

Saint Helen Catholic Church

Parish Information Guide

A Call to Discipleship

General Information

Saint Helen Catholic Church

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www.sainthelens.org/education/religious_ed.html

www.ishy.org

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For emergencies after office hours or on weekends, call 863-3041 and follow the phone prompts.



Our Mission

We, the people of Saint Helen Catholic Church, compelled by our faith in Jesus Christ, strive to be a community centered in the Eucharist and rooted in the Word of God. We commit ourselves to be educated in the truth, promote the dignity of human life, and be faithful stewards of God's gifts.

Called to holiness, we dedicate ourselves to the ongoing mission of Christ through evangelization and service to others.

Through charity, we endeavor to live the unity prayed for by Jesus, "Father, may they all be one so that the world may believe." John 17:21

Declaración de Misión Iglesia Católica de Santa Elena

Nosotros, como comunidad de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Elena, inspirados y motivados por nuestra fe en Jesucristo, luchamos ser una comunidad enfocada en la Eucaristía y fomentada en la Palabra de Dios. Nos comprometemos ser educados en la verdad, promover la dignidad de la vida humana y ser mayordomos fieles de los dones del Señor.

Llamados a la santidad, nos dedicamos continuamente a la misión de Cristo por medio de la celebración de los sacramentos, la evangelización y el servicio a los demás.

Por medio de la caridad tratamos de vivir unidos como oró Jesús por nosotros: "Padre, que estén completamente unidos, para que el mundo crea que tú me enviaste." (San Juan 17:21)

Mass Schedule

Monday–Friday	12:05 p.m.
Wednesday (Español)	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Español	7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.
English	9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
English-Children’s Liturgy in Frizelle Hall	9:30 a.m.
Holy Days	7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

The Nursery is located in the Holy Family Center and is open during the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass.



Sacraments

Baptism — Parents requesting Baptism for their children are asked to come into the church office and complete the baptism packet. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism preparation class.

Confirmation — To receive Confirmation, the youth of St. Helen must be 15 years old upon reception of the sacrament, and in high school during the time of preparation. Confirmation classes begin in the late fall and include a series of Super Sundays, service projects, and ongoing meetings with the candidate and sponsor followed by a Confirmation retreat. Please contact Gwen Bartlett for more information, at 863-3041.

Eucharist - Please see Mass schedule for celebration of the Eucharist. Contact the church office 863-3041 for a Minister to the Sick or Homebound. Preparation for First Communion is done through the Office of Religious Education at 863-0799.

Reconciliation — Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, from 6:00-6:25 p.m. and on Thursday, from 5:00-5:45 p.m., or by appointment. Seasonal Reconciliation services are also held and announced in the bulletin during Lent and Advent. Preparation for First Reconciliation is done through the Office of Religious Education at 863-0799.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)— Adults interested learning more about the Catholic faith and those interested in converting are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (**RCIA**) classes. For more information call Kathy Strasser, at 869-7609, or Dick Phillips, at 863-3041.

Marriage – Couples should contact the priest, at 863-3041, for an appointment six months prior to their expected wedding date so that they can participate in the marriage preparation program. A sponsor couple program is utilized where volunteers are able to share their faith and married-life experience.

Anointing of the Sick – Please call the parish office, at 863-3041, to request this sacrament for yourself or a loved one. Healing Masses are also done regularly, watch the bulletin for details.

Holy Orders - For more information on Vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate, or Religious Life as a Sister or Brother, please contact one of the priests at 863-3041 or the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Mike Sis at 512-697-2005. Email: fr-mike-sis@autindiocese.org

Other Ministries

Please call the parish office, 863-3041, for information about:

- **Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**
- **Arranging a Funeral**
- **Requesting a Mass or Prayer Intention**
- **Commemorative Lighting of the Sanctuary & Adoration Chapel Candles**
- **Flowers for the Altar to honor a loved one**
- **Quinceañera preparation**

See also the current Ministry Contact Information Sheet located on the Ministry Cart in the Church for more information about the individual ministries at St. Helen.



