

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Helen Parish

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A SERVER AT OUR 9 A.M. MASS?

Letters went out this past week to incoming 5th graders and current servers regarding the Servers Ministry. However, due to some complications with the software, we may have missed you! Anyone from 5th grade on up who did NOT get a letter but would like to be a server should contact Deb Danner at deb.danner@sthelenparish.org! Deb will get training dates and details out to you!

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are gearing up for a new school year and are in need of three catechists for the 2023-2024 Religious Education Program. Each classroom will have 2 catechists, and the time commitment is 2-3 hours per week. This is a great and very rewarding way to share your faith with our young people and to gain a new perspective on your own faith! If you would like to volunteer as a catechist for grades K, 4, or 7, please contact Deb Danner at 937-254-6233 or deb.danner@sthelenparish.org.

CHANGES TO SOCIAL DISTANCING SECTION

Beginning 1 August, we will no longer have a socially distanced seating section in the back of church. The rows will be open to everyone. Please feel free to continue to wear a mask if you wish, sit where you choose, and join the regular communion procession line as a Eucharistic Minister will no longer be assigned to the back section. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Danner at 937-254-6233 or deb.danner@sthelenparish.org.

READINGS FOR JULY 30:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

With heartfelt thanks STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 15 and 16

\$16,614.50

Of which \$10,810.50 via Faith Direct

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PRIORITY REGISTRATION

The St. Helen PTO is proud to continue the tradition of the St. Helen Christmas Bazaar. The 2023 Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 2nd. Priority registration for craft vendors opened for St. Helen parishioners and school families on July 9. If you would like to register for the 2023 bazaar please contact the bazaar committee at sthelenchristmasbazaar@gmail.com. Be sure to register early to guarantee your space.

UPDATE YOUR RECORDS FOR OUR UPCOMING MINI DIRECTORY!

Have you moved? Dropped your landline? Changed your cell phone number? If so, **please let the parish office know by Friday, July 29!** We will be sending the new Guide Book & Directory template in the following week. Thanks for keeping us up to date!!

SATURDAY, JULY 22, IS THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene was the first person to see Jesus after he rose from the dead. Though she did not recognize his face at first, she recognized the sound of his voice when he called her name. May we all be as blessed.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 23 at SH

9:00 am Juan Indalecio Aniversary (Marcia Indalecio)

MONDAY, JULY 24 at IC

9:00 am Susan Drees (Mary Sue & Luke Muhlenkamp)

TUESDAY, JULY 25 at IC

9:00am Mary Carroll (Donna & George Scheu)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 at IC

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

THURSDAY, JULY 27 at IC

9:00 am Elise Lunsford & Keith Grimme (Jane Walling)

FRIDAY, JULY 28 at IC

9:00 am Kenny Franks (Spl Int.) (Colette Franks)

SATURDAY, JULY 29 at IC

4:30 pm Ruth Spang

SUNDAY, JULY 30 at SH

9:00 am Nicholas Karmele (Marilyn Karmele)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 23

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Jim Fitz(Live Stream)

MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 24-28

9:00 am—Weekday Mass at IC

MONDAY, JULY 24—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, JULY 25—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 —Fr. Satish

10:00 am—Book Club—HR

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer—HR

6:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Len

THURSDAY, JULY 27—Fr. Satish

1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Ministry —SJ1

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

FRIDAY, JULY 28—Fr. Len

SATURDAY, JULY 29

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes at IC—Fr. Satish

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Len (Live stream)

Priests' schedules are tentative

POPE FRANCIS ON REFUGEES:

It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help... If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite." "The faith we proclaim tonight makes us see God present in all those situations where we think he is absent... He is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our cities and our neighborhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors."

July 29 and 30	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM at IC	C-Linda Dillon P-Lynn Howell C-Carolyn Howick P-Tom Mahle	Eric Moser	Michael Bassett (1) Gina Greenwood (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM at SH	Pat Avey Bryon Betsinger Mary Heider Brian Lezanic Lynn Middy Billie Jean Szydlik	Jules Ikuzo Harper Robbins Brandon Schaefer James Williams	Kathy Snyder (1)	Jay Rutledge

GUIDE BOOK AND DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise.

