



# SAINT HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Clustered with Sts. Edward and Lucy*

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## LENT

*"Behold, now is a very acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation."*

2 COR 6:2

### WELCOME TO ST. HELEN!

If you are new to St. Helen Parish, please stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours to register, or register anytime at [sthelen.com](http://sthelen.com). We look forward to meeting you!

#### BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for a Baptism.

**MARRIAGES** Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months before their planned wedding date.

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF ST. HELEN?

Please visit our website at [sthelen.com](http://sthelen.com) and register on line or call the parish office at 440-564-5805.

**VISITATION OF OUR SICK** We are concerned and want to be advised when someone is ill at home or in the hospital or in a long-term care facility. If you or a loved one is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to extended illness, please call the Parish Office to be placed on the list for Friday Visitation of the Sick.

**PREGNANCY HOTLINE** 1-800-550-4900

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Monday at 4:00 p.m.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the people of St. Helen Parish, in union with the Holy Roman Catholic Church, believe that our parish mission is to proclaim the Gospel, to build a faith-filled community, to celebrate through worship, and to serve others in our community. Strengthened by the Eucharist and supported by each other with love, we desire to reach out to those in need through prayer, education and personal witness of our Catholic, Christian living.*

#### FEBRUARY 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

##### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 8:30, 11:15 a.m.

& 5:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.

##### DAILY MASS

Monday-Saturday – 8:00 a.m.

##### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday before each Mass by request

##### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

in the Adoration Chapel

##### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

(See bulletin and website for Holy Day Mass Schedule.)

**CHURCH OF ST. HELEN**

Contact us at 440-564-5805.  
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Please submit by Monday at 4:00 p.m.

**Meeting Space Requests**

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**Principal**

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN?**

Please send your request to [Bulletin@sthelen.com](mailto:Bulletin@sthelen.com).

**WE ASK THAT YOU PAUSE A MOMENT AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY:**

Susan Amor, Nancy Arndt, Terry Aytay, Bruce Barna, Tim Bates, Denny Bergansky, Jules Berry, Addison Boehnlien, Katy Brent, Ken Bruening, Judy Burr, Debbie Cenkus, Cliff Cherni, Joe Chuckro, Marilyn Cillian, Ashley Elesh, Vicki Elesh, Patricia Fidel, Domenica Farinacci, Bernice Fitch, Karen Franklin, Kathy Grabowski, Stewart Herring, Anna Ibold, Evelyn Jurkiewicz, Lucas Kelling, Joyce Knight, Hope Krawulski, Gary Kuchenbecker, Hiroko Lasher, Robert Lasher, Kathy Madda, Ed Marko, Alison Martin, Dr. Ed Martin, Ellen McAuley, David McDonald, Frank Mocarski, Linda Mulacek, Jennifer Mynes, Sidney Mynes, Rod Nagy, Kevin O'Reilly, Jr., Eleanor Phillips, Laura Rado, Eileen Ricci, Evelyn Rowlands, Nancy Rycyna, Emil & Marge Saloka, Erin Scheffler, June and Hank Schiewe, David Sensibello, Paul Slansky, Jacki Stebnicki, Mary Stebnicki, Sandi Strichko, Diane Surdel, Zoey Swansiger, John and Lisa Tepfenhart, Bill Thomas, David Tommasone, Julie Torok, Donna Urquhart, Charlotte Whiting, Mimi Widmar, Kathleen Williford, Leda Wojtowicz, Colbie Wolfe and Gary Zagar.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

William Thompson, Jr., father of Will & Aiden  
Bobby Bates, husband of Roberta and son of  
Carole & Bob Bates, Sr.

**FOR THOSE BEING BAPTIZED INTO THE FAITH**

Theodore James Harvey Kankula

**CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE WEEKEND**

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF.....February 4, 2024	
Collections.....	(162) \$ 9,872.22
Online Giving (donors) .....	(122) \$ 11,424.23
Total Regular Offertory Giving .....	\$ 21, 296.45
Church Attendance.....	1,049
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF.....February 11, 2024	
Collections.....	(132) \$ 7,489.00
Online Giving (donors) .....	(97) \$ 7,406.23
Total Regular Offertory Giving .....	\$ 14,895.23
Church Attendance.....	1,016

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Helen!*

**PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS****PLEASE NOTE:**

The Parish Offices will be closed on February 19 for Presidents' Day.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION:**

The February SVdP collection will be February 24 and February 25. Thank you for your generosity.

