

St. Angela Merici Catholic Church



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2020 Guide Book & Directory

ST. ANGELA MERICI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to our growing Roman Catholic parish in Missouri City, Texas! The parish was created on October 1, 2007. We are under the patronage of St. Angela Merici who founded the Ursuline sisters. The Ursuline sisters were in Texas one year before we were named the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo decided to honor the Ursuline Order by putting this parish under the patronage of St. Angela Merici.

In July 2014, I was appointed pastor of St. Angela by Cardinal DiNardo to continue the good work of Fr. John Rooney. I feel very honored and privileged to be entrusted with such an exciting opportunity. This parish has seen remarkable growth over the last eleven years with several exciting new ministry opportunities to offer. Since St. Angela's is a relatively new parish, I know that many of you have come to us from other parishes. I hope that you will make St. Angela's your new home. I also encourage you to welcome others, who may not know about us, to give us a try.

I sincerely hope that St. Angela will be a place for you to set down roots and that you will help us in the great endeavor that is our Catholic faith. The various ministries outlined here are a way for you to become active and involved in the life of the parish. With the many ministries we offer, there is surely something for everyone.

This is an exciting time for us. This Parish Guide Book and Directory shows the growth that has happened here in this part of Missouri City. We are glad you are now part of the story.

This Parish Guide Book and Directory, along with our Parish Bulletin, our weekly E-MAIL blasts and parish website (www.stamericigh.com) are to help you come to know your parish and to discover all that St. Angela Merici has to offer.

I want to thank the advertisers who made this book possible and encourage you to support them.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. John E. Cahoon, Pastor

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Daily and Weekend Masses are held at our Church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday	9:00 a.m. (Rosary directly before Mass)
Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., & 5:00 p.m. (Life Teen Mass)
Monday	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. (Rosary directly after Mass)

Reconciliation

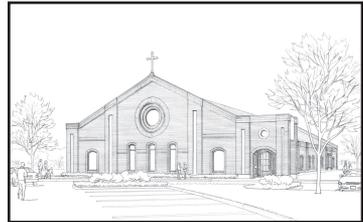
Thursday.....	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Friday.....	9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday	4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday.....	9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
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History of the Parish of St. Angela Merici

Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo established a Catholic parish in Missouri City, founded on October 1, 2007, under the patronage of St. Angela Merici. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston designated 26 acres of property to the parish of St. Angela Merici to build the physical church. Since our founding, we have been ministering to the needs of families in this part of Missouri City.



In July 2007, Cardinal DiNardo named Father John Rooney as founding pastor of St. Angela Merici. After eight months, a facility, the PLEX, was leased in Stafford and our first Mass was celebrated on June 22, 2008. Weekend Masses, as well as religious formation sessions were held at the PLEX until our first building was completed on our property.

On Sunday, September 20, 2009, Archbishop Emeritus, Joseph Fiorenza celebrated the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the PLEX. After Mass, the parishioners of St. Angela Merici gathered at the parish property for a prayer of blessing and a turning of the shovel as we broke ground for the first building on the parish property.

Less than a year later, on September 4, 2010, Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo blessed and celebrated our opening Mass in our new Parish Life Center. The PLC consists of a large gathering space for worship which accommodates 500 people, a meeting room for group gatherings, three large classrooms and a hospitality area.

On July 1, 2014, Father John E. Cahoon became the pastor of St. Angela Merici. Under his direction, a building committee was established, and community members shared their ideas for how best to meet the needs of our growing parish by responding to a parish-wide survey.

Father John and Cardinal DiNardo broke ground for the new church and administration building on June 10, 2016. The project also included renovation of the PLC to accommodate additional classrooms.

On October 30, 2017, Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo blessed the administration building and celebrated a Mass of Dedication in our new church. The new church accommodates over 1,000 people, includes custom stained glass and a 12 foot tall San Damiano Cross suspended behind the altar. Cardinal DiNardo assisted the parish in procuring a first class relic of our patroness, St. Angela Merici. The relic was placed in the base of the altar as part of the Dedication Mass.

On Sunday, November 5, 2017, Archbishop Emeritus, Joseph Fiorenza celebrated the 11:00 am Mass in the new church. After Mass, the parishioners of St. Angela Merici gathered on the parish property for a luncheon celebration.

Future plans for the parish include a parochial school to serve K-8th grade. The property is located at 9009 Sienna Ranch Road across from Baines Middle School.

St. Angela Merici is an active, growing and welcoming parish with over 1800 registered households. We look forward to getting to know you as we build this Church together under the patronage of St. Angela Merici.

Biography of our Patron Saint

Angela Merici, the daughter of a pious, middle class farm family, was



born in Desenzano, Italy in 1474. Her father, sister, mother and uncle all died before Angela was twenty. In 1494, she turned her home in Desenzano into a school, where she educated young girls in the fundamentals of Christianity. On November 25, 1535, Angela formally founded the Order of St. Ursula (the Ursuline Order) in Brescia to educate girls. The Ursuline Order was the first religious order of teaching sisters. Angela died on January 27, 1540 in Brescia, Italy.

