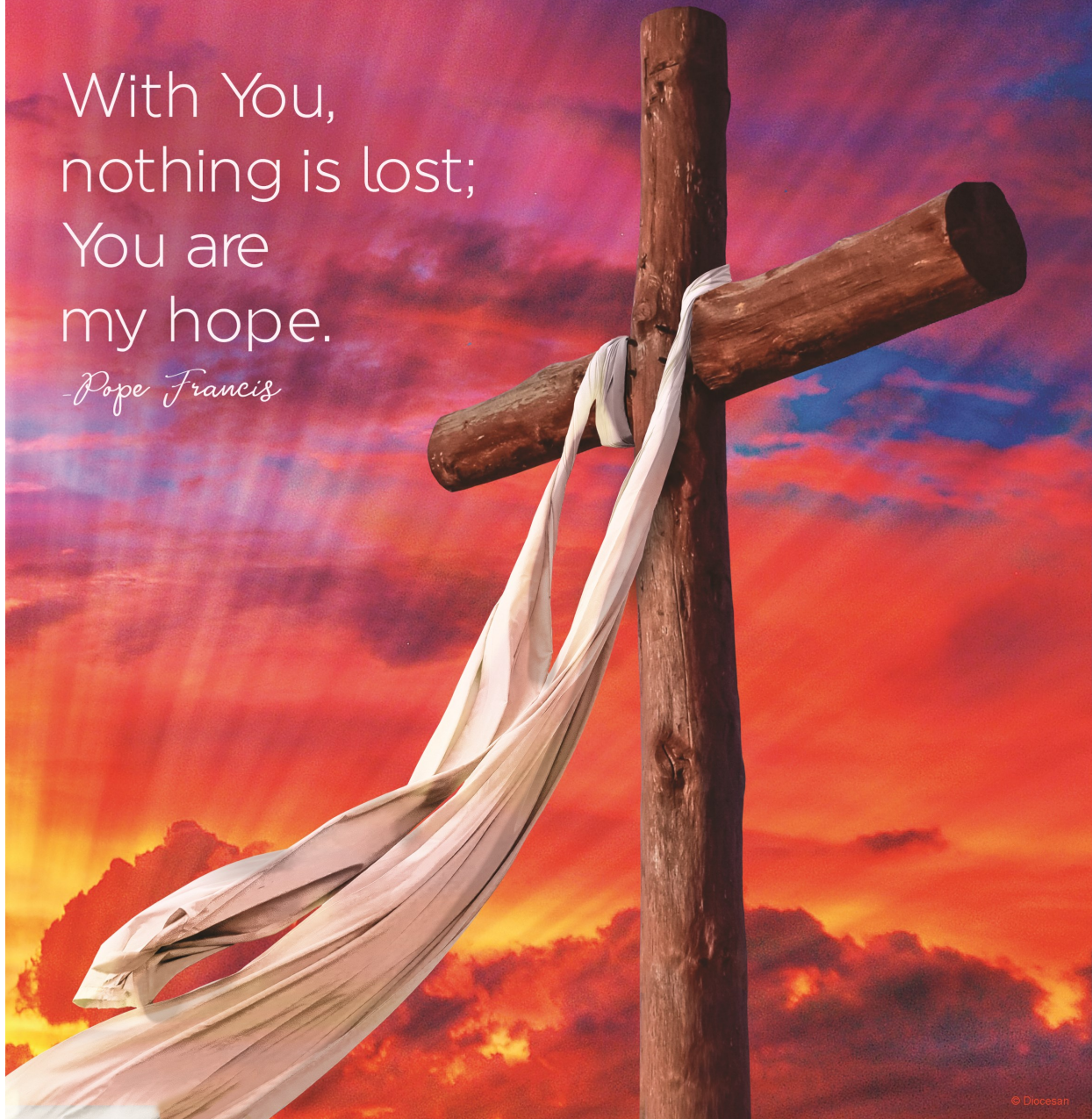


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HAPPY EASTER TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

Lilies have the fragrance of resurrection

Be sure to see Father Satish's letter on the family of parishes page! May everyone's day be a glorious one!

Thank you to all who helped with our Holy Week liturgies. These could not happen without your generosity of time and spirit!

