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STEWARDSHIP

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There were 1,183 faithful parishioners in attendance. Thank you all for your continued generosity and support of St. Helen Parish.

The July St. Vincent De Paul Collection was $1,640.82. An additional $132.00 came through Online Giving for a total of $1,772.82. Thank you for your generosity.

A Reflection from Mary Weber:

The RCIA is the process that prepares people to become fully initiated Catholics.

The Church welcomes anyone interested in the Catholic faith to attend the RCIA. This could include those who have never been baptized (called catechumens), those baptized and/or confirmed in another Christian faith, adult Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. (called candidates) and Catholics who would like a faith update. While in the ideal, we would have separate classes for each of the above groups, we, like most churches, offer one class and try to address all needs.

We will begin this year’s classes on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. at my home (maps in the vestibule). The first 3 meetings are a time of reflection, then we move to the Music Room in the school on Tuesday, October 4, also at 7:30 p.m. From then on each class will consist of short formal instruction and small group discussions. Throughout the year we discuss the Bible, the 10 Commandments, the 7 sacraments, prayer, salvation, the Trinity, Heaven, Hell and Purgatory, and Mary and the Saints. The catechumens and nonpracticing Catholic candidates also attend the 9:15 Mass on Sunday, where they are dismissed after the homily to discuss the readings of the day.

Every catechumen or candidate in the RCIA process has a sponsor, someone who will attend every class with them, serving as a faith companion to answer questions about the faith and help integrate them into parish life. You can bring your own sponsor, or one of our wonderful team members can be your sponsor.

At the Easter Vigil Mass, those who are ready are welcomed into the Church through Baptism, Profession of Faith, Confirmation and Eucharist in a beautiful, moving celebration. Those who are not ready or have decided not to join the Catholic Church are invited to attend to pray with us, but are in no way pressured into doing anything they are not comfortable doing.

If you know someone who might be interested, they are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, you can call me at the rectory or at home (286-3485).

MARY CATHERINE ROSE SANDERS

BAPTISM
WE ASK THAT YOU PAUSE A MOMENT AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN OUR PARISH ESPECIALLY: Wayne Ardo, Sally Boyer, Mary Braford, David Cejer, David Chuckro, Bill Csonka, Bob D’Aurelio, Sandy Felberg, Len Hosmer, Mary Ann Hudak, Paul Kovary, Katarina Kekeley, Sara Koval, Mary Madden, Brendan McMeekan, Linda Mulacek, Helen Nelson, Lucy Fishnery, Martin Polomsky, Sandy Polomsky, Pat and Evelyn Rowlands, John Strzalka, Julia Strzalka, Barbara Strauss, Jackie Stebnicki, Craig Walters, Alex Yossei, and T.J. Torok.

ELIJAH CHALICE SCHEDULE
September 4 – Jeff and Jacque Cicchella and Family
September 11 – Gil and Elena Decipeda
If you are interested in joining this vocation prayer ministry, please contact Marsha Sallee at 440-338-8649.

FIVE MINUTE BIBLE STUDY
Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?

God would not be God if finite men could understand fully what he is and what he does and thinks. The author of Wisdom is stressing man’s incapability of understanding the divine plans and decrees. Because we are finite, limited beings, our knowledge is finite and limited. There are many limited, finite problems all around us, which we cannot solve. How could we hope to solve the infinite ones? We don’t – we trust.

Sometime this week, whether on your own, while sitting at the family dinner table or talking with friends, reflect on the following question: Do you struggle to understand why God’s will is what it is, or do you trust?

LAST CALL: PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN OUR PARISHES

ANGEL FUND: Faith in God is at the heart of St. Helen Catholic School. It is faith in God and trust in the generosity of St. Helen parishioners that provide for a Catholic Education for our students. No child should be deprived of a Catholic Education at St. Helen School because of family financial difficulties. That is why the “Adopt a Student” Angel Fund was created. Please consider helping a family in need by donating today. A full tuition for 2016-17 is $4,080. A full tuition or any part of a tuition is appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Helen School Adopt a Student. (100% Is tax deductible.) Thank you for your generous support.

Online Giving

Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to sthelen.com and click on the Online Giving link, it’s quick and easy. Your support during the summer months helps sustain our parish.

Do you need to make a building fund payment? You can do that through Online Giving too.

Do you need to make a tuition payment? Tuition payments are also available through Online Giving.

Do you want to access Online Giving through the St. Helen App? Download the app first, then go to “more”, then “donate online.” Or you can download the stand alone Online Giving app from OSV. Our organization ID is 2967.

PSR/EDGE will begin on Monday, September 19th from 6:15-7:30 p.m. We will begin in the church and parents should plan on staying the whole time with their child/children. All forms for registration and schedules for the year can be found online at our website www.sthelen.com. Please have all forms and monies in ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Flauto at ext. 211.

