

Fourth Sunday

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



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**THE FULL LIST OF CHRISTMAS MASSES
IS ON THE NE7 PAGE OF THE BULLETIN.
REMEMBER THAT THERE IS NO CHRISTMAS
“DAY” MASS AT ST. HELEN ON SUNDAY 25TH**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING SECTIONS
FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES**

The east side of the church will be available for general seating. On the west side of the church, there will be three rows in the back and the full loft. Thank you for allowing older parishioners to have the lower seating first. Please note, then, that the loft will NOT be available for general seating. Masks are required in the social distancing sections.

CHRISTMAS MASS HELP NEEDED:

- ♦ Four people to help with the collection at the 5 pm Mass + Four at the Midnight Mass
- ♦ Two greeters at the Midnight Mass to welcome people and pass out worship aids
- ♦ Four people to carry in the dedication candles at the Midnight Mass and place them in the holders

CALL MARY TO VOLUNTEER ASAP

**GYM MANAGER NEEDED TO STAFF
CYO VOLLEYBALL GAMES**

The St Helen Booster Club is seeking a Gym Manager to staff CYO Volleyball Games in 2023. The Gym Manager will operate the scoreboard during games, open the gym for teams and close up after games have concluded. Games are typically played on Saturdays and Sunday Afternoons with the possibility of Wednesday Evenings (all based on the Gym Manager's availability). The Volleyball Season runs early February through early April. The Gym Manager is paid \$20 per game by the CYO of Dayton.

Those interested should email the St Helen Athletic Director at StHelenAD@gmail.com

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

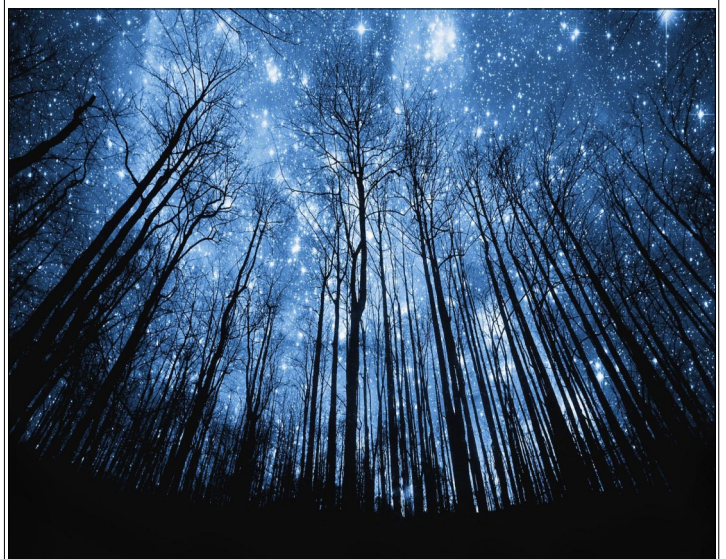
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

December 10 AND 11

\$19,662.86 incl \$10,343.50 from FD

**THE “STAR OF WONDER”
SHINING IN THE DARKNESS**

The holidays,
particularly Christmastime,
can flood us with a whole range of emotions:
the dark sky and the cold air
can be enchanting or oppressive. . .
the sorrow of loss,
the devastating war in Ukraine
and her people's courage,
the daily violence in our communities,
disappointments in relationships
and new ones beginning,
the longing for someone to come home,
anticipation of good things,
joyfully awaiting birth,
struggling with not being able to conceive . . .
May the Star of Wonder,
growing brighter as our marking
of the birth of our Savior approaches
give us HOPE!



