

# BREAD OF LIFE FAMILY OF PARISHES FAMILIA DE PARROQUIAS PAN DE VIDA

## Ordinary Time Tiempo ordinario



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605 Granville Pl, Riverside 45431  
937.254.6233  
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School | Escuela  
937.256.1761  
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310 Allen St, Dayton 45410  
937.256.5633  
stmarydayton.org  
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2300 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton, 45420  
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820 Bowen St, Dayton, 45410  
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**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS | HORARIO E INTENCIONES DE LA MISA**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | LUNES, 24 DE FEBRERO**

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Len Wenke	+Kathy Otoski
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | MARTES, 25 DE FEBRERO**

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Marcella Fisher
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours	St. Anthony	English		

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | MIÉRCOLES, 26 DE FEBRERO**

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Rita Ann Barry
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	La Comunidad Hispana
6:00 pm	Reconciliation	St. Helen	English	Fr. Tony Geraci	

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 | JUEVES, 27 DE FEBRERO**

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Len Wenke	
6:00 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Uriel Santos	+Jose Ignacio Yañez Sango
6:00 pm	Reconciliation, Adoration, & Anointing of the Sick	IC	Bilingual	Fr. Satish Joseph	

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | VIERNES, 28 DE FEBRERO**

9:00 am	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Jim Hovorka
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 1 | SÁBADO, 1 DE MARZO**

9:30 am	Adoration (until 10:30 am)	St. Anthony			
4:30 pm	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Uriel Santos	+Mary Lou Spang
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation from 4:00-4:45 pm)	Holy Angels	English	Fr. Len Wenke	Deceased Members of the Leff Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2 | DOMINGO, 2 DE MARZO: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

9:00 am	Misa	IC	Español	P. Satish Joseph	La Comunidad Hispana
9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	English	Fr. Uriel Santos	Debbie Monnin
9:00 am	Mass	St. Helen	English & livestream	Fr. John Klobuka	All Members of the August Schrage Family
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary	English	Fr. Tony Geraci	Andy Moorman, Living & Deceased of the St. Mary Alumni Association, Alphonso Wright
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels	English	Fr. Uriel Santos	In honor of Christine Davis
11:00 am	Mass	IC	English & livestream	Fr. Len Wenke	+Bernardine Lee
12:15 pm	Misa	Sta. María	Español	P. Satish Joseph	+Socorro Garcia Macias
5:00 pm	Mass	IC	English	Fr. Satish Joseph	+Jim Rice

Please note: The Priest schedule is tentative & subject to change | Nota: El horario de los sacerdotes es provisional y puede cambiar

To request Mass intentions for deceased loved ones, special intentions, or in thanksgiving, please contact the parish office of the church you would like your intention to be offered at. Contact information is listed on this bulletin's cover.

<b>PRIESTS SACERDOTES</b>	<b>Fr. Satish Joseph</b> Pastor   Párroco satishjoseph@icparishdayton.org	<b>Fr. Len Wenke</b> Parochial Vicar   Vicario Parroquial fr.len.wenke@gmail.com	<b>Fr. Uriel Santos</b> Parochial Vicar   Vicario Parroquial usantos@stmarydayton.org
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: ENGLISH**

**Archbishop-designate Robert G. Casey**

On February 12, 2025, Pope Francis announced that he has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Schnurr from pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and has appointed Most Reverend Robert G. Casey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, to be the 11th Archbishop of our Archdiocese. Please keep Archbishop Schnurr and Archbishop-designate Casey in your prayers during this time of transition. More information is available at <https://catholicaoc.org/archbishop>.



**2025 Ash Wednesday Schedule (English): March 5**

6:00 am	Liturgy of the Word	St. Helen	12:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word	St. Helen
7:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony	4:00 pm	Mass with UD	Holy Angels
8:00 am	Mass with School & UD	Holy Angels	5:00 pm	Mass	IC
9:00 am	Mass	IC	6:00 pm	Mass with UD	Holy Angels
9:00 am	Mass with School	St. Helen	7:00 pm	Mass	St. Helen
11:00 am	Mass with UD	Holy Angels	8:00 pm	Mass with UD	Holy Angels

**2025 Lenten Stations of the Cross (English)**

Wednesdays March 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9, 16	6:45 pm	St. Mary	Bilingual
Thursdays March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10	6:30 pm	St. Anthony	English
Thursday, March 13	6:30 pm	Holy Angels	English (for families)
Tuesday, April 8	6:30 pm	St. Helen	English (for families)

**Lenten Reconciliation Service**

The communal Lenten Reconciliation service for our family of parishes will be Tuesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm at St. Helen.