**CASH BONANZA**

Please support the Knights of Columbus by purchasing tickets for our annual Cash Bonanza Raffle. Tickets will be sold before and after each Mass on February 17 and 18, 2024.

**SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OFFICIALLY OPEN**

**Now through March 17, 2024**, Spring Soccer registration is open to all students, whether they are attending St. Helen School, homeschool students, St. Helen Parish members, or kids in the community looking to play soccer. When registering, please refer to the BIRTH YEAR while registering your child. As always, we need coaches to help coach and guide our athletes. All coaches need to be Virtus trained, and background checked before working with athletes. Boosters will reimburse you once you complete training and background check is completed. If you have any questions, please email [boosters@sthelen.com](mailto:boosters@sthelen.com).

**VIRTUS TRAINING**

Virtus training will be held at St. Helen on Saturday, March 9 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Anyone who has never had Virtus training and volunteers to work with children in ministry, school or sports should come to the training. To sign up for this, please contact Maria Flauto in the Parish Office.



## A Reflection from James Hogan

### *Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday*

Mardi Gras is French for “Fat Tuesday,” the day before Ash Wednesday. It is also called “Shrove Tuesday” around the world, and “Pancake Tuesday” in Ireland. It is the last day of the pre-Lenten festival season called “Shrovetide.” The time of carnival can last from Epiphany to the day before Ash Wednesday, as in the New Orleans’ festival, or can run for a three-day period before Ash Wednesday.

In the medieval Church, Shrovetide was a time, not for partying, but for the confession of sins. “Shrove” meant “absolved.” Abbot Aelfric wrote in AD 1000, “In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him as he then may hear by his deeds what he is to do [in the way of penance].” Thus, forgiveness was given pre-Lent; penance was done during Lent.

In America, the Mardi Gras tradition became synonymous with New Orleans since the city’s founding in 1723. Gradually, it was embraced by non-Catholic residents as well. Parades featured flame-carriers, music, dance, along with masks and costumes of fairies, beasts, and mythological characters. In recent times, revelry and drunkenness has obscured much of Mardi Gras’ Catholic sensibilities.

Shrovetide has become a time to enjoy all the foods we are planning on giving up during Lent – pancakes, paczki, gumbo, sausage, sauerkraut, cakes, candy, cookies, pies, or alcohol. (This year I am planning on giving up for Lent all my New Year’s resolutions.)

The name “Ash Wednesday” was formally introduced by Pope Urban II in 1099 for the first day of Lent, but the custom of placing ashes on the body goes back to biblical times.

In the Old Testament, when Tamar was sexually assaulted, she “sprinkled ashes on her head” (2 Sam 13:19) to signify her anguish. Jeremiah called for the people to “put on sackcloth” and “roll in ashes” (Jer 6:26) as sign of their repentance. Job atoned in dust and ashes (Job 42:3-6).

Ashes placed on the forehead by the priest in the shape of a cross is called a sacramental. A sacramental is not a ritual with one-third less calories than a regular sacrament; rather, it refers to a Church-approved ritual involving things that prepare us to receive grace, like holy water, palms, Stations of the Cross, and wearing miraculous medals or crucifixes.

Pope Gregory the Great (540-604) is credited with the traditional words spoken while distributing ashes made from the palms offered in the previous year, “Remember, man, you are dust and unto dust you shall return.”

The Medieval poem, “Day of Wrath” (Dies Irae), was used for centuries in the Catholic Requiem Mass, set to music by the likes of Mozart and Verdi. It included a verse on ashes:

Low I kneel, with heart’s submission;  
See, like ashes, my contrition;  
Help me in my last condition.

In modern times, Lent is marked by personal sacrifices made in preparation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice on the cross. Not all sacrifices are equal. For example, a man once took his young son to a baseball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, “I don’t know, Dad. What are you going to give up?” His father said, “I’ve decided to give up liquor.” Later in the game, the beer man came by, and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, “Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!” His Dad answered, “Hard liquor, son. I’m giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer.” The boy replied, “Well, then, I’m giving up hard candy.”

