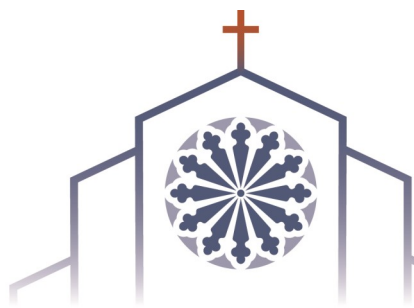


April 2019



St. Helen

CATHOLIC CHURCH

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION | 1919–2019

The Disciple

I pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed Easter. I am grateful to those who make St. Helen a welcoming community by serving in ministry or just being a friendly face when we celebrate Mass together. If you have been away from the Church, I would personally like to invite you back as we celebrate Easter. I would love to see our parish grow and more people share in the liturgy.

St. Helen is experiencing a new beginning in many ways...a newly renovated sanctuary and chapel, as well as a renewal of our faith this Easter season. At the Easter vigil we will warmly welcome 27 new Catholics to our St. Helen Parish family. Everyone has a place in our community. Let us be a family of Jesus Christ.

Vos may experimur etiam donum Paschae paci largitur honores illis qui e mortuis resurrexit, ut dici fidem ejus. May you experience that gift of Easter peace that the risen Christ bestows on those who claim faith in Him.

H O L Y W E E K

Monday April 15

11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Confessions

Tuesday April 16

11 a.m. Chrism Mass at St. Ignatius
7 p.m. Communal Penance Service
with Individual Confessions

Wednesday, April 17th

11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Confessions

Thursday, April 18th

Holy Thursday Sacred Triduum

9 a.m. & 7 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
9 p.m. Spanish Mass of the Lord's Supper
10 p.m. - Midnight Silent Adoration

Friday, April 19th / Good Friday

3 p.m. Lord's Passion

6 p.m. Meditation on Last Word by Fr. Kevin
with Stations of the Cross following

6:30 p.m. Spanish Living Stations (outside)

7:30 p.m. Spanish Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 20 / Holy Saturday

No Confessions

12 p.m. Blessing of Food

7 p.m. Easter Vigil

9:30 p.m. Spanish Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Mass at Historic Dodgertown 7 a.m.

Church: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30, 12:15, & 5 p.m.

St. Helen Planning Committee Update #6

This is the quarterly update on the efforts of the St. Helen Planning Committee. As noted in past updates any comments, questions or concerns are welcome to be directed to Fr. Nelson or Deacon Dave at the Church office.

Relocation of Religious Education and the Outreach Ministry from the Christian Living Center (“CLC”)

Both the Religious Education and the Outreach Ministry continue to operate well off campus. The plan discussed by the committee is to bring both back on campus once space is available. There was discussion about continuing in some manner a portion of the Outreach Ministry off campus. Additionally the committee was directed to look further into the opportunity of having a presence in the new facility being refurbished by UP (United against Poverty).

Centennial Renovation

Renovation of the sanctuary area is on schedule. Plans are that it will be completed by Holy Week.

Also discussed was the installation of an audio/visual screen that would be in the sanctuary but hidden from view when not in use. Plans were tentatively being developed at the meeting time. Since then they have been further developed. However, it appears that any such installation at this time will need to be delayed beyond the completion of the current sanctuary renovations.

The committee is also obtaining a landscaping design for the St. Helen pavilion on the west side of the Church. The tentative plan is to widen and improve the side walk around the pavilion which would be where the Centennial Commemorative Tiles would be displayed/installed.

Development of a Master Plan

The Planning Committee had been pursuing plans for a new meeting and office building on the property between Tallahassee Ave and DeLeon Ave. These plans were initially begun so that existing building space used by the Church could be made available for the St. Helen school expansion. At the meeting the committee was informed that the school is no longer planning on adding additional grades; at present there are two classrooms at the school for Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. The school administration will not be adding additional grades. Current students will be accommodated. Though there are several reasons for this decision one notable issue was the difficulty in modifying existing rooms formerly used by the Church for the unique use of the school.

An alternative consideration was presented at the meeting based upon the above, to consider a new school facility on the West side property rather than a new building for Church use. The committee felt this had several advantages such as an enclosed and secure campus for school use only, a better system for drop off and pick up of students, an opportunity to have an up-to-date facility and sufficient rooms for the needs of the school, especially dedicated rooms such as science lab, music room, art room, etc. The committee asked that by the next meeting the school present their interest in proceeding and also do some preliminary investigation with the city on the ability to have a new school building approved.

We will be constructing a new website over the next few months. During this time there will be very limited information available on the current site. Please be patient.

