

# The Roman Catholic Churches of St. Helen & Our Lady of the Caves



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**Confessions** are heard for about 20 minutes before each Mass and anytime by request.  
Saturday: 4:30-4:50 pm

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact the pastor one month in advance.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

### **Sacrament of Anointing**

Available by request. When anyone is admitted to the hospital, be certain to contact the priest.

**For after-hours EMERGENCY** requiring the sacraments, call Fr. Joel Rogers @ 270-619-1510 (English), or (Spanish) Connie Granados @ 270-361-1628.

### **Faith Formation-Why be Catholic?**

If you or anyone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please contact Fr. Joel Rogers, CPM.

### **MASS TIMES:** (See weekday schedule inside bulletin)

**English Masses at St. Helen:** located @ 103 W. Brown St.

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Mon., Wed., Fri. at 11am-Noon  
Fri. 3-9pm (1st Fri. is 7am-9pm), Sat. 8:30-9:30am

**English Masses at Our Lady of the Caves:** located @  
1010 S. Dixie Street; Horse Cave, KY 42749

Sunday, 8:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday@ 4:30-5:30pm

### **Spanish Masses:**

Saturday, 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Caves

Sunday, 8:00 AM St. Helen

**Sp. Praise/Worship Holy Hour:** Thurs, 7-8pm  
at St. Helen Church.

### **Latin Mass at Our Lady of the Caves:**

Beginning Oct. 26th, Every Sunday at 10:30am

**Elderly Mass:** Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Parish Center  
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, Vigil Mass @ 4pm

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2025**



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John the Baptist has lived like a patient farmer awaiting "the precious fruit of the earth." From the midst of the "hardship and patience" that he suffers in prison for being a prophet "who spoke in the name of the Lord," John's heart bears only one question: "Are you the one who is to come?" John's longing for Christ keeps him full of hope in the midst of his suffering. He lives with the expectation that he will "see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God." And that is why Christ's reply is so deliberately elaborate. When John hears of the miraculous benefits accorded to the blind, the lame, the leprous, the deaf, and the poor, he will know that the One he has been waiting for all his life has come: the God of mercy. The greatness of John the Baptist is his refusal to settle for anything less. ~Magnificat

**CHRISTMAS NOVENA- DEC. 16-24, 2025:**

O Adorable Infant Jesus, my Savior and my God, Who art so good and Who has loved me so much! In this night in which Thou bestowest great Graces on so many souls, grant Thy heavenly consolation to this poor soul of mine also. I ask of Thee the grace to love Thee always, from this day forward, with all my heart. Set me all on fire with Thy Holy Love. I love Thee, O my God, Who hast become a Babe for love of me. Never let me cease from loving Thee evermore.

Dearest Jesus, Our Lord and God, deign to grant me, during this joyful season of Christmas, (mention your request), if it be Your Holy Will. Amen.

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY:** Ladies' Bible Study will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at Our Lady of the Caves, St. Bernadette Hall, from 9:30-11am. The next study is Dec. 20th. Our focus will be on the Incarnation/Nativity story as found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. All women are welcome. Mothers who want to attend can feel free to bring children since this location has both toys and space to play.

**ATTENTION YOUTH:**

A youth trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. is being planned for January 23rd-26th. We plan to leave Thursday afternoon, attend the March on Friday, and spend a day exploring sites at our Nation's Capital before returning on Sunday. More details to come, but please contact Fr. Thomas as soon as possible if you are interested in attending or are able to help cover trip expenses. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**DAILY GOSPEL READINGS, DEC. 14-21, 2025:**

Sun. Mt 11:2-11, Mon. Mt 21:23-27, Tues. Mt 21:28-32,  
Wed. Mt 1: 1-17, Thurs. Mt 1: 18-25, Fri. Lk 1:5-25,  
Sat. Lk 1:26-38, Sun. Mt 1:8-24

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Dec. 24 at St. Helen, Vigil Mass at 5pm (Eng.)  
Dec. 25 @ St. Helen: 12:00am -midnight (Eng.), 8am (Eng),  
and 12pm (SP)  
Dec. 25 at Our Lady of the Caves: 12:00am Midnight,  
8am(Eng.) and 10am (Latin)

**CCD is Cancelled December 24 & 31 for Christmas Break**

Parish office is closed Dec. 24, 2025 through Jan. 1, 2026.

