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"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." -Victimae paschali laudes

ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWBURY, OH

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

Please send your request to Bulletin@sthelen.com.

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

Susan Amor, Wayne Ardo, Terry Aytay, 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, Domenica Farinacci, Bernice Fitch, Karen Franklin, Kathy Grabowski, Stewart Herring, Anne Holdsworth, Evelyn Jurkiewicz, Tyler Kopp, Joyce Knight, Hope Krawulski, Gary Kuchenbecker, Hiroko Lasher, Robert Lasher, Kathy Madda, Ed Marko, Dr. Ed Martin, Ellen McAuley, David McDonald, Frank Mocarski, Linda Mulacek, Jennifer Mynes, Sidney Mynes, Rod Nagy, Peggy Oram, Kevin O'Reilly, Jr., Eleanor Phillips, Kathy Principe, Laura Rado, Tim Schaefer, Eileen Ricci, Evelyn Rowlands, Nancy Rycyna, Emil & Marge Saloka, Erin Scheffler, June & Hank Schiewe, David Sensibello, David Sichko, Paul Slansky, Carol Stebnicki, Jacki Stebnicki, Mary Stebnicki, Sandi Strichko, Diane Surdel, Zoey Swansiger, John & Lisa Tepfenhart, Bill Thomas, David Tommasone, Julie Torok, Donna Urquhart, Charlotte Whiting, Mimi Widmar, Kathleen Williford, Leda Wojtowicz, Colbie Wolfe and Gary Zagar.

#### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Alan (Al) Charles Bates, husband of Joyce and father of Debbie Pawlak and Brenda Hornak Sarah Rayle, mother of Julie Botos

#### PRAY FOR THOSE BAPTIZED INTO THE FAITH

Naomi Isabelle Wozniak

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE WEEKEND**

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF	March	31, 2024	
Collections	(10) \$	575.00	
Online Giving (donors)	(117) \$	8,851.23	
Total Regular Offertory Giving			
Church Attendance		1,528	
Easter Collection	(247) \$	28,736.50	
Debt Prevention			
Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Helen!			

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, April 8, 2024.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE WHEN WRITING CHECKS TO ST. HELEN

**Please remember to make all checks payable to "St. Helen."** You can then write in the memo where the donation should go specifically. The bank is cracking down on how checks are written, and we will have to begin returning checks if written any other way.

**Examples of checks that we <u>cannot</u> deposit:** St. Helen Catholic Church, St. Helen School, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Helen Building Fund, St. Helen Angel Fund, etc. As always, we are so grateful for the generosity of this community!

## **APRIL 15 DEADLINE...**

#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE AND CLAIM A 2023 TAX CREDIT!

Donations made by April 15, 2024, may be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar tax credit, and the fund will be available for scholarships in 2024-2025! There are multiple ways to donate:



# **UPCOMING COLLECTIONS**

#### Home Mission Collection | April 27-28, 2024

The Catholic Home Mission Appeal Collection will be taken up the weekend of April 27-28, 2024, to assist struggling dioceses in the United States.

Office of Catechetical Services Collection | May 11-12, 2024

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY APRIL 7, 2024

# A Reflection from James Hogan – Can we follow Jesus without believing in His Resurrection?

No. Christianity is a religion based on a miracle. Take the miraculous out of Buddhism or Islam, and you have not altered their essential belief system. Take away the Resurrection miracle, and you have removed the essence of Christianity. That would be like taking nitroglycerin out of dynamite or cola out of Coke. A miracle-less, watered-down version of Christianity is not Christianity at all.

How Buddha died is not essential to his message. How Mohammed died is not critical to his message. How Jesus died, why Jesus died, and what happened after Jesus died are central to His entire manhood, message, and mission. All Catholic doctrines on trinity and time, sin and salvation, and heaven and hell... proceed from the Resurrection.

If you felt shockwaves from a blast that happened a mile away, you would assume the ground-zero explosion to have been that much more powerful than what you experienced. In a similar way, only an immensely powerful event could account for the subsequent, exponential growth of the Church. The Church's existence witnesses to a powerful ground-zero Resurrection explosion.

Something remarkable and real smelted cowardice into courage. The disciples went from deserters hiding in an upper room in fear for their lives, to defenders willing to risk torture and death. They attributed that transformation to the miracle of the Resurrection. We should listen to them.

