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. We look forward to meeting you!

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-Friday, 8:00 a.m.
Friday (During the school year), 9:00 a.m.
Saturday – 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday before each Mass by request

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 midnight in the Adoration Chapel

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
(See bulletin and website for Holy Day Mass Schedule.)

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.

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 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 HOT LINE:
1-888-619-7787
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN?
Please send your request to Bulletin@sthelen.com


If your name needs to be removed from this list, please call the Parish Office.

FOR ALL WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY, ESPECIALLY
Estelle Brunozzi, Sister of Leon Wilson,
Jack Beechuk, Husband of Ellie,
Anna Puccio, Mother of Maria Takacs,
Carole Reinke, Mother of Linda Hoeningman,
and Christine Strmen, Sister of Pete

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 8TH

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Faithful parishioners in attendance ................. 1,221
The current outstanding balance for the mortgage is........ $216,153.08

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER DURING THE FLU SEASON
Parishioners who are sick should stay home - missing Mass is not a sin if you are sick. If you are not feeling well and/or someone at home is ill, we ask that you use your judgement when it comes to shaking hands or receiving Communion on the tongue. Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to wash their hands before Mass and/or use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion. Liturgical ministers should not serve if they are sick.

A SEVEN SISTER: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer. If you are interested in praying for our priests, please call Mariah Dragolich at 440-359-1982 or Mary Milko at 240-481-9462.
A REFLECTION FROM FR. JAY...

Coronavirus Precautions

As of this week Coronavirus has officially reached Northeast Ohio. Since this virus is new to the world, there are a lot of things we just do not know about how serious a threat it is to the health of the general public. So prudence is necessary in dealing with what could become a worldwide pandemic.

Our school has implemented extra procedures to protect our children from the spread of the virus. As a parish we want to be prudent so that everyone who attends Mass here is kept safe.

Effective immediately, we are suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood at Communion time. I sincerely hope that we will be able to bring the Communion Chalice back before our celebration of Easter, but we will need to decide based on the situation at that time.

We are encouraging our Eucharistic Ministers to wash their hands before Mass, and we will have hand sanitizer in the sanctuary so their hands can be purified before the distribution of Holy Communion.

Since germs are often transmitted by handshakes, we are also asking at the sign of peace for people to wave to each other rather than shaking hands.

Hopefully, this virus will, like the flu, be just a seasonal threat and we can return to our normal procedures soon. In the meantime, we need, out of love for one another, to be prudent so that we protect one another from the spread of what has shown itself to be a deadly virus. Let us pray for protection for our parish and our nation.

SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: will be June 22nd-26th. The theme is Rocky Railway! Climb aboard for mountains of fun! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs! More info to come. Stay tuned....

REGISTRATION FOR "GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE":

Registration forms for this bereavement workshop being held Monday evenings, April 6 - May 4 are available at the Information Desk in the church Gathering Space. The workshop is open to all parishioners and/or anyone who has lost a loved one and can benefit from this healing experience.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Attention all young adults (high school graduates – 30 years old.) We recently created a group for young adults run by young adults and we would love for you to be a part of it, too! We have a regular meeting once a month that often includes food, socializing, and conversations about our faith along with going to other events within St. Helen when available. This month, we will be meeting on Sunday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR (the trailer by the playground) for a great discussion about Apologetics! We’ll provide the pizza so bring your friends and a snack to share and we hope to see you there!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: We are taking up a special Eastern Europe Collection throughout Lent. Please feel free to put your donation in the basket any time before Easter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The annual Cash Bonanza Charity Tickets are now on sale. A donation of $5.00 per ticket helps charities throughout Ohio. A portion of each ticket sold from our Geauga Council is donated back to us to be used for our local charities. There is a chance to win one of 25 cash prizes with your purchase of each ticket. We will be selling charity tickets after all Masses on March 21 & 22. You can also purchase tickets anytime by contacting Mike Kalal.

The next K of C meeting will be Monday, March 16th, in the Life Teen Center at 8:00 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men’s organization, 18 years and older building faith in our volunteer works in our parish, school and community. For more information, please contact Mike Kalal at 440-552-4276 or mckalal73@gmail.com.

GENTLEMEN, it’s time to set aside a special day for the Lord. Join us and see why 600 Men in the Cleveland Diocese feel this day is important enough to set aside time for the conference. The Annual Catholic Men's Conference: A Great Gathering of Men to strengthen or renew their personal relationship with Jesus Christ will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. We will be organizing a carpool. Contact Walter Zagar at 440-413-3811 for details. https://www.cmfneo.com/annual-conference/.
BLOOD DRIVE:
Please plan on donating blood in the Gym on Sunday March 22nd from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. You can schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org. If we meet our goal, we will have additional funds for St. Helen School to purchase supplies for the next school year.