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 am Franklin Suranofsky (Deb and Jon Danner)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 am A special intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 am Bernard Farrell (Carolyn Henry)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 am In honor of Dr. Robert Sawyer (Mayuree Turner)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am William Blanford (Connie McIntyre)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00 am Fr. Satish and his family (Peggy Burkhardt)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm Louis DeSaro

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT

12:00 am Richard Strathearn (Family)

Weekday and Saturday Intentions are remembered at the Masses at Immaculate Conception

**NO RECONCILIATION AT ST. HELEN ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28.**

A priest is not available.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 am Mass—Fr. Len (Live Stream)

10:15 am—RE

MONDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19-23

9:00 am-Daily Mass at Immaculate

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 —Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21—Fr. Satish

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

10:00 am—Lectio Divina via Zoom

11:00 am—Secular Franciscans Council Mtg SJ1

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer CH

6:00 pm—Reconciliation—Fr. Tony

7:00 pm—Choir practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22—Fr. Satish

9:00 am—Whole School Mass—Fr. Satish

1:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry—SJ

6:00 pm—Reconciliation at IC — Fr. Satish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23—Fr. Satish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:00 am—Franciscan Formation—SJ1

5:00 pm—Christmas Vigil Mass—Fr. Terry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:00 am Midnight Mass—Fr. Satish

*Priest's schedules are tentative
and subject to change.*

We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers for our Christmas Masses!

December 24/Midnight 25	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector
Saturday, 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil	Linda Dillon / Becca Williams Mary Heider / Sadie Seward Walt Seward / NOT FILLED NOT FILLED / NOT FILLED NOT FILLED / NOT FILLED	Kierra Bartlett Connor Brown Jack Williams James Williams	Pete Williams (1) Nora Marino (2)
Sunday, 12:00 AM Christmas Midnight Mass	Ernesto Basto / Maria Basto Santiago Basto / Kathy Hendrixson NOT FILLED / NOT FILLED NOT FILLED / NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Josie Fite Molly Fite Mary Heider NOT FILLED	Kathy Snyder (1) Elizabeth Wells (2)

St. Helen Christmas Flowers



At Christmas and Easter many parishioners like to make a contribution to our flower and environment fund as a means of remembering or honoring a loved one or special friend. If you wish to do so, gifts of any size are appreciated.

Contributions received by **Monday, January 9, 2023** will be acknowledged in the bulletin. Names will be alphabetical and dollar amounts will not be disclosed. You may also remain anonymous.

You can also make a contribution through *Faith Direct*, either through your account OR as a one-time gift! Call the Parish Office if you have questions!

Please accept my/our contribution to the Flower and Environment Fund.

Your Name(s): _____

Your name as you would like it to be acknowledged

If you wish to remain anonymous for the bulletin, please check here ____;
however, we must have a name in order to apply the contribution to your records.

Gift Amount: _____

Please make check payable to *St. Helen Church* and indicate Flower/Environment Fund in the Memo.

My gift is made: (circle one)

In memory of

In honor of

Name(s) of your loved one(s)

SAVE THE DATE: The much anticipated **ST HELEN BOOSTER CLUB FISH FRY** will be returning on **Saturday, January 28, 2023**. Pre sale tickets will be available in early January at the rectory or at the school office during regular hours. A vital part of our fish fry is the silent auction baskets. While we receive donations from various businesses in the greater Dayton area, we also ask our parishioners for any support they can offer. We are looking for items that can be incorporated into the various baskets that will be created. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory or school office. If you are unable to drop off your donation, Judy can be reached at (937)426 6262 (land line – no texting) or via email at mikejudybarker@yahoo.com to schedule a time for pick up. We ask that all donations be received no later than Friday, January 20, 2023. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

A SAVIOR IS BORN!

UN SALVADOR
HA NACIDO

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NE7 FAMILY OF PARISHES CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

ST. ANTHONY

4:30 pm

10:30 pm, with choir preludes beginning at 10:00 pm

ST. HELEN

5:00 pm, with carols beginning at 4:30 pm

12 am **Midnight**, with carols beginning at 11:30 pm

HOLY ANGELS

4:00 pm, with carols beginning at 3:30 pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

4:30 pm, with carols beginning at 4:00 pm

7:00 pm Spanish, with carols beginning at 6:30 pm

ST. MARY

7:00 pm, with carols beginning at 6:30 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

HOLY ANGELS

10:30 am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

10:00 am, with carols beginning at 9:30 am

ST. MARY

12:15 Spanish, with carols beginning at 11:00 am

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we will return to our regular weekend Mass schedule.

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