Discipleship

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.”

I CORINTHIANS 12: 4-11

Prayer of Saint Theresa of Avila

Christ has no body now but ours,
No hands, no feet, on earth but ours.

Ours are the eyes
through which He looks with compassion on this world.

Ours are the feet
With which He walks to do good.

Ours are the hands
With which He blesses all the world
Ours are the hands, ours are the feet.
Ours are the eyes, we are His body.

Amen



A Parish Committed to Discipleship

Saint Helen parish offers many different ministries to live out our call as members of the Body of Christ. As a recipient of God's gifts and blessings, we are asked to volunteer our time, talent, and treasure in humble stewardship. Doing so provides a way to give glory to God and to thank Him, to share our faith with others, and to enhance the life of Saint Helen parish and community. As you read the brief descriptions of the ministries and organizations in our parish, that would appreciate your special touch, please consider serving. You may contact each ministry or organization individually. Please refer to the current Ministry Contact list located on the Ministry Cart in the Church.



Parish Councils & Committees

Pastoral Council

The 13-member council represents the whole community of St. Helen in giving counsel to the pastor on a wide range of parish issues. Each spring, three new members are selected to a three-year term by means of a discernment process; a fourth is appointed by the pastor. A youth representative is also appointed by the pastor for a one-year term. The Council reflects carefully and prayerfully in seeking consensus on pastoral issues, focusing on the needs, goals, and mission of the entire parish, now and for the future.

Finance Council

Finance council members, appointed by the pastor, are experienced in business, finance, and/or law. They oversee the administration of parish goods, assist in preparing a yearly budget plan for the pastor to use in making financial decisions, and advise the pastor on financial-related matters.

Building Committee

The Building Committee is composed of engineers, builders, contractors, and project managers, and teams with the Knights of Columbus. Connected to other parish groups who are responsible for developing plans for the physical needs of the parish, this committee works to lead those groups through their planning process. They guide the parish on what is possible and what is practical. Skills include working with architects, builders and governmental organizations to get approval for construction after Pastoral approval, and work within Diocesan Building and legal guidelines.

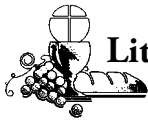
Stewardship Council

This advisory council works to increase parish understanding of and commitment to stewardship — the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure to build up our

faith community and to live more Christ-centered lives. Council members prepare stewardship materials and the annual report, organize the parish ministry festival, sponsor reflections, the annual renewal, and other events that provide opportunities to serve.

St. Helen Catholic School Board

The St. Helen Catholic School Board is an advisory body to the Pastor for educational resources at St. Helen Catholic School. The board is concerned with all aspects of the operation, funding, improvement and spiritual welfare of the school. The specific duties of the board include; creating and monitoring the short-term and long-term strategic plan, coordinating & integrating school programs and activities, building support for Catholic education within the Parish, reviewing the school budget, and consulting with and supporting the school Principal and the school as a whole.



Liturgical Ministries

Sacristans

Sacristans serve the community of Saint Helen by assisting other ministries involved in the liturgy in preparing for the celebration. They perform detail-oriented tasks as needed before, during, and after Masses, baptisms, and other liturgical events to ensure a prayerful and faith-filled celebration.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion assist at Mass with distribution of Holy Communion. They are commissioned and registered in compliance with the Diocesan guidelines for this lay ministry.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion offer Christian fellowship, prayer, and the Eucharist every Sunday to the hospitalized and to those confined at home or in nursing homes. On average, each minister makes 10 visits once a month on a rotational basis.

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the readings from Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel. They may also announce the intentions for the general intercessions and, in the absence of the psalmist, sing or read the Responsorial Psalm between readings.

Altar Servers

Altar servers assist the priests and deacon in the celebration of the Mass. They prepare the altar before Mass, participate in the opening and closing processions, and escort the Eucharistic gifts to the altar. This ministry is open to boys and girls who have received their first Holy Communion.