ST. HELEN UNICYCLE SPAGHETTI DINNER:
The St. Helen Unicycle team is asking you to save the date on Saturday, April 18th! We will be having out 7th annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and Chinese Auction. Enjoy dinner and a show and bid on exciting items that will be available from our local generous partners! Presale Dinner and Raffle Tickets are available at the Parish Office, DS Cakes, Geauga Feed and Grain Supply and SK Industries. Last minute ticket sales will be available on March 28th & 29th after all the Masses, with the team selling tickets by the school library hallway. Tickets are also available from any of our unicyclists families and at the door!

WHAT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TEACHES US ABOUT THE MEANING OF SUFFERING AND DYING:
You are invited to a presentation on Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. Father Jay (spiritual), Dr. Urbancic (medical), Chris Evans (Ohio law), and others will speak on how our Catholic Faith gives us Hope with teachings on suffering, dying and being Born into Eternal Life. Fr. Jay will share Catholic teachings on end of life issues. Other speakers will share practical and personal information that will help you and those you love to prepare for a time of illness and death. There will be time for questions. This evening will help you if you are any age or aging, have elderly parents, or are interested in the topics that will be discussed. Wisdom dictates that we plan for our death knowing it might happen tomorrow and at the same time plan for the future expecting to die of old age! For more information, pick up a flier at the information desk.

HOME COMPANION:
A few of our homebound parishioners are looking for someone to sit and spend time with them at their home. This isn’t a caretaker, just a companion. If you’re interested, please call Fr. Jay at the Parish Office, ext. 203.

FISH FRY:
every Friday of Lent from 4:30-7:00 pm on March 20, 27 and April 3. You can find more information on our website at www.sthelen.com. This is a time to enjoy good food with family and friends. We hope to see you all there!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
The Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 20th, at 7:30 p.m. will be presented by St. Helen School.

HEART OF JESUS RETREAT
Is Jesus on your priority list?
If so, where does He rank?
Do you desire more?
Life can be chaotic and overwhelming. It is easy to get distracted from what matters most. Matthew 6:33 “Jesus said to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.” We invite you to spend a weekend focusing on Jesus. As Christ promised, with God at the center of our lives, everything else falls into place. Regardless of where you are in your faith journey, there is more! Come and let Jesus draw you closer to His heart. 1 Thessalonians 3:5 “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.” The Heart of Jesus Retreat on Saturday, March 28th and Sunday, March 29th. Register at https://www.heartofjesus.net/events/1/heart-of-jesus-iv-retreat or at sthelen.com. Registration forms also available in Gathering Space.

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 April 21 at St. Helen's in the Media Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The first class is free! You have nothing to lose, but class size is limited! Call Andrew (216-789-7300) or Barb Somrack (440-478-2913), or visit our class link at fpu.com/1113165.

A MESSAGE FROM SEMINARIAN DAVE VERBSKY...
One of the elements of my formation for priesthood is feedback, especially from YOU! Here is a link at which you can submit feedback about me: www.percorso.app/givefeedback/davidverbsky. At the link, you can leave General Feedback, Preaching Feedback, or Teaching Feedback. You are welcome to access this link at any time to leave either positive or constructive feedback based on how you have observed me. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at dverbsky@sthelen.com. Peace, and God bless!

PARISH COUNCIL: If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of these Parish Council members. See the website for email contact information.

Chairperson: Jeff Cicchella
IT’S A MATTER OF LIFE...
We have witnessed the endless hateful actions and heard the evil rhetoric of this political season. Candidate after candidate deceives listeners with diatribes that describe child killing as legitimate “women’s health care.” We witness a screaming mob on the steps of the Supreme Court waiving signs that declare “Protecting Abortion Access is a Catholic Value” and physically threatening the Justices should they not rule in the mob’s favor. Too many dishonest leaders have, often for years and even decades, flown under the radar, unscathed by their claims to be both Christian or Catholic and, simultaneously, supporters of abortion. They’ve been allowed to fall back on those tired phrases of being “personally opposed to abortion” but unwilling to “impose their own beliefs” on others. We have passively allowed politicians to use their “Faith” as a political tool to get elected so they can cast more votes to kill children. We can no longer ignore that the floodgates of anti-child, anti-family, anti-God have been opened in our country. We must speak up. We must vote. It is incumbent upon each of us to end this evil.

