The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time † 27 September 2020

Spiritual Direction is being offered at St. Helen's by James Lawrence. Jim is a trained spiritual director Contact him at:

Or call the Office and we will put you in touch with Jim.

Directions for Our Times Prayer Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. Join us as we pray for our families.

Jesus told St. Faustina that whatever we asked for during the 3:00 hour on Friday's, He would grant. Join us to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy for an end to the pandemic.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus meet on the Second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Saint Helen's Women's Club will meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Time and Place: Tuesday, October 6 at the home of Lin Gagner

Holy Trinity Faith Formation

TBA

Saint Helen Faith Formation

Saint Helen Religious Ed & Youth Ministry

TBA

RCIA:
Thursday's - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
All are welcome
Masks are required

Pope Francis Says...

"Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely connected relationships: the Relationship with God, with our neighbor and with the Earth." @Pontifex

CIVILIZE IT
DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE
2020

Saint Helen Parish Mission – October 24 – 29, 2020
"Hope is not Cancelled . . ."

Oct. 24	Sat	12 N & 5:30	Father will concelebrate Mass w/ Fr. Fred
Oct. 24	Sat	3:30 - 4:30	Confessions – Fr. Fred & Fr. Jewel
Oct. 25	Sun	9:00 & 5:30 11:30	Father will concelebrate Mass w/ Fr. Fred Holy Trinity
		6:30 – 7:30	1st Conference & Adoration - Confessions w/ Fr. Jewel
Oct. 26	Mon	8:30 am	Mass
		6:30 – 7:30	2nd Conference & Adoration – Confessions w/ Fr. Jewel
Oct. 27	Tues.	8:30 am	Mass
		6:30 – 7:30	3rd Conference & Adoration – Confessions w/ Fr. Jewel
Oct. 28	Wed.	8:30 am	Mass
		12 Noon	Mass @ Holy Trinity
		6:30 – 7:30	4th Conference & Adoration– Confessions w/ Fr. Jewel
Oct. 29	Thurs.	6:30 pm	Mass with 5th Conference

A free will offering will be taken at each Mass

You will need to call the office for a seat at each evening session and the Thurs. Mass
Morning Masses will be sign in when you arrive – no need to call
Confessions on Monday – Wednesday will be before & after Mass

Wildfire Relief Fund & Appeal

The Archdiocese of Portland has established a Wildfire Relief Fund to help parishes and people impacted by the devastating wildfires in western Oregon. Collected funds will be distributed to parishes in need, especially those directly assisting people who have lost homes, been displaced and otherwise impacted by the fires.

All parishes are asked to participate in this Appeal to support the parishes and communities impacted by the wildfires. Please make checks payable to Archdiocese of Portland and record Wildfire Relief Fund in Memo.

Saint Helen & Holy Trinity will have a special collection next weekend – October 3 & 4

Save the Date! Rosary Bowl 2020

Save the date for the Rosary Bowl 2020 on Saturday, October 3. We are just one month away from the 14th Annual Rosary Bowl. **4 ways to join:**

1. Attend the event in person, limited seating at **St. Edward Catholic Church in Keizer**
2. Watch the Live-Stream on **www.rosarybowlnw.org**
3. Listen to the Live Radio Broadcast on **Mater Dei Radio** 88.3 FM, 94.9 FM or 100.5 FM
4. Gather with your family, parish, or prayer community and pray the rosary with us wherever you are.

Saint Helen's Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, October 6 at 12 Noon at the home of Lin Gagner.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS
Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020

Heavenly Father,
We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.
R. Amen.

St. John Vianney, pray for us.

Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Birthday's for this Week
"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." Jer. 1:5

Sept. 27	Rose McVeigh	Sept. 30	Ali Gardner
Oct. 01	Shantel Melcher	Oct. 02	Mike Purkerson
Oct. 02	Addison Fleckenstein	Oct. 05	Evan Towry

October Wedding Anniversaries
"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body." Gen. 2:24

Oct. 07	Bob & Betty Weidner – 1967
Oct. 10	Tim & Marie Moore – 1986
Oct. 15	Bud & Barbara Baumgartner – 1955 – 65 Years!
Oct. 19	Kelly & Samantha McLaughlin – 1998
Oct. 21	Hank & Sharon Deja
Oct. 31	Joe & Sandy Miller - 1975

From the desk of Your Pastoral Associate – Week of September 20th

Religious Education Update – I am happy to tell you that I got a ton of work done this week and I made progress for every group. I decided not to wait for a phone call from the vendor and I went ahead and ordered "Gospel Weeklies" for each of our preschool through 1st grade children. Three and four year- olds will receive "SEEDS" flyers and kindergarteners and first graders will work with the "PROMISE" program. Parents will receive guides to helping their child each week with the activities in the flyers. These are the same flyers we have been using in Children's Liturgy. When the materials arrive, I will contact the families and arrange for pickup. Then, both our First Reconciliation families and our First Communion families were emailed a letter, a contract and a schedule for sacramental preparation that will take place mostly in the home with scheduled group and individual meetings to check for progress and to prepare for liturgical seasons coming up. The week of our first "check-in" meetings will be October 17th – October 23rd but the time(s) have still to be determined.

Youth Ministry – I made zero progress in this area this week so youth ministry will be my focus for this coming week's work. Hang in there with us, kids! You are not forgotten!!!

RCIA – The scheduled topics for the coming weeks are October 1st – How do Catholics Interpret the Bible? October 8th – What do We believe about Mary? October 15th – Why do Catholics talk about saints with a big "S"? If you would like to join us at 6:30 PM on any of these nights, bring your mask and come and meet our three inquirers.

Adult Formation – Here are the topics for the Parish Mission in October: Confidence in God; God's Name is Mercy; The 4 Last Things; Humility: The Path to Heaven; Lukewarmness is the Devil in Disguise. These are very different from our two other missions we have had with the Fathers of Mercy. In my opinion, they are super relevant to what we have been experiencing in recent months. I want to encourage you to come and get a shot in the arm for your spiritual life in these difficult times. You are asked to contact the office and register if you would like to attend. This is because we will have to continue to follow COVID protocols throughout the week.

Diaz Baptism - Congratulations to Maria and Abel Diaz-Andrade for the beautiful Baptism we had of their children, Gabriel and Malia, this past week. Please check out the awesome pictures of the moment on our parish Facebook page, "St. Helen's Catholic Church Religious Education".

– Nancy Ellis

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
JUSTICE FOR IMMIGRANTS
we are one family under God

The Vatican has designated Sunday, September 27 as the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 106th observance of this day is *"Forced like Jesus Christ to Flee"* a focus on the plight of internally displaced persons.

Lectors for October – Saint Helen			
Sat. 12 Noon	Sat. 5:30 pm	Sun 9:00 am	Sun. 5:30 pm
Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 27
Janey Lidgren	Pauline Keegan	Milt Moran	Ali Gardner
Oct. 03	Oct. 03	Oct. 04	Oct. 04
Barb Snow	Anita Azarenko	James Lawrence	Marci Sullens
October 10	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 11
Nancy Ellis	Albert Rule	Milt Moran	Bryan Gardner
Oct. 17	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 18
Donna Short	Pauline Keegan	James Lawrence	Ali Gardner
Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	Oct. 25
Jody Seward	Anita Azarenko	Milt Moran	Marci Sullens
Oct. 31	Oct. 31	Nov. 01	Nov. 01
Fran Sperle	Albert Rule	James Lawrence	Bryan Gardner

	Weekly Contributions		Holy Land	
	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year
St. Helen	$1,837.77	$2,689.00	$ 363.00	$45.00
H. Trinity	$ 582.00	$ 389.00		

