

Let once [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:27-28

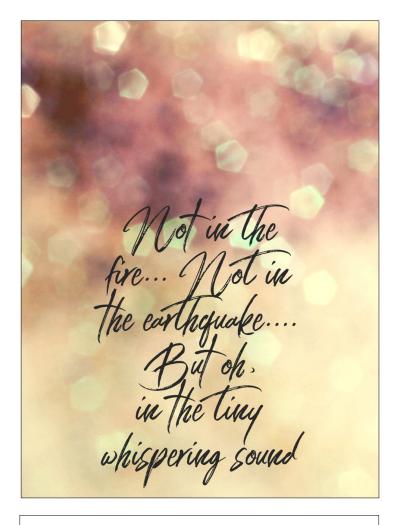
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SIGN UP FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It's time to sign up for Religious Education!!! We have classes for Preschoolers through the Eighth Grade. Cost is \$35 per child for Preschool and Kindergarten, and \$75 for Grades 1-8. Deb Danner will be in the vestibule at the back of the church after Mass on August 20 and 27 with registration forms for this year's program. If the cost of the program is a burden to you, please contact Deb at 937-254-6233 or deb.danner@sthelenparish.org.

TO REPORT A DEATH OR SERIOUS ILLNESS THAT REQUIRES THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK, PLEASE CALL 937-272-4898

This line will be answered at all times. You no longer need to leave a message and wait for someone to call you back.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 20:

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a Roman 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

With heartfelt thanks STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE August 5 and 6

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ST. HELEN SVDP – SPIRITUALITY, SERVICE AND FRIENDSHIP

Would you consider joining St. Helen SVdP? We need more members so we can continue to provide food and financial assistance to our neighbors. During **July**, St. Helen Conference responded to 103 calls, providing referrals to 63 callers, financial assistance to 32 households and food to 14 households. The conference members logged 230 hours of service in support of our mission to our neighbors.

As an example, during this period a woman called for assistance. Her electricity was shut off. She has a high-risk pregnancy and can no longer work. Her boyfriend had lost his job but is actively looking for employment. With help from family, she had managed to keep up with her other bills. She was able to pay a portion of the amount owed and SVdP paid the balance, so her electricity was turned back on. We also gave her several referrals for other assistance she might need.

The continued generosity of St. Helen parishioners enables the Conference to assist our neighbors in need, and we are grateful for your support. Again, St. Helen Conference is seeking additional volunteers. We meet every other Wednesday in the Julie Center at 6:30 pm. If interested, contact Fran O'Shaughnessy at 937-657-8315 or at franos @ameritech.net. May God bless you and your family.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 at SH

9:00 am Mary Strathearn (Nora Marino)

MONDAY, AUGUST 14 at IC

9:00 am Tom Deger (Shirley Deger)

7:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Assumption of Mary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 at IC

9:00am Laura & Chad Merzbacher (Shirley Deger)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 at IC

9:00 am Lucille Lynch (Kim Vesey)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 at IC

9:00 am Paul Cassidy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 at IC

9:00 am Tracy & Scott Murray (Shirley Deger)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 at IC

4:30 pm Ted Fecke (Sue Fecke)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 at SH

9:00 am George Franks (Collette Franks)

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

Priest schedules are tentative and subject to change.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 am—Mass+ Baptism—Fr. Kip Stander

11:00 am—Catechists' Meeting—SJ1

2:00 am—Server Training

MONDAY-FRIDAY, AUGUST 14-18

9:00 am—Weekday Mass at IC

MONDAY, AUGUST 14—Fr. Uriel

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

7:00 pm—Vigil Mass of Assumption—Fr. Tony

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15—Fr. Satish

See NE7 Page for List of Holy Day Masses

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 — Fr. Satish

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer—HR

6:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Len

6:30 pm—St Vincent de Paul Meeting—SJ1

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17—Fr. Len

6:00 pm—Sac of Rec at IC—Fr. Satish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18—Fr. Len

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

11:00 am—Franciscan Formation—SJ1

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes at IC—Fr. Len

5:00 pm—Mass at Holy Angels—Fr. Satish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Len

1:00 pm—Baptism Preparation—HR

1:00 pm—Secular Order of Franciscans—SJ1

August 19 & 20	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM	C-Mary Heider C-Carolyn Howick P-Tom Mahle P-Mary Jane Middleton	Linda Dillon	Kathy Snyder (1) Nora Marino (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Eric Danner April Lezanic Michael Pratt Michelle Pratt Grace Randall Trenton Randall	Molly Fite Josie Fite Harper Robbins Lilly Shepherd	William Flaute (1)	Josh Rauch

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP ST. HELEN YOUTH? THE BOOSTER CLUB, OUR PARISH YOUTH SPORTS SUPPORT CLUB, IS LOOKING FOR AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, CLUB PRESIDENT, AND TREASURER.

