



The Disciple

Parish Newsletter of St. Helen Catholic Church
October 2018

Welcome back to our seasonal parishioners! Our ministry season and year-long centennial celebration is in full swing. I hope that you take time to enjoy the events our centennial committee has planned over the next few months.

We are so blessed to have over 60 active ministries! Thank you for everything you do to contribute to the success of St. Helen Church. As we celebrate our 100 years as a parish, I ask that you reflect and pray on how you can continue your commitment to serving God, St. Helen Church, and your fellow parishioners.

Aperi ad te spiritus sanctus.

Open yourself up to the Holy Spirit.

Very Reverend Kevin C. Nelson, V.F.
Pastor



St. Helen Planning Committee / Update #4

Since the last Planning Study Update in June we have begun the Centennial Year Celebration. Already we have had an overflowing pot luck dinner, a great night of old Catholic bingo, and an informative teaching and reflection on the life and accomplishments of St. Helen. I encourage all parishioners and guests to attend as many as possible of these unique celebrations planned for this 100th year of our good parish. The Planning Committee, formed to address the building and property needs of our parish, has also had notable progress:

1. Relocating the Outreach Ministry from the Christian Living Center (“CLC”)

In order to provide access to the CLC for the school students it has been the plan to relocate our Outreach Ministry on a temporary basis until a better facility is made available, most likely on the western side of the St. Helen campus. As of this writing we are in the final stages of negotiating a lease for two store-front units at 1031 18th Street. Relocating will have certain less than ideal aspects associated with being off campus; however, there are several positive aspects:

- ◆ Those we serve will now wait in an air conditioned area rather than the open-air CLC courtyard.
- ◆ Loading and unloading supplies at the facility will be much easier.
- ◆ Total space is increasing by about 30% and the layout of the space is tailored to our design, more efficient than the current layout at the CLC. Additional office space should allow us to meet with two clients at a time rather than just one.
- ◆ This offsite location offers St. Helen the opportunity to let others know of our ministry and to further our mission of evangelization at a separate location.

Though there are still details to be addressed, the plan is to move Outreach towards the end of September. The Committee also would like to express their appreciation to the staff and the volunteers of the Outreach Ministry for their understanding of the need, the advantages, and the disadvantages of the move.

2. Relocating the Religious Education Office

The Religious Education Office has been relocated to 1201 19th Place Suite B-302. This office building is on Route #60 about a mile from St. Helen. The office space with conference room is working well and our Religious Education staff is well under way with fall programs. If you need to register or have questions regarding CCD-parents’ or children’s session, RCIA, nursery, Confirmation classes or just want to visit the new location, please stop by. The office is open from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

3. Development of a Master Plan

The Planning Committee has received from the planner hired to assist with the Master Plan an initial proposed building with estimated cost to accommodate large meetings, office space, Outreach and other meeting space. The initial presentation is too preliminary to focus on at this time, especially as there are still plans that our school is developing. The Committee is hopeful to have the Master Plan in place by early 2019.

Plans for renovation to the Church sanctuary and the possible construction of a covered walkway and small pavilion on the west side of the Church are still being considered.

Should anyone have comments or questions, or be in need of further clarification, please contact me at the Church office.

Deacon Dave

How to Stay Informed on Parish Updates

1. Read Deacon Dave’s blog on the Church website www.sthelenvero.org
2. Subscribe to the Church app by texting to 555888 (STHelen1 for Apple OR STHelen2 for Android)
3. Read the weekly Church bulletin. Available in print or online.
4. Follow us on FaceBook www.facebook.com/sthelenvero/

October

4th Blessing of Animals
5th Date Night
6th K of C Italian Dinner
12th Date Night
13th Blessings Dinner
14th K of C Pancake Breakfast
15th SCF Pastoral Ministry Class
19th CCW Card Party
19th Date Night
20th CCW Northern Deanery Meeting
20th Lord of Miracles
21st Angelic Café
22nd SFC Pastoral Ministry Class
26th Family Fun Night
26th Date Night
27th CCW Deanery Meeting
27th Celebration of Life Event
29th SCF Pastoral Ministry Class