Please remember these parishioners in your daily prayers:

Lorraine Baarson	Sandy & Joe Miller	Elizabeth Peterson
Lynn Ellis	Rosa Santana	Pat Volkers
Barbara Reed	Adeline Drapchaty	Jerry & Barb Matthews
	Damian Aranda - Discernment for Priesthood	

And Those who are Serving in our Armed Forces:

Jason Ellis	Matthew Morneault	
Karen Van Domelen	Roger Bishop	Lt. Col. Manuel Robledo

Schedule & Intentions for Holy Mass Sept. 26 – Oct. 03, 2020

Day	Time	Intention	Requested By:
09/26 - SH	12 Noon & 5:30 pm	Parishioners	
09/27 – SH	9:00 am & 5:30 pm	Parishioners	
09/27 – *HT*	*11:30 am*	*Parishioners*	
09/30 – HT	*12 Noon*	*Sick of the Parish*	
09/30 – SH	6:30 pm	Brett & Cheyenne Edgerly	Garilynn Tocher
10/01 – SH	8:30 am	† Eileen & †Denys Beller	Kathy Ives
10/02 – SH	8:30 am	† Aunt Rose Goodrich	Kathy Ives

Archbishop's Appeal - 2020		
	Goal	To Date
St. Helen	$10,006.27	$9,613.00
Holy Trinity	**$2,274.46**	**$2,425.00**
Congratulations to Holy Trinity for making their Goal!!!		

To the Good Samaritan who has been leaving food boxes in our kitchen. You are very kind and generous in bringing these boxes into the kitchen and I am sure that God will bless you for your kind heart. However, these boxes are not being picked up because, at this time and for the foreseeable future, our kitchen and hall our closed. The result is that this food is going to waste. We are forced to throw it out because refrigerated items are not being properly stored and they are spoiling. I am sure that this is not your intent. Please take the food to a distribution site where it can be given away to those in need.

First Friday – October 2
Rosary @ 8:00 am & Mass @ 8:30 am
9:00 – 10:00 am Holy Hour of Adoration
First Saturday – October 3
11:00 – 12 Noon Holy Hour of Adoration
12 Noon: Mass with Sunday Readings
Confessions: 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Reflection

A Personal Invitation

There is a message in today's Gospel parable that we have become too accustomed to overlooking: the fact that we ourselves are called to work, to do something about the Kingdom, and to account for that. All kinds of tendencies and attitudes have caused us to have an attitude of blaming structures and systems for *our* unwillingness and incapacity to work for the Kingdom.

We blame the system. We blame the international order, the political situation, the existing corruption – any number of things – for all that is overcoming us: our greed, our licentiousness, our lack of interest in God, the breakdown of the family, our divorces, our abortions.

Every time any of those ills are discussed, we tend to say they would not happen if we lived in a different world. Before anything can change, we say – and it is almost every day – "*structures"* should change.

Those changes, however, will not come by themselves. Those changes depend on human decisions. It is often exactly at the point where we know we should say yes to those changes that our consideration stops.

Reports are written, studies are made, hopes are raised, but nothing ever seems to happen.

All the experts agree that the situation should change. They all say yes, and it all remains no in the reality of our lives.

In the Gospel of today that man, the father, has some work to be done. He does not address his family, his community, or a crowd. He asks his sons personally, one by one, whether they are willing to work. Aren't you invited like that by Him?

Fr. Joseph Donders, adapted from *Praying and Preaching the Sunday Gospel*

Joseph G. Donders (1929 – 2013), a member of the Missionaries of Africa, spent 56 years in Italy, Kenya, the United States, and the Netherlands. He taught philosophy and theology in Esch (Netherlands), Nairobi, and at Washington Theological Union in Washington, DC.

Have you checked out FORMED lately? We have renewed our subscription and the selections are incredible! Check it out! There is a new way to sign in, simply click on "sign in' and you will be directed to enter what church your subscription is with "Saint Helen Catholic Church, Sweet Home, Oregon". After that all you have to do is click "sign in"!