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday, and will reopen on Tuesday, April 11, at 8:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 16, IS THE LAST DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT FOR THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Once again, our donations will go to support the earthquake victims located in Syria through the *Sharing Bread Project* operated by the Blue Marists of Aleppo, who have been providing hot meals, diapers, blankets, and heating fuel to hundreds of people every day as they have been able to.

If you still wish to donate, envelopes are available on the rotating stand in the vestibule if you'd like to write a check and place it in the collection. You may also donate on line via Faith Direct: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH790/50913>

READINGS FOR APRIL 16 EASTER

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

With heartfelt thanks STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Thank you to our catechists and all of our kids!



MARY HEIDER TO RETIRE

Mary, our pastoral associate for liturgy, will retire at the end of June, marking the end of 16-years of ministry at St. Helen. Mary says, "While I am really looking forward to retirement, the people of St. Helen have been such an integral part of my life that my heart hurts to even think about leaving. It has been a true joy to be part of the staff, to work with excellent, fun, and faith-filled people, and to have been able to interact with so many of our wonderful parishioners over the years. I am grateful to Fr. Dave for hiring me in 2007, for all the ways I have grown, for all the little ones in the parish who have charmed me over the years, and to all of you people whose goodness and support have made my life so full!"



DEB DANNER TO BECOME PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR LITURGY

Deb Danner has been our Coordinator for Religious Education for the past 3 years and will also be taking on the role of Liturgist in July following Mary's retirement. Deb comes to us with a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies from Wright State University and a Master's Degree in Theological Studies from the University of Dayton. She and her husband, Jon, have been members of St. Helen Parish since 1992. Over the years, Deb has served in several ministries including many years on both the Worship Commission and the Liturgy Planning Committee. She is very excited to be taking on the role of liturgist and looks forward to planning liturgies for the St. Helen Community.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 at SH

9:00 am Rosie Price (Marilyn Karmele)

MONDAY, APRIL 10 at IC

9:00 am Kathy Otoski (Tom Otoski)

TUESDAY, APRIL 11 at IC

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 at IC

9:00 am David Rike (Julia Bilbe)

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 at IC

9:00 am Carl A. Lombard (Rosemary Lombard)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 at IC

9:00 am Mary Strathearn (Strathearn Family)

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 at IC

4:30 pm Franklin Suranofsky (Deb & Jon Danner)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 at SH

9:00 am Jack Eugene Boyer (Eileen)

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

MANY THANKS TO THE ST HELEN PARISHIONERS AND THE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for your contributions to our parish St Joseph's table food drive! We will use your donations in support of the *Feed the Spirit* ministry and to provide emergency food assistance to families in the local area through the St Helen, St Vincent De Paul conference. If you were not able to drop off your donation you can still do so at the church office or by contacting Tom Lewis at 937-238-0986 (email talewis@sbcglobal.net) to arrange for pick-up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 Easter Sunday

9:00 am—Mass w/ Baptism—Fr. Satish (live streamed)

MONDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 10-14

MONDAY, APRIL 10—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 11—Fr. Uriel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 —Fr. Len

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

7:00 pm—Choir

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council—POB

THURSDAY, APRIL 13—Fr. Len

1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry—SJ1

6:00 pm—Sacr of Reconciliation **at IC**—Fr. Len

FRIDAY, APRIL 14—Fr. Len

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

11:00 am—Franciscan Formation—SJ1

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes Easter Vigil at IC—Fr. Uriel

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Fitz (live-streamed)

Priests' schedules are tentative

EASTER FLOWER FUND DONATIONS

There will be a donation form in next week's bulletin for those who would like to contribute to our Easter Flowers!

April 15 & 16	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM at IC	Deborah Danner (C) Lynn Howell (P) Tom Mahle (C) Leann Som (P)	Caroline Tucker	Monica Whitty (1) Michael Bassett (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM at St. Helen	Pat Avey Becky Cleaver Mary Heider April Lezanic Lynn Middy Michael Pratt	Molly Fite Josie Fite Aurora Magtibay Matthew Polites	William Flaute (1)	Josh Rauch

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'Con-

CALLING ALL CABBAGE ROLLERS!

Your St Helen Festival Kitchen Booth will be rolling and cooking cabbage rolls **SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023** (one week earlier than usual). We need 10 to 12 people 9am - 1pm, and we teach you all you need to know. The fellowship is a lot of laughs, and this is ideal for teenager (15 yrs and up) service hours! ANY amount of time you can offer is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to the booth chair Lisa Lander at 937.422.6690 or mtlandermail@gmail.com.

