



**A PRAYER FOR
TEACHERS AND
CATECHISTS
AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW
SCHOOL YEAR**

“You, O Lord,
are my strength, my patience,
my light, and my counsel.

It is you who touch the hearts of the
children entrusted to my care.
Abandon me not to myself for one moment.

For my own guidance and that of
my students, grant me the spirit of
wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety,
the spirit of a holy fear of you
and an ardent zeal to procure your glory.

I unite my efforts to those of Jesus Christ,
and I beg the Most Blessed Virgin,
Saint Joseph, the Guardian Angels,
and Saint John Baptist de La Salle
to protect me this day
in the performance of my duties. Amen.”
St. John Baptist de La Salle, prayer for us.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 26

Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

*With heartfelt thanks for your
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE*

August 11 & 12

\$18,318.75

(Includes \$8,514.00 from Faith Direct)

July SVDP Donations

\$1341.92

RCIA BEGINS AUGUST 26TH!

Have you had family or friends ask you about your Catholic faith? Or do you know someone who is seeking something deeper in their lives? Invite them to explore the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). People who are unbaptized or who have been baptized in another faith but wish to become Catholic are invited to learn about the faith, encounter Jesus Christ and His love in prayer and liturgical worship, and lead a life of discipleship supported by the faith community.

Please email Fr. Satish at Satish.joseph@sthelenparish.org with any questions or to say you'd like to join us!

**THE LITURGICAL MINISTERS
SCHEDULE FOR
SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH
NOVEMBER 25**

was emailed on Tuesday, August 14, to all ministers for whom we have an email on record. Hard copies are available in the sacristy for those who do not have email. If you did not receive a schedule or if you have any questions, please contact Mary in the parish office.

We are so grateful for all of your help and dedication!



WE ARE HOME!

The parish office accessibility and renovation project is complete! All staff have moved back to the parish office building. Our office hours are:

Mon-Thu: 8am-4pm

Fri: 8 am-12 pm

Mark you calendars for **Sunday, September 30**. Bishop Binzer will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass with us and bless the new offices immediately following Mass. Following the blessing, we will host an open house to allow everyone to see the new space.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 am Donna Warren (Faye Wellbrock)

10:30 am Al Berberich (St Helen SVdP)

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

8:15 am Charles Alexander (Judy Hicks, James Hicks, Cynthia Hicks)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:15 am Shirley Moore (Dale Moore)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

8:15 am Paul Tarlano (Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

8:15 am Richard Geisel-Birthday Remembrance (Lin Geisel)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Mass at Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 pm Thomas Hilleary (Judy & Dave Sutter)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 am Joan Ernst (John & Angelina Manzo)

10:30 am VanDegrift/Madascy Family (VanDegrift Family)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Novena-9:00 am

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Rosary-BSC 9:00 am

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Centering Prayer-HR 3:15 pm

SVdP Meeting-HR 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 pm Mass-Fr. Tony

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00 am Mass-Fr Satish

10:30 am Mass-Fr. Satish

Server Training-CH 3:00 pm (*Incense & Thurible ONLY*) followed by Servers Pizza Party at 4:45 in the St. Julie Center



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IT'S KAIROS COOKIE TIME

Beginning next weekend (August 25 & 26) Kairos Cook-

ie bags will be available in the vestibule. **Cookies must be returned to the parish office BEFORE Tuesday, September 11th.** Any cookies brought in after this date will not go to the Kairos Weekend. Bags will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you for sharing the love of God with the men who will be participating in this program.

	Eucharistic Minister	Eucharist Minister	Altar Server	Lector
Saturday, August 25, 5:00 PM	Irene Bacher Steve Bacher Edward Kronenberger Katarina Kronenberger	Allison Monell Raymond Monell David Reuber (sub req.) Stephen Reuber	Mary Heider Aiden Kronenberger	David Krile (1) Donna Krile (2)
Sunday, August 26, 8:00 AM	Nicole Harpenau Jill Jennings April Lezanic Keith Steeber (sub req.)	Todd Tayloe James Whitney Phyllis Whitney NOT FILLED	Mary Heider NOT FILLED	Therese Yedlosky (1) Thomas Weese (2)
Sunday, August 26, 10:30 AM	Dorothy DiFrederico Drew Hilgeford Mindy Hilgeford Nathaniel Huber	Julie Jefferson Lisa Kruso Sylvia Sheridan Martin Walling	Kai Hary John Lawhorn Audrey Lawhorn	Zachary Ardema (1) William Flaute (2)

BECOME A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

School will be starting soon and the Library Media Center needs volunteers. There are a variety of tasks available such as checking out books to students, assisting them with book selection, and shelving. If you are interested in helping, please email Mrs. Skiple at jskiple@sthelenschl.org as soon as possible and she'll let you know the days/times we can use your help.