Sweet Home Pregnancy Care Center is always in need of diapers, wipes, and good useable baby clothes. Donations may be left in the provided box outside of the office door.

Mass Intentions: I would like ***to have a Mass said for the*** intention of :_____

Living_____ Deceased _____ (suggested stipend: $10.00)

Requested By:

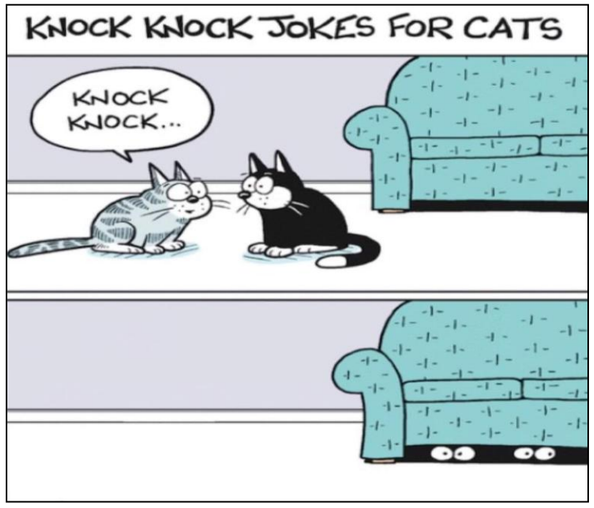
_____

Holy Trinity _____ 12 noon on Wednesdays

St. Helen _____ Tues 5:30 pm – Fri 8:30 AM

Place in Collection Basket
Suggested Offering: $10.00

Pastoral Staff		
Pastor:	Rev. Fred Anthony	541-367-2530
Permanent Deacon	Rev. Mr. Robert Malone	541-367-8019
Pastoral Associate:	Nancy Ellis	541-367-2575
Administrative Assistant:	Janey Lidgren - Office	541-367-2530
Monday Office Help:	Pamela Heberle	
Fax	541-367-2675 - Call before faxing	
Saint Helen Ministries		
RCIA & Faith Formation	Nancy Ellis	
Seekers at the Well		
Business Administrator	Lin Gagner	
Prayer Chain	Lorraine Baarson	
Maintenance	Ed Beedle	
Knights of Columbus	Meet 2nd Monday of the Month @ 6:30 PM	
Grand Knight	Alex Paul	
KC Membership	Herb Thums	
Women of St. Helen	See Bulletin for Meeting Dates and Times	
Women of St. Helen Chair	Heather McLaughlin	
Pastoral Council Chair	Gert Helvey	
Finance Committee	Chuck Thompson	
Liturgy Committee	Donna Short	
Hospitality	Nancy Ellis	
Funeral Coordinator	Kathy Ives	
Communion to the Sick	Kathy Ives	
Pro-Life		
Holy Trinity Ministries		
Business Administrators	Neal & Susan Karo	
Parish Council Chair	Marie Moore	
Religious Ed	Heather Fleckenstein	
Music Ministry	Mike & Peggy Purkerson	



Parish Registration – Up Date

Family Name:_____

Husband: _____ Wife: _____

Children: _____

Address:_____

Phone: _____Cell:_____
Would you like envelopes? Yes_____ No_____
Would you like someone from Church to contact you? Yes_____ No_____

Place in Collection Basket

Office Hours
Closed Mondays & Tuesdays
Wed. & Thurs: 9:00 – 4:00
Fridays: 9:00 – 3:00

St. Helen Mass Schedule
Sat Vigil: 12 Noon & 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Wed.: 6:30 pm
Thurs. & Fri.: 8:30 am

Reconciliation
1st & 2nd Saturdays
& the Sat. before the 3rd Sun.
3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sundays 8:15 to 8:45 am
1st Saturday 8: - 8:30 am
Or by appointment
No Confessions on 4th or 5th Saturday