Music

The music ministry leads, supports, and enriches the assembly's sung prayer during the celebration of our liturgies. This ministry consists of four diverse choirs and a

cantor program. Each choir strives to inspire active participation by the assembly in the expression of our faith.

Ministers of Hospitality

- **Greeters** personally welcome those attending the weekend liturgies as they arrive for Mass. After Mass, they assist the ushers in distributing the parish bulletins, and are available by the Ministry Cart in the vestibule to answer questions that visitors and newcomers may have about St. Helen.
- **Ushers** assist and seat those gathered for worship, manage the offertory and special collections, help with the presentation of the gifts during the liturgy, and direct the flow of people receiving Holy Communion. After Mass, ushers, with the assistance of the greeters, distribute parish bulletins near the church exits.

Art and Environment

These ministers decorate the church to enhance the liturgical seasons and worship experience. They also care for the plants used in the church throughout the year.



Religious Education

Godly Play

Godly Play is a Christian education and spiritual formation process for three and four-year olds. In Godly Play, children learn Bible stories using wood and felt materials to encourage them to enter into the stories and relate them to their personal experience. Each session follows the pattern of the Order of the Mass, so children gain a deeper understanding of and enjoy fuller participation in our parish liturgies.

Religious Education for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

This faith formation process provides weekly instruction during the school year on the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Classes are available in English and Spanish. In addition, retreats, summer Sacramental class (English and Spanish), Vacation Bible School, social activities, and special service throughout the year promote Catholic Christian development. The process is centered on family catechesis.

RCIA for Children (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults for children of catechetical age.)

The RCIA for children is for non-baptized children, children baptized in other faiths that desire full communion with the Catholic Church, and baptized but not catechized children of our faith. In this process they will learn the values which Jesus gave us to live by. They will come to know that the kingdom of God is among us.

SHYM - St. Helen Youth Middle School Religious Education

This process of faith formation provides weekly Catholic instruction for the middle school youth of St. Helen through ongoing classroom catechesis. During the school year students meet on Wednesday evening at St. Helen and learn about the Bible, Sacraments, the Creed, morality, liturgy, and worship. During the fall semester, all middle school youth are invited to attend the SHYM Retreat. See Youth Ministry web site at www.ishy.org

SHY - St. Helen Youth High School Religious Education

The high school youth of St. Helen receive religious education on Sunday evenings through group catechesis. The youth learn the full Deposit of Faith each year and are encouraged to participate in service projects, the fall or spring retreats, Festivals of Praise, and the summer youth conference, Bible study, and SHY Nights. See Youth Ministry web site at www.ishy.org.



Spiritual Formation

Adult Formation

A continuous three-year program of eight-week courses is offered in the fall, winter, and spring for adult parishioners to grow in their faith. Topics covered include Old Testament, New Testament, Sacraments, Church history, Church doctrine, liturgy, evangelization, spirituality, and faith stories. The program includes prayer, group sharing and discussion, retreats, and reflections.

Adult Scripture Study

Bible study groups meet on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. and Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. There is a 26-week Bible course entitled ***The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible*** that meets beginning in the fall of each year. The classes are open to adults interested in learning more about the Scriptures and their faith. Please check the parish calendar for locations and additional programs.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA invites non-baptized persons and those baptized into another faith to participate in a spiritual journey in preparation for joining our Catholic community. RCIA sponsors support and share in the growth process of adult and youth candidates. They serve as companions, listeners, living faith examples, and spiritual guides to candidates.

Come Home to the Table

Come Home to the Table is a process for baptized Catholics who are not currently living their faith to return to practicing their faith in the Catholic Church. The informative and interactive process is welcoming, and helps to heal wounds and impediments.

Engaged Sponsor Couples

Married couples help with the marriage preparation of parishioners. Sponsor couples meet in their homes with engaged couples for five sessions that reflect on the sacrament and commitment of marriage. Through guided dialogue and sharing, they encourage engaged couples to examine their own assumptions and expectations.