**May you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

**MASS INTENTIONS****ST. HELEN****Monday, December 15**

12:05pm N. Joe D'Asaro+

**Tuesday, December 16**

8:00am Martin Pieters+

**Wednesday, December 17**

12:05pm Rick Carrico+

**Thursday, December 18**

8:00am Julianna Ratterman

**Friday, December 19**

12:05pm Special Intention

**Saturday, December 20**

8:00am Bill & Ann Robinson+

5:00pm Tommie Birge+

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00am(Sp) Fathers of Mercy

10:00am Rick Carrico+

11:30am Jerry Simon+

**OUR LADY OF THE CAVES****Wednesday, December 17**

8:00am Richard Biven+

**Friday, December 19**

5:30pm Ashlie Hood+

**Saturday, December 20**

7:00pm (Sp) Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00am Carl Millay

10:30am Latin, People of the Parish

**ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE, ST. HELEN:**

Nov. 30- Dec. 23 Advent, No Flowers

Dec. 25 -Christmas, Poinsettias

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE:****ST. HELEN:**

Dec. 20 Our Lady's Auxiliary at 9:30am

Dec. 22-24, Edith Velasco

**OUR LADY OF THE CAVES:**

Dec. 15-20

Rothman Family

Dec. 22-24

Susanne Ochoa

**BIRTHDAY'S THIS WEEK: Dec. 15-21**

**Dec. 15** Katelynn Coleman, Jamie Thompson, Jamie Williams,

**Dec. 16** Mike Jenkins, Andres Ramirez, Jose Sanchez, Mary Ann Turecek,

**Dec. 17** Nelson Paiz,

**Dec. 18** Lizbeth Delgado, Gayle Ellis, Mary Nash,

**Dec. 19** Mallory Clouse, Dave Dixon,

**Dec. 20** Charlotte Jahnigen,

**Dec. 21** Benjamin Orozco

**Prayer List:****Parishioners have asked For prayers for:**

Jane Howell  
Dcn. Lee Bidwell  
Mary Simon  
Cheryl Hensel  
Caroline Pierce  
Claudia Ramos  
John Bright  
Patricia Buckler  
Judy Underwood  
Todd Perry, Sr.  
Henry Almeida  
Carolyn Tipton  
Lu Simpson  
Alexis Bowman  
Connie Peacock  
Shawn Peacock  
Jo Ann Hall  
Jimmy C. Lyons, Jr.  
Nathan Jackson  
Willard Thompson  
Mike Barron  
Jacob Mesi  
Doris Emberton  
Terina Crowell  
Hugo & Diego Orozco  
Madeline Hale  
Erin Phillips  
Lanell Gilchrist  
Zyler Barbour

Elaria Ramirez  
Aida Hishmeh  
Alex Rodriguez  
Anthony Francis Gomes  
Ann & Tommy Ford  
Mimi Stinson  
Carly Leahey  
Tim Isom  
Lee Mudd  
Lee Family  
Don Joseph  
Mary Kay Bilczo  
Larry Adams  
Helen Overstreet  
Laura Brock Bennett  
The Wise Family  
Marvie Carroll  
Daniel Sallee  
Jo Ann Gibson  
Jim Hale  
Frances Bastien  
Paula Baysinger  
Brina Nie  
Virginia Lafferty  
Sara Ruth Strange  
Ruth Owens  
Dennie Simpson  
Gayle Carrico  
Beverly Hogan  
Chance Veals  
Evelyn Crimmins  
Finn Truxillo

**Collections: Dec. 7, 2025****St. Helen****Our Lady of Caves**

Sunday Collection:

\$5809.00

\$2549.00

Food Pantry:

\$600.00

***Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!*****2ND COLLECTION DECEMBER 13-14, 2025**For the Retirement Fund for Religious. Info: [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE:**