No matter what you add or subtract to your life during Lent, Ash Wednesday is the day where you can get your ash in Church, where you belong.



## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Check out the Resource to Grow in Your Faith page on [www.sthelen.com](http://www.sthelen.com) for a variety of Lenten Devotions! You can find the page under Faith Formation or use the button at the bottom of the homepage.

### EVENING OF CONFESSION AT ST. HELEN

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, between 5:00-8:00 p.m., every parish in the diocese, including St. Helen, will have Exposition of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What an incredible opportunity during the Lenten season. Please sign up for a time between 5:00-8:00 p.m. to Adore Jesus. The sign-up sheets will be in the Gathering Space the weekend of February 24-25.

### PARISH MISSION

You're Invited! St. Edward Church is having a Parish Mission February 25-27 at 6:30 p.m. The topic is *Finding Jesus in the Eucharist*, by Catholic speaker and author Greg Wasinski. This is an event for everyone, no matter where you are on your faith journey. For more information about Greg, visit [www.FaithandRealLife.com](http://www.FaithandRealLife.com).

### PARISH LIBRARY LENTEN CHALLENGE

*Lenten practices are meant to change us to be more and more like Jesus.*

Your Parish Library has a Lenten Challenge for you. Individuals and families are invited to participate. Stop by the Gathering Space desk or the St. Helen Parish Library, beginning Saturday, February 10, to pick up a copy of your Lenten Challenge. Choose your challenge and drop off your challenge sheets Easter Sunday through April 21 to get a coupon for a sweet treat.

Some possible challenges to consider are: Read a book aloud to an individual or your family; Compliment someone; Really listen to someone instead of offering your opinion. More suggested challenges are listed on the Lenten Challenge sheet. The St. Helen Parish Library Board prays that your Lenten practices help you and your loved ones to grow more deeply in virtue and grace this Lent.

### GROW IN YOUR FAITH

**CROSS TRAINING** for friends and families meets with James Hogan after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the 8th grade classroom.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. **Men of all ages welcome!**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. **Women of all ages welcome!**

## SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN



St. Helen School

# HOMEMADE PIEROGIS FUNDRAISER

Potato & Cheese  
Sauerkraut Pierogis



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**Fridays ONLY during LENT**  
Lunchtime pierogis served hot with buttered onions.  
Take-home pierogis by the dozen from freezer to cook at home.

**ANY PIEROGI ORDER THAT MENTIONS ST. HELEN SCHOOL A PORTION WILL BE DONATED BACK TO THE SCHOOL.**

**-FRIDAYS- FEBRUARY 16-MARCH 22, 2024**  
11130 KINSMAN ROAD, NEWBURY, OH

Save the Date!

## The St. Helen School BLACK & WHITE Gala

**March 23, 2024**

Sponsored by  
**THE CHEVY NETWORK**  
AND **PRESTON CHEVROLET**

### ST. HELEN

### BLACK & WHITE GALA: TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Join us March 23, 2024, at the EOUV Club in Newbury for an elegant evening to support the St. Helen School PTO and Athletic Boosters!

Tickets are \$75.00/person or buy a table of eight for \$500.00 (save \$100.00!) Ticket admission includes dinner, open bar, music & dancing, and exclusive in-person

live auctions, games and side-rafts.

**\*\* Remember to also bring your smartphone or Wi-Fi-enabled device to place your Online Auction bids. \*\*** The Online Auction is open to the public, no Gala ticket necessary to participate.

**Tickets, sponsorships and program ads available now! Buy online at <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/st-helen-auction-24> or use the offline Order Form** (available in the Gathering Space) or download the PDF at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/17IDOA-EJnKahrZDAqDFmg-PpnPSmrReB/view?usp=sharing>.

### ATTENTION, ENGAGED COUPLES!

### PRE-CANA REGISTRATION 2024

St. Helen, St. Patrick and St. Mary are offering a one-day Pre-Cana event for engaged couples who are planning to marry in the coming year. The event will be held **March 16, 2024** at St. Mary in Chardon.