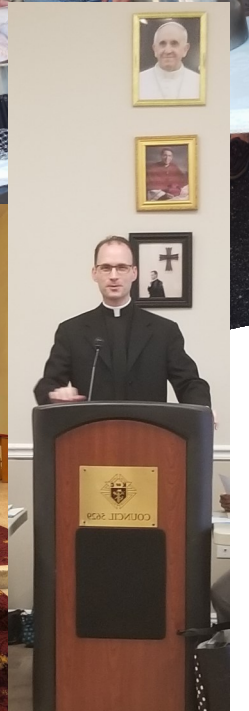
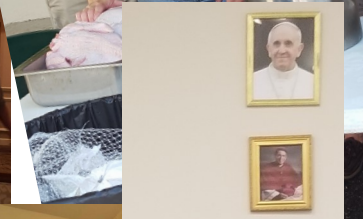
November

1st All Saints Day
2nd All Souls Day
2nd Date Night
3rd & 4th Marriage Enrichment
5th SCF Pastoral Ministry Class
10th Oldies Dance
11th Ladybugs Bazaar
12th SCF Pastoral Ministry Class
Harvest Festival November 15th - 18th
19th SCF Pastoral Ministry Class

December

2nd Christmas Concert
8th Happy Birthday Jesus Party
8th Filipino Simbang Gabi
9th K of C Pancake Breakfast
9th Centennial Chili Dinner & Baking Contest
12th Our Lady of Guadalupe
16th Angelic Café
20th Centennial Posada
30th K of C Pancake Breakfast

PARISH LIFE... BE A PART OF IT!





CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION | 1919—2019

St. Helen Parish is celebrating our Centennial! Fr. Kevin's Centennial Committee has been busy planning events for all to enjoy.

Be sure to read the Church bulletin and *The Disciple*, and refer to the Church and School websites and social media for updates.

As part of our celebration we are asking that each family book an appointment with LifeTouch to have a photo taken for our **Centennial Yearbook!**

In return you will receive a FREE 8 x 10 and a hardcover Centennial yearbook commemorating our history and ministries. It is important to have EVERYONE participate!

Appointments can be made online under the Events page of the Parish website: www.sthelenver.org.

If you can not book your appointment online please call the Parish office 567-5129 and we will assist you. Appointments are available in October, November, January & February.

OUR YEARBOOK WILL NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!

ST. HELEN BEAUTIFICATION

As part of our Centennial celebration we will be making improvements to the area around the statue of St. Helen. This will include replacing the tiles.

Commemorate your family name or someone you love by purchasing a tile. More information will be available in the next few weeks.



100 ACTS OF KINDNESS

St. Helen Youth on a Mission will be sponsoring "***100 Acts of Kindness***" in honor of our Centennial year.

We are looking for parishioners who are in need of repairs or maintenance on their home, small errands, and food or meal donations. Our program starts October 8th and will last 100 days.

An application is available online under the EVENTS page of our website: www.sthelenchurch.org, or at the Parish Office.

CENTENNIAL BLESSING DINNER

Sunday, October 14 at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Come and see what our St. Helen School children are grateful for! Join us as we celebrate our Centennial with a Blessing Dinner. SHCS children have created special artwork to show what they are grateful for and it will be on display at our dinner. Tickets are only \$10 per person (children 12 & under are FREE) and are available at the Parish Office. Enjoy a catered Italian dinner with a huge salad bar and dessert table, including an ice cream sundae bar! Entertainment by DJ Jerry & the Dolls!



CENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, December 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Church

CHILI SUPPER & CENTENNIAL DESSERT BAKE OFF!

December 9th at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Enjoy a bowl of chili and taste some incredible desserts. Tickets will be available through SHCS 8th grade or the Parish Office.