This year the goal for St. Helen is \$5,500 and \$1,000 for Our Lady of the Caves. Please consider giving a gift to the CSA. If you write checks, please make them to the Archdiocese of Louisville with CSA in the memo. The address to send the checks: Pastoral Center/ 3940 Polar Level Road/ Louisville, KY. 40213-1463

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Parish Family,

"The desert and parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom" (Isaiah 35:1). The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, which means "Rejoice." The rose vestments that the priests and deacons wear symbolize joy. The third Advent candle, the rose one, is lit on this day. Why do we rejoice? Because the Lord Jesus is near. The prophet Isaiah describes the state of Israel, indeed the whole world, before the coming of Christ. Israel is like a parched desert waiting for the rain to refresh the ground. The world is in darkness and awaits the Light of the world. So at the coming of Christ, Who is the world's salvation, all the lands rejoice. Jesus Christ has come to refresh us with His grace.

That is why we Christians in this world rejoice. Not because everything is going smoothly. Not because there is no suffering. Not because we are living in wealth and comfort. We rejoice because Christ our Consoler is coming. In fact He is already here through grace. In the words of St. Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!" May you and I live our lives in this world as if we were not of this world, longing to be in heaven in the embrace of the Blessed Trinity! May you have many blessings the remainder of this Advent!

And just an update on the CSA Appeal. St. Helen has made 53% of its goal, and Our Lady of the Caves has made 93% of its goal. Thank you for your support. God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joel

**Please pray for deceased:**

Elayne Malone  
Kim Gibson Lowe  
Leon Copass  
Jack Irwin  
Bill Phelan  
Christopher Bastien  
Sam Alvey  
Jimmy Jones  
John Perry  
Sarah Smila  
Percy Stinson  
Jeremy Birge  
Gena Couch  
Patricia Rose Garrett  
Sharon Meadows  
Linda Sue Hester  
George Lang  
Arnold Emberton  
Sam & Alma Basile  
Scott Pufahl  
James Anthony Brown  
Tina Barron  
Brynley Richardson  
Sandy Byrd  
Annette Kuncie  
Scott Szabo  
Robert & Marie McCann  
Roger Gibson  
Bev Conyers  
Edna Schwegnan  
J. B. Logsdon  
Ronnie Birge  
Robert Glanz  
Mary Gibson  
John Ulakey  
Joseph Coleman  
Bonnie Copass  
Antionette Thompson  
Michael Nicholson  
Scott Smith  
Joseph Litera  
Bill Groenwald  
David Nine

Lois A. Lane  
Angela Torres Barrios  
Pedro Alfonso Vargas  
Vickie Korte  
Ted & Peggy Brock  
George Sibalich  
John Kernan  
Ray Hemmer  
Robert Tucker  
Ashlie Hood  
Tommie Birge  
Roger Miller  
Wayne Smith  
Peggy Groenwald  
Pat Moran  
Lisa Miller  
Charles Elmore  
Leticia Centeno  
Kip Jackson  
Cade Dotson  
DuWayne Gilchrist  
Joseph Devers, Sr.  
Connie Hunt  
Shirley Jones  
Carson Hernandez  
John Scalise  
Helga & Joe Alvey  
Joe Pierce  
Lydia Pruneski  
James Anderson  
Bruce Rothermel  
Joe & Jane Kehrt  
Jerry Matera  
Michael Avery  
Janice Alt  
Ruth & Dewaine Hall  
Rick Carrico  
Carl Milay  
Doug Gill  
Richard Biven

**And for all deceased****Please pray for our Military men and women who are serving overseas:**

Clay Livingston  
Andrew Buren  
Chris Davidson  
Matthew Chenault  
Kimberly Lee

Joshua Matheney  
Sgt. Brewer  
Shawn Emberton  
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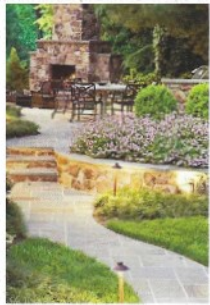
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