**Family-Friendly Stations of the Cross and Pizza Supper**

All are welcome!

**Thursday, March 13 in Holy Angels Church at 6:00 pm**

Stations in the Church followed by pizza/kids crafts in the school cafeteria  
RSVP by Monday, March 10th: <https://tinyurl.com/HASstations2025>



**Shrove Tuesday**

Please join the Bread of Life Family of Parishes in celebrating Shrove Tuesday with Holden's Evensong and a special treat at **St. Helen Parish on March 4 at 7:00 pm.**



**Welcome to our new parishioners to Bread of Life Family of Parishes!**

- Geise Morris Family (HA)
- Flores Lopez Family (IC)
- Sandoval Family (IC)
- Mizirumbay Families (IC)
- Acosta Lopez Family (IC)

**Baptisms**

Congratulations to all those who were baptized recently. May they continue to grow in Christ's love.

- Carmen Cerros Avelar (SM)
- Julian Channels (SM)
- Julio George Mejía (SM)
- Ebelin Guevara Avelar (SM)
- Margaret Guevara Avelar (SM)
- Autumn Bedard (IC)\*

\*spelling correction from last week

**Rest in Peace**

Funerals were held recently. Please keep them, their families, & friends in your prayers. May they rest in the eternal embrace of God.

- Joan Heider (SA)
- Pokey Huffman (HA)
- Christine Stoff (SM)
- Rosemary Millett (SA)
- Dale Banford (SA)

**To learn about Baptisms, contact:**

- **St. Mary:** 937.256.5633
- **St. Helen:** Deb Danner, [deb.danner@sthelenparish.org](mailto:deb.danner@sthelenparish.org)
- **Holy Angels, St. Anthony, Immaculate Conception (IC):** Will Marsh, [willmarsh@icparishdayton.org](mailto:willmarsh@icparishdayton.org)

**Baptism workshops (attending either one is required):**

- 2nd Sundays of the month at 9:30 am in IC in the Geraci Room. Register at [tinyurl.com/IC-Baptism](https://tinyurl.com/IC-Baptism).
- 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm in St. Helen. Register at [sthelenparish.org/baptism.html](https://sthelenparish.org/baptism.html).

**To learn about Marriages and Convalidations:**

Contact the office of the parish you want to be married at. Weddings must be scheduled 9 months in advance.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: ENGLISH**

**Contemplative Spirit for the Active Life: A 2025 Lenten Series**

Facilitated by  
Fr. Satish Joseph Ph.D.



Our lives are lived over many years, in a myriad of situations, in various locations, in multiple relationships, working multiple jobs, managing numerous challenges, facing a variety of emotions, and amidst everything, keeping our faith in a God has created us and endowed us with a soul. Isn't it true that despite all the time, effort, and resources we invest in living a meaningful life on earth, our ultimate goal is to be with God in eternity? How do we maintain an eternal glance while we live this temporal life? Jesus has the answer. No! Jesus IS the answer.

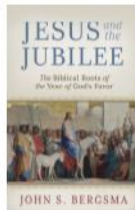
Lenten Series 2025 (six Fridays of Lent) will propose Jesus as the "contemplative par excellence" who also led an active life. Jesus' forty days in the desert, (the basis of Christian Lenten season and practices), is where we see his contemplative spirit at its best. We can learn much about living our complex lives from Jesus, who lived an even more complex life, but with his eyes fixed on the eternal goal in a spirit of contemplation. Lenten Series 2025 will focus on the meaning of an active life lived in a contemplative spirit.

