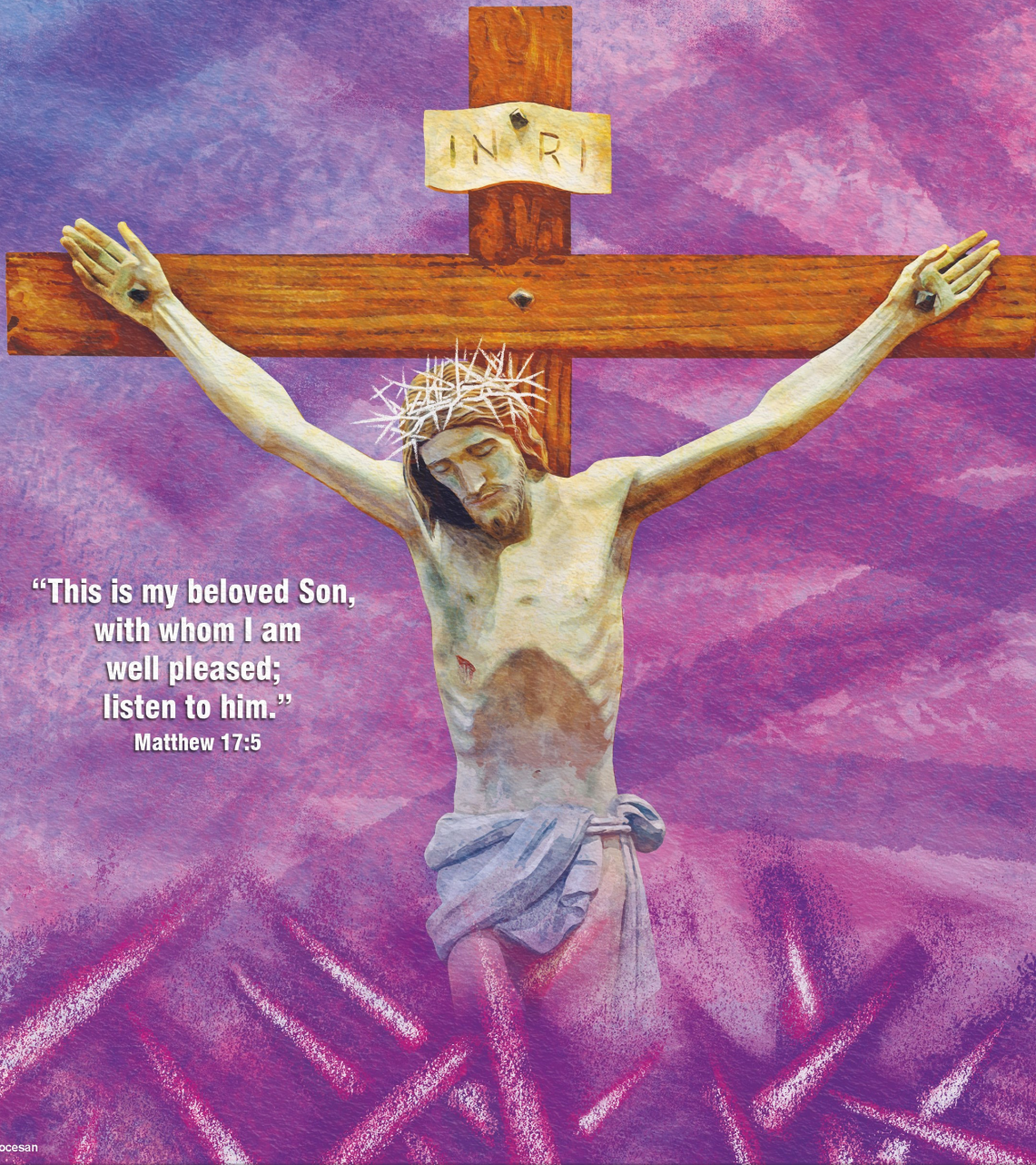


Second Sunday of LENT



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INTRODUCING OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING SPEAKER, MICHELLE KHAWM

Michelle is a member of our family of parishes and is from Aleppo. She will be speaking to all of our parishes over the next couple of weeks about the Sharing Bread Project operated by the Blue Marists of Aleppo. Welcome, Michelle, and thank you for being with us!

Letters and envelopes regarding contributions are available at the doors!

READINGS FOR MARCH 12

Exodus 17:3-7 2

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

With heartfelt thanks STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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\$13,762 incl \$8,723 from Faith Direct
\$429 for the Church in Central/Eastern Europe

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD BEGINS TODAY

Attention parents, St Helen Parish will once again begin offering Children's Liturgy of the Word the **first Sunday of each Month, beginning March 5, 2023**. The Liturgy is open to children in Grades K-5. If you would like to help with this very rewarding ministry, please contact Deb Danner at 937-254-6233, or deb.danner@sthelenparish.org.

IT'S DONUT SUNDAY

Today, March 5, is Donut Sunday! Join us in the Smith Building for delicious donuts from American Classic Donuts, coffee, and juice. Some gluten-free items are also available, along with lots of good company!

The Quilters' Groups will also be there displaying some of their quilts for purchase!