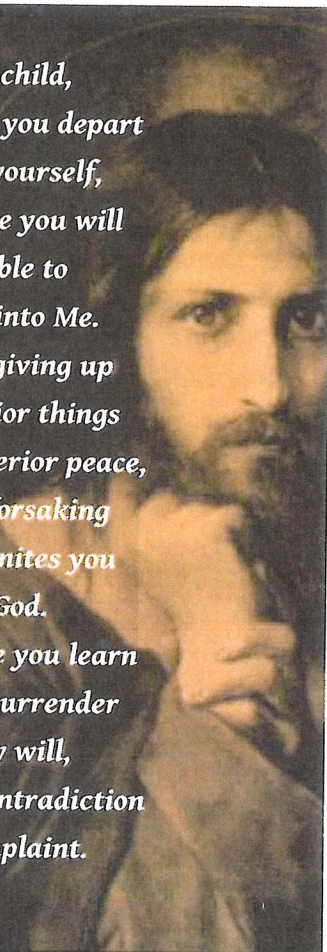
This is an excellent way to begin preparing for your life together, beyond the sometimes-overwhelming details of wedding planning. An all-day event sounds long, but this unique opportunity will allow you to hear from married couples and discuss with your fiancé your future lives together. We promise you will enjoy the day and wonder where the time went.

The link to the **online registration form** can be found at [sthelen.com](http://sthelen.com). The **deadline for registrations is March 2**, but space is limited, so if you are interested, please sign up soon.



LENT 2024

# Surrender



*My child,  
the more you depart  
from yourself,  
the more you will  
be able to  
enter into Me.  
As the giving up  
of exterior things  
brings interior peace,  
so the forsaking  
of self unites you  
to God.  
I will have you learn  
perfect surrender  
to My will,  
without contradiction  
or complaint.*

*The Imitation of Christ  
Thomas a Kempis*

**THE BATTLE LINES HAVE BEEN DRAWN.** The war has been raging since man tasted the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. That one act of disobedience opened mankind's eyes to the idols of the world, while closing the door of our hearts to the Will of God.

The Kingdom versus the world. On this battleground, each of our destinies is hinged upon the day to day choices we make. As Catholics, it is clear as to which side we are to pledge our allegiance to. One must make a choice. There is no glory nor grace in cowardice. There is no box to check for indifference. In other words, there is no room for complacency. One must be all in – no excuses!

The term 'surrender' does not bode well in the light of battle. Surrender is commonly defined as: to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority. Or, to give over to the power, control, or possession of another especially by force. But this battle is different, isn't it?

Christianity, and specifically, true discipleship holds us to different standards. In order to win this battle, we must surrender. We must relinquish our pride, our self reliance, and most importantly our will.

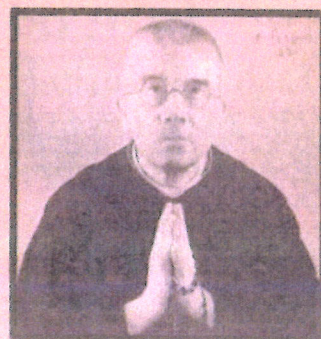
Not by force, but through trust.. Not to an enemy, but to a lover. It is only by giving up our power, our control and our possessions, that we will be truly free.

The next logical question is: To whom are we to surrender? Or shall we say 'Whom'? 'W' or 'w'? And therein lies the difference.

Once we allow ourselves to to trust Jesus with our whole heart, through His grace, we are able to joyfully surrender.

## The Surrender Novena

This Lent we will be offering the Surrender Novena to use as a way to deepen our relationship with Jesus. It is a beautiful prayer based on the private revelations of Father Dolindo Ruotolo, (Servant of God), who lived in Naples, Italy from his birth in 1882 until his death in 1970. Father Ruotolo was a humble priest who suffered much during his life. He was a friend of Padre Pio and served as his spiritual director for a time. Father Ruotolo was graced with a mystical relationship with Jesus, Whose words make up the meditations within this prayer. Jesus told Father Ruotolo that there is no novena more powerful than this. Each meditation ends with the repetition of the phrase, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You. Take care of everything." As we say this, we are abandoning ourselves to Divine Providence. As Jesus offers His promise of love, will you open your heart to surrender? May your Lent be joyfully blessed!