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IN MEMORY OF DEACON RAY NEUBAUER



On May 4th it will be one year since St. Helen lost our beloved Deacon Ray Neubauer. I was privileged to work in the parish office with Ray while he was in formation to become a deacon, and honored to attend his ordination. This picture was taken the day he was ordained a deacon. We dubbed it "Ray's Angels". I especially enjoyed his early morning visits to the office when he would check his mail, he always had a smile and positive word. When he would leave to go off to his job at Morgan Stanley I would say, "Don't tell the others, but you're my favorite deacon. Have a great day, Ray!" *Laura Lewis*



Trish Wesley remembers...

How did we meet Deacon Ray? My husband, also Ray, and I joined St. Helen parish 3 1/2 years ago. Being long term Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist this seemed a natural place to join in the many activities of St. Helen.

We were assigned a group of residents of St. Francis Manor. Shortly thereafter we got a phone call from "Morgan Stanley". I was not going to answer this - but I'm sure glad I did. Of course, it was our beloved Deacon Ray! He wanted to know how we were doing at St. Francis and if he could help us in any way. You could just feel Ray's friendliness, warmth, and sincerity flow over the phone. Deacon Ray continued to call us from time to time. These calls were always a pleasant addition to our day. When we called Ray, we just knew our cares were important to him and he could be relied upon to assist us in any way possible.



The last time I saw Ray was one Sunday morning just before Mass. I happened to have a handful of plastic rosaries. These were the last ones made by one of the ladies at St. Francis Manor who was no longer capable of doing so. I mentioned this to Deacon Ray. He saw the package of rosaries in my hand and asked if I wished him to bless them. I didn't know this would be the last time I would talk to him. They were given out a year ago Christmas to the "Lucky Ones!"

St. Helen EMHC's remember: Not long after becoming a deacon, Ray was assigned the task of organizing our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ministry (EMHC). He quickly began compiling all the data and setting up a computer program in order to identify all the ministers visiting the homebound, the assisted living facilities, the nursing homes, the hospitals and those serving Masses. This took numerous phone calls, training programs, meetings and the mandated updated fingerprinting. Deacon Ray jumped right in and started us off running. This ministry has grown so quickly. We are most thankful to Deacon Ray for his vision and all his efforts in this very important ministry. Deacon Ray was very special to all of us. We miss him! Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his special wife, Jan, and his family on this one year anniversary! May God bless them and bring them healing and peace. Deacon Ray remains in our hearts and in our prayers!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

- 5th Lenten Soup Pot
- 5th Stations of the Cross
- 6th Centennial Jamboree
- 6th Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 7th Angelic Café
- 12th Lenten Soup Pot
- 12th Stations of the Cross
- 13th Communion Retreat
- 27th First Holy Communion

MAY

- 4th Marriage Prep Class
- 4th Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 12th Mother's Day
- 24th SHCS Graduation
- 26th Unity in the Community

JUNE

- 1st Spanish Engagement Encounter
- 1st Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 10th - 14th Vacation Bible School
- 16th Centennial Mass & Reception
- 29th & 30th Women's CRHP Retreat

PARISH LIFE...

BE A PART OF IT!



SAVE THE DATE

Women's Welcome CRHP X Weekend
Saturday, June 29th & 30th

For more information contact:
Karen Alfred: kill711@gmail.com OR
Jean McGovern at
jeenmcgovern@gmail.com

Christ Renews His Parish is a spiritual renewal process centered around retreats given BY men and women FOR men and women of the parish.





What is the Knights of Columbus? It's a brotherhood of men from diverse backgrounds united together by their Catholic faith. This brotherhood stands and works together to support each other, their community, their country, and their Church. The Knights of Columbus is a 135-plus-year-old organization that now consists of 1.9 million members throughout the world within 15,900 local councils.

Catholic principles underlie all the Knights of Columbus efforts, particularly to promote the family as the most important social unit of society, the dignity of each human life, and charitable works to assist the less fortunate. Charity is a core principle of Knighthood. Another core principle of Knighthood is Unity. United men working together can accomplish much greater things than one man working alone. They can make their community and country a better place to live, for each other and their families. Patriotism is another core principle of Knighthood.

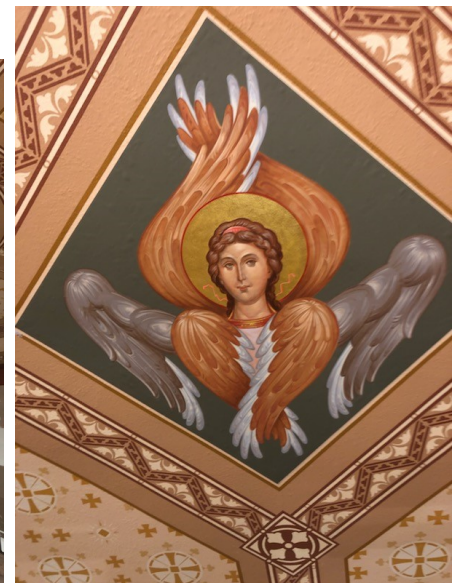
What is required of a Knight? It is a volunteer organization. You decide how much time and effort you wish to put into it. You choose what suits your schedule, abilities and interests. We meet once a month, on the 3rd Wednesday, at 6 p.m. for a social meal together at our council hall (923 19th Place), followed by a short business session to discuss our various projects.