SCHOOL NEWS

WHAT’S BUZZING AT SCHOOL: We have completed the ninth and final week of the Third Quarter. Our students continued to read Charlotte’s Web with their families for our One School One Book program. Junior Achievement continued this week. The Junior Achievement program helps students foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills. Thank you to our volunteers for helping make this program a success. After school Monday, our Science Olympiad Team met to for an optional lab day. Tuesday was optional Spring Picture Day. After school, the Little Flowers learned about the Blessed Mother and her cheerfulness, despite her challenges in life. They will be focusing on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Little Flowers prayed the Stations of the Cross together, led by the older Little Flowers in Third through Fifth Grade. They also will be making crosses and a card for the ladies at Maggie’s Place. Maggie’s Place will be the recipient of their Lenten project this year. Wednesday, our band students had their weekly band practice with Mr. Bell. Our Little Hornets Preschool had a field trip to Swine Creek. After lunch, our students had the opportunity to visit our 4-H Show and Share event for One School One Book. Students were able to bring in an item or animal that they have/would enter into the fair to share with our school family. After school, some of our students stayed for Chess Club. Thursday, our students had their weekly Spanish class. Friday, our Eighth Graders led our school in Mass. After Mass, our students went with their prayer partners to visit the Zimmerman Petting Zoo that came for One School One Book. Friday marked the end of the Third Quarter of school. Saturday, our Science Olympiad Team had a Science Fun Day hosted by Mrs. Hudak and some parent volunteers to wrap up their season. Please continue to keep our students and staff in your prayers as we continue to keep you in ours.

REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: Registration for the 2020-2021 school year at St. Helen School is now open. Re-registration forms were sent home for our current school families. If you are looking to register your child in our school for the first time, please contact the school office at 440-564-7125 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM: Last weekend, Fourth Graders: Josh Berman, Maddy Formanski, Piper Geiss, Salvatore Hoenigman, Alexis Hollowell, Lily Hudak, Ellie Welhouse, and Chase Wolfram; Fifth Graders: Anna Cook, Gabby Dempsey, Karleigh Fuhrig, Audrey Kilmer, Stella Morgan, Kyle Nedved, Owen Nowak, and Natalie Suvak; Sixth Graders: Zachary Berman, Natalie Gerstenberger, Andy Hudak, Ava Lewandowski, Josie Mislay, Joseph Revnew, Kaitlyn Welhouse, and Allie Wiseman competed at the Science Olympiad at Case Western Reserve University. Our Science Olympiad Team earned Fourth Place out of seventeen teams at the competition. Some of our students took home medals for placement in their events. Fifth Place medal winners are Zachary and Ava (Meteorology), Owen and Chase (Wright Stuff), and Lily and Andy (What Went By). Fourth Place medal winners are Josie and Kaitlyn (A is for Anatomy) and Andy and Josie (Bridge Building). Third Place medal winners are Piper and Alexis (Rock Hound). Second Place medal winners are Audrey and Stella (Mousetrap Vehicles), Natalie and Kaitlyn (Crimebusters), and Natalie and Joseph (Potions and Poisons). First Place medal winners are Kaitlyn and Allie (Mystery Design). Congratulations to our team and Mrs. Hudak for a job well done.

CONGRATULATIONS ELA GRZYWINski: We would like to congratulate Ela Grzywinski who advanced to the state competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Good luck at the state competition.

ST. HELEN SPORTS:
IT’S TIME TO REGISTER ONLINE!!!
Please go to the following link and register your entire family so that you will receive notifications from Boosters going forward: https://reg.sportspilot.com/106654/leagues.
We are streamlining our registrations and communications and going to Sports Pilot. You will be able to register and pay online, and we will be able to send communications directly to you via your registered email. We will no longer be doing paper registrations for our sports programs.
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**Happenings at ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**CH = CHURCH**
**C = CAFETERIA**
**CM = MEDIA CENTER**
**G = GYM**
**GCSC = GEauga COUNTY SAFETY CENTER**
**LTC = LIFE TEEN CENTER**
**R = RECTORY**
**S = SOCCER FIELD**
**SC = SCHOOL**
**SL = SCIENCE LAB**
**TL = TEACHER'S LOUNGE**
**PO = PARISH OFFICE**
**PMR = PARISH MEETING ROOM**
**MR = MUSIC ROOM**

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Mass/CH
9:15-11:00 a.m. – Cross Training/MR
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – DONUTS/C
11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. – Life Teen/CH
6:00-8:00 p.m. – Life Teen/LTC
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