Father Dolindo Ruotolo  
Servant of God



## *Litany of Trust*

From the belief that I have to earn Your love, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security that I have what it takes, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute, Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of Your words and promises, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You, Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusal and reluctance in accepting Your will, Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future, Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past, Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment, Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands, Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement, Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me, Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me, Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You, Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering, Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next, Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church, Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better than anything else, Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me, Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others, Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked, Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift, Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You, Jesus, I trust in You.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Journey with Jesus Through His Passion**

Each day during Lent, the Saint Helen website will post a few paragraphs from *The 24 Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. These are just snippets from the Vatican approved writings of Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta, acquired through her mystical conversations with Christ. In conversing with Luisa, Jesus reveals His innermost anguish -- beginning with the Last Supper and ending with His death on the Cross. Through these writings, one is able to share in the suffering of our Lord in a way that intimately unveils His incredible love for each one of us. To participate in the *24 Hours of the Passion*, please visit [www.sthelen.com](http://www.sthelen.com).



## LIFETEEN NEWS CORNER

- It's time to sign up for Winter Retreat! The Retreat will be held February 23-25 at Camp Burton. Please go to our website at [www.sthelenlifeteen.com](http://www.sthelenlifeteen.com) to register. Space is limited and we fill spots on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Please keep our Juniors and Seniors on our Retreat Team in your prayers as they plan this Retreat. Team meets every Wednesday until the retreat
- The LifeTeen band is currently looking to bring on new band members. If you are a musician, at least 18 years old, out of high school, and interested in potentially joining us or finding out more, please speak with Shawn or any of the band members after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, or reach out via email at [shoulahan@sthelen.com](mailto:shoulahan@sthelen.com).

## IT'S ALL ABOUT LIFE!



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 14-March 24, you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** – 12000 Shaker Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** – 25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 54 South State Street, Painesville, 44077.

## H.E.L.P. MEETING

The **Geauga County Catholic Pro-Life Coalition (H.E.L.P.)** will be having its quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at St. Helen Church. The meeting will be held after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the conference room downstairs. Items to be covered will include a summary of the November 2023 election results and a discussion on what direction we should chart now that child killing in Ohio is legal up to the moment of birth. Any questions, please call Mike Hollowell at 330-978-5391 or email him at [help.geauga@gmail.com](mailto:help.geauga@gmail.com). See you at the meeting!

## CLEVELAND DIOCESE &amp; COMMUNITY NEWS

## MY DAILY PRAYERS

"My Daily Prayers" is a FREE daily recording of prayers led by the bishops and priests of the diocese and delivered each day directly to you via your email or through our social media platforms. Lasting about 7 minutes, "My Daily Prayers" invites you to reflect and pray each day and offers encouragement to enter into a deeper, personal relationship with God. Sign up at [dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers).

## THE BISHOP'S SEMINARY BRUNCH AND FUNDRAISER

The Bishop's Seminary Brunch and Fundraiser, hosted by Bishop Malesic, greatly contributes to meeting the personal needs of our seminarians as well as offering the financial means to provide improvements to their seminary formation. The Brunch will be held again at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven on **Sunday, April 14, 2024**, with a social hour at noon and meal and program at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Center for Pastoral Leadership at 440-943-7630 and ask to be seated with other St. Helen parishioners. The Brunch cost is \$60.00/each this year. Please note this is a fundraising event and donations to support the seminarians are separate from the ticket cost.



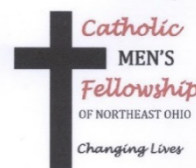
## THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ALHAMBRA

The International Order of Alhambra is a fraternal organization of Catholic men and women founded in 1904 dedicated to assisting persons that are intellectually disabled or handicapped, particularly children. Within our Cleveland Diocese is the Cleveland chapter known as the Carmona Caravan, organized in 1948. In 2023, they celebrated their 75th year anniversary of quietly serving the Cleveland diocese, its children with special needs, and the agencies that serve them. They meet every second Tuesday of the month on the near east side of Cleveland. Anyone interested in joining in the service to children with special needs are invited to come to a meeting. To contact the Carmona Caravan and for more information on the founding, history, mission of Alhambra, visit [carmonacaravan.org](http://carmonacaravan.org). Catholic Charities Disability Services and Ministries has worked closely with the Carmona Caravan and is grateful for their many years of support.