Each evening will begin with dinner at 6:30pm, followed by reflection by Fr. Satish Joseph, and a small group discussion. The cost is \$10. Attendance each Friday will enhance the benefits of the Series. Register at: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/796>.

**Fridays from March 7 to April 11 at 6:30 pm in Immaculate Conception in MSH (lower level)**



**Bible Study for Lent: "Jesus and the Jubilee"**



This study offers a transformative exploration of biblical theology surrounding the Jubilee Year, emphasizing its deep roots in salvation history and its relevance for modern Catholics.

RSVP by February 28 to [franphillips9150@gmail.com](mailto:franphillips9150@gmail.com) or call 937.254.8727. Book cost \$15. All are invited to join us!

**Times and dates:**

- **Holy Angels: Tuesdays 7:00 pm starting March 11 for 5 weeks**
- **St. Anthony: Thursdays 9:30 am starting March 13 for 5 weeks**

**Men's Lenten Retreat**



Calling all Men! Join us at the Bread of Life Family of Parishes Men's Lenten retreat for food, fellowship, and discernment as we prepare ourselves for Easter. Please email Nate Brinkman [brinkmannate@gmail.com](mailto:brinkmannate@gmail.com) to RSVP by March 5th. **Saturday, March 8 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Anthony Rectory (820 Bowen St, Dayton 45410)**

**Mardi Gras Meatball Madness Holy Angels**



Holy Angels Church Knights of Columbus & Family Faith in Action Committee invite you to Mardi Gras Meatball Madness! There will be spaghetti and meatball dinner, King Cake, a live band, and kids' activities. Suggested donation: \$10 per person/ \$30 per family. Please scan the QR code to RSVP or go to <https://tinyurl.com/MeatballMadness2025>. **Saturday, March 1 at 6:00 pm (after 5:00 pm Mass) in Holy Angels Gym.**

**Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year!**



Join us for a trip to visit St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Saturday, March 15. As part of the Jubilee Year Pope Francis is urging us to go on pilgrimage to obtain a plenary indulgence. Our Cathedral in Cincinnati has been designated as a Sacred Jubilee Site wherefrom the faithful through Divine Grace will experience the hope offered from forgiveness and hearts and minds open to the need to forgive others in return. We will leave St. Anthony parking lot at 8:30 am and car pool to the Cathedral for a tour at 10:00 am and Mass at 11:30 and then lunch at a local restaurant. Confession will not be available, but you can go 2 weeks before or after to obtain the indulgence. Invite your family and friends to come! RSVP to [franphillips9150@gmail.com](mailto:franphillips9150@gmail.com) or call 937.254.8727 **Saturday, March 15 starting 8:30 am from the parking lot of St. Anthony Church**

**Lunch Bunch Ladies! Immaculate Conception**

Our next lunch: **Cracker Barrel (Wilmington Pike) on Monday, February 24 at 12:30 pm.** This group is open to all ladies. No need to RSVP, just come! Questions? Contact Shirley at 937.344.1845.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

All are welcome to join us in for Adoration:

- Saturday, March 1 9:30-10:30 am in St. Anthony Church
- Friday, March 7—Exposition from 2:00-3:15 pm (chapel open 6:30 am-3:30 pm) in St. Helen Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Thursdays at 6:00 pm in Immaculate Conception Church

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: ENGLISH****Fellowship After Mass: March 2**

Come join us for food and fellowship after Mass!

**St. Anthony:** Rectory after the 9:00 am Sunday Mass



**St. Helen** (Donut Sunday): Please join us in the Smith Building for food and fellowship! There will be gluten free donuts and a cheese and cracker tray for those who want to partake but can't eat regular donuts or sweets.