NOW YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP VIA FAITH DIRECT EVENTS! JUST CLICK ON THE LINK ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!

The Office for Persons with Disabilities invites Adults with Special Needs (18 and older) to a retreat hosted by



April 22, 2023

Location: St. Albert the Great
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Daniel T. Smith Thank you so much for all you've done
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a special thanks for the service and love.

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all the cookie love and Bless and great spirit of God present over us! Love you!

Thank you all for your time and concerns, and the love you show
for us all, May God Bless you and keep you in his love and
Grace Always Respectfully Scott & Doris.

Jeff Botts 748 230 Keep the smiles
Coming

James Cargle 744-802 Thank you very much appreciated

Sesse Howard 787892 I want to thank you for all the time, effort, and love that you have given
us throughout the weekend. All the food was delicious and you could taste
all the love that you guys put into it. Thank you for giving us an amazing weekend.
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NAIM

Monday, April 10, the Naim meeting will begin at 6 PM with pizza @\$5.00 per person in the St. Henry PAC, 6660 N. Springboro Pike. It is suggested members bring their own beverage. Final reservations for the catered affair celebrating the 58th Anniversary of Naim on April 21, will be taken at this meeting followed by cards. Who is Naim? It is the religious & social organization for widowed Catholics. Agnes Laux @ 937-256-2086 can provide YOU with more information about Naim.

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NE7 Family of Parishes - *"He Is Going Before You!" An Easter Message*

"He is not here!" Perhaps these are the most terrifying yet exciting words that Jesus' disciples would ever hear. Matthew's account of the resurrection of Jesus describes two women named Mary coming to the tomb. At that moment, amidst an earthquake, an angel descended from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. The angel then said to the women, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here...." The angel quickly followed it up with, "...for he has been raised from the dead" (Matt 28:6). But for that fleeting moment, I wonder what went through the minds of the two women. Perhaps terror, which then was quickly followed by sheer excitement.

We are far removed from the actual event of the resurrection of Jesus. Because of this, the terror and simultaneous excitement that the first disciples experienced can never be ours. It is true that during Holy Week we re-live Jesus' passion and death. But we re-live it knowing how the story ends. On Good Friday we venerate the Cross knowing that in a couple of days we will be celebrating the resurrection.

Simply because we never participated in the resurrection experience of the first disciples does not mean that we do not find ourselves in similar situations. The death of a loved one, news of a terminal illness, loss of employment, or some other terrifying situations are common experiences. I admit that such terrifying situations are almost never accompanied by earthquakes or the appearance of an angel like it did for the first disciples. But that does not remove from us the possibility of believing that no matter how dark the darkness gets, the risen Christ is with us. The stone has been removed. Darkness has been overcome. Death has been defeated. Victory has been won. Jesus has been raised from the dead. We have become a people of the resurrection.

We are living a similar situation in our parishes as we go through the Beacons of Light process. The forming of a "family of parishes" is a terrifying and yet simultaneously an exciting project. On the one hand, there is a sense of loss, the task of redefining our identity, and the challenge of finding our common purpose. It feels like a dying. On the other hand, the possibility of uniting ourselves around Christ's mission holds a promising future. A resurrection of a different kind awaits us – a united Body of Christ that carries within itself the dying and rising of Jesus. The stone must be removed. Darkness must be overcome. Death must be defeated. The victory must be won. We must bear witness to the risen Christ.

As individuals, families, and as a faith community, we may never be at the same place in which the first disciples of Jesus found themselves. But even as remote as we are from that first Resurrection Day, the death and resurrection of Jesus still holds a promise for us. This promise is as real as it was for the disciples on Easter Sunday – "He has been raised from the dead and he is going before you..." (Matt 28:7). Indeed, Christ has been raised from the dead and he goes before us. And thanks be to Jesus Christ, even though life might be a daily dying, that very dying holds the future promise of new life!

I wish every one of you a blessed and joyful Easter. May the Easter season truly be an experience of the presence of the risen Christ "going before you." For as the angel said, "He is risen from the dead."
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fr. Satish Joseph
Pastor, NE7 Family of Parishes



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