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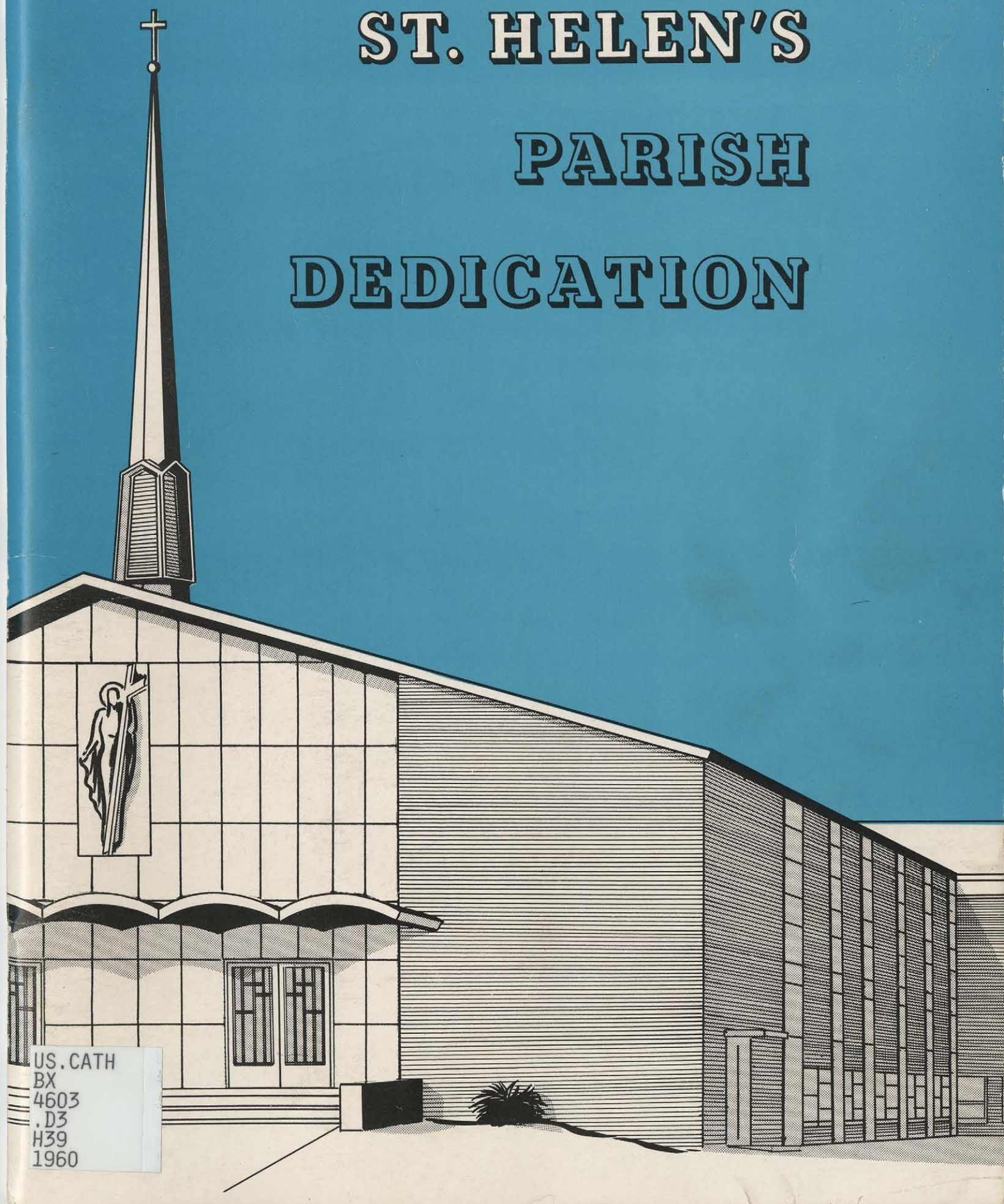
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Saint Helena, Our Patroness

