hour extended day till 2PM)

Check us out!
<https://www.stangelaangels.com>

Questions: Email stangelaangels@stamericigh.com

KC FREE THROW CONTEST

January 26

The 17th Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, January 26 starting at 2:30pm at the St. Angela Merici outdoor basketball court. We invite all boys and girls, ages 9-14 to sign up for the contest after each Mass or on the day of the event. The Basketball Court is located just outside the Church building g. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each age bracket, both boys and girls. Each contestant will shoot 15 free throws in their age group and the contestant with the highest number made wins. The winners will continue on to the District, then Regional and State level contests. There is no cost to enter the contest, so sign up and show off your shooting skills! For information or questions, contact Mark Montalbano at mmontalbano@entouch.net.



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of Fort Bend County

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the Literacy Council of
Fort Bend County!

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) & CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

REGISTRATION IS
OPEN FOR SPRING
2025 CLASSES

AT ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
9009 Sienna Ranch Road | Missouri City, TX

Scan the QR code or
call 281.240.8181 to
request information

Do you have a loved one interested in learning English?
Want to work on your US Citizenship? We are considering
having classes offered HERE on our St. Angela Merici
campus starting January 2025! Let us hear from you!



NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME TO OUR ST. ANGELA MERICI PARISH FAMILY

The Benitez Family

The Alghamidi-Gayon Family



Parish and Community Life

PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

January 26

Let's celebrate and grow our ministries here at St. Angela! Are you looking for an opportunity to serve or get involved in some way? Let's find the perfect fit for you! St. Angela's Ministry Fair will take place on January 26 after the 10AM and 12PM masses. You are invited to stop by and visit the current ministries. As baptized persons, we are called to put our God-given gifts and talents to the service of the community. Our ministries will be so happy to welcome you when you stop by to visit them. Here is a list of some of our current ministries you may be interested in joining:

- ACTS Community
- Adult Bible Study
- Elementary Faith Formation
- Filipino Ministry
- Hispanic Ministry
- Hospitality & Reception
- Indian Community
- Knight of Columbus
- Legion of Mary
- Men's Bible Study
- Moms of St. Angela
- Music Ministry
- Quilt Plus Ministry
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
- Safe & Secure Ministry
- Spirituality Book Club
- Spiritual Direction
- St. Angela's Angels
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Teams of our Lady
- That Man is You
- Usher/Greeter Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Youth Ministry



The graphic features a gold cross at the top, with a gold arch below it. The text "Save the Date" is written in a red cursive font. Below that, "ST. ANGELA MERICI" is in a small, black, sans-serif font. "MINISTRY FAIR" is in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. "JANUARY 26" is in a medium-sized, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, "AFTER THE 10 AM AND 12 PM MASSES" is in a small, black, sans-serif font.



END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

In order to be a good steward of the parish's finances, we will NOT be mailing out EOY Contribution Statements this year.

If you use Faith Direct to make your contributions to the parish, you can find a tax statement on your Faith Direct account under Past Gifts/Detailed Giving History & Tax Statements.



If you would like an e-statement from the church, please go to the following link or scan the QR Code here.

Link: <https://www.stamericigh.com/eoy-contribution-statements>

Parish and Community Life

CANDLE SALE

Women's ACTS Fundraiser

Candles will be available for sale at the ACTS registration table during the Ministry Fair on Sunday, January 26. Candles will also be available the weekend of February 1 and 2 before all masses. Each box contains 2 blessed candles with 51% beeswax. All proceeds will benefit the upcoming Women's ACTS Retreat. Each box has 2 candles and is \$15. Cash, check and credit card accepted. Please note that there will be limited quantities sold.



EMHC TRAINING

January 30

If you are interested to serve as an Extraordinary Minister Of Holy Communion, please attend the training on Thursday, January 30 at 6-7PM in the SAM room. The requirements to serve are as follows:



1. A fully initiated Catholic at least 18 years old or a senior in high school and have received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.
2. Living an exemplary Catholic way of life, with no impediments to sacramental reception. If married, must be a Catholic Marriage.
3. Willing to attend Ministry specific educational meetings in the basic theology of the Eucharist as well as the proper handling of the Body and Blood of Christ.
4. Be certified in CMG Safe Environment according to Archdiocesan guidelines.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

KC is Cooking!