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Saint Angela Merici is buried at St. Afra Church in Brescia. She was beatified on April 30, 1768 by Pope Clement XIII and canonized on May 24, 1807 by Pope Pius VII. St. Angela Merici's feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of her death, January 27th.

Dear St. Angela Parishioner,

The Second Vatican Council called the lay Christian faithful to participate in the life of the Church through various ministries that build up the Kingdom of God in our midst. With regard to these ministries the Catechism of the Catholic Church states the following:

The very differences which the Lord has willed to put between the members of his body serve its unity and mission. For in the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission. To the apostles and their successors, Christ has entrusted the office of teaching, sanctifying, and governing in his name and by his power. But the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God. (CCC, 873, AA2)

The ministries presented here represent the desire of the parishioners of St. Angela Merici to serve God in this holy work -- they are as diverse as the People of God in this community. There is something for everyone. Please consider contributing your services to or participating in one of these ministries. I am confident that, if you do, you will find a joy and fulfillment that only service to God can give. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. John E. Cahoon, Pastor



All Adults wishing to Participate in Ministry at St. Angela Merici must be current with Safe Environment training.

The CMG Connect online training **replaces** the former Safe Environment Program (VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children") that was previously offered through our Archdiocese. Individuals are now required to complete all Safe Environment Training online.

CMG Connect is a new web-based platform that will assist us to ensure that all employees and volunteers who are in a position of trust with children and vulnerable adults within our schools and parishes are trained to recognize behavior patterns of potential abusers and provide pro-active measures for preventing abuse in any context.

"Safe Haven-It's Up to You" is a three-part video that provides vignettes of real-life situations to educate the viewer about methods of grooming, desensitization, bullying and neglect, all of which can lead to abuse. Each part of the video is immediately followed by a brief questionnaire to further develop understanding.

Education is the key element of the Safe Environment program. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel and volunteers **over the age of 18, who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, and adults with special needs**, are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Online Training. All individuals must submit to a criminal background check **before they may begin employment or volunteer with ministries, groups, movements, and organizations.**

In addition, all individuals must complete the mandatory online refresher training upon the 5-year anniversary of the prior training and submit a new background check as a condition of continued ministry and/or continued employment in this Archdiocese.

Visit www.stamericigh.com/safe-environment **for more information and to complete the training.**

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan

Sacristans are often referred to as the “caretakers of the sacred liturgy.” This ministry involves preparation work for liturgies, funerals, weddings, etc. A main focus for Sunday Sacristans will be ensuring that all ministers needed for the assigned Mass are present and prepared to execute their ministry. Some Sacristan duties are allocated to the Acolyte, but if an Acolyte is not present, the Sacristan will still be responsible for them.

Contact: Susan Sasso, susansasso@me.com
Debbie Frerich, rjfrerich@greystonebuilder.com

Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)

These lay ministers assist the Ordinary ministers of the Eucharist (priests and deacons) with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist to the faithful at Mass, as well as those in the hospital and the homebound. The Archdiocese requires that all EMHCs be at least 18 years of age or a senior in high school, have received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation and are living a life in communion with the teachings of the Catholic Church. If married it must be a Catholic marriage. The Church also requires that EMHCs be trained in the basic theology of the Eucharist as well as the proper handling of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Contact: Trey & Heather Reichert, heather@brandedwithjoy.com

Homebound Ministry

Homebound Ministers provide Christian fellowship, prayer and Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound. Those in Nursing Homes are visited monthly, along with other Catholics who live there as well. Homebound Ministers are often EMHCs, but if you are not an EMHC and feel a calling to minister to the Homebound, you may be teamed up with an EMHC for homebound visits.

Contact: Kathleen Messina, kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com

Proclaimer of the Word

Proclaimers of the Word give human voice to the Word of God in the assembly at Mass. Those who participate in this ministry should have strong verbal and communication skills, be comfortable reading in front of a large group of people, and possess the willingness to commit oneself to the time, effort and study required for intelligent and sensitive proclamation of the scriptures.

Contact: Paula Perry, psp1959@sbcglobal.net

Altar Guild

Washing and ironing? YES! Someone has to do it. If taking care of laundry is something you find rewarding, this ministry is for you! Members of the Altar Guild care for the altar linens used during all of our Masses. Members of the Altar Guild are scheduled for ministry approximately every other month.

Contact: Mary Crochet, mcrochet@entouch.net

Altar Server

Boys and girls, who have reached the age of 10, are welcome to participate in this ministry. Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon during the Mass by lighting candles, carrying the ritual books as needed, and most importantly, setting a good example for the rest of the worshiping assembly by their active participation in the liturgy. Servers, who are 14 years of age and up, who demonstrate leadership ability, will have the option to be trained as a Lead Altar Server.

Contact: Matt Sasso, sassofamily@entouch.net

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers and Greeters)

Ministers of Hospitality aid in creating a climate of hospitable worship. It is the responsibility of everyone gathered; however, ministers of hospitality are called to set an example for the rest of the assembly. Ministers of hospitality serve the assembly in a variety of ways, from greeting the worshipers as they arrive, reaching out to visitors and newcomers with a helpful hand and welcoming smile, and facilitating the collection and processions. The Ministry of Hospitality is of utmost importance. Our worship will only be truly hospitable when everyone who gathers for liturgy reaches out to those around them with the love of Christ. There is a variety of responsibilities for Ministers of Hospitality, so men, women, and children of all ages, who have a friendly and outgoing personality, may participate in this ministry.