Spiritual Resource Center (Library)

Located in the rear of the Pawlicki Center, this wealth of information is available to St. Helen parishioners. Books, tapes, and religious publications may be checked out and returned.

St Helen Catholic School Volunteers

There are many opportunities to volunteer at our school. We are always in need of help in the lunch room. Other areas are Library, Teacher, or coach's aide; tutors; help with PSIA (Private School Interscholastic Academic) competition preparation in various areas; selling gift cards for the SCRIP program after Masses once a month; helping in all areas with the annual fundraisers for Casino Night and the Golf Tournament. All volunteers at the school must complete the Ethics and Integrity Workshop as required by the Diocese. For more information please call the school office 868-0744.



Spiritual Life

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a form of devotion that involves the solemn exposition of the Eucharist. St. Helen offers Perpetual Adoration in the Adoration Chapel at the Pawlicki Center. Adorers are asked to commit one hour per week, and can sign up on the St. Helen website or fill out the "Invitation to Perpetual Adoration" form in the Chapel. All are invited to visit the Blessed Sacrament and spend time with our Lord in quiet, personal prayer, any time, for as long as they wish.

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

The Christian Experience Weekend offers a two-day experience of the Christian Life. It is a parish-based renewal weekend for adults to help us get better acquainted with God, ourselves, and each other. Open to both men and women, CEW is a very special weekend of sharing, learning, praying, singing and fun held at the Cursillo Retreat Center in Jarrell.

Community of St. John

The Community of St. John is a religious family of Brothers and Sisters who have consecrated their lives to God, with an emphasis on the Eucharist, silent prayer in community, study, and fraternal charity. Lay persons, called Oblates, live the spirit of contemplative life in the world and are linked to a priory where they can go for prayer, Mass, spiritual direction, retreats, and classes.

Cristo Renueva su Parroquia

CRSP offers a two-day retreat for parishioners who seek spiritual growth. We recognize Christ as our Lord and Savior and provide a community of faith and love for all its participants. People who have lived this experience are encouraged to share it with others and are invited to become leaders of the next retreat. The retreats are offered semi-annually. Currently only in Spanish.

Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy

The St. Helen EADM Cenacle spiritual group is learning and living the message of Divine Mercy through the teaching of the Church, Holy Scripture, and the Diary of St. Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament. The St. Helen cenacle meets weekly to study and pray and is involved in works of mercy in family and community. Cenacle members visit nursing homes, attend prayer vigils at abortion clinics, and propagate

the Divine Mercy message, consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Focolare

The Focolare Movement, with five million people in 182 nations, strives to fulfill the prayer of Jesus to the Father, "May they all be one." (John 17:21). Each month, a short verse (Word of Life) is introduced as a daily focus toward living the Gospel. All are invited to experience this spirituality of unity at the monthly Word of Life meeting at St. Helen following the first Saturday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

GAP (God Answers Prayers)

The GAP Ministry is a Pastoral Care Ministry dedicated to bringing the Word of God to the boys and girls at the Williamson County Juvenile Service Center. The program includes prayer, scripture readings, activities, teaching and reflection. Teams meet weekly in the afternoon and evening on a rotational basis. Special orientation training and clearance is needed for this ministry.

Grupo de Oracion

The Prayer Group is a group of leaders who promote activities and events in order to strengthen the spiritual life of the parochial community. They direct, among other things, the weekly prayer and praise meeting, and the Healing Mass in Spanish, on the first Wednesday of every month.

Juventud Misionera

This group promotes the Hispanic youth's doctrinal, spiritual, and missionary formation. Having had a personal encounter with Christ, and after a time of formation and study, they will go out and evangelize others in order to form Biblical communities. Part of their mission is to train other young people to preach the Gospel's Good News.