Let the Knights help cater your Superbowl party with a delicious smoked brisket or pork shoulder. Both are fully seasoned and cooked to perfection. All you need to do is re-heat, slice and serve. Pork shoulders are available for \$45/each, half a brisket for \$60/each and whole briskets for \$115/each. To order scan the QR code. Orders can be picked up on Saturday, February 8, from 9:45-12:00 in the SAM room. Get them while they last!



NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

February 8

St. Angela Merici is conducting an altar server training for new altar servers on Saturday, February 8 from 10AM to 12PM in the church nave. One parent must attend this training along with their child. Candidates must be 10 yrs old and have completed their 1st communion. For questions, please contact Pius Leung at liturgy@stamericigh.com.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

February 8

We will have anointing of the sick on Saturday, February 8 during the 9:00AM mass. We invite all who are ill to come and allow us to pray over you! 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. As a reminder, we have anointing of the sick every other month throughout the year on the second Saturday of the month. This year's anointings will be on February 8, April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11, December 13 or by appointment.



PARISH PICNIC 2025

Help Coordinate!

We had a great time at our first annual Parish picnic this past November and we would like to keep this event going! We are looking for anyone interested in being part of the planning committee to help with the Parish picnic in 2025! You will be working with the Pastoral council to help coordinate and plan the event. If you are interested or have any questions, please email our business manager, Crystal Iscovitz: business-mgr@stamericigh.com



Parish and Community Life

WOMENS ACTS RETREAT

Now registering!



We invite you to join us on this year's Women's ACTS Retreat! The ACTS retreat meets ladies where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal. Retreatants leave from the Admin Building, the evening of Thursday, May 1st and return on Sunday, May 4th for the 12:00PM Mass. The cost is \$280 for a private room and includes all meals, activities, and transportation to/from the Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center. You must be at least 21 years of age to attend. Registration will be on a first come first-serve basis, with a waiting list thereafter. Questions: Please contact Darla Goolsby at samactswomen@gmail.com or 281-630-2012. Please note that financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee, financial arrangements can be made. Registration is now open using the QR code above.



PARISH EMAIL SCAM

Please Report

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

ST. ANGELA MERICI FEAST DAY

January 27

On January 27, we celebrate the Feast Day of our Parish's namesake, St. Angela Merici. Born in Desenzano, Italy, she was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman, with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a "company" of women.

While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela's sight was restored.

At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula. With Angela as their "mother and mistress," Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows. Angela Merici died in Brescia, Italy, in 1540. Angela Merici was canonized by Pope Pius VII in 1807.



SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requires compliance with applicable laws regarding incidents of actual or suspected child abuse including abuse involving child on child conduct. Failure to report suspected physical or mental abuse or neglect of a child in Texas is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. To report suspected abuse of a minor (person under 18 years of age) by an unknown perpetrator, member of the clergy or by an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese, please immediately contact Child Protective Services (CPS) of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services 800.252.5400 and the local police Department. Please also contact Diane Vines, Victims' Assistance Coordinator: vac@archgh.org or 713-654-5799 (confidential voicemail).



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JANUARY 19TH COLLECTIONS

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	\$9,079
Registered Households	2193

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

December Monthly Budget	\$136,950
December Offertory	\$57,495
December Online Giving	\$70,492
OVER/UNDER December	(\$8,963)
OVER/UNDER Fiscal YTD	\$4,064

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF)

2024 DSF GOAL	\$53,800
Amount Received	\$69,472
Participants	230

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



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Monica Agostinelli | stangelafundraising@gmail.com

Upcoming Second Collection Dates

Mission Appeal: 2/2/2025
Diocesan Services Fund: 2/9/2025



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	\$3,928,750
Remaining Goal	(\$228,750)
Loan Balance	\$5,370,456
Pledges Collected	\$3,084,204
#Pledges Received: 593	% of Parish: 27%



To join us on this journey visit our webpage here: <https://stamericigh.com/capital-campaign>

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