Contact: Martin Simon, mjdsimon1@aol.com

Green Thumb Ministry

Do plants seem to love you? Are you good at keeping plants alive? If so, our plants are begging for your help! We have several plants in the church and more will be added throughout the liturgical season. If plant care is your calling, please consider joining this ministry!



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Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

CLOW is held every Sunday during the School year during the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday Masses. Children 4 years old through 8 years old who have not yet received Holy Communion are invited to participate. Children older than 8 years old are invited to participate in the entire Mass with the congregation. The children hear the same readings and Gospel as the adults in the church. They discuss the topics at their own level, and they are free to ask questions. The environment is positive and friendly. We recite the Profession of Faith and pray our own petitions. Often times the children do an activity before they return to the Congregation to their parents. There is no registration needed for this Ministry. Adult and teen volunteers rotate on a monthly schedule.

Contact: Lorraine Brazil, lori@brazilco.com

“Music should assist the assembled believers to express and share the gift of faith that is within them and to nourish and strengthen their interior commitment of faith... Music can also unveil a dimension of meaning and feeling... which words alone cannot yield.” - Music in Catholic Worship, Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, 1972.

St. Angela Merici Choir (high school & up)

This Choir provides various styles of music and sings SATB (four-part harmony). Previous music experience is helpful, but certainly not required. Participants must simply possess a reasonably good singing voice (the ability to match and maintain pitch) and be willing to commit to rehearsals and liturgies. This choir is for ages 15-100.

Youth and Children's Choir (3rd grade - high school)

If your child loves to sing, joining the choir is a great way for them to be good stewards! Children can lead the assembly in song, helping others to fully and actively participate in the liturgy, just as the adults do! All youth and children in grades 3rd and up are welcome! Cantor role for this group is open to youth in 5th grade and up who are mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence.

LIFETEEN Band (high school and up)

This group's mission is to encourage and support congregational singing by providing good liturgical music in a light, charismatic style; to enhance full, conscious, and active participation of the faithful during liturgical celebrations. Special emphasis is placed on outreach to our teens and young adults.

Contact: Abraham Salas, abrahams@stamericigh.com

Cantor

Cantors must be someone with a skill to sing, a desire to lead, a love for the people, and a faith-filled heart that praises God. Those called to this ministry must commit to independent rehearsal time and preparation. Cantors are usually members of one of the choirs. A training session and refresher sessions for this ministry is required.

Instrumentalists

Instrumentalists heighten the beauty of the music for the assembly. Woodwinds, strings and brass are welcome! Those that wish to share their music during the liturgy may do so regularly, or even seasonally, depending on ability.

An orientation or training session is required to participate in any liturgical ministry.

Please contact Tracy Oliver (tracyoliver@stamericigh.com) for more information.

These sessions are scheduled quarterly and announced through the Grapevine, the Bulletin and on the parish website.

Faith Formation

Infant Baptism (newborn-7 years)

Baptism Preparation is a required class for parents or godparents who plan to baptize a child in the Catholic Church. It is offered every other month from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.. Check for dates at St Angela Merici's website: stamericigh.com

Baptisms are typically celebrated on first (1st) and third (3rd) Sundays of the month after the 12:00 p.m. mass. Baptisms are scheduled individually by contacting the parish office at least one (1) month prior to the baptism.

Opportunities to volunteer: Be a Baptismal class presenter or a member of the hosting Baptismal Team (training will be provided)

Contact: Alicia Quintanilla, aliciaquintanilla@stamericigh.com
Evelyn Flores, lyneve25flo@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School

Is a weeklong event held each summer that teaches elementary aged children about God's love for us. Each day focuses on a short Bible verse or Bible point. The message each day is demonstrated through plays, games, snacks, music, and crafts. Older children and adults teach the children or lead them to various activities. Volunteers are needed each summer. The core leadership team begins monthly planning meetings in January. Volunteers attend at least one training session, possibly more if assisting in an activity. Leadership roles can expect to dedicate an hour a week leading up to VBS, and 3.5 - 5 hours daily the week of VBS.

Contact: stangelavbs@gmail.com

CCE Kid's Club (Pre-K through 5th Grade)

Kid's Club is catechesis for pre-K and elementary age children. Classes are offered on Mondays and Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Classes coincide with the FBISD school year calendar. Catechists and aides are always needed. There is no previous experience necessary just a desire to assist in educating the youth of the parish as they grow in their Catholic faith. Curriculum is provided. *Safe Environment Training is required

Contact: faithformationministries@stamericigh.com

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Children are able to receive their First Holy Communion at the age of discretion --typically seven years of age or second grade. It includes parent-led preparation. The Archdiocese requires that children be in Faith Formation one year prior to preparation for Sacraments – this includes 1st grade Faith Formation through CCE (Kid's Club), Catholic School, or another preparation process.

