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# St. Helen & Our Lady of the Caves



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Location: 156 McGrah Ave.. Hours: Tuesday 9am-12pm

**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

> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 7, 2025**



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John's preaching of repentance is not meant to be a fire and-brimstone ultimatum frightening us into obedience. He preaches to prepare us to recognize the One who heals and perfects our own humanity. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand". And "the Kingdom of God means Christ himself" (CCC 2816). ... there is nothing more reasonable than repentance—that is, changing in us whatever keeps us from saying yes to the love of God. "Magnificat"

**Advent** Is a time of quiet preparation, in the dark days before the "re-birth" of Christ. Don't let our hectic consumer culture rob you of this special spiritual time. Sure, buy some gifts, but allow yourself to be blessed by less - stress, clutter, and frenzy. Sometimes less is more. -Family Ministry Office

# THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025: (no vigil Mass)

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is: **St. Helen:** 8am (Sp), 12:05pm (Eng), 6pm (Eng) OLC's: 8am (Eng), 6pm (Latin)

# <u>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA</u> (Novena dates: November 29-Dec. 7; Feast Day is December 8th, 2025).

Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus, and our Mother! Filled with the most lively confidence in your all-powerful and never failing intercession, I, your loving and trusting child, implore you to obtain for me the favor I earnestly ask, if it is beneficial to my immortal soul and the souls for whom I pray: (mention your request). Obtain for me a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will unite me to God alone, so that my every thought, word and deed may tend to His greater glory. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.)

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY:** Beginning on December 6th, a 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. December's 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.

#### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION:**

Dec. 11th we will be celebrating our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Helen's Parish Center with a play at 8pm and a band at 9pm. On December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated with Mass at 5pm at St. Helen's Church. At 6:30pm we will have the Marian Consecration at St. Helen's P. C., with music afterwards. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

#### **DAILY GOSPEL READINGS, DEC. 7-14, 2025:**

Sun. Mt 3:1-12, Mon. Lk 1:26-38, Tues. Mt 18:12-14, Wed. Mt 11:28-30, Thurs. Mt 11:11-15, Fri. Lk 1:26-38, Sat. Mt 17:9-13, Sun. Mt 11:2-11

#### **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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

ST. HELEN (NO VIGIL MASS ON SUNDAY)

Mon., December 8, The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00am (Sp) People of the Parish

12:05pm(Eng.) Leah Groenwald

6:00pm (Eng.) Doug Gill+

Tuesday, December 9, St. Juan Diego of Guadalup

8:00am RCIA Students

Wednesday, December 10

12:05pm Rick Carrico+

Thursday, December 11

8:00am Eloise Smith

Friday, December 12. Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:05pm Ronnie Brown+

5:00pm (Sp) CCD Students

Saturday, December 13, St. Lucy

8:00am Doug Gill+

4:00pm Elderly

5:00pm Carmelita Claveria+

Sunday, December 14

8:00am(Sp) Poor Souls in Purgatory

10:00am Vincent Simon+

11:30am Rick Carrico+

#### **OUR LADY OF THE CAVES**

Mon., December 8, The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00am (Eng) Special Intention

6:00pm (Latin)

Wednesday, December 10

8:00am Father's of Mercy

Friday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30pm Don & Linda Haavisto Family

Saturday, December 13

7:00pm (Sp) People of the Parish

Sunday, December 14

8:00am David Nie

10:30am Latin, Cassman Family

#### <u>ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE, ST. HELEN:</u>

Nov. 30- Dec. 23 Advent, No Flowers

Dec. 25 -Christmas, Poinsettias

#### CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE:

ST. HELEN:

Dec. 8-13 Edith Valesco

Dec. 15-20 Laura Torres/Maria & Tatiana Gonz.

**OUR LADY OF THE CAVES:** 

Dec. 8-13 Siena Smith and Pena Family

Dec. 15-20 Rothman Family

**BIRTHDAY'S THIS WEEK: Dec. 8-14** 

**Dec. 8** Nancy Baltazar, Manuel Flores, Adam Smith, Michael Watters, **Dec. 9** Sarah Johnson, Julie Younkin, **Dec. 11** Jona Kos, Gabriel Magana, Tomas Ramirez, Renee Thompson, **Dec. 12** Doreen Anderson, Mark Brown, **Dec. 13** Frances Bastien, Leticia Campos, Diana Crimmins, Chad Smith, **Dec. 14** Jeb Baird

Prayer List:
Parishioners have
asked For prayers for:

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

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 Iim Hale Frances Bastien Paula Baysinger Brina Nie Virginia Lafferty Sara Ruth Strange **Ruth Owens** Dennie Simpson

Gayle Carrico

Chance Veals Evelyn Crimmins

Finn Truxillo

Beverly Hogan

Please pray for deceased:

Zyler Barbour

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 Kunce Scott Szabo Robert & Marie McCann Roger Gibson **Bev Convers** 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

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 Letecia 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 Jámes 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 oversees:

Clay Livingston
Andrew Buren
Chris Davidson
Matthew Chenault
Kimberly Lee

Bill Groenwald

David Nine

Joshua Matheney Sgt. Brewer Shawn Emberton Cameron Brown Cameron Lynch LTC Collections: Nov. 23, 2025 St. Helen Our Lady of Caves

Sunday Collection: \$2332.08 \$2039.48

Food Pantry: \$1100.00 Christmas Baskets: \$1100.00 Sunday Collection: Nov.30, 2025, St. Helen/ OLC's

\$3767.00 \$1601.00

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!

#### 2ND COLLECTION DECEMBER 13-14, 2025

For the Retirement Fund for Religious. Info: 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,

May Jesus Christ enrich you with His grace!! Christ is coming again! He is coming to judge the living and the dead. Are we prepared for His Second Coming? The Advent season is a preparation for Our Lord Jesus' birthday, but it is also a preparation for His Second Coming. How do we prepare? Making time for silent reflection and prayer, examining our conscience and trying to overcome our sins and grow in virtue, and detaching ourselves from the things of the world so that we make Christ our first love. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is a great way to prepare for Our Lord's coming. When He comes, we want to know Him. What better way to know Him than to spend time with Him? We should practice silence so that we can be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. And it helps to abstain from some things that we like so that we can become more detached from the world and be more prepared for our departure from this world. May we seek to make this our best Advent ever.

During this time, the Knights of Columbus and Our Lady's Auxiliary are teaming up to deliver Christmas food baskets to the less fortunate of our community. They will meet at the St. Helen parish center on Saturday, December 13 at 10am to put the baskets together and to deliver them. How can you help? If you know of someone who needs a food basket, please place their name, phone number and address on the list provided for you in the vestibule of the church. Or please contact Antonio Yanes at 270-861-5332. Also, donations of non perishable food items or canned food would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the vestibule of the churches up to December 7th. Thank you in advance for your generosity. May you all have a blessed Advent!!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joel



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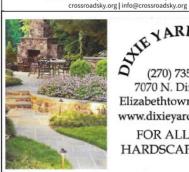
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