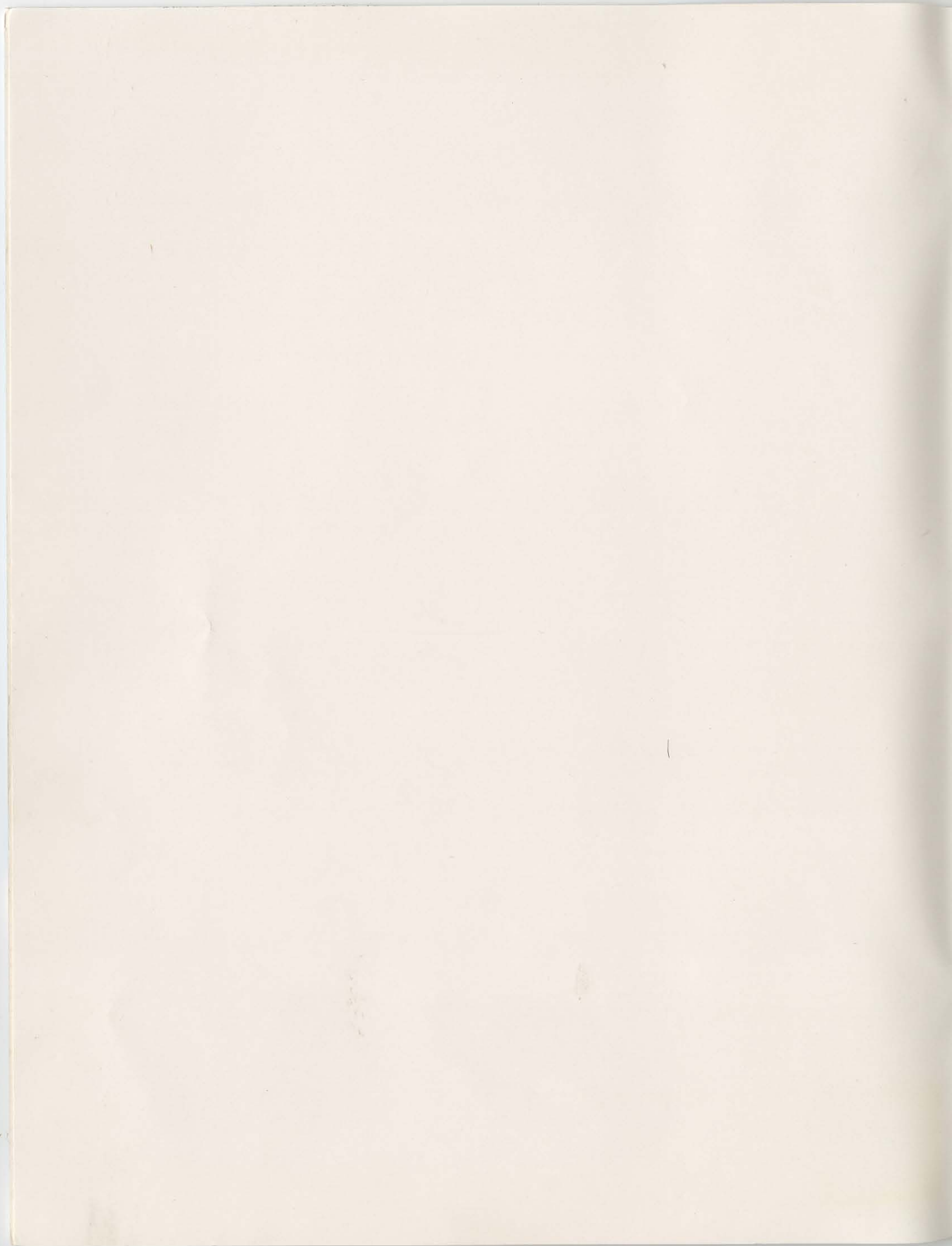
Saint Helena, our patroness, was born somewhere in England about the middle of the third century. She was married to the Roman Emperor Constantine Chlorus, and was put under by him when she was found Christianity late in life. It was her perseverance, both and then which greatly influenced her son Constantine, the first Christian emperor, and caused to finish the holy work of the fathers of the Roman people. Reverence of her high station, she delighted in robes of the Emperor's robe and the sword and by her example showed herself a mother to the indigent and distressed.

In her right hand, she carried a palm-branch, to remember with the crown of glory of descending the cross on which our Blessed Redeemer suffered and died. After many labors, three crosses were found on Mount Calvary, together with the nails and the sponge soaked by the hangings. It was believed to show the true Cross of Our Lord. By the advice of Helena, the crosses were carried separately to a woman afflicted with the terrible disease. No wonder, but she found herself that she was greatly healed.

The pious empress built a most glorious church on Mount Calvary to receive the precious relic she also was patroness of it in Rome and Constantinople, where they were solemnly exposed to the veneration of the faithful. The festival of the Cross was the consecration of the Christian life. Our Saint Helena died in the year of her age about her return to Rome, the same year of her triumph.

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In her eightieth year, she made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem with the ardent desire of discovering the cross on which our Blessed Redeemer suffered and died. After many labors, three crosses were found on Mount Calvary, together with the nails and the inscription recorded by the Evangelists. It still remained to identify the true Cross of Our Lord. By the advice of Macarius, the three were applied successively to a woman afflicted with an incurable disease. No sooner had the third touched her than she arose, perfectly healed.

The pious empress built a most glorious church on Mount Calvary to receive the precious relic. She also sent portions of it to Rome and Constantinople, where they were solemnly exposed to the adoration of the faithful. The finding of the Cross was the culmination of her Christian life, for Saint Helena died in the arms of her son upon her return to Rome, the same year of her triumph.

Saint Helen, Pray for us.





His Holiness, POPE JOHN XXIII

Most Holy Father

Fr. James L. Krusling and the
members of his parish, on the occasion
of the dedication of St. Helen Church
Nov. 1st 1959 humbly prostrate at the feet of
Your Holiness beg a special

Apostolic Blessing

*Munis bonis benevolentibus et precibus
Ex Archiep. Vaticano die 6 Maji 1959*

Adrianus

Archiep. Adanen



The Most Reverend Karl J. Alter
Archbishop of Cincinnati



Archbishop's House
5870 Belmont Avenue
Cincinnati 24, Ohio

April 3, 1959

To the Rev. Pastor and Members of St. Helen's Parish:

I extend sincere congratulations to the Pastor and the parishioners of St. Helen's Parish on the dedication of your beautiful church.

Surely yours is an outstanding accomplishment, for in the space of a few short years you have erected a magnificent parish. You have cared for the education of your children. And now, after having endured discomfort and overcrowding at religious services, you have a truly fitting house for the worship of God. May He continue to bless all the generous people of St. Helen's, who have labored together for His greater honor and glory.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ Karl J. Alter
Archbishop of Cincinnati



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Ertel

Dear Father Krusling
and Members of St. Helen Parish:

As the Mother Parish we take great pride in extending our sincerest best wishes to our off-spring of only five years, St. Helen Parish.

It was with great pleasure that I, as Pastor of the Mother Church of Holy Family, turned the first spade of dirt in the Ground-breaking Ceremony for your building program on March 14, 1954.

What a thrill must go through you, as it does through me now, upon seeing your crowning work — your new Church—complete an outstanding parish plant of its own.

On this day of the dedication of your new Church, November 8, 1959 we again ask God to continue your efforts so marvelously blessed in matters both spiritual and material.

Charles A. Ertel.