Contact: faithformationministries@stamericigh.com

RCIA Adapted for Children

Children who have not received their sacraments by the beginning of third grade receive preparation according to their age.

Contact: faithformationministries@stamericigh.com

EDGE (Middle School)

EDGE is faith formation ministry for middle school youth. These youth are on the 'edge' between things of this world and what God calls us to. Our mission is to lead them closer to living life to its fullest in Christ. EDGE meets every Wednesday during the school year, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Youth Room opens at 4 p.m. Band practice begins at 5:30 p.m. Catechists are always needed. No experience necessary. There is a commitment of 2-3 hours per week. *Safe Environment Training is required.

Contact: rebeccaj@stamericigh.com

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is intended to be received in the 10th grade of high school. In order for a teen to receive this Sacrament there must be a clear desire on the part of the candidate and they need two consecutive years of faith formation leading up to confirmation. The program includes one year of Catechesis, generally in 9th grade and one year of Confirmation preparation in the 10th grade, with the reception of the Sacrament in the spring semester.

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LIFETEEN (High School)

LIFETEEN is faith formation for high school teens. The mission is to lead teens closer to Christ. LIFETEEN meets every Sunday during the school year, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Catechists are always needed. No experience necessary. There is a commitment of 2-3 hours per week. We encourage CORETeam to attend 5 p.m. Sunday Mass. *Safe Environment Training is required

Contact: rebeccaj@stamericigh.com

BEYOND (High School, post -Confirmation)

BEYOND is faith formation for teens post-Confirmation. The mission for BEYOND comes from Romans 12:2 that states "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." We strive to show the youth that they still have a place here in the Church after their Confirmation. Then we continue to teach not only what the Church teaches, but how to find it for themselves. Finally, we empower them to turn around and lead by example - fulfilling their mission from their Confirmation to go and make disciples! BEYOND meets every Sunday during the school year alongside LIFETEEN, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Catechists are always needed. No experience necessary. There is a commitment of 2-3 hours per week. We encourage CORETeam to attend 5 p.m. Sunday Mass. *Safe Environment Training is required

Contact: rebeccaj@stamericigh.com

RCIA

RCIA welcomes those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, Catholics who were baptized but have not celebrated all of their sacraments, and/or anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. The process begins in the Fall and is offered on a weekly basis with Sacraments administered on or after Easter, depending one's needs.

Contact: faithformationministries@stamericigh.com

Adult Confirmation

Adults who have received some sacraments, but are missing the sacrament of Confirmation are able to receive formation for approximately a year. The last seven weeks they receive special preparation for the reception of their Sacrament on or close to Pentecost day.

Contact: faithformationministries@stamericigh.com

Marriage

Engaged couples need to contact the parish office 9-12 months prior to the anticipated wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process. One member of the engaged couple needs to be a Baptized Catholic.

Contact: Alicia Quintanilla, aliciaq@stamericigh.com

Marriage Sponsor Couples Ministry

Say, "I DO" to helping engaged couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Sponsor couples are trained to journey with and mentor engaged couples in the privacy of their own home using the guidebook "For Better & For Ever" by Fr. Rob Ruhnke. Book topics include community action, problem-solving skills, parenting, intimacy, finances, spirituality and other marriage issues. This is a great opportunity to share the joys and realities of marriage, while enriching your own in the process, as you and your spouse serve the Lord together in this special ministry.

Contact: Rick Parkinson and Edna Bautista, ekenab@yahoo.com

Liturgical Wedding Coordinators

The Liturgical Wedding Coordinators serve couples getting married at St. Angela. The role of this ministry is to conduct the rehearsal and coordinate the wedding ceremony. They serve as ambassadors for St. Angela. Those who are outgoing, friendly and detail-oriented would be a great fit for this ministry. Training with an experienced member is required. New members observe weddings prior to taking a lead role. Time commitment is as needed for scheduled weddings - typically two hours on the night before the wedding and four hours on the wedding day. The needs vary depending on the scheduled wedding and personal schedule (once a month or once a quarter).

Contact: Susan Sasso, susansasso@me.com

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

NFP is an umbrella term for various approaches to family planning using the natural signs of fertility and infertility in a woman's monthly cycle. In a fertile couple, the man is fertile all the time, while the woman is fertile far less than half the time. By learning the signs of fertility and infertility, a couple can reliably plan their family in harmony with God's plan for human sexuality. When used correctly, NFP has the same range of effectiveness as the most effective artificial means, e.g., the "Pill" ? but without the moral objections and without the side effects. We provide NFP education using the symptothermal method. This method is used throughout the diocese. Classes are held a few times a year.

Contact: Jeff & Ashley Wagner, aeowagner@gmail.com

Anointing of the Sick

Any parishioner who is scheduled for surgery may receive this Sacrament prior to hospitalization. Parishioners who are seriously ill and the elderly may be anointed. Anointing can be scheduled with a priest and Healing Masses with Anointing are scheduled periodically, please call the parish office at 281-778-0400.

Adult Faith Formation and Bible Studies

Various educational and ministry opportunities are offered to adults seeking to become better disciples. As such, one is able to fully participate in the life of the Church. Preparation is offered in the area of biblical and theological studies as well as in history and tradition. Everyone in need of growth in the faith is welcome.