THANK YOU: We want to thank Tom Holzheimer for painting and finishing the church doors. Remember, you are entering a sacred space, please treat the doors accordingly.

ST. HELEN CHOIR MEMBERS: Our first Choir rehearsal is Thursday, September 8, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. We begin singing for Sunday liturgy on September 11 at 9:15 Mass.

ATTENTION, PARISHIONERS: The St. Helen Choir welcomes new members! Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. We begin singing at 9:15 Mass on Sunday, September 11. All voice types welcome. Open to adults and students from 7th grade on up. Those under 18 will need a parent in attendance.
RCIA: RCIA begins on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and John Weber. Call Mary at the parish office if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be selling All Around Town Books at the Geauga County Fair this Labor Day weekend. Stop by and visit us in the Merchant Building.

Coming up on Saturday, October 22, 2016, we will be having a Polka Dinner Dance in the St. Helen Gymnasium from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., featuring the Joey Tomsick Polka Band. Joey Tomsick is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Our annual Football Frenzy tickets are now available. This year there are more chances to win than ever before. 23 prizes of $40.00 to $400.00 will be awarded each week during the 10 week period with just 1 purchased ticket. A total of 230 prizes will be awarded during those 10 weeks. As always, $2.00 for each ticket sold, will be donated to St. Helen's Parish.

Polka tickets and Football tickets will be sold after all the Masses the weekends of October 8th and 9th and October 15th and 16th.

Tickets for both are available anytime by contacting Mike Kalal at 440-552-4276. Thank you for your continued support for our Parish and community.

THE SECOND ANNUAL “FALL EVENING IN THE COUNTRY” TO BENEFIT ST. HELEN’S LIFE TEEN ministry will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Sharon James Winery. Buy your tickets now. Tickets are $20 presale, $25.00 at the door. Please plan to spend an evening with music by 2 Guys, 12 Strings, good food, cash bar, Chinese auction & a Live Auction. We will also have the Big Sponsor Board this year. Sponsor a space before September 5 to be entered in the gift card drawing. Call Mary Beth O’Neill at 440-749-9956 or email marybeth.oneill44024@gmail.com for reservations and information on sponsorships.

ATTENTION, MINISTRY LEADERS. If you received an invitation to attend a ministry retreat day, hosted by Father Jay and Parish Council, on Saturday, September 17, please RSVP to Rose in the parish office. If you are the head of more than one ministry, please have another member of your group represent that ministry. Any questions, contact Leslie at ldlinsky@yahoo.com.

“IT’S A MATTER OF LIFE.” The terms “Freedom of Religion” (a God-given Right) and “Freedom of Worship” are now deceptively used interchangeably. “Freedom of worship” is what you do within the four walls of the church. "Freedom of religion" is what you do outside the four walls of the church as you live the Biblical tenets of the Faith. The purpose of manipulating the language is to limit the role of faith in the public square and your role to live that faith out in your public and private lives – as when we act to end child murder – as when we take a stand to defend marriage – as when we act to insure privacy in public restrooms – as when Christian priests, preachers and lay people speak publicly to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission to “take the Truth into the whole world.” We should constantly guard against the intrusions that are shifting our Right from “Freedom of religion” and towards “Freedom from religion.” Russia and Cuba allow “Freedom of worship.” Neither allows “Freedom of religion.” It is a distinction with an important difference.

CONFIRMATION: There will be a Confirmation orientation meeting on Sunday, September 25th for all 8th graders seeking to receive the Sacrament. We will meet in the church from 7:00-8:30 p.m. 8th graders and parents should attend. We will give out information about the requirements for Confirmation and also go through the schedule for the year. Contact Maria Flauto if you have any questions or concerns.

ST. HELEN PRIME TIMERS will sponsor a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, OH, site of the Holy Door, on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. We will meet at Mario Fazio’s Restaurant, 34400 Chardon Road, for lunch at 12:30 or in the Newbury Plaza at 12:00 N for car-pooling. We will then proceed to the Shrine at 21281 Chardon Road, Euclid, OH for a 2:00 p.m. tour and presentation of the History of the Shrine and a tour of the facility. From 3:30-4:30 p.m. we will attend devotions in the chapel, followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m. Call Eileen at 440-725-3523 or email eileen@daurelio.com with your reservation or questions.

THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA will be held on September 4th in Rome during the Sunday Mass celebrated as part of the Jubilee for workers and volunteers of mercy. It is so fitting that her canonization would happen in this Year of Mercy! Mother Teresa has always been a beacon of hope for those in most need of mercy. She cared for the poorest and sickest people on the streets of Calcutta allowing them to die with dignity in her care and the care of her Missionaries of Charity. By her words and by her example she brought the Gospel message of Jesus to life. In her words: “The Gospel needs to be brought back to the countries falling away from Christianity. Bring the Word to the hungry and thirsting for God, starting with your own family. Charity begins at home.” She often spoke about the fact that a family that prays together stays together. She said, “Bring yourself and your loved ones back to family prayer. Make your home another Nazareth, where Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can teach you how to live for God, how to belong to him.” She is a model of holiness we can all admire and aspire to. Her complete trust in God is an incredible inspiration to us all. As we celebrate our newest saint, let us remember to “Do small things with great love.” Maria Flauto

*** SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 8TH – 6:00 P.M. ***
1. A special someone’s birthday party
2. EVERYONE is invited
3. This person loves CHOCOLATE
See next week’s bulletin for more information!!!!!

NEW FAMILIES AND HOME SCHOOL FAMILIES who will have a child in 2nd or 8th grade, please contact Maria Flauto to register them for First Communion and/or Confirmation at 564-7125, ext. 211 or mflauto@sthelen.com.
JOYFULLY GIFTED RETREAT
On Saturday, October 1st, St. Helen will offer a special retreat that helps you discover your spiritual gifts! God has given you many gifts to use for your entire life. Do you know what they are? You will have the opportunity to understand what gifts God has given you through engaging activities and the Gifts discernment tool called “Uniquely His.” Come and discover your gifts that you can use to build God’s Kingdom – whether that is at home, at work, in your community or here at Saint Helen! The retreat will be in the Parish Meeting Room from 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. You can register in the Gathering Space or online at www.sthelen.com. The retreat is sponsored by the Men’s Renewal Alumni. For more information stop in the Gathering Space or call Bill Jamieson at 216-244-4023 or Kay Rado at 440-223-3582.

DAVE RAMSEY’S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:
Learn how to handle money the way God intended with this Bible-based financial strategy. Suitable for people in any walk of life: single or married, comfortable or struggling, working or retired. This 9-week course will be held on Tuesday evenings starting September 20 at St. Helen’s in the Media Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The first class is free! Class materials can be purchased after the first class (cash or check), or online. You have nothing to lose, but class size is limited! We can provide babysitting if needed. Call Andrew (216-789-7300) or Barb Somrack (440-478-2913), or visit davaramsey.com for additional information on the course and to reserve your spot!

DONUTS: Volunteers are needed for the Donut Ministry. Your commitment would be for only one Mass per month. If you would like to help, please call Mike Kalal at 440-552-4276.

THE WALL THAT HEALS: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica and Mobile Education Center will be at the Geauga County Fairgrounds from Thursday, September 8th through Sunday, September 11th. It will be open 24 hours.

COACH: We are looking for a 3rd/4th grade volleyball coach. Sign-ups are open for basketball. We need coaches for all grades. Families can sign up by going to www.sthelen.com, clicking on news and bulletins, and then clicking on the hornet!

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY ON CHARDON SQUARE: You are invited to join other Catholics at Noon on September 10th at the Gazebo on Chardon Square, to publicly pray the Rosary and make reparation for the sins of our nation.

THANK YOU: It is with a grateful heart that I wish to thank Father Jay, Father Jerry, Deacon Larry, Deacon Will and everyone who prayed for me over the past several months, sent religious gifts, Mass cards and other beautiful cards. There are not enough words to express how much all of you have meant to me. May God and Our Mother bless us all, each and everyone. JoAnn Ott

LIFETEEN NEWS
The Summer Games in Rio may be over, but the quest for Olympic glory lives on. Join Life Teen for a competition of Olympic proportions! Mass, food, games and prizes! Come and see if you’ve got what it takes to bring home the gold!! Life Teen Kickoff 2016, Sunday, September 18th. Mass at 5:30, Olympic Games 6:30-9:00 p.m.

There will be a special Sunday XLT to kick off the year held at the Center for Pastoral Care on Sunday September 11, 7:00 p.m. Fr. Anthony Marchall will be leading us in a night of prayer and worship. The topic will be finding peace in the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Sunday, September 25th, we will be traveling to Progressive Field for Catholic Family Day with the Indians! We will depart St. Helen parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 5:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated on the field at 10:15 a.m. with Fr. Bob Stec as Presider, followed by a game between the Indians and Chicago White Sox at 1:10 p.m. Cost of this event is $15.00 and tickets will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Permission forms are available on the St. Helen website, Life Teen Center and the table in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa at 440-781-7269 or Tammy at 330-842-1745.

It’s time again to start thinking about Fall Retreat Team. Meetings will begin on September 21 in the Life Teen Center. Any junior or senior interested in being a team member please contact Theresa.

