2026 St Helen Church Infant Jesus Program

Dear Parishioners - Thank you so much for your generosity in the past to the parish Infant Jesus program. Last year, through your donations contributing to the purchase of clothing, toys, and Walmart gift cards, 108 children in 52 families were able to have a Christmas they otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford.

We are currently in the planning stage for this year's program and based on the success of last year's program we will again offer the option for parishioners to purchase clothing / gifts from local stores or online in-lieu of donating money to the gift card fund. Those who do not wish to purchase clothing / gifts will continue to have the option of donating to the fund to purchase gift cards. We believe this 'hybrid' approach allows the most flexibility for both the parishioners and the families & children we will support this Christmas.

If you would like to purchase clothing / gifts, there are 2 ways to sign up

1. Email **sthelen.ijs@gmail.com** providing your contact information and the amount you are willing to spend to purchase for the program. An Infant Jesus committee member will contact you to give you the pertinent information you need to shop for your child.

2. Sign-ups will be conducted after mass at St Helen Church on October 11, 18, 25 and November 1 in the Helen Room. Committee members will contact you with the child/children's information once the list is finalized (mid to late November).

If you would like to donate money for the gift card fund, there are 3 options for you to contribute

1. Use the parishsoft.com website (preferred). The link to the page to contribute is: https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-790. From the 'Give Now' tab you will select the "Infant Jesus Shower Fund Contributions 2026" link from the drop down.

2. Hand carry or mail your check to the parish office. Please make your check out to St Helen Church and put 'Infant Jesus Program Contributions' on the memo line so that it is appropriately credited for this purpose.

3. Put your check in the normal parish collection box at the church during mass. Again, it is important that the memo line is appropriately filled in.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important ministry!

Please call/email Tom Lewis at 937-238-0986/talewis@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.