

*"Glory to God in the highest"*



Saint Helena Parish & Saint Titus Parish  
Welcomes you to celebrate the birth of our Lord

Penance Services

Monday, December 16 - St. Titus 7pm  
Tuesday, December 17 - St. Helena 7pm

Christmas Eve Masses- Tuesday,  
December 24, 2024

4:00pm- St. Helena  
4:30pm- St. Titus  
6:00pm (Childrens Liturgy)-  
St. Helena  
8:00pm- Saint Helena

Christmas Day- Wednesday  
December 25, 2024

12 Midnight - St. Titus  
7:30am- St. Helena  
9:00am- St. Helena  
10:00am - St. Titus  
11:00am - St. Helena

New Year's Eve, Tuesday  
December 31, 2024  
Solemnity of Mary (Vigil)

4:00pm - St. Helena

New Year's Day, Wednesday,  
January 1, 2025  
Solemnity of Mary

9:00am- St. Helena  
10:00am - St. Titus  
12:15pm - St. Helena

December 15, 2024  
3rd Sunday of Advent

1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell .PA .19422  
610-275-7711 (Phone) 610-879-3701 (Fax)



# OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

## ONE FAMILY

United as members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, we are committed, as **ONE FAMILY**, to be messengers of God's love and presence in the world, and to welcome and invite others to become part of this family and this mission.

## ONE HEART

Called by our Baptism to a life of service in the Lord, we are committed, with **ONE HEART**, to live in charity, practice the works of mercy, and work for peace and justice.

## ONE FAITH

Strengthened by God's Word and nourished by His Sacraments, we are committed, in **ONE FAITH**, to promote lives of learning, living, and proclaiming the Gospel message, as we continue to grow in the knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of all that embodies these awe-inspiring truths.

### PRIESTS/DEACONS:

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard: Pastor of St. Helena & Parochial Administrator of St. Titus  
Rev. Samuel A. Verruni: Senior Priest  
Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Adamczyk: Parochial Vicar  
Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo: Pastor Emeritus  
Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger  
Deacon Claude Granese  
Seminararian: Przemek Rozestwinski

### PARISH OFFICE:

Phone: 610-275-7711  
Web Site: [www.sainthelena-centersquare.net](http://www.sainthelena-centersquare.net)  
Email: [parish@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:parish@sainthelenachurch.org)  
Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer  
Parish Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Gina Malony  
NEW REGISTRATIONS, call the office to make an appointment.

### EDUCATION CENTER:

1499 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell PA 19422  
Phone: 610-279-3345 <> Fax: 610-279-3272  
School Principal: Miss Denise Britt  
School Secretary: Mrs. Megan Tronoski  
School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

### PREP (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM):

Phone: 610-279-3870  
Interim Dir. of Religious Education: Rev. Dr. Kyle Adamczyk

### DIRECTOR of PARISH SERVICES:

Phone: 610-930-0349  
Mr. Christian Thompson

### FACILITIES MANAGER:

Phone: 610-322-5749  
Mr. Vince Thompson

### FACILITIES DIRECTOR:

Phone: 610-275-7711  
Mr. Jay Maiale

### GLUTEN SENSITIVE OR WHEAT ALLERGY?

Any individual in need of receiving a low-gluten host should get in the communion line of the Priest who is the Main Celebrant of the Mass and request one when presenting oneself for Holy Communion. At all Masses, the Main Celebrant will have a pyx containing low-gluten hosts. There is no need to pre-arrange or notify anyone before Mass.