Congratulations and best wishes to the pastor and people of St. Helen's parish on the successful completion of your beautiful church and the addition to your school. Few parishes ever met a greater challenge with so much trust in God. Your heroic courage and generous self-sacrifice in promoting the cause of your holy religion was most edifying to me during the three years I was privileged to be associated with you. May God shower His choicest blessings upon St. Helen's parish.

Robert H. Krumholtz



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Robert Krumholtz



Fr. James L. Krusling

Dear Parishioners of St. Helen:

Six years ago you were called Pioneers, and truly you were Pioneers with determination for the honoring of God and zeal for the House of God. Knowing fullwell that they who labor, labor in vain if the Lord withholds His Blessings, you have prayed and worked. God has been pleased. Your cooperation has been magnificently demonstrated each year.

We are proud, with a just pride, of your achievements. Success is a nebulous thing and only continued effort in prayer and sacrifice will justify our pride in achievement.

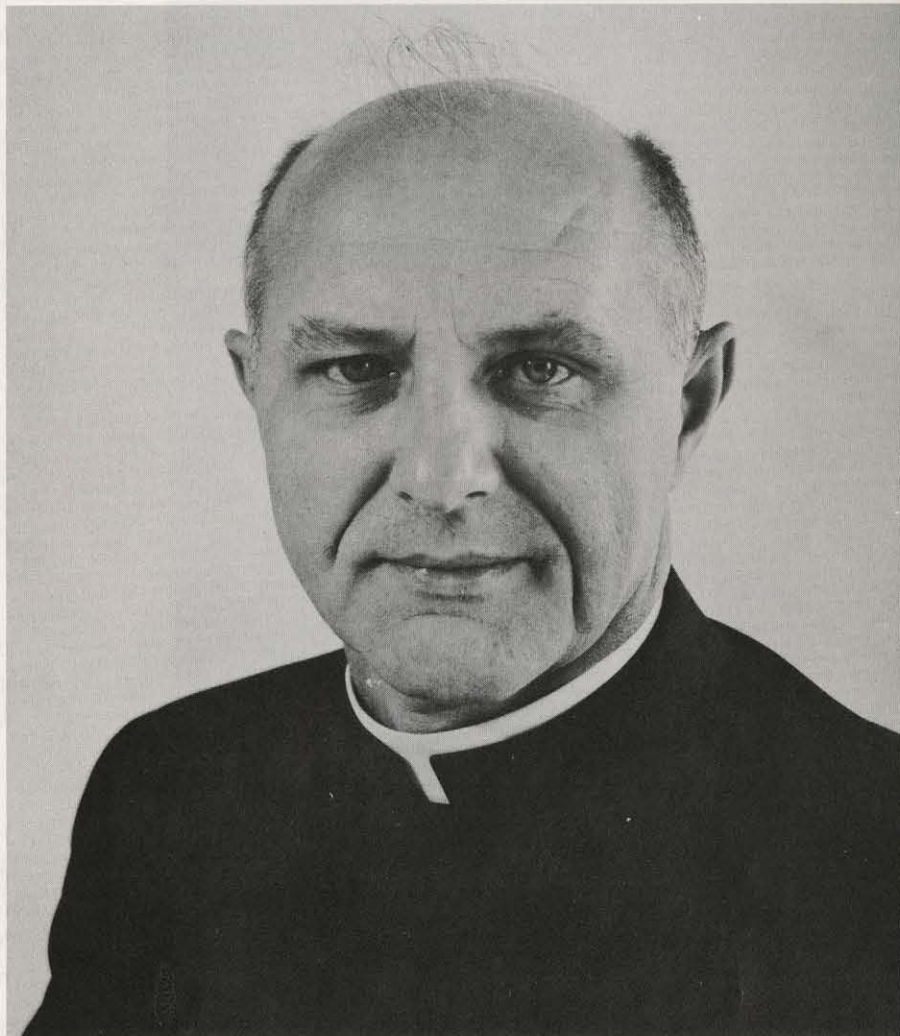
We are grateful to Archbishop Alter for his help, encouragement and understanding of our parish needs. Be assured your Pastor is mindful at the Altar of God of you who have worked and sacrificed. Keep always in mind that cooperation in prayer and work, with God's Blessing, means success.

May God Bless you always,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Fr. James L. Krusling

St. Helen Parish is to be congratulated for having the zeal and making the sacrifices necessary to erect a complete school plant and church edifice in such a short time after the parish was founded. There remains now for us, priests and parishioners, to use these buildings to further the Kingdom of Christ in our own souls and in the souls of our neighbors.



Fr. Robert Schulte

PARISH



History, the dictionary tells us, is a narrative of events . . . a tale . . . a story, a composite picture of singular and related facts. It is made by people who sacrifice . . . accomplish. It is a record of deeds . . . of doing. The St. Helen's story is a true history. It is an unparalleled record of people who sacrificed to accomplish. Briefly, here is the story.

July, 1953

Father James L. Krusling notified he is to organize new parish on Kemp Rd., on an 11-acre tract of Mad River Twp. farmland. He also will serve as assistant in Holy Family parish.

August

Chancery advises new parish will be known as St. Helen's. Two \$6,000.00 donations received, from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hollenkamp and Sacred Heart Church. At the initial organizational meeting, Father Krusling is introduced by Msgr. Charles Ertel, where he asks parishioners to enlist in the ranks of pioneers for the Glory of God.

September

St. Helen's receives first collection taken at Holy Family Church — \$211.65. First drawings received from Danis Construction Co. for hall and eight classrooms. Estimated cost is \$265,000.00. Fund raising committee meets to discuss money needs. Building pledge drive suggested to raise \$100,00.00 every two-year period . . . house raffle suggested and approved. Ladies meet to organize Altar-Rosary society.