PIZZA AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



Families with young children are invited to attend "Walking with Jesus: Pizza and Stations of the Cross," on **Friday, March 10**, beginning with pizza dinner at 6 pm in the Smith Building. Stations geared to children will follow afterward in the church. **Registration is required; just go to the parish website, www.sthelenparish.org, and click on the above image.** You will be directed to the sign up page. The cost is \$5 per family payable at registration. We hope you can join us!

Are you looking for solidarity as you navigate the joys and stresses of motherhood? Join the St Helen Moms Group! We meet two times a month.

Check out our Facebook group:



Some of the children played games together at our Moms Group recent (and super delicious) pot luck dinner! It was a wonderful evening and a beautiful way to enrich children in their faith practices!

Cookies
For
Kairos



Bakers of the parish, it's that time again! More than 7,000 dozen

cookies are needed to make the Kairos retreat a success. The next retreat will be held at the Lebanon Correctional Institution, March 9-12, 2023. Bags and instructions are available in the vestibule this weekend. **Cookies will need to be returned to the parish office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6th.** Thank you for all you continue to do for this ministry!

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am J.B. Mina Oliverio (Elaine Monell)

MONDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 am Jean Knapke (Knapke Family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 am Jim Coyle (Veronica Caron)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 am Les Vesey Death Anniv (Kim Vesey)

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am Antonio Bissacco (Anne Bissacco)

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am John Griggs (Mary Thomas)

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

4:30 pm IC Joseph Fecke (Fecke Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 am Andy Heil (The Heil Family)

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

HELP NEEDED FOR HOLY THURSDAY

This year we would like to return to the practice of taking turns washing one another's feet on Holy Thursday. If you are willing to have your feet washed and to be a facilitator at one of the stations (helping children, letting servers know when more water is needed, etc.) please contact Mary in the parish office for more details on this simple but important role!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Uriel (live streamed)

10:15 am—Religious Education

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 6-MARCH 10

MONDAY, MARCH 6—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

6:30 pm—Festival Ticket Turn in—SB

TUESDAY, MARCH 7—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8—Fr. Satish

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer—HR

6:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Tony

7:00 pm—Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 9—Fr. Uriel

9:00 am—Whole School Mass—Fr. Len

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 10—Fr. Len

6:00 pm—Pizza and Stations of the Cross for Children (reservations needed) SB

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

7:30 am—Men's Group—SJ1

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes Mass at IC—Fr. Len

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Fitz

10:15 am—Religious Education

Priests' schedules are tentative and subject to change.

March 11 & 12	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Deborah Danner (P) Linda Dillon (C) Kathy Hendrixson (P)	Eric Moser	Mary Heider (1) Nora Marino (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM	John Finnegan Mary Finnegan Margie Keenan Brian Lezanic Sarah Seward Walter Seward Billie Jean Szydlik	Julia Berwanger Connor Brown Aurora Magtibay Brandon Schaefer	Kathy Snyder (1)	Josh Rauch

St. Joseph's Table

On March 19, we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. St. Joseph dedicated his life to the care of the Blessed Virgin and Jesus. To honor him, there is a classic Catholic tradition we know as St. Joseph's Table where food is set aside for the poor. Here at St. Helen Parish, we have the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry and the "Feed the Spirit" ministry to assist those in need. The "Feed the Spirit" ministry provides specific items used to feed hungry children in the surrounding communities of Riverside, Dayton and Beavercreek.

In honor of St. Joseph, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the church from March 12 – 20. We will bless all the donations during the evening prayer scheduled in his honor on March 20.

Please place your donation by the statue of St. Joseph in the Holy Family Chapel. If you bring them during the week and the church is not open, please take it to the church office.



For more information, contact Tom Lewis, talewis@sbcglobal.net, 937-238-0986.

Here are some of the most popular and needed items for the food pantry

Shelf stable cartons of milk, Soups of all types, Pancake mix/ Syrup, Canned Ravioli Canned spaghetti & meatballs, Jello/Pudding mix, Breakfast cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pork and Beans/Baked beans, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese, Canned fruit, Spaghetti sauce, Canned Chili/Beef stew, Breakfast cereal, Canned meats (tuna, chicken breast etc), Saltine/ Graham crackers.

Here are some of the needed items for the "Feed the Spirit" ministry:

Breakfast foods in individual bags or containers (oatmeal, cream of wheat, breakfast bars, pop tarts, cereal cups). Individual packs of snacks (raisins, crackers, pretzels, goldfish). Fruit or Vegetable individual cans (pop top) or cups (easy open) or applesauce. Shelf stable white milk in single serve (small) cartons. Easy open individual meals (must have pop top if a can) i.e. pasta meals in cups, mac-n-cheese in cups, cup-o-soup, any soup can with pop top, ramen in cups, and small jars of peanut butter.

BOB JASKO

Bob Jasko was recently hospitalized and is now at Bethany Village for rehab. If you would like to send a card to lift his spirits, please mail it to the following address:

Mr. Bob Jasko
The Linden House at Bethany Village

6451 Far Hills Av Room 1112
Dayton, OH 45459

Bob's daughter also said if anyone would like to visit in person, please be welcome to do so!