Light of Christ Prayer Group

This prayer group meets the first and third Monday of each month to praise the Lord with song and prayer including the Rosary. The group reads Scripture as lead by the Holy Spirit, and uses the charismatic gifts. The Prayer Group sponsors Healing Masses (English) and *Life in the Spirit* Seminars.

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

Movimiento Familiar Cristiano is a group of Hispanic families coming together to promote Christian values. Groups meet in one of the participant's home every other week.

Religious Vocations Prayer Group

This group is devoted to the promotion of vocation to the priesthood and religious life in our parish by praying for vocations both in their individual families and as a group. They meet periodically to pray together and to discuss the awareness and need for vocations in the parish.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille offers weekend retreats for couples in troubled marriages. Ground rules are set, communication tools are provided, and the freedom to hear and be heard by each spouse sets the atmosphere. Sessions offer insight from couples who have navigated deep crises, and give the reassurance needed to restore trust to marriages, improve communication, and restore optimism, trust and hope needed to improve their outlook on marriage.

San Juan Diego Evangelization Team

This program offers an integral formation of leaders, in Spanish, through the study of Scripture and the catechism of the Catholic Church. It empowers the leaders to visit and evangelize inactive Catholics in the parish's Hispanic neighborhoods. The team meets on a weekly basis and has a spiritual retreat every six months.

Schoenstatt

Schoenstatt's spirituality gives inspiration and direction to all those who search for inner renewal. It focuses on a living and practical faith in Divine Providence, a life of everyday sanctity, instrumentality, and a covenant of love with the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt as a means to realize one's baptismal covenant with the Triune God. This movement finds expression in deep mission-consciousness and fruitful apostolate.

Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites

The Carmelite school of spirituality begins with the conviction that all are called to the perfect union of love with God. The Secular Carmelites welcomes those faithful who desire to undertake to live in the world an evangelical life of fraternal communion imbued with the spirit of contemplative prayer, in imitation of the Virgin Mary and of apostolic zeal according to the example and teaching of the Carmelite saints. The Carmelite Spirituality Study Group meets every second Saturday of the month for prayer and study of Carmelite spirituality and fellowship.

Secular Franciscan Order

Following in the footsteps of St. Francis, secular Franciscans make a permanent commitment to live a life of penance, sacrifice, and service to God and others as they spread the Gospel message. The community meets monthly for spiritual formation, and each member works individually on their apostolates.



Social Ministries

Annunciation Maternity Home

This full service home for young women experiencing crisis pregnancies offers long term care for up to two years after their babies are born. Through the loving atmosphere provided at the home, these young women learn the skills they need for life. There are many opportunities for service at the maternity home.

Bereavement Committee

Members of the Bereavement Committee offer sympathy and friendship to parishioners when there is a death in the family. Typically, members prepare food for and assist at funeral luncheons. They provide support and caring to those suffering a family loss.

Befriender Ministry

Specially trained parishioners in this lay pastoral care program respond to the needs of others by visiting with them, listening to them, and providing emotional and spiritual friendship.

Blood Drives

Volunteers coordinate six blood drives at St. Helen with the Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas in Austin. These are scheduled eight-to-ten weeks apart, and are open to anyone who is 17 years of age or older and in good health. St. Helen is a consistent award winner for collecting the most units of blood each year. There is always a need for blood donors.

Care Teams

Care teams provide practical support for people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses, and assist their families and friends. Care teams usually consist of five to ten volunteers from congregations who have been trained by Interfaith Care Alliance.

The Caring Place

(Georgetown Community Service Center)

In 1985, various area churches founded the Georgetown Community Service Center, known as The Caring Place, to provide community-wide charitable services. This ecumenical enterprise is staffed mostly by volunteers. You can help The Caring Place by donating usable items (clothes, linens, food, furniture, school supplies), shopping at the service center, or by volunteering.