AD job duties:

- Oversee sports coordinators and manage sports
- Monthly Booster Club meetings
- Liaison with Dayton CYO
- Coordinate between Sport Coordinators and Board
- Ensure equipment is available and functional

Booster Club President job duties:

- Presides at meetings and calls them to order
- Appoints temporary officers in the case of absences at the meetings Enforces and upholds the Constitution & By-Laws of the Club
- Shall, with the help of the Secretary, prepare an agenda for all meetings
- See that the books of the Treasurer are audited annually and financial reports are delivered monthly to the Club and quarterly to the Parish office.

Treasurer job duties:

- Attend monthly meetings
- Manage Booster Club finances and provide written report monthly, quarterly, and annually
- Collect fees/dues and deposit all monies upon receipt
- Keep accurate records of all dues paid, deposits and withdrawals made (including all supporting paperwork)
- Signs checks drawn against the fund and obtains the required second signature prior to processing said checks.

For more information please contact Meghan Moylan at (907) 374-9450

GROCERY BROWN PAPER BAGS NEEDED

The parish pantry is in dire need of grocery store size brown paper bags we will use to deliver food to our neighbors. If you have any at home you can spare, please bring them to the church office at your convenience. If you have any questions please contact Tom Lewis at 937-238-0986

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OUR RESURRECTION CHOIR!

The Resurrection (Funeral) Choir is an organization of volunteers who make themselves available to sing at St Helen, and sometimes our Family of Parishes' funerals. The foundation of this choir will be members of the adult choir who are available during the day or any other volunteer that would like to support this worthwhile ministry. Funerals for our parishioners occur any day of the week, except Sunday, with most funerals occurring late morning. Rehearsal is 45 minutes before the funeral.

This choir is a blessing to our parish and a special ministry for those who participate. The wonderful corporal work of mercy the Resurrection Choir provides is music to soothe the sorrowful soul.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact Jodi Nix at 937-974-2495 or via email at music.ministry@sthelenparish.org

NAIM MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Widowed recently or years ago? Interested in meeting new friends? Why not check out Naim, a socially & religiously based organization for widowed Catholics. The next Naim meeting will be Monday, August 14, at 7 PM in the St. Henry PAC, 6660 N. Springboro Pike followed by cards. On Sunday, August 20, Naim members will attend the 9:30 Mass in St. Henry Church at the aforementioned address followed by brunch & cards at Marion's on Kingsridge Drive. For more information, contact Agnes Laux @ 937-256-2086.

NE7 Family of Parishes

NE7 FAMILY OF PARISHES WELCOMES SR. FMILY!

Sr. Emily Sandoval, FMI has joined the NE7 Family of Parishes staff as the Parish Coordinator of Communications as of August 7, 2023.

She recently graduated from the University of Dayton with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communications from Ball State University.

Prior to this position, she was a Campus Ministry Graduate Assistant and designed for the Marianist Mission and other organizations.

Sr. Emily is a Marianist Sister. She has been with them since 2017 and professed vows in 2020.

NE7 Family of Parishes First Annual Picnic with Mass on the Grass Saturday, October 7th Picnic 12 noon - 4pm with Mass at 4pm

The parishioners of: Holy Angels, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, St. Anthony, St. Helen & St. Mary are invited to Indian Riffle Park Shelter #3 for our first annual picnic!

Tickets are \$5 person/\$20 family & go on sale the weekend after Labor Day at the parishes.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share (enough to feed 12). Signup sheets available when you purchase tickets.

NE7 will provide the pig, fried chicken, buns, bbq sauce, bottled water, paper goods & utensils.

Bring your lawn chairs & picnic blanket! Games for the kids, water balloon contest, face painting, music & fun!



The Solemnity of the

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Marv

This solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

August 14	6pm	Spanish Vigil Mass	St. Mary
August 14	7pm	English Vigil Mass	St. Helen
August 15	7am	English Mass	St. Anthony
August 15	9am	English Mass	Immaculate Conception
August 15	5pm	English Mass	Holy Angels
August 15	6pm	Bilingual Mass	St. Mary
August 15	7pm	Bilingual Mass	Immaculate Conception

Retreat Registration Info: Register on or before August 20... Free retreat t-shirt! After August 20 & before September 3... Sorry no t-shirt. Register at your parish or online: https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/796

NE7 Family of Parishes 2nd Annual Retreat:

One Bread, One Body

Location: Immaculate Conception Church Date: Saturday, September 9th

Time: from 9am-1pm

Retreat will be presented in both English & Spanish

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