If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It “will pay” to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP WITH OUR BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON MINISTRY?

Following a loved one's funeral, it can be very comforting for a family to gather afterward for a meal and have the opportunity to share memories.

At this time we are asking for volunteers who would be able to help our small crew—as your schedule permits—set up, serve, and clean up after *meals provided by the bereaved family*. Meals are served either in the Smith Building or the St. Julie Center. **Please call Carol Engel at 937-258-8510 for more information or if you would like to sign up** for this Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy Ministry as we bury the dead and pray for the living and the dead.

FINAL REMINDER FOR SAFE PARISH CHILD PROTECTION DECREE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, in keeping with its policies, has completed the five-year revision of the Decree on Child Protection. We anticipate the revised Decree is available for download and acknowledgment on the SafeParish website. Each user with a SafeParish account will need to download, acknowledge to have read, and agree to abide by the requirements of the revised Decree. If this is not completed within 30 days of the promulgation of the Decree by the Archbishop, the user's SafeParish account will show as pending until the user completes the acknowledgement. Users with pending SafeParish accounts are not permitted to work or volunteer with youth until they have met all the child protection requirements and their SafeParish account is approved. Please contact your parish or school safe environment coordinator with any questions.

NE7 Family of Parishes Pastor updates on Beacons of Light from Fr. Satish

July 22/23, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

In January this year, I had written a letter updating the parishioners of the NE7 Family of Parishes (FoP) about the Beacons of Light plan for 2023. Halfway through the year, I would like to take the opportunity to make you aware of the activities and plan for the second half of this year.

Whereas some of these activities are for parish leadership teams, the upcoming FoP Retreat is for all parishioners. The retreat entitled, "One Bread, One Body" will focus on the Eucharist as our bond of unity. It will serve two purposes. First, it will prepare the parishes for the National Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis in 2024. It will also renew and deepen our faith in the most central aspect of our Catholic life – the Eucharist.

Here are some of the events planned in the coming months:

On Saturday, **August 26, 2023**, there will be a retreat for all Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council members, Parish Finance Commission members, and School Principals. This Retreat will lay the spiritual and theological foundation for our leadership teams.

On Saturday, **September 9, 2022**, there will be a retreat for all the parishioners of our 5 parishes and the Dayton Hispanic Community. As mentioned above, this retreat will focus on NE7 FoP being a Eucharistic community. This will also be a remote preparation for the Eucharistic Congress. By mid-August you will receive a letter in the mail with an invitation and a registration form. I hope that many of you will attend this retreat and become part of a vision for a Eucharistic community.

We will also form a FoP Pastoral Council representing all the 5 parishes and the Dayton Hispanic Community. The initial configuration of the FoP Pastoral Council will be composed of the Chair and Vice Chair of Parish Councils, the Finance Commission Chair, the Parish Business Managers, the School Principals, and one at large member from every parish to be appointed by the Pastor.

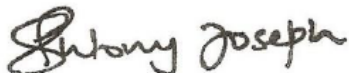
On **October 4, 2023**, we will have the 1st meeting of FoP Parish Pastoral Council. At this meeting discussions will begin for a name, a website, a common bulletin, and becoming familiar with the ground reality of every parish.

On **December 6, 2023**, we will have the 2nd meeting of the FoP Parish Pastoral Council. In this meeting we will have more detailed discussions about beginning the process of becoming one parish. The hope also is that the key leaders for the 6 areas of the Beacons of Light plan will also emerge from this meeting.

From here on the FoP Parish Pastoral Council will meet on the 1st Wednesday of every other month. The rest of the plans for our Family of Parishes will emerge from these meetings. All decisions will be made in a spirit of discussions and consultations.

May I request your most sincere prayer as we begin the new phase of the Beacons of Light initiative. May we all be open to the work the Holy Spirit among us. And may we be open to each other as we become one parish family.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Satish Joseph,
Pastor NE7 Family of Parishes

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