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ALWAYS, UNTIL
THE END OF
THE AGE.”**

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD AND PENTECOST

The beautiful season of Easter comes to a close next week with the Solemnity of Pentecost. We are people of the Resurrection guided by the Holy Spirit. May we also be a people of peace, not a people of fear, knowing that Christ is with us till the end of the age!



READINGS FOR MAY 28 PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

With heartfelt thanks STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE May 13 and 14

\$15,731.26 incl \$10,080.50 from FD

PHOTOS FROM OUR BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL MAY CROWNING SERVICE

We were blessed with perfect weather as the school kids processed to the shrine from the main building and the primary building and sang hymns to our Blessed Mother. Our second graders placed flowers in a basket to honor her as they processed in. We are so grateful to continue this tradition each year and that so many kids are willing to participate!



ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

We are in need of a server, a lector, and at least five Eucharistic Ministers for our special **Memorial Day Mass**. Please sign up via the scheduling app or call Mary as soon as possible. Thank you!

Please see details on the Memorial Day Mass on the NE7 page. We remember those who gave their lives for our freedom!

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 21 at SH

9:00 am Judith Mayer (Charles Mayer)

MONDAY, MAY 22 at IC

9:00 am Maria Araci (Rafaella Araci)

TUESDAY, MAY 23 at IC

9:00am Josephina Araci (Rafaella Araci)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 at IC

9:00 am Joseph Fecke (Fecke Family)

THURSDAY, MAY 25 at IC

9:00 am The Manzo Family (Anne Bissacco)

FRIDAY, MAY 26 at IC

9:00 am Joey Araci (Rafaella Araci)

SATURDAY, MAY 27 at IC

4:30 pm William & Cecilia Fisher (Charity and Robert Leiter)

SUNDAY, MAY 28 at SH

9:00 am Patricia Jankay (Diana Glassburn)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 21

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

10:15 am—Religious Education

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 22-26

9:00 am-Weekday Mass at IC

MONDAY, MAY 22—Fr. Ted Cassidy

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, MAY 23—Fr. Satish

7:00 pm—Graduation Mass/Reception

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 —Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

10:00 am—Book Club—HR

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer—HR

6:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Len

6:30 pm—St. Vincent De Paul Mtg—SJ1

7:00 pm—Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 25—Fr. Len

1:30 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry—SJ1

6:00 pm—Sacr of Rec at IC—Fr. Len

FRIDAY, MAY 26—Fr. Len

SATURDAY, MAY 27

10:00 am—Franciscan Council Mtg—SJ1

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes at IC—Fr. Jim Fitz

SUNDAY, MAY 28

9:00 am— Mass—Fr. Len (Live Stream) with baptisms after Mass

Priests' schedules are tentative

OUR 8TH GRADERS

The St. Helen School class of 2023 will graduate this coming Tuesday. We ask God's blessings on all of them for the gifts they have shared and on the new paths they will take this fall! Wherever you go, kids, take the Lord with you!

May 27 & 28	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM at IC	Lynn Howell (P) Tom Mahle (P) Leann Som (C)	Caroline Tucker	Deborah Danner (1) Mark Sheets (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM At SH	Ernesto Basto Maria Basto Santiago Basto John Finnegan Mary Finnegan Margie Keenan	Julia Berwanger Jules Ikuzo Jolee Isaro Matthew Polites	Lester Small (1)	Josh Rauch

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!

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

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

You will find cake boards and cake pans at the main entrance of the church until they are gone. Thank you for your time and goodies!! *Donna Herrin and Nancy Small*

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.***

OH SUGAR (du du doot du doot du)

Oh Honey Honey

The Funnel Cake and Cotton Candy Booths are in need of granulated and powdered sugar. Please watch for bargains and drop off your donations at the at the Parish Office.

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 21

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 tomorrow, 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.

NE-7 Family of Parishes : St. Helen, St. Anthony, St. Marys, Holy Angels, Immaculate Conception

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CONTACT: Deb Danner debddanner@sthelenparish.org, Rachel Steipp rsteipp@holyangelsdayton.org

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/San Angeles

211 L St. Dayton 45409
937.229.5911

Immaculate Conception/Inmaculada Concepción

2300 S. Smithville Rd. Dayton, OH 45420
937.252.9919

St. Anthony/San Antonio

830 Bowen St. Dayton 45410
937.253.9132

St. Helen/Santa Elena

5100 Burkhardt Rd. Dayton 45431
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St. Mary/Santa Maria

310 Allen St. Dayton 45410
937.256.5633

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

A Catholic perspective on the proposed constitutional amendment to expand and enshrine abortion in our state.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime:

- Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot
- Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect



PROTECT
THEM BOTH



OUR CONCERNS

1

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

2

**ENDANGERS
PREBORN CHILDREN**

3

**ENABLES THOSE WHO
PRESSURE WOMEN**

See Back for Details >

Where Does the Amendment Say That?

1

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

- Vague language would challenge any attempt to regulate who could perform an abortion and the standards of care required
- Could eliminate current safety standards, such as the presence of a licensed physician and assurance of hospital access in an emergency

“The State shall not... interfere with...an individual's [abortion]... unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means”

2

ENDANGERS PREBORN CHILDREN

- Would force Ohio to abandon protections enacted for preborn children with a detectable heartbeat
- Permits abortions at any time in pregnancy; a clinician could justify a woman's anxiety or depression as a reason for late-term abortion

“...in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health”

3

ENABLES THOSE WHO PRESSURE WOMEN INTO ABORTIONS

- Majority of women who have had an abortion report “high levels of pressure” to seek the abortion⁺
- Anyone who transports, counsels, or pressures a woman into an abortion, including abusers, traffickers, and negligent clinicians, would be protected by law
- Parents would no longer need to give consent or even be informed if their minor is seeking an abortion, removing their ability to report suspected abuse of their daughter

“The State shall not... penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against... A person or entity that assists an individual [to get an abortion]”

⁺ Reardon DC, Longbons T. Effects of Pressure to Abort on Women's Emotional Responses and Mental Health. *Cureus*. 2023 Jan 31;15(1):e34456. doi:10.7759/cureus.34456. PMID: 36874642, PMCID: PMC9981219.

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