Devotions:
Thurs. & Fri.@ 8:00 am Rosary
DFOT Prayer Group
3rd Mon. of month @ 6:00 pm
Rosary & Divine Mercy
Friday's @ 3:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration
1st Friday of the Month following 8:30 am Mass
&
1st Saturday 11:00 – 12 Noon

3rd Weekend of the Month each Mass will close with Adoration & Benediction

Holy Trinity Mass Schedule

Sunday at 11:30
Wednesday at 12 Noon

Reconciliation
Saturday of the 3rd Sunday of the Month: 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Or by appointment

Devotions
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wed. @ 11:45 am
Eucharistic Adoration
3rd Sunday of the Month to close the Mass

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This Week at Saint Helen

Sat. Sept. 26	12 Noon: Mass (Sunday Readings) – Baptisms of Jules Grace Brigham & Jemma Lee Brigham
	5:30 pm: Vigil Mass
Sun. Sept. 27	9:00 Mass & 5:30 pm: Mass
Wed. Sept 30	6:30 pm: Mass
Thurs. Oct 01	8:00: Rosary - 8:30 am: Mass
	6:30 pm: RCIA
Fri. Oct. 02	FIRST FRIDAY - 8:00 am: Rosary - 8:30 Mass
	9:00 – 10:00 AM: Holy Hour/Adoration & Benediction
	3:00 pm: Rosary & Divine Mercy end of pandemic
Sat. Oct. 03	FIRST Sat.; 11:00 – 11:45 Adoration & Benediction
	12 Noon: Mass (Sun Readings) 5:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sun. Oct. 04	9:00 Mass & 5:30 pm: Mass
Tues. Oct. 06	12 Noon: Women's Club @ Lin Gagner's
Wed. Oct. 07	5:30 pm: Mass
Thurs. Oct 08	8:00: Rosary - 8:30 am: Mass
	6:30 pm: RCIA
Fri. Oct. 09	8:00 am: Rosary - 8:30 Mass
	3:00 pm: Rosary & Divine Mercy: end of pandemic

September 27, 2020

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sun. Sept. 27	11:30 am: Mass
Wed. Sept 30	11:45: Lit. Lady Perpetual Help
	12 Noon: Mass
Sun. Oct. 04	11:30 am: Mass

Life Chain Sunday – October 4, 2020 – Gather at 1:30 in front of the Sweet Home Pregnancy Center for prayer, signs and placement. Chain will be from 2:00 – 3:00 pm on Main Street, Sweet Home. Bring lawn chairs if you need to sit. This is a silent event. Please wear your face masks as a sign of Respect for the Lives of all involved. There will be a six foot distance between each participant.

Our Mission Statement: We the parishioners of **Saint Helen and Holy Trinity** feel we are called by God to live our Faith through the example of Jesus Christ. We seek to create a loving atmosphere in which to praise God. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will continue to develop active ministries to achieve peace and justice through love of neighbor.

Sacraments at Saint Helen & Holy Trinity

Baptism of Infants & Children up to age 7: Parish Office is to be notified three months before the planned Baptism. Parents are to meet with Fr. Fred before they begin the classes for parents & godparents which consist of three sessions and is required before you set a date. All paperwork must be turned into the office before a date can be set.

Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office or the Parish Priest when someone is ill and in need of anointing. Communal celebration of the Sacrament will be announced.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months before you SET your date. Marriage classes and Natural Family Planning are required before you set a date. All paper work must be turned into the office before the wedding can take place.

Annulments: Contact the parish Office to set an appointment with Deacon Malone. Minimum 1 yr.

Confirmation: Contact the Parish Office at the beginning of the School Year for high school youth. Adults desiring Confirmation, please contact our RCIA Coordinator.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is offered every year beginning in the Fall. Contact the Parish Office.