### ST. HELENA MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM Chapel  
Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM  
Holy Days: Vigil: 7:00 PM,  
Holy Day: 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

### ST. TITUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 10:00AM  
Holy Day: 10:00 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St. Helena - Saturday at 3:00 PM in the Church  
St. Titus - Saturday at 3:30 PM in the Church  
or call St. Helena Parish Office to make an appointment

### ST. THERESA CHAPEL HOURS:

The Saint Theresa Chapel is open Monday - Friday from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM; Saturday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

### SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri 9:30 AM-7:30 PM  
Most Holy Rosary: Mon-Sat 8:15 AM (Chapel)  
Wednesdays: 11:30 AM (Grotto)  
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Mon-Sun 3:00 PM (Chapel)  
followed by recitation of Rosary

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday *after* the 11:00 AM Mass. Please stop by the Parish Office for information on scheduling Baptism for your child.  
*A Pre-Baptism class is required for parents & optional for Godparents, and are usually offered the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Convent. Call the Parish Office to register for a class.*

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

*At least 6 months prior* to your desired wedding date, contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with a Priest.  
The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class before marriage. At this time we ask you to go to [Archphila.org](http://Archphila.org), under Marriage preparations to take the class on-line.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

**PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat., December 14 - St. John of the Cross**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild  
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Louis & Dorothy Jarusik  
Req. by Linda Daniels  
4:30 PM - St. Titus  
† Michael Higgins  
Req. by the Higgins Family

**Sun., December 15**

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church  
† For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Deceased members of the Ryan Family  
Req. by the Ryan Family  
10:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Ralph Edward Rick  
Req. by Ed Coccia  
11:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Drew Burton  
Req. by the Coll Family

**Mon., December 16**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† David DeColli  
Req. by Phyllis DeColli  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Anne Mary Patt  
Req. by her daughter & Family

**Tues., December 17**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Joseph Aiello  
Req. by Phyllis DeColli  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Joe Hartey  
Req. by Gavin & Kathy Krumenacker

**Wed., December 18**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Mr. Lynne Bennett  
Req. by Bob & Lyn

**PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS  
Continued**

**Thur., December 19**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Rosemarie Tamburro  
Req. by the O'Reilly Family  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Marilyn Jean Thibodeau  
Req. by Dave Hughes & Deborah Sardaro

**Fri., December 20**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Caroline Aiello  
Req. by Phyllis DeColli  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Dylan Leskusky  
Req. by the McGrath Family

**Sat., December 21 - St. Peter Canisius**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild  
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Jack Schmidt  
Req. by Karen Rafferty  
4:30 PM - St. Titus  
† George Medica  
Req. by Georgeann DosSantos



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!**

A tithe is a portion (10%) of your income given to your church. (The word tithe literally means tenth in Hebrew.) Because the custom of tithing is biblical, many Christians and Jews practice it as part of their faith.

**Collection for weekend of December 8, 2024**

PLATE: \$  
E GIVING: \$  
MAIL-IN: \$

**Envelopes Returned:  
E Giving:**

Prayer for the Sick



In your charity, please pray for our sick & home-bound parishioners, as well as those living in health/nursing facilities.

In particular, please remember the following individuals:

Patrick Banicki, Ed Mitchell, Sr., Dave Colman, Juan Barba, Lorraine Perri, Mike Piskai, Jr., Karen Meenan, Mary Trodden, Linda Weikert, Carol Berardelli, George Cooper, Sr. Fran, Joan, Patty Kurkowski, William Lawrence, Joan DiDonato, Steve Malek, Casey Interrante, Alec Jensen, Rose O'Donnell, Kristen Gilia, Bruce Shepherd, Jong Soo Sohn, Carletta Sohn, Betty DeBlasio, Shannon Sanfilippo, Nicolette Theisen, Al Slusarz, Joseph Leary, Msgr. Beach.

To add a name, please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711. Names will remain listed for 2 weeks.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all our military Personnel.

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of humankind and Author of peace, we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To You be all glory, honor and praise now and forever. Amen.