Contact: faithformationministries@stamericigh.com

Men's Bible Study Group

The Men's Bible Study Group is open to all men 18 years old and older and focuses on prayer, scriptural study and fellowship. Each week the focus is on the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings. These readings are discussed from a theological and practical point of view sharing how they are applicable to our lives as men in today's world. The group meets every Friday morning in the St. Angela Merici room and prays an optional Rosary together at 6:05 a.m. The Bible Study itself is at 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Contact: John Hopkins, hopper69247@gmail.com

Formed

Our parish subscribes to a dynamic online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner has access 24/7 to the best Catholic content on any device such as a computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. Access this resource at www.formed.org with the code RCQRM6.

Spiritual Life

Christian spirituality is not just one dimension of the Christian life, it IS the Christian life! St. Angela Merici Parish offers a variety of ongoing and seasonal opportunities for growing in awareness of our relationship with God, leading to our deeper faith, hope and charity as Catholic Christians.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Angela Merici is on Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. with Benediction at 6:45 p.m. Scheduled adorers are given an hour that is convenient for them to spend in the sanctuary of the church. Adorers can pray, read, meditate, or just sit quietly in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Adorers will usually have a partner with the same hour in case there are times when you are unable to make your assigned hour. There are no skill or age requirements, just a desire to sit with the Lord. Volunteers commit to one hour a week.

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BUILD

BUILD stands for **B**ring **U**s **I**nto **L**oving **D**iscipleship and seeks to serve those who are thirsting for a deeper relationship with Christ and the parish community. During BUILD nights, we gather together as a parish family for dinner and a short reflection, followed by Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship. BUILD Nights are family-oriented events and all are welcome. Come BUILD a relationship with the Lord and your fellow parishioners!

BUILD is looking for volunteers who are skilled in event coordinating, marketing, planning/organizational, communication, technology, along with love of Christ in the Eucharist and love of neighbor. BUILD nights are held every other month from August to May and are from 6:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. The BUILD committee meets 1-2 times before each BUILD event for 1-1.5 hours per meeting.

Contact: Marie Murray, marietillema@gmail.com

ACTS Retreat for Men and Women

ACTS stands for **A**doration, **C**ommunity, **T**heology and **S**ervice. A closed retreat is offered for men and women once a year. The retreat begins on a Thursday night and ends on a Sunday afternoon. There are other events organized by and for retreat attendants throughout the year. Attendants participate in parish and community activities with their gifts and talents. Those who have previously attended an ACTS retreat are invited to consider being part of the ACTS Retreat planning team.

Contact: ACTs for Men - Mike Blake, Itbmikeblake@yahoo.com
ACTs for Women - Shelly Kelly, shelly.h.kelly@gmail.com
Noemi Saybe, nsaybe@stamericigh.com

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is available to all those at St. Angela's who would like to become better able to recognize God's voice and live fully the implications of God's call in their lives. Those in spiritual direction usually meet once a month with one of St. Angela's spiritual directors and prayerfully listen for the movements of the Holy Spirit in all areas of their life. The relationship is one of fully confidential companionship. The Director and person in Spiritual Direction choose a mutually agreeable time to meet. Meetings generally last one hour and take place in St. Angela's space dedicated to Spiritual Direction in the Parish Office. St. Angela Merici's Spiritual Directors have all completed a three-year formation program at the Spiritual Direction Institute in Houston

Contact: Kathleen Messina, kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com

Lectio Divina/ Christian Meditation

Lectio Divina/Christian Meditation is a prayer form for any individual seeking a deeper prayer experience in a small group setting. The Gospel for the coming Sunday is read, reflected upon, responded to and meditated upon. A brief orientation will be provided upon arrival.

Please bring your favorite Bible. Lectio Divina/Christian Meditation meets every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Administration building breakroom. Attend as your schedule permits for a one and a half hour prayer experience.

Contact: Clarence Mallett, cmallett@aol.com

St. Angela's Readings in Spirituality Book Club

St. Angela's Readings in Spirituality Book Club approaches key concerns of our faith life through books from a variety of literary genre written by religious and laymen and women. The books are often challenging, sometimes provocative, always leading to lively respectful discussions. All are always welcome -- even if you have not read the book! The Book Club meets six times a year on Tuesday evenings -- once every other month. We seek those who desire to read books related to our Catholic Faith and enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners.

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Kevin Corbett, ktcorbett01@yahoo.com

Pastoral Care

Funerals

The death of a beloved family member can stir up many emotions and the experience can be overwhelming. Though these moments are difficult, it is necessary to make funeral arrangements. To help the grieving family plan the Funeral Mass please contact the Family Life Minister before or after meeting with the Director at the Funeral Home.

Funeral Team -This ministry assists on the day of a funeral preparing for the Funeral Mass and assist with other needs of the family.

The time commitment for this ministry is on an as needed basis.

