

# 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

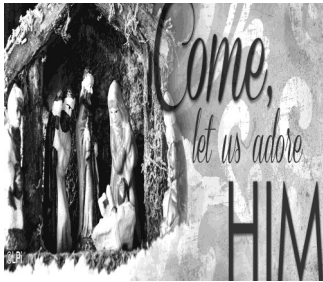
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,**  
**MARY AND JOSEPH**  
**DECEMBER 28, 2025**



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### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The feast of the Holy Family inspires us to have confidence that God himself takes an interest in the generation of human life, and blesses the loving union of man and woman. "The family is the original cell of social life. It is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life.... The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom" (CCC 2207). The grace of the Incarnate Word sanctifies and protects family life, making it a true path to holiness. "The family of Nazareth is holy because it was centered on Jesus" (Pope Francis). ~Magnificat



*"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us-- Emmanuel, "God is with us."*

### PARISH EPIPHANY PARTY, JANUARY 4, 2026:

We would like to invite everyone to the annual Parish Potluck Epiphany Party to be held on January 4, 2026, from 4-7pm at St. Helen's Parish Center. We will have a \$10 adult gift exchange if you wish to participate and Our Lady's Auxiliary will provide gifts for the children. Please bring your favorite dish.

### 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.

**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 Jan. 3, 2026. 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.

### DAILY GOSPEL READINGS, DEC. 28- JAN. 4, 2026:

Sun. Mt 2:13-15, 19-23, Mon. Lk 2:22-35, Tues. Lk 2:36-40, Wed. Jn 1:1-18, Thurs. Lk 2:16-21, Fri. Jn 1:19-28, Sat. Jn 1:29-34, Sun. Mt 2:1-12

### 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 29**

12:05pm Bill Romsek+

**Tuesday, December 30**

8:00am James Anthony Greenwood Family

**Wednesday, December 31**

12:05pm Mark Haavisto

5:00pm(Eng)Vigil , People of the Parish

**Thurs., Jan.1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

8:00am(Sp) Olivia Torres

6:00pm(Eng) Special Intention

**Friday, January 2**

12:05pm Ulakey Family, Living & Deceased

**Saturday, January 3**

8:00am Our Lady's Auxiliary

5:00pm Leon Strange+

**Sunday, January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00am(sp)

10:00am Joan Osborne

11:30am People of the Parish

#### OUR LADY OF THE CAVES

**Wednesday, December 31**

8:00am Albert Franklin Britt, Jr.+

**Thurs., Jan. 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

8:00am (Eng) Special Intention

6:00pm (Latin)

**Friday, January 2**

5:30pm

**Saturday, January 3**

8:00am Benefactors

7:00pm (Sp) Ashlie Hood+

**Sunday, January 4**

8:00am Carl Millay

10:30am Latin,

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

Dec. 22 - 28 Christmas Poinsettia's

Jan. 4, Our Lady's Auxiliary

#### CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE:

##### ST. HELEN:

Dec. 28-Jan. 3

Laura Torres, M & T Gonz.

Jan. 5-10

Nathaly Nine

##### OUR LADY OF THE CAVES:

Dec. 28-Jan. 3

Lupita Guzman

Jan. 5-10

Paul & Debbie Thompson

#### BIRTHDAY'S THIS WEEK: Dec. 29- Jan. 4

**Dec. 30** Giuliana Ghizzoni, J.R. Gurekovich, Gabby Houchens, Paul Thompson,

**Dec. 31** Mark Haavisto, Jenny Howell, Jennifer Strange

**Jan. 1** Jesus Camarena, Roberta Derepentigny, Sharon Grider,

**Jan. 2** Ellen Bale, Leah Groenwald, Dariana Pena,

**Jan. 3** Colleen Richardson, David Sandoval,

**Jan. 4** Susan Brown, Annabella Chilrel, Penny Moles, Galilea Camarena, Mary Simmons

**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  
Mary Davidson

**Collections: Dec. 21, 2025**

**St. Helen**

**Our Lady of Caves**

Sunday Collection:

\$4629.00

\$1554.00

**Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!**

**CUT OFF FOR 2025 CSA DONATIONS IS JANUARY 9, 2026:**

Any donations received at the Pastoral Center after January 9<sup>th</sup> will be recorded as 2026 contributions.

**ARCHDIOCESE 2ND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES DEC. 27-28:**

We ARE REQUIRED TO SEND 50% OF OUR AVERAGE COLLECTION TO THE Archdiocese for this Catholic Charities Collection. Your generosity helps to fund many vital ministries and social services. God bless you!

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas to all of you and may you be enriched by Jesus' grace! As we continue the Christmas season, we can meditate more on our Lord Jesus' birth. In the last bulletin, we pondered the readiness of the hearts of Mary and Joseph for the coming of the Messiah. They were filled with self sacrifice and longed for the coming of Jesus.

Who else were able to see God visible for the first time in history? The humble shepherds were the ones the angels appeared to. It was to them the angels told the good news of Christ's birth. Not nobles or the rich, not the powerful—but to the humble. The shepherds were disposed to receive this message with joy. They made haste to see the Christ Child, to worship their Lord, regardless of how long it may have taken them to walk there. And it was night. When they found the Christ Child, they were filled with so much joy that they spread the good news.

But Jesus came to save not only the Jews, but all mankind. The wisemen from the east came from afar to see Jesus. There were not even Jews, but they were disposed to follow the star of Bethlehem. It took them a long and uncomfortable journey to find the Christ Child. And when they came, they laid their gifts before Him and adored Him. Again, humble souls. The appearance of the Magi shows is that Jesus is for everyone—no matter what race or ethnic group or nationality. Jesus comes to save all. The same invitation by Christ comes to us all.

So let us look at ourselves. Where are our hearts? The only ones who were able to see God made visible at the birth of Jesus are those who were humble enough to stoop into the cave or those who left their comfort zone to travel to see Jesus. Are we humble? Are we willing to leave our attachments to worship Jesus? Let us imitate Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the wisemen and make room in our hearts for Christ. Come, let us adore Him! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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  
Cameron Brown  
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