

On this
**Fifth Sunday
of Easter,**

May 7, 2023

we again celebrate

**First Holy
Communion**
with our
second graders.

Welcome to the
Table of the Lord,



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2023

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8TH GRADERS
WHO WERE CONFIRMED THIS PAST SUNDAY!**

*May the fire of the Holy Spirit guide you
and help you to know that you are looked on
by God with love!*

We don't have a group photo yet, but we realized that the kids were confirmed one week before the sixth anniversary of their first communion! Here, five of them recreate those memories! The class' beautiful patron saint icons are shown below, too!

READINGS FOR MAY 14

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

**With heartfelt thanks
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**ST. HELEN PARISH IS ACCEPTING
RESUMES FOR A PART-TIME (15-19
HOURS) OFFICE ASSISTANT.**

In this role you will be the first contact our parishioners and visitors have with St. Helen Parish, either over the phone or in person.

During the course of the week you will provide office communications support by greeting visitors, fielding calls, answering questions regarding parish activities and policies, forwarding messages, and confirming parishioner information. In addition, you will perform data entry, provide secretarial support, and prepare the weekly bank deposit.

If you have office experience, are dependable and professional in nature, and are proficient in Microsoft Office software, we'd love to talk with you. We are a bilingual Family of Parishes, and a working knowledge of the Spanish language is desired but not required. Please forward your resume to Mel McWilliams at mel.mcwilliams@sthelenparish.org no later than **May 18, 2023**. Before starting the position, applicants must be fingerprinted, complete a background check, and be enrolled and/or current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish child protection training.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 7 at SH

9:00 am Raymond Monell (Elaine Monell)

MONDAY, MAY 8 at IC

9:00 am Ruth Burke (Donna Herrin)

TUESDAY, MAY 9 at IC

9:00am James Kessel (Mary Ann Kessel)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 at IC

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11 at IC

9:00 am Mary Noonan (Donna Herrin)

FRIDAY, MAY 12 at IC

9:00 am Barry & Sherry Davis (Mary Jane Middleton)

SATURDAY, MAY 13 at IC

4:30 pm David Rike (Janet Twaits Pepper) and
Tim Gazaille (Sarah Hedges)

SUNDAY, MAY 14 at SH

9:00 am Maureen Hunt (The Hunt Family)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 7

9:00 am—Fr. Satish—Live Stream—
First Communion

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 8-12

9:00 am-Weekday Mass at IC

MONDAY, MAY 8—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, MAY 9—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 —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 Mtg—SJ1

7:00 pm—Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 11—Fr. Len

9:00 am—School Mass

1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry —SJ1

2:00 pm—May Crowning at the Shrine

6:00 pm—Sac of Rec at IC—Fr. Satish

FRIDAY, MAY 12—Fr. Satish

SATURDAY, MAY 13

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes at IC—Fr. Len

SUNDAY, MAY 14

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

10:15 am—Religious Education

Priests' schedules are tentative

3RD FESTIVAL TICKET TURN-IN

The amount of the 3rd turn in was \$2,080 compared to last years amount of \$2,620. The Early Bird winner was **Margie Thorpe!** You have ONE MORE early turn-in on **June 5th!** We need a big surge in ticket sales to finish strong, so if you haven't sold yours now is the time!!! If you need additional tickets please call your area commander or DeDe!

May 13 & 14	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Deborah Danner (C) Linda Dillon (P) Carolyn Howick (P) Monica Whitty (C)	Breanna Mwaura	Pat Schneider (1) Michael Bassett (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM	Bryon Betsinger Brian Lezanic Lynn Middy Michael Pratt Michelle Pratt Billie Jean Szydlik Becca Williams	Connor Brown Daniel MacLeod Jack Williams James Williams	Pete Williams (1)	Josh Rauch

NAIM MEETING

The regular Naim meeting, followed by cards, is Monday, May 8, beginning at 7 PM in the All Saints room at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike. At that event plans for the annual picnic in June will be discussed. If YOU would like to get in on the fun or learn more about the social & religious organization for widowed Catholics contact Agnes Laux @ 937-256-2086.

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. As always we will be looking for volunteers of all ages to help work all over the festival there will be a link for Sign-ups to coming soon!