Mark your calendars for this year’s Fall Retreat being held at Camp Wise November 18-20. Permission forms are available on the St. Helen website, in the Life Teen Office and the table in the Gathering Space.

SCHOOL NEWS
Please check our website at www.sthelen.com (Our School).

PRESCHOOL BEGINS – We will welcome our 3-year-old students on Tuesday, September 6th, and our 4-year-olds on September 7th.

PARENT NIGHT – There is a change in format. There will not be a general session. Go directly to classrooms. As parents and teachers we are a team, and it is important that you have specific information from your children’s teachers. Go directly to your oldest child’s classroom at 6:30 p.m. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR – It is once again time to renew your Birthday Calendar listings. Please fill out the form that went home with you on Orientation Day or you may download the form located on our website. Please return forms and money to the school office by Thursday, September 16.

SAVE THE DATE!! The St. Helen School Fall Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at LaMalfa Centre, Mentor. For more information, or if you’re interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Chris Taylor at 564-6603 or richris99@aol.com. To donate to one of our auctions, contact Alison Lee at 216-392-5907, or ali3975@yahoo.com. Thank you for supporting our parish school!

TECHNOLOGY: Our students enjoyed using Microsoft Office 365 on the 60 new computers purchased with funds from our Buckeye Chocolate Sale and Fall Extravaganza last year. We hope to purchase an additional 60 computers with the funds raised this year.
### Happenings at St. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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| **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, WEEKDAY** | 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19 | Preschool 3  
8:00 a.m. Ruth Tobe (Daniel and Cheryl Zagar)  
8:00-8:30 a.m. Mass/CH  
9:00-12:00 a.m. Adoration Exposition/A  
2:30-9:00 p.m. Boosters/G  |
| **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, WEEKDAY** | 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26 | Preschool 4  
8:00 a.m. Olga Bacho (Anniv.)  
(Sister Antoinette Dershaw)  
8:00-8:30 a.m. Mass/CH  
8:30-10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary/BR  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Fatima Hour/A  |
| **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** | Mt 5:1-4a, or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23, or 1:18-23 | 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Kaleina (Aniv.)  
(Elizabeth Pikus)  
8:00-8:30 a.m. Mass/CH  
8:45-9:45 a.m. Sunday Scripture Study/BR  
2:30-9:00 p.m. Boosters/G  |
| **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST** | 1 Cor 9:16-18, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42 | Grandparents Day/School  
8:00 a.m. Olga Bacho (The Jim Adamic Family)  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Mass/Ch  |
| **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, WEEKDAY** | 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49 | 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Helen  
8:00-8:30 a.m. Mass/CH  
8:30-10:00 a.m. Healing Ministry/BR  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Boosters/G  
3:30-6:00 p.m. Confessions & Mass/CH  |
| **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10 | 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Donuts & Coffee/K,C.  
7:30 a.m. Henry Sarkisian  
(Dr. George Kellis and Family)  
7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass/CH  
9:15 a.m. Mary Wozniak (The Jim Adamic Family)  
9:15-10:15 a.m. Mass/CH  |

**G = GYM**  
**GCSC = GEauga County Safety Center**  
**S = SOCCER FIELD**  
**PMR = Parish Meeting Room Room**  
**MR = MUSIC ROOM**  
**MC = Media Center**  
**R = Rectory**  
**SL = Science Lab**  
**TL = Teacher’s Lounge**  
**PO = Parish Office**
CANDY BAR SALE: Be sure to buy your Buckeye Chocolate candy bar after Mass this weekend, or see a St. Helen student to help build our technology.

EARN MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL: There are many ways you as a parent can help raise money for St. Helen School by:
1. USED INK CARTRIDGES – send in empty ink cartridges to the school office, or put them in the bin in the church gathering space.
2. BOX TOPS & CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS – send in Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels to the school office or put them in the container at the church entrance.
3. GIANT EAGLE – Sign in to gianteagle.com or create an account. Next Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card® online. Visit the My School Programs page and enter the St. Helen School Code 1076. You’re done! Be sure to encourage your family and friends to register, too.
4. HEINEN’S – register your Heinen’s card online at www.heinensrewards.com/register.aspx, and select St. Helen. Heinen’s will donate up to 1% on your qualified purchases to our school. You must register your card every year in order for us to receive the donation.
5. DEPOT – When ordering online simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide our school name at check-out and we will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies! It’s a small act that can make a huge difference.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: All grandparents of students in St. Helen School are invited to join us for Mass on Friday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m. followed by coffee and doughnuts in the Gym and entertainment by our Kindergarten, first and second grade students.

HELP WANTED. Please call the school office at (440) 564-7125, if you are able to be a playground monitor, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This is a paid position.