Christ Child Society

The Christ Child Society of Texas, through the spirit of love for the Christ Child, extends service to the youth of the community. All members have a respect for life and the desire to help a child. Members sew, collect, and purchase new items to be assembled into layettes that are distributed to needy newborns through various agencies. "Angel gowns" are hand-sewn and given with a bonnet, small blanket, and hand embroidered overlay to parents whose infant has passed away, and are distributed through the Children's Hospital of Austin.

Georgetown Caregivers

Caregivers provide transportation to senior citizens for doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, and errands.

Hope Ministry

This ministry provides spiritual and emotional guidance to victims of family violence through God's love. Hope Ministry reaches out to those in need, providing support, shelter, and educational resources.

Hospice

Hospice offers physical, psychological, social, and spiritual care for dying persons and their families. This coordinated program of palliative and support services is provided in both home and inpatient settings by a medically directed interdisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers.

Jail Ministry

The jail ministry brings the message of God's forgiving love and hope to those in jail/prison who reach out for help. This group works with established chaplains in providing spiritual support to inmates.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian housing ministry committed to building simple decent houses for partner families using volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money and materials.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers deliver lunches to eligible elderly homebound in the Georgetown community Mondays through Fridays every week of the year. Drivers are given the names, addresses, and any special instructions for the elderly on their routes. Delivery time is about one hour. One or two people may share a route.

Parish Nurse Ministry

This ministry promotes healthier communities by being a health educator and advocate, a personal health counselor, a referral agent, a volunteer coordinator, and a developer of support programs.

Pro-Life Activities

Pro-Life Activities promotes the Catholic belief in the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death. This ministry works to bring respect for all persons and educates the community regarding abortion, euthanasia, anti-life science, the use of adult stem cells, the elderly and disabled, chastity, natural family planning, Prayer Vigils and praying the Rosary for the Unborn.

The *Gabriel Project* helps women in crisis pregnancies. *Project Rachel* helps with healing and counseling women & men who have been affected by abortion and offers confidential healing retreats. For more information on these two ministries please call the confidential hot line: 1-877-WE-CARE2 or 512-238-1246.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society serves the poor of the community and those in temporary need with hands-on works. Members use private home visits to assess clients' overall needs and offer assistance. Client information is handled with strict confidentiality.

Parish Life and Organizations



Creative Beginnings

This Mother's Day Out/Preschool program is for children 18 months through four years of age. It provides a learning environment centered on Christian love. This class offers age-appropriate activities designed to strengthen each child's social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual development.

CSA (Catholic Student Association)

The mission is to provide the opportunity for Southwestern students to come together as a Christian community to study their faith, have social activities, and promote service to the community. Weekly meetings, Adoration, and dinners are some of the activities. See Web site for more information:
www.southwestern.edu/student-life/organizations/csa/

Cub Scout Pack 64 & Boy Scout Pack 64

The year-round scouting program promotes the growth and development of boys through community service and fun activities structured to provide citizenship training, character development, personal fitness, and a love of God and neighbor. Cub Scout dens are available for boys in first through fifth grades and monthly pack meetings are held in Frizelle Hall. The Boy Scout troop serves boys who have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, but not yet 18 years old. Troop 64 meets weekly, and also schedules fun activities, projects and camp outs regularly.

Facilities Maintenance Ministry

This ministry helps maintain the facilities at St. Helen's. Some activities might include: painting, repairing roofs, maintaining air-conditioners, minor plumbing etc. This is a great opportunity to volunteer your skills and talents.

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is held in late September and is the major fundraiser for St. Helen. Many hundreds of parishioners are needed to make this event successful. Those who have talents in the areas of arts and crafts, making cakes, selling raffle tickets, playing bingo, manning game booths and games, or who just want to pray for the success of the Fall Festival, are needed and welcome. There is something for everyone.

Guadalupanas (Organization of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

This organization assists in the parish community in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Members help with various parish projects and hold a parish breakfast about once a month. Every couple of years, the Guadalupanas sponsor a pilgrimage trip.