LTJG Rebecca McCool, LT. Brendan Koch, ENS John W Bushner, CPT Christopher Rongione



In your Christian charity and mindful of the Communion of Saints, please pray for

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED INCLUDING

MARGARET JACKSON

GREGORY LOEPER

ANDREA CAPERILLA

BERNICE ZWIGAITIS

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns in memory of,

**JAMES J. SMITH**

Requested by The Ladies of Helena

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns in memory of,

**ANDREA CAPERILLA**

Requested by Gina Malony



A Candle burns at the Blessed Virgin Mary In memory of

**DOMINIC & LUCY COIA**

Requested by the Uccelletti Family



A Candle burns at the Blessed Virgin Mary In memory of

**PAUL & ROSALIND CUSICK**

Requested by Kathleen Buzad

St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.

Amen.



WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP



The Wednesday Rosary at 11:30 AM is moving inside for the winter months and will move back to the Grotto in the warmer weather. All are welcome to join us. Bring your friends, family and children!

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Ladies of Helena - Lantern Sale: After All Masses Narthex
- Brother House Winter Drive: After All Masses Narthex
- **CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 2:00 PM - CHURCH**
- Advent Evening Prayer: 6:00 PM - Chapel
- Youth Group: 7:00 PM - Convent

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Lady of Fatima
- CYO Basketball: 5:00 PM - Rec. Center
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Adult Education: 7:00 PM - Convent

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church (Whole School)
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- PREP Classes: 6:00 PM - Education Center
- **ADVENT CONFESSIONS: 7:00 PM - Church**
- 3 on 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- NOON DISMISSAL: School

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- Brother House Winter Drive: After Mass - Narthex
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Brother House Winter Drive: After All Masses Narthex
- Advent Evening Prayer: 6:00 PM - Chapel

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

DECEMBER 14 & 15

### CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

#### Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM Fr. Joe (Deacon Ken)

#### Sunday, December 22

7:30 AM Fr. Joe (Deacon Claude)

9:00 AM Fr. Sam

11:00 AM TBD

### Lectors

#### Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM T. Rogers, L. Fickett

#### Sunday, December 22

7:30 AM A. Ilano, M. Voigt

9:00 AM T. Yezzi, MJ Mrazik

11:00 AM P. Lorenzo

### Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM Deacon Ken, M. Guckert, T. Smith, JE Valencia

#### Sunday, December 22

7:30 AM Deacon Claude, G. Berti, J. Oberlies

9:00 AM D. DeBrakeleer, S. Iannello, L. Montgomery, D. Moore

11:00 AM J. McLaughlin, F. Ramos, J. Ramos, N. Tagliamonte

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday, December 21

4:00 PM H. Guckert, S. James, M. Neaves

#### Sunday, December 22

7:30 AM J. Borelli, T. Bushner, K. Trainor

9:00 AM R. Bradbury, B. Byrne, A. Crawford, B. Crawford

11:00 AM A. Durski, B. Guenther, E. Olivetti

## The Catholic Preaching Institute is HIRING!

The Catholic Preaching Institute at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary is looking to hire a Project Manager to assist with its operations, to begin in January 2025. This professional staff position is part-time (25 hours/week), with a negotiable work schedule. Tasks include coordination of programs, events, communications, and data for all activities of the Institute. View the full job description and application instructions at

<http://bit.ly/4i7QQOf> or

scan the QR code.



## ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

### Miss Britt's Mercy Minutes: Exciting Saint Helena School Happenings

Over the past couple weeks, we have been gathering toiletries for the Sisters at McAuley Convent, a gesture of appreciation for their continued support and dedication. The Sisters of Mercy hold a special place in the hearts of everyone at Saint Helena School. In 1949, Father Kelly selected the Sisters of Mercy to serve as educators at our school, and they remained an integral part of our community until 2018.

Though no longer physically present, the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy continues to guide our school's mission. Rooted in the vision of Catherine McAuley, the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Saint Helena School remains committed to upholding the values of mercy, compassion, and respect for the dignity of each individual. We continue to foster a community centered on love, respect, and academic excellence.