October-November

Holy Family presents St. Helen Parish check for \$11,625.00 — half the receipts of their summer festival. First general parish meeting called. First Mass offered in Page Manor school by Father Raymond Roesch. Total attendance at Masses, 1,236.

January, 1954

Sunday collections average about \$388. Father Krusling says this is fine, but thinks parishioners can "dig a little deeper." Spring festival drive begins. Prize is \$12,000.00. or three-bedroom home.

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March

Ground-breaking ceremonies held. New building will cost \$352,970.00 and include 10 classrooms, kitchen, multi-purpose hall for Church, cafeteria and social activities.

April-May

Father Krusling announces six Sisters of Notre Dame will teach during coming school term. Over 500 students enrolled. He wants volunteers to re-finish 200 desks. First school installment paid — \$45,745.00. House ticket sales reach \$23,000.00.

June

Festival success. Net receipts: \$43,217.00. E. J. Kraus of 641 Cosler Dr. wins home. "My congratulations and Blessings to you all," comments Father Krusling.

August-September

Big push on to complete scholrooms. Men still needed to refinish 175 desks, paint, install black-boards. Over 500 students registered. School begins with half-day sessions.

October-November

Masses celebrated in St. Helen's school six months and two weeks from time equipment arrived on the job. The Most Rev. Archbishop Karl J. Alter dedicates and Blesses the parish and asks, "What plans are you making for next year?"

January, 1955

Plans for second annual house raffle underway. Goal is \$60,000.00. "We need at least four more classrooms for next year," Father Krusling warns.

February

Father Krusling seeks permission to build six more classrooms and school office from Archbishop Alter. Permission denied because Chancery lacks funds.

May

"The festival is only three weeks away," Father Krusling reminds parishioners in "The Informer." "Have you done your share? If we want the sisters living here next year . . . If we want to reduce that \$274,000.00 debt . . . You and I will have to do more than think about it."





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June-September

Festival again a success, nets \$39,550.00. Harold Roesch of Hamilton takes the \$10,000.00. School begins. Enrollment is 629. Lunch is seven cents and bus fare 75 cents a week. We now have eight Sisters of Notre Dame and eight lay teachers. Archbishop informs Father Krusling to prepare plans for eight more classrooms. Warns, however, parish can go no deeper in debt.

October-December

Original building pledge expires. Father Krusling asks new pledge to guarantee additional classroom space needed by September, 1956. Permission given for the parish to build four new classrooms.

January-February, 1956

House raffle kick-off held. Father Krusling warns, "Everyone must do his part. Goal set at \$60,000.00 for addition of four classrooms. First turn-in is \$5,437.00.

April-May

Tickets returns trickling in. Father Krusling writes in "The Informer"—"When the Most Rev. Archbishop was asked for permission to build the new school addition, he wanted to know: 'Where's the money coming from?' I was convinced of the need and in my enthusiasm assured him we would have the \$60,000.00 after the festival. Perhaps I was overly enthused."

June-July

Another successful festival! Profit: \$38,414.00. J. S. Gutierrez of 2241 Hazelton claims the house. The parish, however, must still borrow \$20,000.00 to complete addition program. The call goes out for volunteers to refinish 200 desks obtained from St. Bridgit's Church in Xenia. Father Krusling calls for the Miracle of St. Helen — \$30,000.00 by August 18, the feast of our patron saint.

August-September

Father Robert Schutte is welcomed as the new assistant in St. Helen's parish. Father Krusling proclaims the Miracle of St. Helen a success. School opens and

900 youngsters begin a reluctant trudge back to classrooms. The staff now includes nine sisters and 10 lay teachers. Father Krusling announces plans to construct three more classrooms: purchase Smith building annex in 1957.

January, 1957

Father Krusling gives annual report at parish meeting. Cites these needs: 24 classrooms by 1960, repayment of \$249,000.00 to Chancery by 1964. "With 1,100 active families in the parish, this can be done," he asserts. Plans announced for third annual house raffle and festival. Top award will be \$14,500.00 house or \$13,000.00 cash. New automobile will go to seller of winning ticket.

February-April

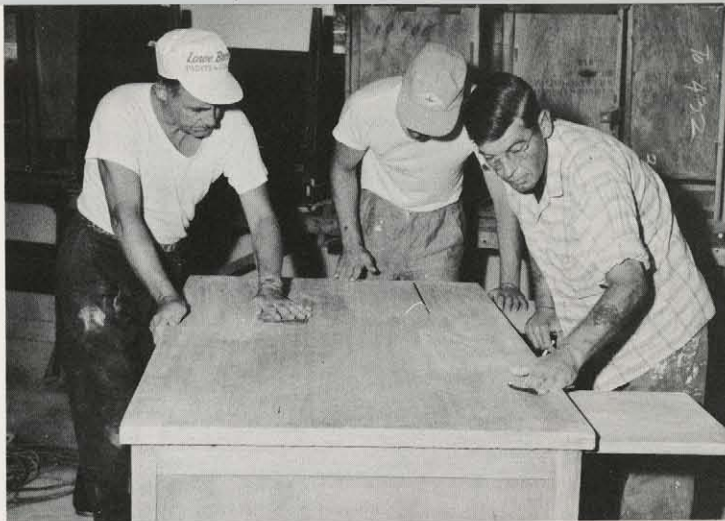
Spring festival committees appointed. Plans formed to organize Booster's club in parish. Father Krusling explains what it will take to make classroom expansion possible—an hour's pay for upkeep of church and school ticket quota sales; participation in parish societies; manual help.

May-June

If the spring festival is to be a success, "it's time to get into high gear," Father Krusling warns. He reports turn-ins totaling \$15,000.00. "Pray, work and talk," he urges. Kids picnic at Delco park as school closes. Msgr. Robert Krumholtz observes Silver Anniversary in the Priesthood. Festival the second best in parish history with net of \$40,088.00 Mrs. Margaret Heintz of 5806 Access Rd. takes the \$13,000.00.