Humanity labors in darkness, walking through the valley of the shadow of death. (Ps 23:4) Deep down, we are frightened by the inevitable fact that we, or someone we love, will die. But with the Resurrection – Jesus rising body and soul from the grave, possessing the properties of a glorious body not limited by space and time – we have been given definitive, historical proof that earthly life is but a prelude to eternal life.

And the truly good news is: He offers His Christ-life to us, if we have the courage to receive it. Jesus' rising body and soul foreshadows our resurrection of the body on the last day. Jesus' Resurrection is life's happy ending (our resurrection) revealed in the middle (His Resurrection). If we die with Christ, we shall rise with Christ.

Death scared the heaven out of us, so Jesus brought heaven to us. Jesus broke the stranglehold death had on humanity. Love conquered death. Because of the Resurrection, we should not live like there is no tomorrow; we should live like we know tomorrow. The Resurrection is not the promise that life ends well; it is the promise that life ends wonderfully.

To put it simply: Because Christ is risen, we shall rise.

Benedict XVI makes clear the meaning of the Resurrection, "Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life, which is a part of the person that is indeed answered. God exists; that is the real message of Easter."

#### ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND – THANK YOU!!

On behalf of St. Helen School, staff, and students, we wanted to say THANK YOU for your donation toward the Diocesan Angel Scholarship Fund! Because of your generosity, St. Helen was the leader in donations received, for the second year in a row, totaling \$258,345.00. This gives us the opportunity to offer \$0 Tuition Commitment to St. Helen School Families for the 2024-2025 School Year. To make a donation this year, you can fill out the form in the bulletin or in the Gathering Space or online at: https://www.catholiccommunity.org/give/catholic-education/angel-scholarship-fund You are able to create monthly payments online, if that is easier than a one-time donation.

## **PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS**



# CONFIRMATION RECEPTION REQUEST FOR BAKERY DONATIONS – ON APRIL 12

We need baked goods for our Reception after Confirmation Mass on Friday, April 12. If you would like to bake or buy a couple of dozen of cookies, brownies, cupcakes or something, please call or email Maria Flauto in the Parish Office. You can drop off your bakery donation in the gym after 3:30 p.m. on April 12. Thank you in advance!



#### **LADY GOLFERS**

The 2024 golf season is about to begin! The St. Helen Ladies' No Pressure Golf League will hold a preseason meeting at Pleasant Hill Golf Course (Aquilla Road, Chardon)

on Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Weather-permitting, a practice round will follow, then another practice round on April 30th. Official league play will begin Tuesday, May 7th. All skill levels are welcome. If interested, please contact Paula Reilman at 440-338-4238 or paula. reilman@gmail.com.

#### ST. HELEN'S MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The Men's Golf League will meet for a brief meeting and practice round on Monday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Golf Course. League play will start Monday, April 29. This is a fun, no-pressure league open to all skill levels. Email Rick Reilman at rick.reilman@gmail.com to get weekly updates, and to reserve a spot in the League.

#### **WOMEN OF ST. HELEN**

Do something special for yourselves and our church! Become active members of the Ladies Guild. You're automatically a Guild member by virtue of being a woman parishioner; however, we need you to activate your membership through remitting a \$5.00 contribution fee. You can join with other members that are working to build St. Helen's community through friendship, spiritual reflection, fundraising and support of parish needs recommended by our pastor, Father Jay. If caring for the altar linens, priest/server vestments, sending cards, serving funeral luncheons, helping with the Christmas Luncheon, Fr. Jay's Birthday Breakfast, or the Knights of Columbus Golf Outing is something you could do – We Want You! We Need You! We Thank You!



#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This is open for all children in our parish who will be in Kindergarten through 5th grade for next school year (2024-2025). We will be taking the kids into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending

love of God. At Totally Catholic Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Sacred Scripture and discover what living water is really all about! Look for registration information starting in May.

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#### ST. HELEN PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

#### **LENTEN CHALLENGE!**

If you have been charting your prayers, works of mercy, sacrifices and almsgiving this Lent on the Parish Library Challenge form, we pray that you have grown closer to God and others. Please stop by the parish library Sunday, April 7, 14 or 21 to pick up your coupon to DS Cakes and Sweets!

#### **SPRING CLEANING**

As you start your Spring Cleaning - keep your eye out for library books that you borrowed from St. Helen Parish Library. We'd love to have any of our books that you discover! How can you tell if it belongs to St. Helen? Check the back cover of the item and search for the white label with black text. The name of the library is on the label. Thanks!