Last week, as part of our ongoing support for the Sisters, we held a Red and Green Dress-Down Day. Students from PreK3 through Grade 8 contributed various items for the Sisters at McAuley and also created heartfelt cards to express their gratitude. Sister Cathe Shoulberg, who served as principal of Saint Helena School for 30 years, personally delivered the toiletries and cards to the Sisters at McAuley Convent.

We are truly blessed to be a School of Mercy, and we ask that you keep these retired Sisters who dedicated their lives to educating children in the Mercy tradition in your thoughts and prayers.

On another note:

**Michael Findley** has received the Brother Kevin Strong, FSC Scholarship to LaSalle College High School.

Have a great week!

Miss Denise Britt  
dbritt@sainthelenaschool.org

## Advent Prayer for Children

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

I love You, Jesus.

Amen.

## There is still time to... Make this the best Advent of your life!



Advent is the time when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus but so often we lose sight of this season because get caught up in festive busyness and we find ourselves no more prepared and transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.

We invite you to take some time to reflect and listen to what God is telling us through Scripture in order to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. We will meet each week of Advent to watch a short video reflection and to pray over and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

Meetings will be 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the parish convent.

While we have already started, you are more than welcome to join us. You are sure to gain some peace and hope from our time together!

### *Remaining Weekly Meeting and Theme*

Mon, Dec. 16 — Trust in God, not in outcomes

Contact: Christian Thompson at 610-275-7711

*Saint Helena Youth Group  
Invites all teens in 8th-12th grades  
Sunday, December 15 - 7pm*

**ADVENT**

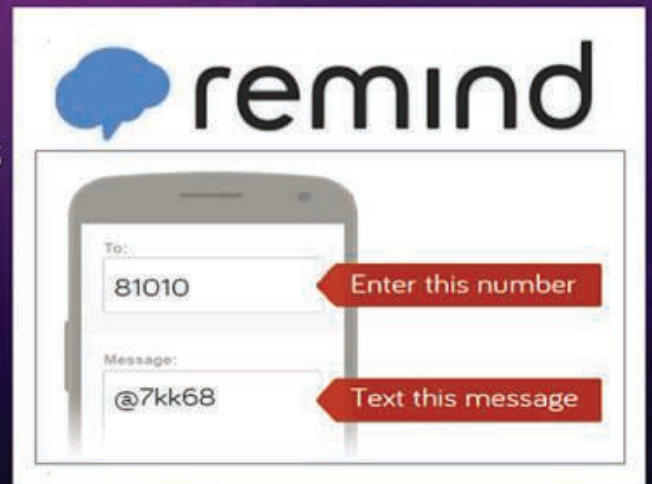
**ALL TEENS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER, FOOD, GAMES, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP AS WE PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF CHRIST**

**SCHEDULE** Meeting takes place in the Parish Convent!

- 7:00 - 7:30pm - Food & games
- 7:30 - 7:50pm - Gospel Reflection & Adoration
- 7:50 - 8:00pm - Wrap up and Dismissal

Want to know about future meetings and events?  
Join us on the Remind App!

Contact: Christian  
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Thanks** so much to the Parishioners, Students and Teachers at Saint Helena, and the Knights of Columbus for gathering an amazing 780 coats to help keep the disadvantaged in our community warm this winter.



The Organizations that we all together helped were the following:

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| The Hospitality House in Norristown for the Homeless  | Saint Patrick's Church in Norristown |
| The Sisters of Charity in Norristown and Philadelphia | The Saint Vincent DePaul Society     |
| The Legion of Mary My Brother's Keeper in Norristown  | Martha's Food Pantry in Norristown   |

*Let us all try to continue to put our Faith into Action!*



*All Are Invited to the  
St. Helena Christmas Concert  
“A Candlelight Christmas”  
December 15, 2024 in  
St. Helena Church  
From 2 to 3 PM*



*A free-will offering will be  
graciously accepted.*





# Ladies of Helena Fundraiser Memorial Christmas Lanterns

The Ladies of Helena are offering  
Memorial Christmas Lanterns for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

These lanterns are a wonderful way to remember your loved one  
during the Christmas holidays.