August-September

At emergency parish meeting, Father Krusling warns of the need for money. "We will have over 1,000 pupils this year and it costs over \$80.00 to educate one child," he reports. Average Sunday collection of \$990.00 way under the \$1,500.00 per week cost of school, Father asserts. Explains difference is made up from building fund, raffles, bingo and sales tax stamps. Reports parish \$41,000.00 behind in scheduled payments. Gives solution: "Double collections." School opens with enrollment of 1,030 pupils. Faculty includes 10 Sisters of Notre Dame and 11 lay teachers.





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January-February, 1958

Plans announced for the long-awaited church. "You must sacrifice," Father Krusling warns. Architect suggests seven classrooms and church seating 820. His estimated cost, \$300,000.00. "How do you feel about it?" Father Krusling asks. "Your answer will be expressed in your weekly sacrifice to the church and in ticket returns on the house. With goal of church, plans for annual spring festival take on added significance. Goal set at \$100,000.00.

April-May

Festival turn-ins total \$10,000.00. "We're behind last year's pace," Father warns. "This is a critical period. Each family must sell its quota of 75 tickets," he asserts. Rocket reflecting turn-ins off the ground with \$17,600.00 in the till. Festival set for June 13, 14, 15. Archbishop informs father: "Tell your good people you are authorized to proceed with plans." Father Schutte celebrates his 15th anniversary in the Priesthood.

June

Building committee meets with architect. Plans expanded to include 12 classrooms in church. Workmen altering Smith building annex for temporary classroom space. Festival is the best ever. Net is a whopping \$53,747.00. John E. Wiesman of 512 Morse Ave. takes the \$14,000.00. "My blessings to you all," comments Father.

July

Father Krusling sounds warning: "We note with concern that in spite of increased wages for many, our total collection is down from the \$2,500.00 weekly we told the Archbishop we could expect. It was on the basis of this figure permission was granted for us to proceed with plans for the school and church. Will you increase or continue your sacrifice for a new church?"

August

Father Krusling approaches parishioners with facts and figures: Salaries for 33 employees next year will be \$64,000.00; interest on present debt of \$200,000.00 is 3½ per cent, or \$600.00 a month; utilities cost

\$700.00 a month. He concludes: "We have been dependent upon proceeds of our annual festival and house raffle. It was hoped that with proceeds from the 1958 festival and house raffle, plus cash on hand, I could approach the Archbishop with \$100,000.00 in the bank. However, we are short \$30,000.00 due to decline of the offertory collection."

September

School begins with a record 1,154 youngsters enrolled. In a message to the parish, Father hits home with these facts: Education at St. Helen costs \$104.00 per child per year. In public school systems, it's approximately \$335.00 per child per year. General Contractor, B. G. Danis submits low bid of \$230,998.00 for new church and school. Other bids: Central Heating, \$57,050.00, and G. E. L. Electric, \$22,337.00. Total is \$310,385.00. Father asks Archbishop's permission to borrow \$200,000.00 at four per cent interest.

October-November

Permission granted, and contractor sets to work. Father asks for pledge sacrifices. He prepares list of furnishings needed for new church, including: An ambry, Communion rail, Main altar, Blessed Mother's altar, St. Joseph's altar, Vigil lights and stand, Pipe organ, Crucifix, Altar Stone, Missal, Tabernacle, Ciborium, White Vestments, Holy Water fonts, Stations of the Cross, Church pews, Cruets, Statues, Baptismal font.

December

Church pews needed, Father reports to parishioners. We have 35, need 192. "We need many more who will consider it a privilege to furnish the House of God." Building committee meets to draft 1959 plans and objectives. School children give Father \$146.00 donation for furnishings in the new church.

January-February, 1959

Plans underway for St. Helen's sixth annual spring festival. Goal set at \$100,000.00 and the building committee calls on all parishioners to sacrifice for the new church and classrooms. Father Krusling notes 1958 receipts totaled \$203,830.00. Disbursements were \$122,838.00, leaving a new year cash



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balance of \$80,992.00. He warns, however, the parish will be \$600,000.00 in debt by the end of the year. How does the church plan to reduce the principal? Father explains: "Church and school operating expenses must be met by your weekly pledges. As for building, we have relied upon our annual spring festival. I am hoping we may continue to do so. First raffle turn-ins is \$4,065.00. "We're way behind," Father warns. "Last year, the first turn-in netted \$7,200.00."

April-May

Sisters of Notre Dame honored at Silver Tea. Archbishop informs parish of forthcoming Catholic high school drive in the Dayton area. Milestone recorded in St. Helen's brief history with cornerstone ceremonies for new church. Organ purchased for church. Team captains selected for high school drive. Second house turn in is \$17,217.00.

June-July-August

Festival again a success. Net receipts total \$38,335.00. Mrs. Donna Haines of Kettering takes the money. Church to keep house until 1960 raffle because of its excellent location. Volunteer work progressing on the interior of the church. An intercommunications system has been installed; 200 desks have been refinished; 16 rooms and corridors have been painted; tile flooring is going down. The push is on to get children in when school resumes next month.

September-October

School bells ring again and 1,193 pupils trek back to classrooms, including those in the new church. "Thanks be to God," comments Father Krusling. He thanks the 170 men who turned out Labor Day to complete the hundred and one tasks necessary for the opening of school. The faculty includes 10 Sisters of Notre Dame and 17 lay teachers. "Our long-awaited dream of a suitable place to worship Our God is quickly becoming a reality," Father Krusling reports. He sets November 8 for blessing of the school and dedication of the church. Far from the end, this the beginning of a fine parish record of spiritual, as well as material success. With the help of St. Helen our family spirit and achievements will grow with the years.





We started slow . . .