REMEMBER. . . all volunteers must complete the VIRTUS child safety training and the monthly updates. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact the rectory office.

Thanks for considering this volunteer opportunity!

CREDIT UNION NEWS

St. Helen Federal Credit Union (SHFCU) is now a part of Dayton Firefighters Federal Credit Union (DFFCU). The DFFCU is ready to serve all parish families, staff and school students and their families. **The St. Helen FCU office will still be conveniently located next to the Smith Building on parish grounds and all of the friendly staff you know (Amy, Karla, Darcy and Melanie) will be ready to help with your financial needs.**

Starting September 1st, you will be able to take advantage of full service banking such as checking accounts, mortgage loans, share certificates, vehicle loans, debt consolidation loans, credit counseling and so much more. You will also have access to convenient options to access your funds, like online and mobile banking, shared branching and extended service hours at the DFFCU office located in the Oregon District at [338 South Patterson Blvd.](#)

You will continue to receive incredible personal service and we will always look out for your best interest. Please contact the credit union at 252-7477 (St. Helen office) or contact the DFFCU main office at 228-1614 or email staff@dffcu.org if you have any questions.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER AT ST. HELEN

We have had Centering Prayer at St. Helen for over Ten Years. This is the type of prayer that was taught at the workshop mentioned in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago. We also have the follow up video training series by Fr. Thomas Keating.

We meet on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:15 in the St Helen Rm. We start with Lection Divina using the up coming Sunday Gospel, center for about 20 Minutes in the Eucharistic Chapel, then do further study until time is up.

It is not required that you have taken the workshop to participate. We will help you get started. This is a beautiful way to enhance your prayer life. It can help make your regular prayer life and the celebration of the Eucharist even more fulfilling. For more information please call Sadie Seward at 426-9942.

ST. HELEN CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The St. Helen PTO is proud to continue the tradition of the St. Helen Christmas Bazaar. The 2018 Christmas Bazaar will take place on **Saturday, December 1st**.

Priority registration for craft vendors is now open for St. Helen parishioners and school families. If you would like to register for the 2018 bazaar please contact Amy Comer at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com or 937-231-9226. Be sure to register early to guarantee your space.

We are also looking for handmade craft donations for the PTO table. If you are interested in donating items such as Afghans, baby blankets, wreaths, woodworking items, paper crafts, jewelry or any other handmade item please contact Amy Comer.

“This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Concluding prayer to the profession of faith in the Rite of Baptism.

The “Communion of Saints” is an element of that faith which the Church proudly professes.

The Communion of Saints refers to the communion between holy persons (sancti); that is, between those who by grace are united to the dead and risen Christ. Some are pilgrims on earth; others, having passed from this life, are undergoing purification and are helped also by our prayers. Others already enjoy the glory of God and intercede for us. All of these together form in Christ on family, the Church, to the praise and glory of the Trinity. CCC 195

As we return to school, as our children enter into or return to grade school, high school, or college, let us remember the chain of faith and of history that unites us in the Communion of Saints and gives us direct access to prayers to God on our behalf for a beneficial and holy school year from some fabulous people who came before us:

One of the great evils that pervades schools is gossip. This is not something unique to school, but it is a challenge that faces both students and faculty alike. **ST. JOHN BERCHMANS** serves as an anti-gossip saint. Berchmans was a great student but his most notable quality was his ability to say something nice about everyone. If Berchmans ever witnessed a fellow student getting reprimanded for an indiscretion he would promptly say something positive about him. This charitable practice served as a means of quelling any negative talk about his fellow students.