Contact: Alicia Quintanilla, aliciaq@stamericigh.com

Bereavement Groups

For those experiencing the loss of a loved one, we offer two groups:

- 1) **Seasons of Hope** is a support group centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. The program runs for six consecutive weeks when a group is assembled who would benefit from the program on an as needed basis.
- 2) **Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled** is a support group where participants can gather and share with others who have also experienced loss. The discussion changes each session based on the needs of the participants. This group is held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month September to May.

Contact: The Parish office (281-778-0400)

Prayer Request for intercessions and the sick

You can request our intercession team to pray for your particular intentions by filling out the electronic form found in the RESOURCES section of our website...www.stamericigh.com... or call the Parish Office at 281-778-0400.

If you or someone in your family would like to request prayers you can ask to have the name listed in the bulletin, or more privately ask for prayers from the Prayer Chain, please call the parish office at 281-778-0400

Outreach and Fellowship Ministries

Family Life Ministry

Family Life Ministry works to plan and organize family events, workshops, and social gatherings to strengthen family and parish bonds. Those with organizational, creative, and event-planning skills would be a great fit in this ministry, along with anyone with a desire to share their time and talent. Meetings will vary depending on event. We strive to be a vibrant parish where families can learn and enjoy time together with other parish families.

Contact: Alicia Quintanilla, aliciaq@stamericigh.com

The Knights of Columbus - Council No. 14617

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting charitable, religious and social welfare works, rendering mutual aid and assistance to sick and needy members and their families, and providing insurance products and annuities to benefit members, wives and children. Membership in the Order is open to all Catholic gentlemen over the age of 18. Due to the wide-ranging array of projects, the Knights are involved in, all skill sets and abilities are welcome and needed. The Knights have two regular meetings a month. Individual service projects happen as needed and are spread throughout the week. We are looking for members to commit to 24 hours of service per year. This can be in the form of attending monthly meetings, service projects, rosaries, etc.

Contact: Christopher Breaux, schoonerbreaux@aol.com

That Man is You

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Meetings are held on Thursday mornings, September - May, 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Come as often as you are able.

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Teams of Our Lady

Teams of Our Lady are an international lay movement in the Catholic Church designed to enrich marriage, spirituality and make good marriages better. Teams provide a proven method of increasing and improving prayer life, which will help couples grow closer to God and each other. At the same time, their family will reap benefits as well. A team is comprised of five to seven couples whose marriage is recognized in the eyes of the Catholic Church. The team meets one time per month, rotating from one home to another. The team shares a simple meal, prayer, and sharing on a monthly topic. Couples from all stages of life can be part of Teams of Our Lady.

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Theresians International

Theresians is a global ministry founded in the Catholic tradition. We welcome all women who desire to grow spiritually within a Christian community. Theresians pledge support by prayerfully nurturing, affirming, and empowering one another to become the women God intends them to be. By living according to Five Dimensions -- Spiritually, Vocation, Education, Community, and Ministry, we grow in Gospel values. Meetings occur on the third Wednesdays between September and May, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Each member is expected to either host a meeting or co-host, which includes preparing a portion of the meal. At the meetings, members enjoy a light meal while discussing one of the dimensions.

Contact: SAMTheresians@gmail.com

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate that glorifies God through the holiness of her members (by prayers and devotions) and harvest of souls done through evangelism and charity works. Under ecclesiastical guidance, members work in union with Mary their Queen in crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Jesus Christ on earth.

Those who are 18 years of age and older are members of the senior praesidium, and those under the age of 18 are members of the junior praesidium. No experience is needed, however all active members are expected to report the evangelical or charity work done on a weekly basis. Auxiliary members play intercessory role and are not mandated by the weekly meetings and report of work.

Mother of Mercy Praesidium of St. Angela Merici Parish meets every Saturday in the Parish Administration Office immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass. Weekly meetings are an hour and a half with two additional hours assigned for weekly work. Junior praesidium members spend one hour for the meeting and one hour on weekly assigned works.

Contact: Loretta Odukwe, lorettaodukwe@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. As a reflection of the whole family of God, members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule. Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

St. Vincent de Paul meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.

New applicants must submit an application with two references and undergo a background check with the Archdiocesan Council. Ozanam Training must be taken within one year of acceptance as a Vincentian. All other training is done with fellow Vincentians. Each Vincentian is asked to volunteer with phone duty and home visits at least once a month for a given week and participate regularly in Conference meetings.

Contact: Tom Mathew, stamsvdp@gmail.com

Evangelization Committee

The Committees focus is on furthering the evangelizing catechetical mission of a family-oriented, multi-cultural church of adults, adolescents, and children.

The team provides services to promote lifelong formation so that each person's faith becomes living, conscious and active.

Parish missions for the entire family are offered once or twice a year. Follow-up sessions are offered as needed.

Contact: Noemi Saybe, nsaybe@stamerigh.com

Jackie Burkhalter, burkhaltersena@comcast.net

Welcome Committee

The welcome committee serves to provide a hospitable welcome to new parishioners as well as providing opportunities for parishioners to meet each other. The Committee hosts quarterly Welcome Weekends for each mass providing nametags for each parishioner with a light reception after. Volunteers with a welcoming and upbeat personality are a great addition to this ministry!