Each lantern includes a battery-operated light and will be displayed  
outside of Saint Helena Church during the Masses from  
Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

The name of the person to be remembered will appear  
on a tag attached to each lantern.

**\$25.00 for each Lantern** *(1 Name Per Lantern)*  
*Cash or check made payable to Saint Helena Church*



Complete the form below and drop off with payment at Saint Helena's Parish office  
or with Ladies of Helena in the vestibule after upcoming Masses.

**Deadline for all orders is Sunday, December 15, 2024**

Pickup: Lanterns only *(shepherds crooks not included)* can be picked up in the Rectory office from  
January 6, 2025 until January 10, 2025. 10am-3:00pm

*Questions - please contact: Carolyn Dittrich 215-688-2488 / [dittrichcarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:dittrichcarolyn@gmail.com)  
or Tish Barnett 610-277-5692 / [lab1125@yahoo.com](mailto:lab1125@yahoo.com)*

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Yes, I would like to order a **Memorial Christmas Lantern** for \$25 per lantern

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Deceased** to go on lantern tag *(Maximum of 25 characters)*

*Please print clearly*

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### BROTHER HOUSE

The Legion of Mary Brother House serves the homeless and poor men in Norristown. *Dressy clothing and suits are not needed.* Please donate ONLY MEN'S CLOTHING in good condition: *Jeans, sneakers, work boots, belts, khakis, shorts, reader glasses, thermals, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, hats & caps, gloves, backpacks, canes and walkers, coats & jackets (for any season), small luggage.*

NO women's clothing.

NO socks or underwear at this time.

Donations can be dropped off in our Information Room, in the Church. For Large donations contact us at [LOMBrotherHouse@gmail.com](mailto:LOMBrotherHouse@gmail.com)

As always we are grateful for all donations.  
*What you do for the best of my brother...*

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER



“Suicidal individuals - with or without a terminal illness - typically do not want to die. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic” [usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic](http://usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic)  
**Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255**

**Need Assistance?** Are you, or is someone you know in our community, in need of assistance?

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society may be able to help!** We encourage you to call or email them. All requests are kept in the strictest of confidence.

Phone: (267) 627-4436

Email: [eolsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:eolsvdp@gmail.com)

Food: 1-610-279-7372

(Martha's Choice Marketplace)



### Youth Group News & Updates

Our youth group has three goals for all our teens:

1. Help them to become disciples of Jesus Christ
2. Foster their personal and spiritual growth
3. Teach responsible participation in the Church

Open to all teens in 8 - 12 grades and their friends. Come for as many or few nights as you can.

Each night includes a prayer lesson on the Sunday Gospel, a small service activity, games, and food all centered on building healthy relationships for teens with each other, themselves, and with God.

#### What's happening with our teen group?

##### **Jan 12 - Embracing Our Baptismal Call**

We'll reflect on the Baptism of Jesus to see Jesus' love, the beginning of his mission, and the unity of the Trinity. We'll explore our baptism, our call to live in love and service, and our invitation to join in Jesus' mission to share God's love with all.

##### **Feb 2 - The Presentation: Walking in Faith**


We'll reflect on the Presentation of Jesus and how to offer our own lives to God. This doesn't just mean going to church but giving our hearts, minds, and actions to Him each day. We'll also write cards for our elderly and homebound friends in the community to brighten up their days.

Meetings are Sundays 7 to 8:15pm in the Parish Convent (1301 Yost Road).

Scan the QR code to learn about our group and to sign up for text communications.

Contact: Christian Thompson  
[cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org)






ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT  
LOOKING TO...  
...SHARE YOUR FAITH?  
...MAKE WHOLESOME FRIENDSHIPS?  
...STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

YOU ARE INVITED TO A...