*Who will win the coveted
St. Helen Centennial Baker Award?*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY

Saturday, December 8 / Parish Hall
Children Ages 12 & under / 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

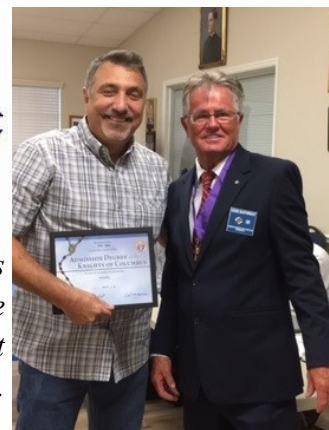
Amidst the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it is easy to get caught up in the presents and parties, and forget about the true meaning of Christmas - our Savior's birth!

Join us as we come together with St. Nicholas, games, crafts & birthday cake to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Teen helpers are needed and encouraged to register to help.

Please R.S.V.P. your child/teen to: Religious Education office at: 562-5954 or online on the Faith Formation Program Registration page.



*Pat Elia receiving his
 first degree certificate
 from Grand Knight
 Eddie Boatwright.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5629

This past year over \$26,000 was raised and distributed to the less fortunate of our parish and the Vero Beach community by the Knights of Columbus Council 5629. Among those organizations helped were St. Helen Catholic School, St. Helen Church, ARC of Indian River County, Samaritan Center, Special Olympics, and Women's Care Center. Brother Knights donate their time and talent so that 100% of the funds raised goes to charity.

Help us serve our parish, our community and our Lord by attending our charity events.

Interested in becoming a Knight? Visit our website: www.KofC5629.org or call Membership Director, Bill Wetzel at 321-615-7684.

Bible Study Opportunities

Have you ever thought about studying the Bible, but never quite got around to doing it? Or, have you tried reading Sacred Scripture, but got discouraged with unfamiliar places and names that seem almost impossible to pronounce? However, if the Holy Spirit took all the trouble to inspire the ancient authors to write these 73 books, wouldn't it be wise to invest some time and energy in delving into God's Word?

Does the Bible have relevance for you today? Have you ever been confused or worried about the future, wondering which path you should take? Could God have something to say to you *personally* in His Word, which would give you peace and joy? Of course!

Several opportunities emerge right now for you to come and study the Bible with others. Even if you have never opened a Bible before, you are most welcome. You are never too young or too old to begin. Consider any of the following opportunities that might fit your needs and schedule.

Tuesday mornings, 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., women and children, ages 3 and up, will meet in the South Room to study "*Isaiah*." Melanie Boles and Laura McGarry lead this study.

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., men and women are invited to study "*Isaiah*" in the Parish Center. John McHugh and Laurie Manhardt lead the evening study.

Wednesday mornings, Diane Hankle leads a year-round **Women's Bible Study** in the South Room from **9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**, sometimes choosing topical Bible Studies of particular interest to women.

Thursday mornings, a **Men's Bible Study** meets from **6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.** in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 923 19th Place, Vero Beach, FL 32960. This "*Isaiah*" study is led by Jim Manhardt, Martin Bireley, and Jim Paige.

Whether you are new to Bible Study, or have studied God's Word for many years, God always has more in store for each person. God's Word is living and active. In this ever changing world, Sacred Scripture does not change, but the Bible can change YOU! God invites everyone to go deeper into His Word and contemplate the sacred mysteries. Come and study with us, and bring a friend!

For more information, call Laurie Manhardt 772-321-4034 or Email: CatholicBibleStd@aol.com. Feel free to come and visit at any time. See what an enriching and inspiring experience Bible Study can be for you. Come and see, and bring your neighbors and friends.

St. Helen Catholic School ~ Lisa Bell / Principal

We have kicked off what is sure to be a fantastic school year at St. Helen Catholic School. I am excited to be the new principal and look forward to getting to know our parish community. Our parish school is amazing and continues to grow. We have welcomed 52 new students for the 2018-19 school year for a total enrollment of 274 students which includes two full Kindergarten classes.

Many facility updates, from structural to technological, took place over the summer and are continuing to happen. These updates included adding a second 4th-grade classroom and moving the school administrative offices to the CLC building to make room for additional classroom space.