Contact: Tracy Ardoin, tracyfrizzell181@hotmail.com or
Heather Reichert, heather@brandedwithjoy.com

Moms of St. Angela (MOSA)

MOSA is a group of moms with children of all ages looking to create lasting friendships and spiritual relationships with other moms within our parish. Through small groups, socials, service projects and more, we strive to encourage and support each other in our God-given roles as mothers. MOSA meets once a month during the school year, as well as socials and service events throughout the year. Monthly meetings generally last 2+ hours on a monthly basis. *Safe Environment Training is required

Contact: momsofsaintangela@gmail.com

Bible Buddies

Bible Buddies is a children's ministry childcare to give care givers an opportunity to partake in other ministries and activities at the church. Bible Buddies ministers to children starting at the age of 12 months. Children will engage in age appropriate religious activities and play. There is a minimum charge for this program and parents must stay on campus at all times. Those who have experience working with children are encouraged to consider volunteering in this ministry. The time commitment varies depending on which ministries we are providing childcare for. *Safe Environment Training is required

Contact: stangelaangels@stamericigh.com

St. Angela's Angels Mother's Day Out Program

St. Angela's Angels Mother's Day Out Program is a Catholic program that welcomes ALL children of God, provided their needs can be met. We will provide a nurturing and child centered environment for them to grow in their faith as well as socially and academically. The ministry is available September through May, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Interested in volunteering? Early childhood experience is preferred along with classroom management and organizational skills. The Directors will provide a CPR and First Aid Curriculum Training. Time commitment to this ministry is approximately 10 hours per week.

Contact: stangelaangels@stamericigh.com

Ladies Bunco

Ladies Bunco is a social ministry to give the ladies of the parish a night of fellowship every month during the school year. To participate in this ministry, no skills are needed, just a desire to meet new people in our parish and community. If you would like to serve in this ministry, helpful skills would be creativity, communication skills and positive energy. Ladies Bunco usually meets the first Friday of the month September - May. To serve in this ministry, a couple of hours per month is needed to prepare (make announcements for the bulletin/Facebook pages and gather materials) and three hours needed to participate the night of Bunco.

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Hispanic Community of St. Angela Merici

This community group is in the formation stages.

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Nigerian Community of St. Angela Merici

This community group is in the formation stages.

Contact: Alicia Quintanilla, aliciaq@stamericigh.com

Indian Community of St. Angela Merici

We represent a diverse community of people of the Indian subcontinent, united in our Catholic faith. We seek to glorify God and strengthen our entire parish community through active involvement in the various ministries of St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. We strive to celebrate unity in diversity as we share our unique culture and heritage with our fellow parishioners. Celebrations include a community-wide mass celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. Meetings generally take place once a month on Thursday evenings.

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Filipino Ministry of St. Angela Merici

The St. Angela Merici Filipino Ministry is committed to encouraging and motivating all Filipino parishioners to be active and participate in all parish activities. Be a catalyst and actively support the evangelization efforts of the parish; unify and create a sense of belongingness, camaraderie, brotherhood/sisterhood and fellowship among the Filipino parishioners. Preserve, enrich and educate our Filipino children and youth on the appreciation of our rich Filipino culture and traditions such as the Bayanihan Spirit, respect for elders, piety and religious practices among others. Driven by their faith, one with St. Angela Merici Parish and the Catholic Church, the Filipino Ministry is a community of families who share common values, beliefs and traditions who unselfishly and without reservations support and serve the needs and ideals of the parish.

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SAM Seniors

SAM Seniors was formed to support parishioners age 55 and older. Our ministry is designed to build community within our parish and to enable seniors an opportunity to gather and socialize, hear speakers on subjects pertinent to those 55 and older, to have fun, and to take trips to events and places in the area. The group meets every other month on the second Friday of the month in the St. Angela Merici room and, on alternating months, the group takes a trip to a local event, eating out, or visiting a place of interest.

Contact: samseniors@stamericigh.com

Annual FUNrai\$er

The FUNrai\$er is an annual event that brings the parish community together for a fun evening of dinner, dancing, fundraising and fellowship. Volunteers are needed each year to form the committee for this event in order to make it a great success for the parish. If you are very organized, energized, creative, task-oriented, positive, or all of the above and more, this committee might be a great fit for you! Meetings are typically in the evenings on an as needed basis.

Contact: blackandwhitegala@stamricigh.com

Gumbo Cook-Off

The Gumbo Cook-off is an annual event that strives to bring the parish family and surrounding community together over good food, music, and games for kids of all ages! This event serves as the primary fundraiser for the youth of St. Angela Merici and, through this, we empower the youth to know that they are not too young! (1 Tim 4:12) A variety of skills is helpful when serving on team. Individuals are needed to recruit help and sponsorships, organizing games and volunteers for the day of, decorations, team recruiting, set-up, and much more! The team meets once a month from August through December, then more frequently in the weeks leading up to the Cook-Off. Team volunteers meet approximately two hours per month, with more time investment leading up to the event.