**Holy Angels:** School cafeteria after the 10:45 am Mass

**St. Mary:** St. Mary Center after the 9:45 am Mass

**Bread for the Journey Discipleship Group**

Bread for the Journey (small) Discipleship Group is looking to add some additional members! We are a prayerful, adult faith-sharing group **meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the chapel at Immaculate Conception parish.** We read and discuss books about Catholic prayer and spirituality including the insights and experiences of Catholic saints and Doctors of the Church. If you are an adult in the Bread of Life Family of Parishes looking to deepen your faith journey and share community with a welcoming, small discipleship group, **please contact Jeannine Vogel through Will Marsh at willmarsh@icparishdayton.org.**

**Choir for Fr. Tony Geraci's Jubilee**

**Mark your calendar for June 1st, 9:45 am Mass! Fr.**

Tony Geraci has chosen to celebrate his Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Priesthood at St. Mary's in recognition and celebration of their 165 years of Catholic presence in the City of Dayton. Because of his profound love of music, this Mass will be a music feast! If you like to sing grand choral pieces, maybe have a special connection to Father, and want to be part of the choir for this special event, **please join us for practice every Wednesday evening beginning in March at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's.** Father has touched so many lives within our Bread of Life parish since his first assignment at St. Anthony, so let's celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with songs of joy! Contact Jeff Hecht at jhecht@dslextreme.com or Therese Baker at twoestebaker@gmail.com for more information.

**Festival Ticket Turn In****St. Helen**

By now you should have received your St. Helen Spring Festival tickets in the mail. Our **FIRST** Festival Ticket Turn In is on Monday, March 3 in the Smith building 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Please drop off your ticket stubs and your money or check made out to St. Helen in the collection basket in the envelope provided or drop them off at the parish office during business hours. We will also have the **FIRST EARLY BIRD** drawing of \$50 that evening at 8:00 pm. Thank you so much for your support to help make this raffle and the festival a success. For tickets, questions, or comments call DeDe at 937.254.4432 or your area commander listed on the back of the letter enclosed with your tickets (the letter on your tickets, denotes the letter for your area commander).

**St. Vincent de Paul Hotel****Immaculate Conception**

Each month we provide casseroles for the guests staying at the St. Vincent de Paul Hotels. Recipe: [icparishdayton.org/ministries/SVDP](http://icparishdayton.org/ministries/SVDP). You may provide a casserole or canned vegetables or fruit (#10 size can preferred). Casseroles are collected at the parish in the South parking lot and taken to St. Vincent de Paul's central kitchen facilities. **The next collection date is: Wednesday, February 26 at 10:00 am.**

Contact Dona Carlson at 937.469.0121 with any questions. Thank you for your help caring for our unhoused sisters and brothers!

**St. Helen School Open House****St. Helen**

**Thursday, February 27**

**from 6:00-8:00 pm**



The first hour welcomes new families to meet our staff and tour the school. The second hour is for both new and current families. Registration packets are available in the school office; new families may register starting March 1st. We look forward to meeting you and possibly having you join the St. Helen School Community for the 2025-26 school year. Please contact Mrs. Saunders in the school office if you are interested in registering for the 2025-26 school year at 937.256.1761

**Save the Date! Bread of Life/ Pan de Vida Vacation Bible School**

July 7-11, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in St. Helen Parish.

Contact: Deb Danner at [deb.danner@sthelenparish.org](mailto:deb.danner@sthelenparish.org)

**St. Helen Festival**

Please mark your calendar for the annual St. Helen Festival, to be held June 6, 7, and 8!

**St. Helen Spring Festival Chairs & Co-Chairs****St. Helen**

Planning for the 2025 St. Helen Spring Festival is well underway. We are looking to fill Chair and Co-Chair positions for booths, BINGO, CAKE, CRAZY BALL, FUNNEL CAKE, RAINBOW and WALKING TACO. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Booth-Ops- Jamie Brown and Vicky Davis through email [JVBoothops@gmail.com](mailto:JVBoothops@gmail.com). Jamie can also be reached at 937.367.4295 and Vicky at 937.554.7920.

**ANUNCIOS: ESPAÑOL**

**Bienvenidos a la Familia de Parroquias Pan de Vida**

- Familia Geise Morris (Santos Ángeles)
- Familia Flores Lopez (IC)
- Familia Sandoval (IC)
- Familias Mizirumbay (IC)
- Familia Acosta Lopez (IC)

**Bautismos**

Congratulaciones por su bautizo. Deseamos que continúen creciendo en el amor de Dios.

