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MOTHER'S DAY EVOKES MANY FEELINGS

On this day, we celebrate Mothers. It is a joyful day for many! One mother once said that her greatest accomplishment was in the children she raised.

Let us today also be conscious of mothers who have lost a child to miscarriage, buried a child; women who long for a child and are unable to conceive. Let us remember that not all children grew up in nurturing homes and struggle to find the right card on a day like today. Some adult children who have lost their mothers struggle with guilt for the times when they were not understanding enough of their aging mothers' physical and mental challenges.

Loving God, be with us and our mothers, and let us all know the power and the gifts of love, understanding, gratitude, and forgiveness. Let us celebrate this day in our acknowledgement of those gifts.

READINGS FOR MAY 21 ASCENSION

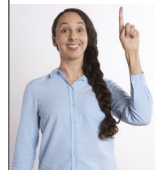
Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

With heartfelt thanks**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE****May 6 and 7****\$5,970.60****EASTER SEASON AND OUR FLOWER FUND**

Next Sunday we celebrate the Ascension, and the following week, Pentecost, which marks the end of the Easter Season. **If you would like to contribute to our flower fund please do so by Monday, May 22.** Thank you for helping to "live" in the season for 50 days! Call the parish office for more information.

**WHERE IS HEAVEN?**← **Nope!**

Last Sunday, Fr. Satish posed this question to the children making their First Communion. All of the children pointed up, to suggest heaven is in the sky. Father challenged them to expand their thinking and walked them through an explanation that wherever God is, THAT is heaven. When they receive Communion, God comes in their hearts in a special way . . . So heaven is in THEM because God is there. We are all such creatures of habit that when, after explaining, he asked them a second time where heaven is, they all pointed up! :o) But in the end, the message was clear. God is in their hearts, so heaven is in their hearts, and our hearts.

May we all recognize this and through our God who dwells there, make our world a better place!

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 14 at SH

9:00 am Maureen Hunt (The Hunt Family)

MONDAY, MAY 15 at IC

9:00 am Al Torres (Nora Marino)

TUESDAY, MAY 16 at IC

9:00am Kris Kessel Thurman (Mary Ann Kessel)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 at IC

9:00 am Jean Knapke (The Knapke Family)

THURSDAY, MAY 18 at IC

9:00 am Matthew Parkes (Marta Parkes)

FRIDAY, MAY 19 at IC

9:00 am Laura Merzbacher (Shirley Deger)

SATURDAY, MAY 20 at IC

4:30 pm Mary Carroll (Ted & Chris Lemmon)

SUNDAY, MAY 21 at SH

9:00 am Judith Mayer (Charles Mayer)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 14

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Uriel ([Live Stream](#)) w/ baptism after Mass

10:15 am—Religious Education

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 15-19

9:00 am—Weekday Mass at IC

MONDAY, MAY 15—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, MAY 16—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 —Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer—HR

6:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Len

7:00 pm—Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 18—Fr. Satish

9:00 am—School Mass—Fr. Len

6:00 pm—Sacr of Rec **at IC**—Fr. Satish

FRIDAY, MAY 19—Fr. Satish

SATURDAY, MAY 20

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes at IC—Fr. Satish +First Communion

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am— Mass—Fr. Len ([Live Stream](#))

10:15 am—Religious Education

Priests' schedules are tentative



A lovely image for Mother's Day!

Image "Mary is Crowned Queen of Heaven" used with permission and under license by the artist, Jen Norton

May 20 & 21	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Linda Dillon (P) Mary Heider (C) Tom Mahle (C) Mary Jane Middleton (P)	Eric Moser	Mary Heider (1) Nora Marino (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Becky Cleaver Abigail Randall Grace Randall Trenton Randall Sarah Seward Walter Seward	Kierra Bartlett Molly Fite Josie Fite Harper Robbins	Mary Heider	Jay Rutledge

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN AND THE 2023 ST HELEN FESTIVAL IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

We are still looking for chairs for Football Toss and Co-Chairs for a few other booths. For more information please contact Vicky Davis or Jamie Brown at JVBoothops@gmail.com or call 937-367-4295.

THE BASKET BOOTH

The Basket Booth is currently creating baskets for the festival, and would greatly appreciate any donations you are willing to give. You can create your own basket or let us do it for you. Although each basket is supposed to be worth at least \$200 we will combine any size donation with others, so no donation is too small. Or maybe you are part of a group that would like to join together to make a basket. If you'd like to create your own basket, we have information regarding what baskets have done well in the past. Please contact Elizabeth Gosser (937-231-1298) or Kim Braun (937-470-8220) if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or the School Office. Thank you!

FESTIVAL BOOK FAIR

As you do your spring cleaning, please remember to save your books for the Festival Book Fair. We will gladly take books (no magazines, textbooks/ manuals, medical books, or dictionaries/ encyclopedias please). *Books will be collected Monday through Wednesday, June 5-7, the week of the festival.*

FLEA MARKET UPDATE!!!!

The Festival Flea Market is just around the corner! This booth is pure profit for the parish. Popular sellers are: craft supplies, mystery garage items, household items, linens, toys, home decor...no item is too small. We do accept furniture no larger than a folding chair. ***Please no clothing, no shoes, no mattresses, no remodeling tear outs, no lighting fixtures, no printers, no bed frames, and no small engines.***

Drop off days and times at the Smith Building:

Saturday 27 MAY: 10am - 1PM

Sunday 28 MAY: 10am - 1PM

Wednesday 31 MAY: 6 - 8PM

Thursday 1 JUN: 6-8PM

Saturday 3 JUN: 10am - 1PM

CRAFTERS-WE NEED YOU TOO!

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: ddoc1223@yahoo.com

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE FESTIVAL**

VIA SIGN UP GENIUS!!!



See the e bulletin and our website!

FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS PAGE FOR MAY 14

ST. HELEN MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Our Family of Parishes Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Helen on Monday, May 29, at 9:00 a.m. (Note: there will still be a regular weekday Mass at Immaculate Conception at 9 a.m. as well.)

It has been our tradition at this Mass to honor the family members, friends, and other people significant to those in our parishes who died in service to our country by reading their names and closing with the playing of "Taps."



If you have previously submitted a name, it is not necessary for you to do so again. If you would like to submit the name of someone for the first time, please email mary.heider@sthelenparish.org with the individual's rank, name (and pronunciation), the place of death, and the year. If the individual died in a training accident or test accident, you may specify that.

Please submit all names by Monday, May 22.



June 9, 10, and 11!!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET RID OF THINGS AROUND YOUR HOUSE THAT YOU DON'T NEED?

The St. Helen Festival has a Flea Market accepting lots of items! (No clothes, shoes, mattresses, remodeling tear outs, lighting fixtures, printers, bed frames, small engines, or furniture larger than a folding chair.) Drop off days and times for items at the Smith Building (directly across the parking lot from the church):

Saturday 27 MAY: 10am - 1PM

Sunday 28 MAY: 10am - 1PM

Wednesday 31 MAY: 6 - 8PM

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And the Book Fair would love copies of the books you no longer need! (No magazines, textbooks/ manuals, medical books, or dictionaries/encyclopedias please). Books will be collected Monday through Wednesday, June 5-7, the week of the festival in the school building.

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or Heidi Acuña heidiaacuna@icparishdayton.org with any questions.

Register and pay online at <https://bit.ly/NeighborVBS2023>



Location & Contact Information/Dirección e Información de Contacto

Holy Angels/Santos Angeles

211 L St. Dayton 45409

937.229.5911

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937.252.9919

St. Anthony/Santos Antonio

830 Bowen St. Dayton 45410

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