Contact: Sara Nguyen, gumbo@stamerigh.com

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is a parish-wide celebration of community occurring the Saturday before Halloween each year in the PLC parking lot. Participants join in by decorating their cars and trunks in a family friendly manner, treating our parish families to an evening of fun and fellowship. The evening includes games, a DJ, hot dogs, as well as vehicle and costume contests. Volunteers are needed throughout the planning, set-up and the day of the event.

Contact: Christopher Breaux, schoonerbreaux@aol.com

Lending Library

St. Angela Merici now has a Lending Library containing books on faith, religion, scripture and spirituality. They offer inspiration and answers to personal challenges.

Open to all parishioners who are looking for deeper, richer insight of the scriptures.

The library is located in the PLC in the MARIA GORETTI Room.

If you wish to visit the library you may inquire at the Parish Office.

If you have gently used faith, religion, scripture or spirituality books you would like to donate, we would be happy to add it to our parish collection.

Please leave your donations at the Parish Office or in the Lending Library's donation box.

Contact: Noemi Saybe, nsaybe@stamericigh.com

Safe and Secure Ministry

The Safe and Secure Ministry's purpose is to research and implement safety, security and emergency response procedures for our parish. Having parishioners who have professional training and experience on the Safe and Secure Ministry Team, we can be better prepared to handle issues that may arise. If you have a wealth of experience to share, you can help keep our parishioners safe, please be a part of this ministry.

Contact: Mark Hamm, safe@stamericigh.com

Councils and Commissions

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Council is a representative body of the faithful, whose focus is on the whole community, uniting the community and pursuing the mission of the Church. The Council assists the Pastor in making administrative decisions and policies as they relate to the overall mission and pastoral vision of the parish. For more information,

Contact: Jason Durham, Chair, at jdurham@stamericigh.com.

Finance Council

The mission of the Finance Council is to consult and assist the Pastor in making administrative decisions and policies which are financial in nature. Members are appointed by the Pastor. For more information,

Contact: Monica Agostinelli, monicaagostinelli@stamericigh.com

Liturgical Commission

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the center of our lives as Catholic Christians. The liturgical commission at St. Angela Merici, under the leadership of the Director of Liturgy, serves the pastor in an advisory capacity. They provide ongoing support in preparing and evaluating parish liturgies, particularly the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The liturgical commission is composed of the coordinators of each liturgical ministry and other parish members, as appointed by the pastor.

Faith Formation Commission

The Faith Formation Commission in collaboration with the Faith Formation Director acts as a resource that seeks opportunities necessary to nurture all parishioners to a mature faith that is rooted in prayer, service and community. The Commission will advise on policy and programs that will enable a living, conscious and active faith in Jesus Christ. We will assist in the coordination, collaboration, leadership development and implementation of these policies and programs consistent with all Archdiocesan policies.

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Spiritual Life Ministry Team

St. Angela's Spiritual Life Ministry Team, in collaboration with our pastor, is dedicated to encouraging the spiritual growth of the people of St. Angela Merici parish. It meets four times each year to review the opportunities for growth here in the parish and welcomes suggestions for parish missions, days of prayer, regular communal prayer and retreats. For more information contact Kathleen Messina at kathleenmessina@stamericigh.com.

Stewardship Council

At St. Angela Merici, the Stewardship Council seeks to ignite conversion, cultivate hospitality, and foster community in our parishioners so we may embrace the call to serve our parish by freely sharing our gifts.

Contact: Cory Burkhalter, cburkhalter@odonnellsnider.com; Heather Reichert, heather@brandedwithjoy.com

Stewardship

Christian Stewardship refers to the responsibility that Christians have in maintaining and using wisely the gifts that God has bestowed.

Stewardship provides a spiritual way of living for all of us.

Stewardship is about the many gifts our gracious God has given us. It helps us to reflect upon our giftedness. All that we have which constitutes our treasure: our families, friends, faith community, time, talents, skills, material possessions, finances.

Stewardship is about reflecting on our faith and on the way we live and act as disciples of Jesus.

St. Angela Merici Parish is very fortunate to have a great number of programs and activities which enhance the spiritual and temporal well-being of our parish and community. We thank you for your many contributions to the parish and ask that you continue to give of your time, talent and treasure and perhaps consider increasing your financial support of the parish, if you are able. For those of you who are new to the parish or have not yet given of your time, talent and treasure, we ask that you prayerfully consider giving a portion of these gifts.

The stewardship of treasure invites us to see our financial resources as gifts from God and asks us to make a response based on our being grateful. The more we are aware of being blessed, the more we want to express our gratitude. This is the heart of stewardship!

Offertory Contributions

Registered parishioners are encouraged to use offertory envelopes to insure accurate recording of contributions. We have added the option to set up an auto pay online through Faith Direct E-Giving. The link to sign up is on our website. An online auto pay contribution option is also offered by most banks. If you are interested in auto pay, please call the parish office for information on activating the auto pay for your contributions.

Capital Campaign

Pledges can be made to the Capital Campaign fund which is used to help with the continued building of the parish. Phase 2 of our construction, consisting of our Church, Administration Building and the repurposing of our current Parish Life Center to accommodate our Faith Formation classes, was completed in late 2017. Additional information on the Capital Campaign is available at the parish office. Please call the parish administrator if you are interested.