#### **A BEATITUDE**

The St. Helen Parish Library Board states: "Blessed are those who honor our policy that we do not accept donations of books, etc." We wish everyone a very blessed Easter Season!

# **BEAUTIFUL DEVOTIONS -GROWING IN FAITH AND VIRTUE**

Check out the Resource to Grow in Your Faith page on www.sthelen.com. You can find the page under **Faith Formation** or use the button at the bottom of the homepage. Also, stop by our Library! Never stop growing! Our Parish has so many great ways to connect with each other and grow in our love for God and each other.



# JOIN US! **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** IS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 7

The Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will be at 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we praise and honor our Risen Lord for all His great mercy toward us! We will have a first-class relic of Saint Faustina to venerate.

Remember that the Church has offered an indulgence for you to receive complete forgiveness of your sins and the punishment due for them to those who fulfill the requirements. Sheets

are in the Gathering Space that explain the requirements for this great

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina about His Divine Mercy, He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after

Why? He wanted us to know about His incredible mercy for us! He told Saint Faustina:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.

#### **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 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room. Men of all ages welcome!

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

# ST. HELEN SCHOOL NEWS



St. Helen School

#### ST. HELEN SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING!

St. Helen School is now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year! Thanks to the incredible

generosity of our parish and school community in the Angel Fund, and in combination with the recent expansion of the EdChoice State Scholarship, St. Helen School is once again offering \$0 parent tuition commitments for all K-8 families for 2024-2025! For more information, or to schedule a tour, please visit St-Helen-School.com or call the front office at 440-564-7125.

#### **TASTE OF KINDERGARTEN**

Calling all future Kindergartners! On April 19 from 8:00-10:00 a.m., all prospective Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a Kindergartner at St. Helen School! Students will enjoy class time and activities with Mrs. Charmley. Parents are encouraged to attend a brief informational meeting with Mr. Martin from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

#### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

St. Helen School is looking for substitute teachers who can help cover classes when teachers fall ill or are unable to come into school. Requirements include a bachelor's degree and Virtus Training. For more information, please contact the school office at 440-564-7125.



Please join us at our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! ADULTS \$12 Dinner includes a generous portion of spaghetti & sauce. handmade meatballs, salad, bread, and beverage.

Dinner Served 6-7pm, Auctions & Special **Drill Team Performance** to follow!



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#### **IT'S ALL ABOUT LIFE!**



# **SAVE THE DATE – 4TH ANNUAL BIRDIES FOR BABIES GOLF SCRAMBLE**

Friday, June 7, 2024 | 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Location: Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, OH, 44141

The 4th Annual Birdies for Babies Golf Scramble is Friday, June 7, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course. All proceeds from the Scramble benefit mothers and babies. Scramble tickets include 18 holes of golf with a cart, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (on course and at meals), and lunch for each registered player. The Scramble will also feature skill prizes and a raffle of unique packages along with "Lunch-only" tickets for non-golfing guests of players or sponsors.

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# CLEVELAND DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS, BAINBRIDGE – COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY – DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

TOPIC: "Tips for Productivity and Managing the Mean" GUEST SPEAKER: Ashley Agle from The Lantern of Chagrin Meet in Holy Angels Community Room, 18205 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023.

Loved ones with dementia are welcome and meet separately. For more information, email JoAnn Fariello at Companions@ holyangelschurch.com.

#### THE BISHOP'S SEMINARY BRUNCH AND FUNDRAISER

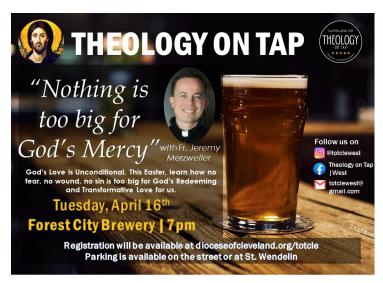
The Bishop's Seminary Brunch and Fundraiser: Hosted by Bishop Malesic, greatly contributes to meeting the personal needs of our seminarians as well as offering the financial means to provide improvements to their seminary formation. The Brunch will be held again at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven on 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.