- Carmen Cerros Avelar (SM)
- Julian Channels SM
- Julio George Mejía (SM)
- Ebelin Guevara Avelar (SM)
- Margaret Guevara Avelar (SM)
- Autumn Bedard (IC)\*

\*corrección en ortografía de la semana pasada

**Descansen en Paz**

Recientemente se llevó a cabo funerales. Por favor, manténgalos en sus oraciones. Que descansen en el abrazo eterno de Dios.

- Joan Heider (San Antonio)
- Pokey Huffman (Santos Ángeles)
- Christine Stoff (SM)
- Rosemary Millett (San Antonio)
- Dale Banford (San Antonio)

**Clase de Bautismo**

Cuando una familia busca el bautismo de un niño, le pedimos que al menos un adulto participe en nuestra clase de bautismo.

**Sta. María:** Primer Domingo del mes a las 9:00 am. Se requiere registro previo. Contacta a la Oficina Ministerio Hispano: 937.258.1309 o Maria Leticia Castillo: mlcastillo@stmarydayton.org.

**Inmaculada Concepción:** Segundo Domingo del mes en la planta baja (MSH) de IC a las 10:15 am. Se requiere registro previo. Contactar Sonia Trejo: 937.252.9919 ext. 205.o soniatrejovalerio@icparishdayton.org.

**Para más información sobre Matrimonios y Convalidaciones:**

Contacta a la oficina de la parroquia. Se anima a las parejas comprometidas a que se comuniquen con la oficina de la iglesia tan pronto como comiencen los planes para su matrimonio, al menos con 9 meses de anticipación.

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**Arzobispo-designado Robert G. Casey**

El 12 de febrero de 2025, el papa Francisco anunció que ha aceptado la renuncia del arzobispo Schnurr al gobierno pastoral de la arquidiócesis de Cincinnati y ha nombrado a monseñor Robert G. Casey, obispo auxiliar de la arquidiócesis de Chicago, para ser el undécimo arzobispo de nuestra arquidiócesis. Por favor oren por Arzobispo Schnurr y Arzobispo-designado Casey durante este tiempo de transición. Más información en <https://catholicaoc.org/archbishop>.



**Horario de Miércoles de Ceniza (Español): el 5 de marzo de 2025**

7:00 am	Liturgia del Palabra	Sta. María
7:00 pm	Misa	IC

**2025 Vía Crucis (Español)**

Miércoles, los 12, 19 y 26 de marzo los 2, 9 y 16 de abril	6:45 pm	Sta. María	Bilingüe
Viernes, los 7, 14, 21 y 28 de marzo los 4 y 11 de abril	7:00 pm	IC	Español

**¡Reserva la fecha! Pan de Vida/ Bread of Life Campamento Bíblico**

FECHAS: Julio 7-11  
 HORAS: 9:00 am a 12:00 pm  
 DONDE: Iglesia Sta. Elena (St. Helen)  
 CONTACTO: Sonia Trejo, [soniatrejovalerio@icparishdayton.org](mailto:soniatrejovalerio@icparishdayton.org)



**Festival de Sta. Elena (St. Helen)**

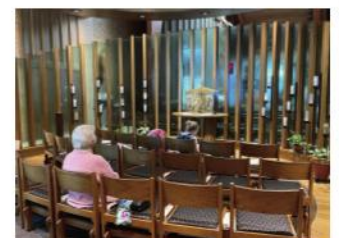
¡Reserva la fecha! La Festival de Sta. Elena (St. Helen) será los 6, 7 y 8 de junio.



**Adoración Eucarística**

Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros en la Adoración:

- Sábado, 1 de marzo de 9:30-10:30 am en Iglesia de San Antonio
- Viernes, 7 de marzo – Exposición de 2:00-3:15 pm (capilla estará abierta de 6:30 am-3:30 pm) en Santa Elena Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento
- Los jueves a las 6:00 pm en Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción



**ANUNCIOS: ESPAÑOL**

**Casas Abiertas de Escuela St. Helen**

Sta. Elena (St. Helen)

El jueves 27 de febrero de 6:00 a 8:00 pm

Estás invitado a nuestro Día de Puertas Abiertas el jueves 27 de febrero de 6:00 a 8:00 p.m. La primera hora da la bienvenida a las nuevas familias para conocer a nuestro personal y recorrer la escuela. La segunda hora es para todas las familias, tanto nuevas como actuales. Los paquetes de registro están disponibles en la oficina de la escuela; las nuevas familias pueden registrarse a partir del 1 de marzo. Esperamos conocerte y posiblemente que te unas a la Comunidad de la Escuela St. Helen para el año escolar 2025-26. Por favor, contacta a la Sra. Saunders en la oficina de la escuela si estás interesado en registrarte para el año escolar 2025-26 al 937.256.1761.