# BIBLE Study

OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

THURSDAYS - 7:00-8:15PM  
Starting January 9



SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE!

**OUR THEME**  
**Revelation:  
The Kingdom Yet  
to Come**

St. Helena Parish Convent  
(1301 Yost Road)

Reach out to us - we'd love to hear  
from you! Contact Christian at  
[cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org)

### St. Helena Youth Group

A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" to the parishioners of St. Helena for their




participation in the **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**. We collected over 125 Turkeys and all the fixen's to ensure our neighbors would have a Thanksgiving Dinner to be proud of.

St. Helena, James F. Fenerty  
Knights Council #14210  
Called to Serve  
Join Online for Free ! [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)  
Grand Knight, Ted Pantaleo  
[tpantal@msn.com](mailto:tpantal@msn.com)

**Advent Food Drive**  
for Martha's Choice Pantry  
Tuesday, December 17 @ 9 am  
We pick up your donations at your house  
To donate, contact Joe Dempsey  
[joedemps12@gmail.com](mailto:joedemps12@gmail.com)

Most needed items (no glass jars)  
Canned tuna, chicken, vegetables, ravioli, soup,  
fruit, Cooking oil, peanut butter,  
Spaghetti / pasta, Granola bars and  
nutritional bars/drinks, Toothpaste / brushes  
Feminine products, Diapers, sizes 4-6,




**LOOKING TO START 2025 OFF RIGHT?  
JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER  
FAITH FORMATION SERIES**

***ROMANS: The Gospel of Salvation***  
**Discover what it means to "be saved"**  
A VIDEO SERIES BY ASCENSION PRESS

Wednesday Evenings  
7.00 to 8.15pm

**January 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**February 5, 12, 19**  
St. Helena Church - Empress Room



Want to learn more or sign up?  
Scan the QR Code or  
contact Christian  
[cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org)



### CHILDREN'S TITHE

The Children of St. Helena are taught how to Tithe by bringing a non perishable item to Mass each week.

During the Mass they are asked to come forward with their gifts and place them in the baskets that are on the Altar steps. These non perishable items are then given to the Patrician Society, a local food bank.

We "Thank you" for helping to feed the least of our brothers.

### CareNotes & Lighthouse Kiosk



The two Kiosk located in the Narthex contain CD's, Pamphlets, Prayer Cards, Books, and Rosary Beads.

We have two different programs, the CareNotes, a ministry of St. Meinrad Archabbey, are booklets written to provide uplifting guidance to those who are hurting. They are free to the public, however if you would like to make an offering please contact the Parish Office.

The Lighthouse program is through the Augustine Institute. These are available at a low cost that is printed on the Kiosk.

### MEMORIALS AVAILABLE AT ST. HELENA

#### ANNOUNCED & UN-ANNOUNCED MASSES

Are available (\$20) in the Parish Office during business hours. We have Mass cards available for the Sick, Living & Deceased.

#### SAINT THERESA GUILD

Saint Helena Parish started a *Saint Theresa Guild* many years ago. We dedicate our Saturday 9 AM Mass to the living and deceased members of this Guild. The names of the members are in a book that is present at the Mass. To have the name of a friend or loved one entered into *Saint Theresa Guild* come to the rectory office during business hours. A donation of \$25 is requested.

#### CANDLES

*Candles in the Church and Chapel* can be purchased (\$20 each) in Honor or in Memory of a loved one. The candle will burn for a week, beginning Saturday's Vigil Mass till the following Saturday.