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The St. Helen Festival Doll Booth is in need of volunteers to help make clothing for our dolls. If you sew, knit or crochet, we would love your help with this long-standing festival tradition! Dolls will be available for pick-up at the parish office. Please contact Diane O'Connell to volunteer or for more information:

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NAIM MEMBERS will be "**Wearing the Green**" at the March 13, St. Patrick's themed gathering in the **St. Henry PAC, 6660 N. Springboro Pike**. NOTE: THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7 PM followed by cards & lots of conversation. Not familiar with Naim? It is the social & religious organization for widowed Catholics.....and for more information, contact.....Agnes Laux @ 937-256-2086.

NE7 ALMSGIVING PROJECT - LENT 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Northeast Seven Family of Parishes:

As Lent begins, we turn our attention the season's pillars of **Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving**.



May I propose that we untie our personal almsgiving efforts together and work towards a common goal together as a family of parishes.

Earlier this month Turkey and Syria were ravaged by **7.8 and 7.5 magnitude earthquakes** mere hours apart. Over 40,000 people lost their lives because of the earthquakes. Tens of thousands more have been injured or left without shelter. The numbers, unfortunately, certainly have risen from the time this letter was printed. According to the Turkish government, the worst of the damage spans an area **310 miles in diameter**, which is home to over **5.3**

million people.

For our combined Almsgiving effort let us look to provide **aid for the victims of the Kahramanmaras Earthquakes** (as these earthquakes have come to be known).

Our donations will go to support the victims of the earthquakes located in Syria through the **Sharing Bread Project** operated by the **"Blue Marists of Aleppo."** The Blue Marists are a branch of the Marist Brothers, a Catholic religious order which has been functioning in Syria for many years. The Sharing Bread Project is providing meals and food assistance to those who have been displaced by the earthquakes. As of the writing of this letter, they have provided **15,000 hot meals** to over **3,600 people**. The Blue Marists have been aiding between **500-700 people a day** at their location in Aleppo. They have also been providing diapers, blankets, and heating fuel as they have been able to.



You may contribute to this Almsgiving project in multiple ways...

- ❖ **CHECK:** payable to your parish, please note **"almsgiving"** on the memo line.
- ❖ **CASH:** placed in an almsgiving envelope or another envelope with **"almsgiving"** clearly labeled on it.
- ❖ **ONLINE:**
 - St. Anthony – **WeShare** go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-1894> (select **almsgiving** from the menu)
 - St. Helen – **FaithDirect** go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH790/50913>
 - Holy Angels - **WeShare** go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001459> (select **almsgiving** from the menu)
 - Immaculate - **FaithDirect** go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH796/28110>.
 - St. Mary – **WeShare** go to <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001279> (select **"second collections"** then select **"almsgiving"**)

For any questions about this project please contact Will Marsh at willmarsh@icparishdayton.org or 937-252-9919 extension 208. Please make your donations no later than **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023**, so that we may combine our donations and forward this aid in a timely manner. This is particularly critical as the pause in sanctions for Syria is only temporary and it is important to get the aid to them while it is possible, and as soon as possible.

"You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." May these words from the prophet Micah (6:8) inspire us to journey together with our sisters and brothers in their time of tremendous suffering.

Thank you in advance for your generous response to the needs of the people of Syria.

In Christ,

Fr. Satish Joseph, *Pastor*

ST. HELEN FESTIVAL TICKET TURN IN 2023

Can you believe it? It's time for our first Ticket Turn In for 2023. We are celebrating 70 years this year!

By now you should have all received your festival tickets in the mail. Please do not set them aside or misplace them. There is so much valuable information on them.

1. The dates of the festival are June 9,10,11. Save that weekend!
2. Hours of operation:
 - Friday, June 9 6:30 PM to 11 PM*
 - Saturday, June 10, 1 PM to 11 PM*
 - Sunday, June 11, 1 PM to 9 PM
 - *Note change in closing time.
3. OVER \$15,000 will be given away in PRIZES
4. The dates for all four Turn-in's are on the back of each ticket.
5. You will find a list of contacts on the back of the letter enclosed with your tickets.
Your area identifier is the letter on your tickets.

So... when your family, friends, neighbors or coworkers ask questions about the festival, YOU can say I have all that information and would you like to buy a ticket for a chance at one (or all!!!) of the 23 prizes! If you should win one of the twenty \$100 hourly drawings or \$1000 on Friday or Saturday night, your **ticket is always put back in the hopper** for a chance to win again, especially the \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE!

1st Festival Ticket Turn In
Monday, March 6, 2023
6:30-8:00 PM in the Smith Building

Please turn in your sold tickets stubs. You may put them in the offertory, drop them off at the parish office during business hours, or bring them to us on Monday evening. We will also be drawing our first \$50 early bird that evening. You have a chance to win if you have turned in tickets that night and on each of the following Turn In dates.

What a banner year we had last year after not having a festival for several years due to Covid. We must say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We look forward to another wonderful festival together this year.

For additional tickets, please call your area commander, the parish office, or myself, DeDe Moran at 937-254-4432

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