**Hotel St. Vincent - Alimentar a los desamparados (Anotarse para ayudar)**

**Inmaculada Concepción**

Cada mes, nosotros proveemos una cena para los huéspedes del Hotel St. Vincent. **Este mes la donación se llevará el miércoles, 26 de febrero a las 10:00 am.** Como tal, necesitamos que se anoten para ayudar una semana antes de la fecha. Por favor contacte a Dona Carlson 937.469.0121 para anotarse para donar una caserola, vegetales o frutas en lata (#10 por favor). Se le dará toda la información cuando se anote. Gracias por su generosidad y su tiempo en el cuidado de los huéspedes del Hotel St. Vincent.



**Rosario de la Aurora**

1 de marzo a las 7:00 am en Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción y cada primer sábado del mes. Les invitamos a todos a rezar el rosario enfrente la estatua de María o adentro de la iglesia (en tiempo de frío o lluvia).

Contacto: Sonia Trejo en 937.252.9919 ext. 205.



**Anuncios para el boletín parroquial**

Para promocionar sus eventos programados, por favor contactar a la Hermana Emily a emilysandoval@icparishdayton.org. Envíe la información **al menos 3 semanas antes del evento.**

La información debe incluir:

- El tema del evento
- Para quienes (edades)
- Fecha: día y hora
- Lugar (salón o centro de la iglesia)
- Costo del evento
- Información del contacto que realiza el evento

**PARISH DONATIONS**

**DONACIONES DE LA PARROQUIA**

**With heartfelt thanks, Stewardship of Treasure**

Holy Angels	St. Mary   Santa Maria
Santos Ángeles	Jan. 2024: \$17,457.00
Jan. 2024: \$35,044.40	Immaculate Conception
St. Anthony   San Antonio	Inmaculada Concepción
Jan. 2024: \$16,966.00	Jan. 2024: \$45,508.04
St. Helen   Santa Elena	
Jan. 2024: \$34,817.00	

**Immaculate Conception & St. Helen: Faith Direct**

*Faith Direct* enables you, the parishioner or friend of the parish to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. Please participate by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online.

**Immaculate Conception's parish code is OH796 & St. Helen's is OH790.**

**Holy Angels, St. Anthony, & St. Mary: WeShare Giving**

Your Financial Support Needed!

- **St. Anthony:** Just go to our website, [stanthonydayton.org](http://stanthonydayton.org): Online Giving tab (located on the right of the home page).
- **Holy Angels:** Just go to [holyangelschurchdayton.org](http://holyangelschurchdayton.org) click on the GIVE tab and then click Sunday collection tab.
- **St. Mary's:** Donors can go to St. Mary's website and click on the WeShare icon on the home page.

**Donation Envelope Exchange Policy**

If you are a member of another parish & attend Mass here, we have an envelope exchange agreement. If you drop your donation envelope in the collection basket, we will see that your home parish receives your donation.

**Política de Intercambio de Sobres de Donaciones**

Si usted es miembro de otra parroquia y viene a la Misa, nosotros tenemos un acuerdo de intercambio de sobre de donaciones. Si usted pone el sobre de su donación en la canasta de la colecta, nosotros nos aseguraremos que su parroquia recibe su donación.

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**LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO THE  
BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

*From the Vatican, 10 February 2025*

*Dear Brothers in the Episcopate,*

I am writing today to address a few words to you in these delicate moments that you are living as Pastors of the People of God who walk together in the United States of America.