Gossip is harmful because it defaces the character of an individual, and every type of gossip starts with some kind of negative statement. Berchmans provides us with an antidote to this dreadful vice. He reminds us to have kind words for everyone especially those who are trouble-makers or more difficult to love. <https://churchpop.com/2015/08/19/10-saints-every-student-needs-for-going-back-to-school/>

10 PATRON SAINTS EVERY CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENT SHOULD KNOW:

1. **St. Isidore:** Technology, Computers, and the Internet
2. **St. Anthony:** Lost Things (even your mind when you are stressed!)
3. **St. Francis de Sales:** Writing
4. **St. Joseph:** Finances and the Home
5. **St. Expeditus:** Procrastination
6. **St. Thomas Aquinas:** Scholars
7. **St. Philomena:** Lost Causes (when everything is falling apart)
8. **St. Joseph of Cupertino:** Test Taking
9. **St. Therese and her “Little Way”:** We don’t have the time to do great missionary work but we do have the time to be nice to someone who irritates us, to listen to someone when they need to vent and to be kind to those who don’t necessarily deserve it
10. **The Blessed Virgin Mary:** for anything and everything else!

**IN 2016, REPRESENTATIVES
FROM BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES
CAME TO ST. HELEN TO SELL OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS
MADE BY WOODCARVERS IN THE HOLY LAND.**

Several parishioners asked if they could come back again at a time when they could shop for family members for Christmas items.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 6 & 7!**



We are proud to introduce ourselves as the “Bethlehem Christian Families” from the Holy Land. We have come to the United States representing the Christian wood carvers of Bethlehem that rely on the tourism to support their families.

Due to the dire situation and the interruption of the tourist trade, 500 families of the Holy Land are in danger of having to leave their homes in search of work. Our mission is to bring and sell the olive wood carvings to Catholic churches in the United States to help the Christian families remain in their homes and support their families. These Christians who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand-carved olive wood religious items are depending on us to bring these beautiful carvings, such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, pictures of the Last Supper, and several other religious items to you.

Carvings will be available to parishioners of St. Helen the weekend of October 6&7, 2018

Please support this self-help project that enables to keep Christians present in the Holy Land. Your help and understanding in this crucial matter are greatly appreciated.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The St. Helen Extended Care program is seeking individuals to join our staff in caring for our students. **We have one morning position and one afternoon position open.** Possible hours for the morning are Monday - Friday 6:35 am - 7:35 am; and afternoon hours are Monday - Friday 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm with some flexibility in scheduling. The position pays \$10 per hour. We require a background check/fingerprinting, completion of the Child Protection Class, and you must be at least 18 years old with a high school diploma or GED. Your qualifications must include dependability, being physically able to stand for extended periods of time, and provide a loving, caring, and safe environment for a large group of students ranging in grades PK-8. If interested, please contact Julie Hunt at jhunt@sthelenschl.org or call the school office at 937-256-1761.

CATHOLIC-SPONSORED DIVORCECARE

at St. Francis of Assisi Church

A 13 week support group, held on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 pm from **Sept. 6 to Dec. 6**; 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. Cost: is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at (937) 312-1157 (Not a texting number) or mtoma@woh.rr.com You are welcome if you are divorced or separated and may be going through a very difficult time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. This support group deals with such recovery topics as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

WE WELCOME YOU

Have you been away from the Church for a while? Perhaps life became too busy, or you had a bad experience. Whatever the reason, we are glad you are reconnecting and we welcome you! You can be sure there are others who have walked this path and would be happy to listen to your story or help get answers to any questions you might have. Just call the office at 937-254-6233.

A WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY...

A LIFETIME OF LOVE!!

You're invited to attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend, where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on **each other**. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends are: Sept. 21-23, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lexington, KY-Oct. 19-21, Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH-Nov 2-4, Maria Stein Retreat Center, Maria Stein, OH. *NOTE* The September date above will be an in-Parish weekend. There is no overnight stay for this weekend. Participants will leave each evening and return each morning. For more info or to register: Andy & Jeanne Folfas @ 937.866.5196 or 800.343.5621 or jeannemarie42@hotmail.com or www.esharing.org.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Begin the academic year by discovering God's plan in the gifts He gives. Join us on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 for a Morning of Reflection. We'll focus on the life of St. Damien of Molokai and his gift of Mercy. We will begin with 9:30 AM Mass in the Day Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Church, have a spiritual reflection and social time, and conclude at noon. Reconciliation will be available. To reserve Babysitting for your children please contact Karen at 433-2783 or for further information, Barbette at 293-1438.

ELIZABETH NEW LIFE CENTER

Elizabeth's New Life Center is looking for volunteers willing to receive and display donations as well as assist clients at our Dayton Boutique. Contact us to learn more at elizabethnewlife.org or call 937-226-7414 and ask for Terry.