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.* If you would like to drop your books off earlier, the school is having a book collection contest May 1-12. You could help a student's homeroom collect the most books and win a pizza party.

BOOK COLLECTION CONTEST

Win a Pizza Party for your Classroom!

It's time to clean off your bookshelves! The St. Helen class that donates the most books for the Festival Book Booth will win a lunch pizza party! **The book collection will begin Monday, May 1 and end on Friday, May 12.**

Books (*no magazines, textbooks, or encyclopedias please*) should be dropped off at the maintenance shed **BEFORE** school. Please drop off your books between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 am **ONLY**. **Students** – please give your homeroom teacher a note with the number of books that were dropped off that morning.

PROJECT RUNWAY WANNA-BE DESIGNERS, CHECK THIS OUT!**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

GET READY FOR THE FLEA MARKET!

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. **Festival pick-up times coming soon!**

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It is festival time! We need many cakes and baked goods for the CAKE BOOTH & BAKE SALE!. We need brownies, cookies, fudge, cupcakes, Rice Krispy treats, etc.

Thank you for your time and goodies!



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Dear St. Helen Festival Family,

For nearly 70 years our community has celebrated a wonderful parish festival. Known far and wide in the Dayton region as the unofficial kick-off to summer, the St. Helen Festival has been a landmark event that has brought happiness and timeless memories to so many people and meant so much to so many families. Whether you attended the festival as a child, helped work a booth as a teenager with your folks, or served in a leadership role as an adult in the parish, the common threads of fellowship and friends, of comradery and community, have stood out through our 69 years of operating the June Festival.

In 2023, as we build on the incredible success of last year and honor the history of our parish festival, we invite you to support the event in a new way that gives our parish families, area businesses, and community partners the opportunity to honor a legacy of service, promote a company, or inform of a local service through one of these options:

St Helen Festival Legacy Family Honor Roll: \$200 Donation Level

Honor your family's years of volunteer service to the St. Helen Festival by listing them on our Legacy Family Honor Roll. This will be displayed prominently on the grounds throughout Festival Weekend and allow for many long time St. Helen Families to support the Festival. The Honor Roll will also be listed in our Official Festival T-Shirt.

Example: *THE BUTLER FAMILY, IN HONOR OF JACK & PEG BUTLER 1968-2018*

Festival Booth Sponsorship: \$300 Donation Level for Family or Business

Honor your family's years of dedication to a specific booth at the St. Helen Festival by becoming a BOOTH SPONSOR. This will be displayed prominently at the booth of your choice throughout festival weekend. Business sponsorship of a booth is also available, and businesses will also receive mention on the back of our official Festival T-Shirt.

Example: *BARS & BELLS: PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY*

Example: *BARS & BELLS: IN HONOR OF THE ANDERSON FAMILY*

Event Sponsorship \$2500 Donation Level

Showcase your business at the St. Helen Festival, an event attended by thousands of visitors, as an EVENT SPONSOR. Your company/organization logo will be displayed prominently in the main gym throughout festival weekend and will also get placement on the back of our official Festival T-Shirt. In addition to these perks, your company's/organization's promotional information will be announced on an hourly basis over the public announcement system during festival weekend and your literature will be available at the main booth.

Example: *THE ST HELEN FESTIVAL IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY UNITED SERVICES (with company logo)*

Please email inquiries to sthelenfestivalads@gmail.com Submissions are due May 25. We look forward to another great St. Helen Festival in June and sincerely thank you for your consideration and support!

Help Protect the Dignity of Life in Ohio

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio. Starting this week, the following **Protect Them Both** materials about the proposed amendment are available in Ohio parishes:



- **Protect Them Both Prayer Card:** Unite with Catholics across Ohio in asking God to strengthen us as we defend and accompany mothers and preborn children
- **Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio Flyer:** Learn more about the proposed amendment and what you can do now

These are the first of many resources that will be available to help defeat the proposed amendment. Learn more about the **Protect Them Both** campaign and access resources online at: ohiocathconf.org/protect



All materials created by the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO), in collaboration with the dioceses across Ohio. CCO is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education. www.ohiocathconf.org

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