Hispanic Ministries Committee

This ministry supports the integration of Hispanic culture and Spanish-speaking persons (especially immigrants) more fully into the Church and our society. Activities include developing adult and youth leaders within the Hispanic community; helping

create new Hispanic ministries; and providing opportunities for faith formation, evangelization, spiritual, cultural, and social action/services within the parish and community.

Parish Historian

The Parish Historian collects and preserves artifacts from St. Helen's past and present, and is available to set up historical displays in celebration of our parish.

Hospitality Committees

- Newcomer Hospitality Committee organizes pot luck dinners four times a year to welcome new parishioners to St. Helen. The dinners are held at the priests' residence following the Saturday evening Vigil on the scheduled dates. All are welcome.
- Sponsor Families or individuals are contacted by the Sponsor Family Coordinator and are given the names of new parishioners to contact and personally welcome and invite to the Newcomer potluck dinners. The sponsor families bring food for the potluck and participate in welcoming the families they have called, as well as other new families.
- Special Events Committee takes care of setting up refreshments for special events, seminars, and celebrations as they come up. Also, for such special events as welcoming a new Pastor or a farewell party for staff leaving the parish.

KJT

The KJT Catholic Union of Texas is a fraternal benefit insurance organization that is dedicated to help families plan for their financial future through a variety of services and solutions. Organizations that benefit from KJT activities include priest and religious retirement funds, local parish youth groups including a summer camp in La Grange, educational scholarships for high school students, School and CCD grant programs, prescription savings programs, among others. For more information, www.kjtnet.org

KJZT (Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas)

This Czech-founded organization promotes moral, social, educational, and religious culture. The group offers life insurance for the family and scholarships for members. Members enjoy fellowship at their meetings and try to help with parish needs.

Knights of Columbus

This Catholic service organization supports the Church through parish and community activities, diocesan projects, and missions. Nationally, the organization funds papal visits around the world, sponsors Christian TV broadcasting, and offers a life insurance program. The local council at Saint Helen is devoted to fellowship, family events, and acts of charity. It is open to all men in the parish.

Ladies Club

This organization helps fulfill the parish mission statement through spiritual, social, and service activities. These activities include monthly meetings (except in the summer) and a weekend retreat each spring. The club is open to all women of the parish.

Landscape & Beautification Committee

A volunteer ministry to help maintain the Parish grounds. Taking care of plantings, rose bushes, and pruning trees are some of the activities that this ministry is involved with. If you have some expertise, or are just willing to help, we need you in this ministry.

Nursery

This is a vital ministry that will assist parents in their desire to participate more fully during Mass. Volunteers would help with children during the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass and would be required to complete the *Ethics & Integrity* requirements of the Austin Diocese. The Nursery is located in the Holy Family Center.

Recycling

Volunteers encourage the parish and community to recycle various materials as good stewards of the gifts God has provided. This group informs people of what can be recycled and participates in recycling drives and efforts.

Softball Team

The team participates in the Church League division of The Georgetown Recreational League. As the only Catholic team in the league, it enjoys the company and fellowship of other local ministry teams in the area and the spirit and challenge of working and playing together. Practices start in early March, with the season running from April until September, depending on how the bracket is structured. Games are on Monday nights at the Mc Master Complex in San Gabriel Park.

Welcome & Registration Events

These events will provide a comfortable setting and the process for families to become parishioners at St. Helen. There are several opportunities to help including: phone calls, bringing/serving light refreshments, photography, assembling Welcome packets, developing written brochures and informational pieces, nursery and serving as a registrar during the events. These events are scheduled seven times per year in January, March, May, July, August, September, and November. The time commitment is minimal.

Occasional Services

The parish occasionally needs the following help:

- Cooking and baking for various events and activities.
- Computer (data base) entries.
- Stuffing bulletin inserts.
- Office work and mail-outs.
- Answering the phone.
- Translations.
- Photography (see Welcome & Registration Events or Communications).
- Sewing or decorating .

If you have any other skills, trades, professional services, or talents you would like to offer, please contact the church office, at 863-3041.