#### IT'S TIME TO HAVE FUN AGAIN!

The Christ Child Society of Geauga County will celebrate their 31st Red Wagon Spring Fundraiser with a Dinner on Wednesday, April 10 at St. Noel Banquet Center from 4:30-8:00 p.m. We invite you and your friends to join Channel-8 Meteorologist Jenn Harcher, our guest emcee, and the nearly 300 women and men who will attend

the event for an Auction, Raffles and Dinner. Gather your friends and join us for a fantastic Red Wagon Spring Dinner. Tickets for the event are \$50.00 per person. Contact Jeanette Bussoletti at 216-401-8190 or jbussoletti@yahoo.com for further information and reservations.



### THEOLOGY ON TAP

A discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20s and 30s.





## **CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION APRIL 2024**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. for in-person support (at six locations), and 5:00 p.m. for virtual support. The topic is "Mother's Day and Grief." For details, visit https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.



ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH **NEWBURY, OH** 

# Happenings at ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH *April 7-14, 2024*

WEEKDAY   READINGS MASS SCHEDULE   EVENTS		
Sunday, April 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31	8:30 a.m. – The Somrack Family 11:15 a.m. – Robert Safko (Kelly Ketring) 5:00 p.m. – All Divine Mercy Cenacle Members (Divine Mercy Cenacle)	9:30-10:30 a.m. – Cross Training/8 Gr. Classroom 10:00-11:00 a.m. – PRS-EDGE/ Classrooms 10:30-11:15 a.m. – Aquinas/8 Gr. Classroom 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer/CH 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Confirmation Meeting/PH 8:00-10:00 p.m. – AA/Gym
Monday, April 8 Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38	8:00 a.m. – Michael Kalal (D) (Pat, Sr. & Eileen Cataldo)	Offices Closed today. 8:45-11:00 a.m. – Divine Mercy Cenacle/LTC 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Home School Theology/LTC 5:00-7:30 p.m. – Prayer Shawl/PH 6:30-9:00 p.m. – Testify Practice/CH 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Men's Bible Study/BR
Tuesday, April 9 Easter Weekday Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15	8:00 a.m. – The Deceased Members of the Deley & Senary Families (Ed & Mary Kay Deley)	5:30-9:00 p.m. – Worship Dance/LTC 6:00-8:00 p.m. – LT Band/CH 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Liturgy Planning/Rectory 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Avila Hour/A 6:30-8:00 p.m. – RCIA/BR 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Grieving with Great Hope/PH
Wednesday, April 10 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21	8:00 a.m. – Susan White (L) (Christine Ewing)	10:00-11:00 a.m. – Fatima Hour/A 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Unicycle Practice/Gym 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Divine Will Cenacle/PH 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Women's Bible Study/BR
Thursday, April 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36	8:00 a.m. – In Celebration of Fred & Arlene's 60th Wedding Anniversary (Fred Cossick)	6:00-7:30 p.m. – Girls' Night Ministry/LTC 7:00-9:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal/CH
Friday, April 12 Easter Weekday Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15	8:00 a.m. – Mila Hosanna (Grandpa & Grandma Makowski)	7:00-8:00 p.m. – Confirmation/CH 8:00-9:30 p.m. – Confirmation Reception/Gym
Saturday, April 13 Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21	8:00 a.m. – Jim & Helen Paryzek, Helen Lockhart & Joanie Kracker (D) (From the Family) 5:00 p.m. – Gail Zdolsek (Ed & Shirley Marko)	8:00-9:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Group/BR 10:00 a.m12:00 p.m. – Unicycle Practice/Gym 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Confessions/CH
Sunday, April 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48	8:30 a.m. – Josephine D'Amico (D) (Joseph D'Amico) 11:15 a.m. – Alfredo Finomore (The Family) 5:00 p.m. – Holy Souls in Purgatory (Patrick Hurley)	9:30-10:30 a.m. — Cross Training/8 Gr. Classroom 10:00-11:00 a.m. — PRS-EDGE/ Classrooms 10:30-11:15 a.m. — Aquinas/8 Gr. Classroom 8:00-10:00 p.m. — AA/Gym

# **CAMPUS KEY**

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TL = TEACHER'S LOUNGE PH1 = PARISH HALL BACK ROOM PH2 = PARISH HALL MEETING ROOM MR = MUSIC ROOM MC = MEDIA CENTER

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY **APRIL 7, 2024** 

#### **GEAUGA COUNTY HOME DELIVERED MEALS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

The Geauga County Department on Aging needs Home Delivered Meal drivers for the Newbury meal route on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Meal routes start at the Chardon Senior Center, located at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon. Please contact Nathan Gorton at 440-279-2138, for additional information or to sign up to volunteer.

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