Information about the Knights of Columbus can be found on our website: KofC5629.org. If you would like to speak to someone about becoming a Knight, call our Chancellor, Bill Wetzel (321-615-7684) or Grand Knight, Eddie Boatwright (772-584-0301).

Congratulation to the St. Helen Confirmation Class of 2019



A SNEAK PEAK OF OUR SANCTUARY RENOVATION...



Kendel Jordan / Youth Ministry

Hello everyone! As of this past February, I am excited to begin a new adventure serving at St. Helen alongside all of you and our youth. I am coming here from my hometown of Lantana, Florida, where I went on a life-changing retreat on my 14th birthday. After that retreat, I started inviting friends to meet once a month in my living room after Mass. These meetings evolved over the years into a formal parish youth ministry and inspired me to pursue studies at Ave Maria University. God now leads me today to be with you at St. Helen! I am hoping to spend my next few months getting to know the community and forming small groups and events designed for middle school, high school, and college students. The ultimate goal will be to foster deeper relationships among their peers, between them and the Church, and above all with Our Lord.

Please do not hesitate to contact me!

All for Jesus,

Kendel Jordan

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CAHTOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace first. Peter 4:10

We have many gifts and many needs at St. Helen. As a parish community, we strive with good stewardship to use our gifts to help meet the needs of one another.

One of the ways St. Helen does this is to provide aid to active parishioners who desire to send their children to John Carroll Catholic High School. If some financial assistance would enable your child to attend John Carroll for the **2019-2020 school year**, the parish would like to help you through the St. Helen High School Tuition Assistance Ministry.

Interested parents may pick up an application at the Church Office (not the St. Helen School Office). Completed applications must be returned by 4/26/19. Questions regarding this program may be directed to Teresita Collins 772-696-0079.

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A ST. HELEN GRADUATE

- Embodies Faith
- Excels Academically
- Embraces Service
- Exemplifies Leadership

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ENROLL TODAY!

St. Helen Catholic School
2025 20th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32960
772-567-5457

The complex block features the St. Helen Catholic School logo at the top, which includes a blue and gold cross with a dove. Below the logo is a photograph of a school building. Underneath the building photo is a list of four bullet points describing the school's values. Below the list is the phrase 'WHERE SCHOOL IS MORE THAN ACADEMICS'. At the bottom of the block is a photograph of a diverse group of young students smiling. The text 'ENROLL TODAY!' is written in large, bold, white letters on a dark blue background. To the right of this text is the school's name and contact information.

SAVE THE DATE!
June 10 to June 14, 2019
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Registration and teen helper applications will be available at the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office. We welcome Pre K thru 6th grade.

Call Religious Education for more info: 562-5954

From Lisa Bell, Principal of St. Helen Catholic School

Congratulations to Maria Morgan who was honored by Bishop Barbarito for 20 years of service and dedication to her vocation at St. Helen Catholic School. I share the joy of her family, friends and fellow faculty members in celebrating this achievement with Mrs. Morgan.



Our students recently had the opportunity to participate in Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. By incorporating Adoration into our religious formation program, we are opening a whole new world of contemplative prayer for our students.

The Student Council hosted Mission Madness 2019 which included four weeks of giving to the St. Helen Outreach Ministry, Hope Rural School, the Humane Society and Women's Care Center. The school also hosted a Catholic Book Fair which was open to our parish community.



During Catholic Schools Week we devoted a special Mass to Catholic education, received a Proclamation from Florida State Senator Debbie Mayfield recognizing St. Helen School and Catholic Schools Week, and hosted an open house to showcase our outstanding academic programs, religious education and service opportunities. We were especially thankful to our parish community and to the St. Helen Knights of Columbus who hosted a pancake breakfast during the Open House. This was a wonderful example of the partnership we share with our parish ministries.

The celebration of the century, our Centennial Grand Gala took place on Saturday, February 23rd at Bent Pine Golf Club. This year's Gala was a great success and the funds raised have an immediate impact on our students and school. Tuition covers just a portion of our annual expenses, and the Gala is a means to ensure that our academic programs continue to advance and our tuition is affordable for families. The support of time, talent, and treasure from our fundraising events is essential and greatly appreciated.

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is in full swing. A feasibility study was conducted in August of 2018, and the findings concluded that the spatial requirements of our current campus could not accommodate our current two-class model. As such, we will be scaling back our classes for the 2019-2020 school year which will include two classes in the 1st and 3rd grades and one class for all other grades. This plan is contingent on enrollment. We do have a waiting list in Kindergarten, so I would encourage you to contact the school office if you are interested in enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year.

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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