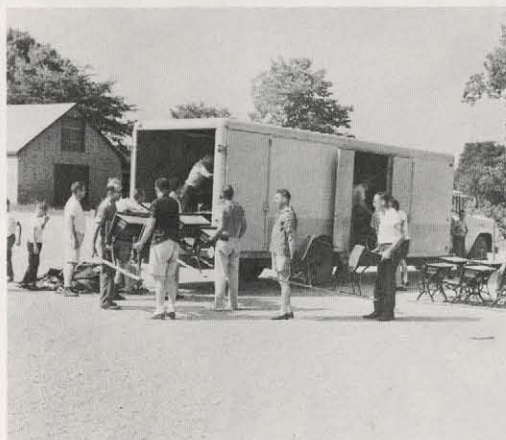


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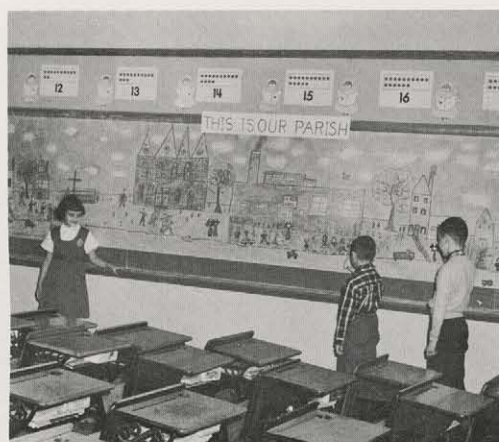


still more room . . .

Growing Pains



more work . . .



more classrooms . . .



another corner stone . . .



AND STILL THEY COME!



Sister Mary Frederick—Grade 1

Sister Catherine Michael—Grade 1





Mrs. Mary Greene—Grade I

Mrs. Patricia Koenig—Grade I





Sister Marie Charles—Grade 2

Mrs. Mary Bryant—Grade 2





Mrs. Kathleen Cannon—Grade 2

Mrs. Mildred Naporia—Grade 2





Mrs. Vera Clark—Grade 3

Mrs. Patricia Flannagan—Grade 3





Mrs. Joann Riley—Grade 3

Mrs. Patrícia Trenkle—Grade 3





Sister Bernard Marie—Grade 4

Mrs. Theresa Bole—Grade 4





Mrs. Alice Gilbert—Grade 4

Miss Shirley Bochrath—Grade 5





Miss Shirley Dalton—Grade 5

Mrs. Helen Martin—Grade 5





Mrs. Mary Ann Connors—Grade 6

Mrs. Arlene Flanagan—Grade 6





Mrs. Juanita Hodell—Grade 6

Sister Anna—Grade 7





Sister Robert Marie—Grade 7

Sister Damien of the Sacred Heart—Grade 7





Sister Paula Marie—Grade 8



Sister Eileen Therese—Grade 8

Catholic Education

The objective of Catholic education is to form Christ in souls regenerated by Baptism. This entails a three-fold duty:

- To train the intellect.
- To inculcate habits and ideals.
- To develop proper attitudes so the student will understand his relationship to God, his church, his fellowmen, his country and himself.

At St. Helen's school, we have striven from the beginning to attain this objective — to form Christ in the souls of the children committed to our care.

In 1954, we opened our doors to 500 students. Through the self-sacrificing cooperation of the people of St. Helen's, we are now able to staff 26 classrooms and give nearly 1,200 children the benefits of a Catholic education.

Surely the Sacred Heart of our Dear Master must be gladdened. Remember, it was He who said: "As long as you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it unto Me."







A Teacher's Day

What's a teacher's day like?

Monotonous?

Never! No two days are alike.

Today, little Johnny is in tears because he left his lunch money at home. He must be assured he will get something to eat regardless.

Mary is beaming because she got 100 in spelling. She must be commended. Then there's Jane, who could get 100 every time, but it's too much trouble. She must be urged to do her very best.

It is a study to treat each child. Each must be developed mentally, emotionally, socially, and most of all, spiritually.

Little minds do not always comprehend. Then, too, there are other things to think about . . . the new puppy at home the dance tonight . . .

Consequently, test papers are often revealing. Consider these answers:

- Give us this day our jelly bread.
- The equator is a menagerie lion running around the Earth and through Africa.
- Lincoln was shot by Clare Luce Booth.
- They don't raise anything in Kansas but alpaca grain and they have to irritate to make it grow.
- A veterinarian is an old soldier.
- The sun never sets on the British empire because it is in the east and the sun sets in the west.

A teacher's day is never monotonous. It's interesting, exciting, thrilling. Can there be a greater joy than that which comes to the teacher when she sees the light of comprehension dawn on a child's face?



Sister Ann Bernadette

St. Helen's Altar Boys



Focal point of St. Helen's Church is its altar. From here flow the Blessings of Almighty God. It is only proper, then, that those who assist the priest at Mass be worthy of the honor.

Assistants in the Mass are organized into two groups — Holy Name servers and the Altar Boy's society. Both groups are enrolled in St. John Berchman's Sanctuary society. Holy Name servers are former altar boys still participating in Mass as adults. The group organized in 1957.

The Altar Boy's society was also founded in 1957. Membership consists of 16 eighth-graders, 18 seventh-graders, 19 sixth-graders and 13 high schoolers — a total of 66.