1. The journey from slavery to freedom that the People of Israel traveled, as narrated in the Book of Exodus, invites us to look at the reality of our time, so clearly marked by the phenomenon of migration, as a decisive moment in history to reaffirm not only our faith in a God who is always close, incarnate, migrant and refugee, but also the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person.<sup>1</sup>

2. These words with which I begin are not an artificial construct. Even a cursory examination of the Church's social doctrine emphatically shows that Jesus Christ is the true Emmanuel (cf. *Mt* 1:23); he did not live apart from the difficult experience of being expelled from his own land because of an imminent risk to his life, and from the experience of having to take refuge in a society and a culture foreign to his own. The Son of God, in becoming man, also chose to live the drama of immigration. I like to recall, among other things, the words with which Pope Pius XII began his Apostolic Constitution on the Care of Migrants, which is considered the "Magna Carta" of the Church's thinking on migration:

"The family of Nazareth in exile, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, emigrants in Egypt and refugees there to escape the wrath of an ungodly king, are the model, the example and the consolation of emigrants and pilgrims of every age and country, of all refugees of every condition who, beset by persecution or necessity, are forced to leave their homeland, beloved family and dear friends for foreign lands."<sup>2</sup>

3. Likewise, Jesus Christ, loving everyone with a universal love, educates us in the permanent recognition of the dignity of every human being, without exception. In fact, when we speak of "infinite and transcendent dignity," we wish to emphasize that the most decisive value possessed by the human person surpasses and sustains every other juridical consideration that can be made to regulate life in society. Thus, all the Christian faithful and people of good will are called upon to consider the legitimacy of norms and public policies in the light of the dignity of the person and his or her fundamental rights, not vice versa.

4. I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgment and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with criminality. At the same time, one must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many

men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness.

5. This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable. This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration. However, this development cannot come about through the privilege of some and the sacrifice of others. What is built on the basis of force, and not on the truth about the equal dignity of every human being, begins badly and will end badly.

6. Christians know very well that it is only by affirming the infinite dignity of all that our own identity as persons and as communities reaches its maturity. Christian love is not a concentric expansion of interests that little by little extend to other persons and groups. In other words: the human person is not a mere individual, relatively expansive, with some philanthropic feelings! The human person is a subject with dignity who, through the constitutive relationship with all, especially with the poorest, can gradually mature in his identity and vocation. The true *ordo amoris* that must be promoted is that which we discover by meditating constantly on the parable of the "Good Samaritan" (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37), that is, by meditating on the love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception.<sup>3</sup>

7. But worrying about personal, community or national identity, apart from these considerations, easily introduces an ideological criterion that distorts social life and imposes the will of the strongest as the criterion of truth.

8. I recognize your valuable efforts, dear brother bishops of the United States, as you work closely with migrants and refugees, proclaiming Jesus Christ and promoting fundamental human rights. God will richly reward all that you do for the protection and defense of those who are considered less valuable, less important or less human!

9. I exhort all the faithful of the Catholic Church, and all men and women of good will, not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters. With charity and clarity we are all called to live in solidarity and fraternity, to build bridges that bring us ever closer together, to avoid walls of ignominy and to learn to give our lives as Jesus Christ gave his for the salvation of all.

10. Let us ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect individuals and families who live in fear or pain due to migration and/or deportation. May the "*Virgen morena*", who knew how to reconcile peoples when they were at enmity, grant us all to meet again as brothers and sisters, within her embrace, and thus take a step forward in the construction of a society that is more fraternal, inclusive and respectful of the dignity of all.

Fraternally,  
*Francis*


<sup>1</sup> Cf. Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, Declaration *Dignitas infinita on human dignity*, 2 April 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Pius XII, Apostolic Constitution *Exsul Familia*, 1 August 1952: "The Exiled Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, both migrating to Egypt and then fleeing in Egypt from the wrath of the wicked king, stand as a type, exemplar, and protector for all kinds of migrants, pilgrims, and refugees of all times and places, who, driven either by fear of persecution or by poverty, are forced to leave their homeland, their sweet parents, relatives, and sweet friends, and seek strange lands."

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Francis, Encyclical Letter *Fratelli tutti*, 3 October 2020.



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