#### *Candles are available in the Church at:*

- The Sanctuary Candle
- The Blessed Mother Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit
- The St. Joseph Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit
- The Sacred Heart Statue on the Altar in the Narthex, up to 4 candles may be lit

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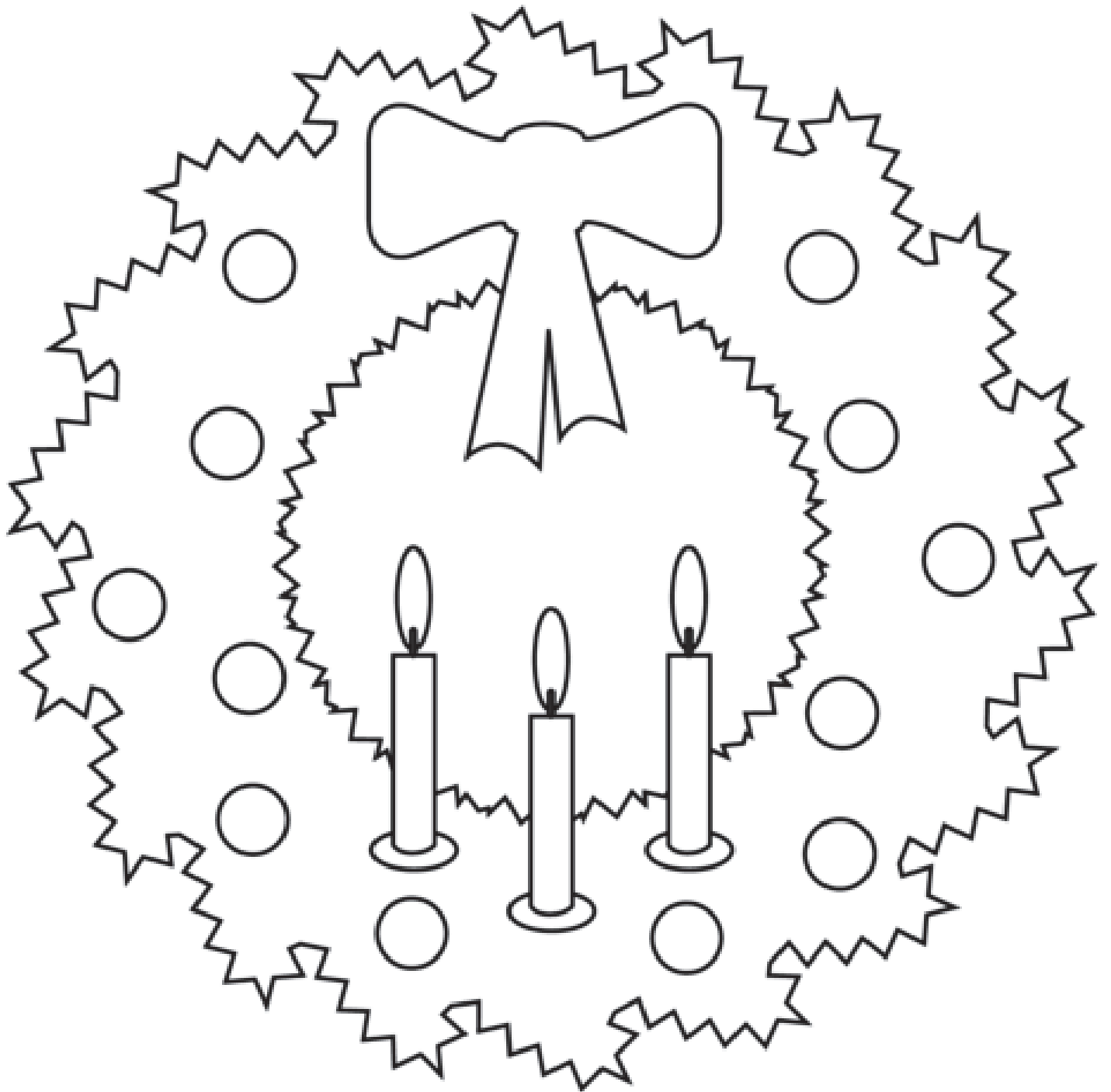
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