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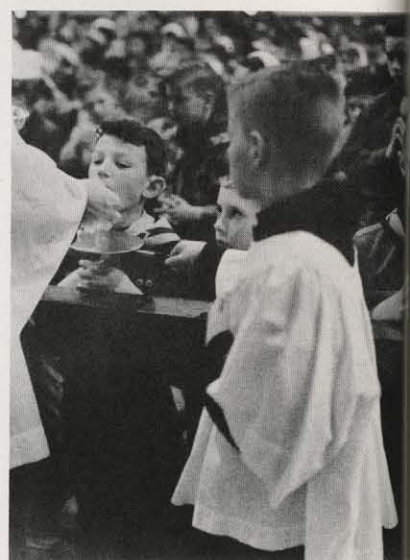
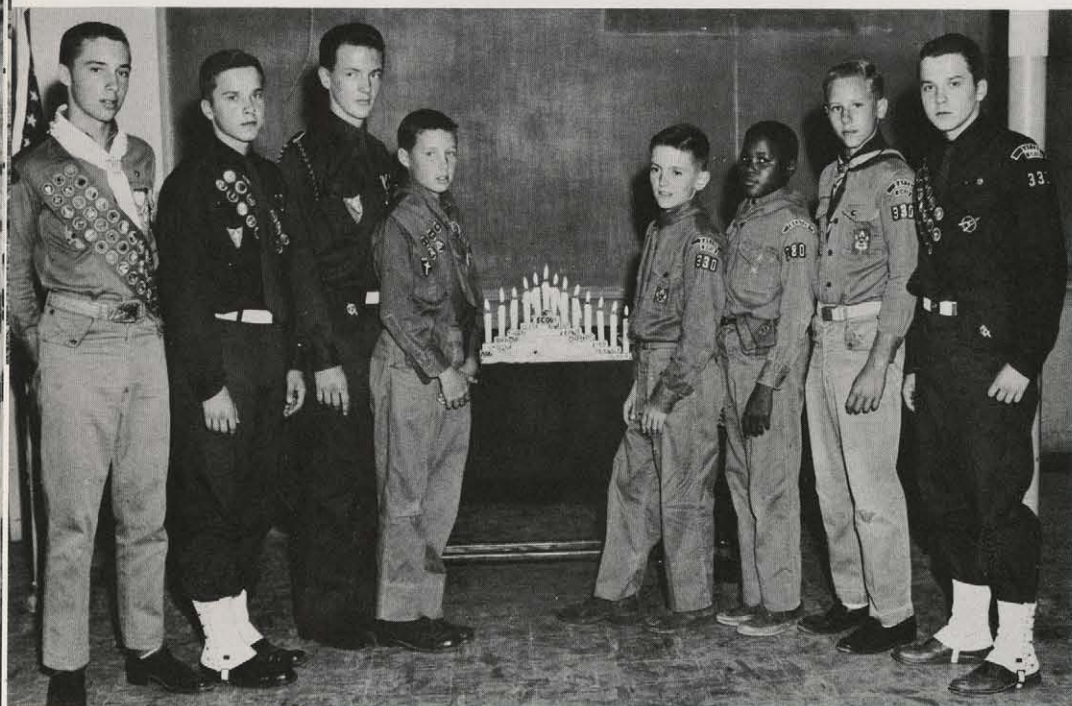


Our Scouts rank with the best

Scouting has been a part of the St. Helen story since school opened in September, 1954. Enrollment was small — 27 Boy Scouts in Troop 330 and 53 Cub Scouts. But, as school grew, the Scout program grew. In 1957, it became necessary to add another troop — No. 329. At the beginning of 1959, enrollment stood at 63 Boy Scouts and 135 Cub Scouts.

The girls are included in the Scouting Story — Troop 752 is in full action for the big girls while the little girls participate as Brownies.

Religious activities rank high on the list of scouting accomplishments at St. Helen's.





Booster's Club

If you're a joiner, don't pass up membership in the Booster's Club.

It costs (fees are nominal) and you may have to work (but it's fun.)

Membership is made up of parishioners interested in promoting sports activities, especially for the kids. (Adults get in the act, though, with a slo-pitch softball team.)

Aside from dues, the club seeks funds from scrap-paper drives, a fish fry and other social events. Membership now stands at 758.

Teen-age Club

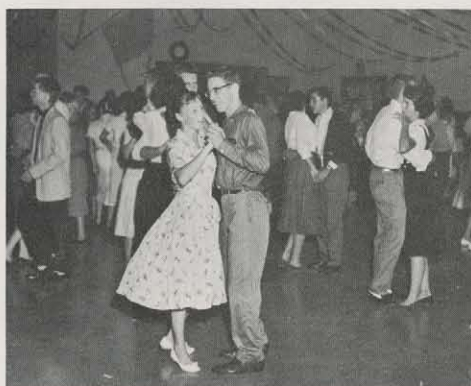
St. Helen's Youth club was organized in October, 1954, with 30 members. It has become a social and educational success.

The club has no special objective, but serves as an outlet for youthful energies.

What are the club's major activities? Well, dances top the social list, and there are such things as wiener roasts and hay rides.

Plays have become an annual event. The first, presented in 1957, was a musical comedy, "Oh, Suzanna."

Presidents through the years: 1954, Tom Begley; 1955, Mary Meyers; 1956, Priscilla Ramus; 1957, James Wiley; 1958, Sandi Davis; 1959, Dorothy Braun.





All work and no play?...



...not at St. Helen's!





Chow Time

Ever hear mom gripe, "I wish I knew what to have for supper?" Well, the same problem exists at St. Helen's school. And this one's king-sized.

On school days, some 856 children — all hungry — head for the cafeteria and lunch. They're served in 50

minutes.

Thanks to a full-time dietician and kitchen staff, the meals are well-balanced. Volunteer mothers assist greatly in the chow-time rush.

Cost of hot lunches is remarkably low — 25 cents — made possible by federal subsidy of surplus foods.