I am looking forward to a wonderful working relationship with our entire parish and to celebrating the St. Helen Catholic Church Centennial. To that end, St. Helen School will be hosting the Centennial Grand Gala in February in honor of St. Helen Church and I look forward to seeing you there. We are also looking forward to the St. Helen Catholic School Day of Action on November 10th in support of the Harvest Festival. Together we can accomplish great things.

Lastly, I would like to extend an invitation to each of you to visit and tour our campus. We would welcome the opportunity to show you first hand how St. Helen Catholic School integrates faith, academics, service, and leadership.

In gratitude for your continued prayers.

Lisa Bell, Principal



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- FAITH
- ACADEMICS
- SERVICE
- LEADERSHIP

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presents
CENTENNIAL
Grand Gala

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A benefit dinner-dance & auction event on
Saturday, February 23, 2019
Bent Pine Golf Club

Proceeds from this event benefit
Saint Helen Catholic School

For sponsorship details or ticket information please
call St. Helen School at 772-567-5457

St. Helen Parish Finance Report

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 Actual

The Finance Committee has met and reviewed the financial operating data of the parish for the year ending June 30, 2018. Following is a Summary of the results.

OPERATING FUND INCOME:

Offertory Collections	\$1,466,127
Donations/ Bequests	291,010
Harvest Festival	286,176
Ministries (1)	345,377
Pass Through Collections (2)	214,225
Miscellaneous Income (3)	247,597

Total Income	\$2,850,512
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EXPENSES:

Administration (4)	1,099,977
Liturgical and pastoral (5)	99,329
Maintenance/ Utilities	240,933
Religious Programs	43,207
Harvest Festival	197,436
School	100,000
Ministries	305,930
Pass Through Expenses	214,225
Misc. / Other Expenses (6)	198,349

Total Expenses	\$2,499,386
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NET INCOME (LOSS) OPERATIONS	\$ 351,126 (7)
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- (1) Ministry income is the funds generated by and for certain ministries which are required to be reported by the Church but are used within the respective ministries alone.
- (2) Diocesan mandated second collections, debt reduction, school collections.
- (3) Numerous smaller sources of income including: flowers, religious education fees, votive candles, interest, school reimbursements, stole fees, etc.
- (4) Salaries, benefits, insurance, taxes, general operation.
- (5) Church building operations.
- (6) Numerous expenses including: capital improvements, legal services, professional services, charity, etc.
- (7) Of this, \$82,000 is restricted for outreach for the poor. \$279,000 was added to savings to build security and prepare for anticipated shortfalls, major maintenance, and capital projects.

- ♦ **St. Helen debt was reduced by \$76,504 from \$228,433 to \$151,504.**
- ♦ **We fulfilled our DSA obligation of \$339,000 for year ending 2017.**

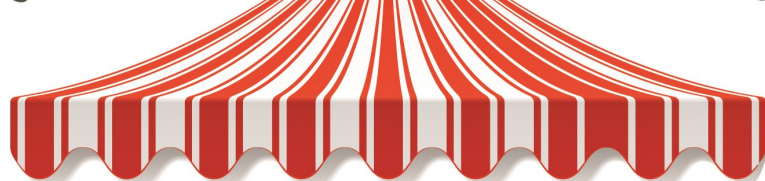
The following serve as members of the Finance Committee: Tom Bartolucci, Dave Hankle, William Herman, Pat Collins, Michael Walther, and Margaret Geary. The Finance Committee reviews in detail the quarterly operations. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the parish finances, record keeping, and budget are well documented and sound. Though the information provided above is in a summary format, detailed information is available for review, including the 2018 / 2019 budget. Should you have questions on any of the above or if you prefer to see the detail, please contact Deacon Dave Hankle, Parish Administrator, through the Parish Office.



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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of St. Helen Catholic Church
2018



ST. HELEN'S

Harvest Festival

November 15 through November 18

Hours of Operation

Thursday 11/15: 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday 11/16: 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday 11/17: Noon - 11 p.m.

Sunday 11/18: Noon - 6 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

For more information call:

St. Helen Catholic School 772-567-5457

Matt Grall 727-631-4172

Melissa Frandsen 772-538-4563