## SAVE THE DATE:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 4, 2024 for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun – all for FREE – The FEST. Join us on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (home of our seminaries) in Wickliffe, Ohio.



Attention all Men! You are cordially invited to attend the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Men's Conference on March 2, 2024, at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road.

Join other men from around the Cleveland Diocese and Northeast Ohio for a day of Faith, Food and Brotherhood. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

This year's speakers are Father Thomas Blau from the Columbus Diocese, and author and speaker Joe Heschmeyer from "Catholic Answers." Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will celebrate Mass at the end of the day.

For more information, please visit [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com).

or contact Walt Zagar at 440-413-3811

# Happenings at ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## February 18-25, 2024

WEEKDAY   READINGS	MASS SCHEDULE   EVENTS	
<b>Sunday, February 18</b> FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22;</i> <i>Mk 1:12-15</i>	8:30 a.m. – Theresa Deluliis (Edward & Cecilia Deluliis) 11:15 a.m. – Kay Rado (L) (The Finomore Family) 5:00 p.m. – Matt & Julianne Williams (The Burling Family)	9:30-10:30 a.m. – Cross Training/8th Grade Classroom 10:00-11:00 a.m. – PSR/EDGE/Classrooms, LTC 10:30-11:15 a.m. – Aquinas Academy/8th Grade Classroom 8:00-10:00 p.m. – AA/Gym
<b>Monday, February 19</b> Lenten Weekday <i>Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46</i>	8:00 a.m. – Robert Safko (Kelly Ketring)	12:00-1:00 p.m. – Home School Theology/LTC 5:00-7:30 p.m. – Prayer Shawl/PH 5:30-8:00 p.m. – Basketball/Gym 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Men's Bible Study/BR 7:30-10:00 p.m. – KOC Meeting/PH
<b>Tuesday, February 20</b> Lenten Weekday <i>Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15</i>	8:00 a.m. – Kathryn Buckley (The Wanner Family)	5:30-8:00 p.m. – Basketball/Gym 5:30-9:00 p.m. – Worship Dance/LTC 6:00-9:00 p.m. – LT Band/CH 6:30-8:00 p.m. – RCIA/BR
<b>Wednesday, February 21</b> Lenten Weekday <i>Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32</i>	8:00 a.m. – Deacon Will Payne (L) (The Legion of Mary)	10:00-11:00 a.m. – Fatima Hour/A 5:30-8:00 p.m. – Basketball/Gym 6:00-8:30 p.m. – LT Fall Retreat Team Meeting/LTC, A 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study
<b>Thursday, February 22</b> Chair of St. Peter the Apostle <i>1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19</i>	8:00 a.m. – Marsha Sallee (L) (Divine Mercy Cenacle)	5:30-7:00 p.m. – Basketball/Gym
<b>Friday, February 23</b> Lenten Weekday <i>Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26</i>	8:00 a.m. – Lorraine Fossachea (Ken Fossachea)	7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross with Father Jay
<b>Saturday, February 24</b> Lenten Weekday <i>Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48</i>	8:00 a.m. – Nancy Hall (L) (Anonymous) 5:00 p.m. – Cyril and Mary Koster (Joanne & Robert Wilson)	8:00-9:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group/BR 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Unicycle Practice/Gym 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Confessions/CH
<b>Sunday, February 25</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT <i>Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;</i> <i>Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10</i>	8:30 a.m. – Edward & Cecelia Delullis (NA) 11:15 a.m. – Joey Finomore (The Finomore Family) 5:00 p.m. – Tim Mekota (John & Mitzie Michael)	9:30-10:30 a.m. – Cross Training/8th Grade Classroom 10:00-11:00 a.m. – PSR/EDGE/Classrooms, LTC 10:30-11:15 a.m. – Aquinas Academy/8th Grade Classroom 8:00-10:00 p.m. – AA/Gym

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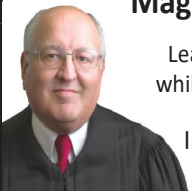
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