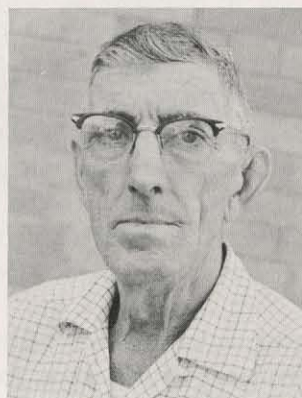
What's the most popular meal at St. Helen's? Take three guesses, and the first two don't count. "Sloppy Joes," of course. Also high on the snack parade: Creamed chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Meet the Help

Waxed floors, sparkling windows and dusted furniture are problems when 1300-plus families and their children troop in and out on a daily schedule. Our custodial help proves equal to the task and more!



Felix



Amos



Frank



Holy Name Society

The Holy Name society represents the men of St. Helen's and every adult male parishioner automatically is a member.

This group has been assigned the task of organizing and spearheading the many work projects, social events and fund raising campaigns of the church and school.

In the few short years of the parish's history, members have become expert in many "handy-man" jobs — refinishing school desks, sealing, painting and a hundred and one other tasks.

Other jobs have assumed greater proportions. In 1955, for example, the men of St. Helen's remodeled an old brick farm house and it stands now as the convent.

A second major project was renovation of the Smith annex. A former chemical plant, it was purchased by the church in 1957. As in the convent project, all types of skills were demanded to renovate the plant into church and school space. School rooms were partitioned off; the building was rewired; a furnace and ventilating system was added; floor tile was installed.

Everywhere one looks — on the inside or out — there is evidence of the work accomplished by the men of St. Helen's

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. The following Sunday is Communion day for members.





Altar Rosary Society

The Altar-Rosary society is the official organization for all women of the parish. It has a two-fold purpose:

- To promote the spiritual value of members.
- To assist the pastor in temporal matters.

The organization came into being on October 23, 1953. To charter officers fell the task of drafting by-laws and the constitution.

They also had the job of starting the treasury, taking it upon themselves to provide appurtenances and linens for the altar and to furnish the sister's convent.

Lady-like, money was raised in a sweet way . . . by sale of doughnuts after mass and hundreds of cakes, pies, and cookies at church suppers.

In 1954, the society started sale of religious articles — prayer books, statues, medals and votive lights. The following year, members gathered to sew the small linens needed on the altar.

In March, 1957, the society sponsored its first smorgasbord. It was a social, and more importantly, a financial success.

Because there is no Parent-Teacher's association in the parish, many school problems are channeled through the society.



Mother's Club

Mother is the influence, the guiding light of family life. It is she who keeps tight reign in the home, knows the budget, plans, saves.

Mother also is a strong influence in the affairs of St. Helen's church and school. Who else can best cope with church and school problems which to a lesser degree are commonplace in the home?

With Father Krusling's blessing, the St. Helen's Mother's club was established in September, 1958, as an adjunct or operating committee of the Altar-Rosary society.

Every mother of a child attending school automatically is a member. There

are no dues. The club has no operating fund. All is left to the initiative of the membership.

Mothers provide a tremendous assist as cafeteria helpers. During the school year of 1958-59, more than 70 mothers volunteered their services.

The moms keep parish records, maintain student health cards and take care of routine paperwork. They also sponsor parties and plan the annual school picnic.

In May, the Mother's club sponsored a gala social event — a Silver Tea commemorating the five-year teaching record of the Sisters of Notre Dame. More than 250 persons attended.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The St. Vincent De Paul society represents the charitable arm of St. Helen's Church.

Purpose of the society is sanctification of members by helping the poor and ill. It was not founded primarily to collect money, but to give members an opportunity of exercising Christian love.

Members each week visit with Catholic patients in Dayton-area hospitals. The perpetual novena to St. Helen also was initiated by the society.



Credit Union

St. Helen's federal credit union received its charter in April, 1956. All members of the parish, lay-teachers and other employees of the church and school are eligible for membership.

The credit union has shown a steady growth.

In 1956, it finished the year with 257 members and made loans totaling \$7,874. In 1958, membership was 578 and loans totaled \$23,826.

Activity this year already has set a record. Through August, loans totaling \$28,677 were made to 610 applicants.

Purpose of the credit union — aside from its loaning aspects — is to encourage thrift through convenient savings, eliminate usury, and to train and educate members in business methods.

Many of the children — 65 per cent of the membership — use the credit union for their planned savings. Members set the annual dividend rate.



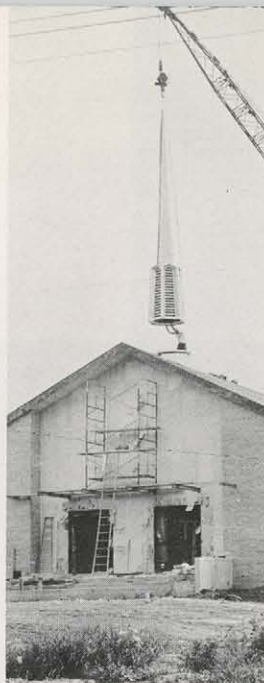


St. Rita's Study Club

Purpose of St. Rita's Study club is to further knowledge of the Catholic Religion. The club was established January 14, 1959.

Activities include bi-weekly meetings, visits to local churches and pilgrimages to Maria Stein and other local shrines.

The club started with 10 charter members . . . Father Krusling serves as spiritual advisor.



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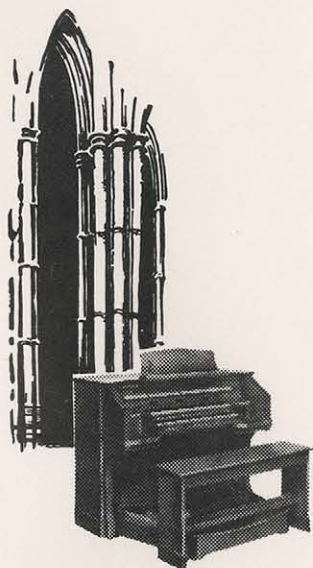
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