

# St. Helen Catholic School Annual Report & Appeal



2024-2025

*"The Lord is my strength and my shield"*  
*Psalm 28:7*





## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Helen Catholic School is to provide a quality Catholic education that incorporates faith, academics, service, and leadership. Students are encouraged to be confident and productive learners who are "making good things happen."





Dear Supporters,

As we approach the midpoint of the 2024-2025 school year, I'm grateful for the opportunity to reflect on our school's purpose and the work we are doing together to shape the hearts and minds of our students. Our theme, **"The Lord is my strength and my shield" (Psalm 28:7)**, speaks to our mission to be both a source of strength and a safeguard of faith for the children we are blessed to educate.

Today's world presents our children with challenges, confusion, and difficult times, making our role more essential than ever. We are called to lead students on a path of understanding truth, purpose, and moral integrity rooted in a deep relationship with Jesus. At St. Helen Catholic School, we are dedicated to preparing future leaders who will be grounded in faith, guided by virtue, and equipped to make a positive impact on their communities.

**But we cannot fulfill this mission alone.** We invite you to support St. Helen Catholic School in shielding our faith by strengthening our future. Your generosity helps provide the resources our school needs to continue this critical work—building a foundation of strong Catholic education that integrates faith, academics, service, and leadership.

Please consider making a meaningful contribution to St. Helen Catholic School's Annual Fund. Your support ensures we can meet essential needs that keep our school running smoothly. This includes everything from routine building maintenance and classroom updates to the daily operational costs that allow us to offer our students a secure and enriching environment.

Thank you for standing with us as we nurture the faith and future of our students. Together, we are equipping them to face the world with strength, integrity, and a profound sense of purpose in Christ.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Deborah Irish*

Debbie Irish  
Principal





# WAYS TO GIVE

You Can Make a Difference



01



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New Roof & Flooring

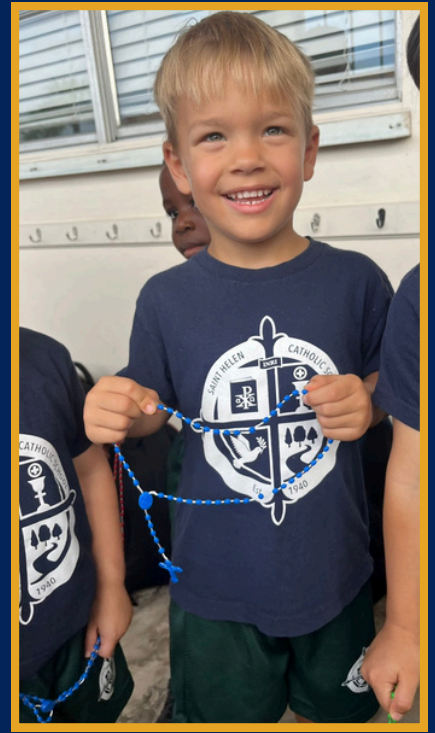


Pre-K  
Buildings &  
Playground





# Introducing Our First Pre-K Class



## Daily Mass

At St. Helen Catholic School, our students thrive both academically and spiritually. As the first school in our Diocese to attend daily Mass, our students are blessed to hear the Word of God and regularly receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. They also deepen their relationship with Christ through monthly adoration and confession.

Whether mastering mathematics, exploring vocations, or serving others, the Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do. These experiences not only enrich their education but also guide them on their journey to Heaven, helping them grow as saints in the making.

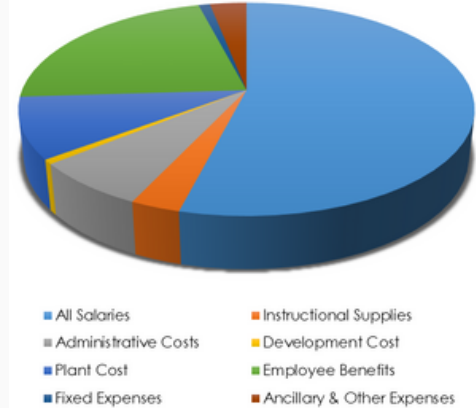
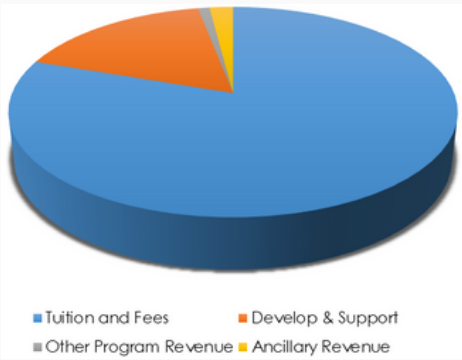


**Shielding Our Faith by Strengthening Our Future**



# Financial Budget

The 2024-2025 fiscal year budget highlights St. Helen Catholic School's dedication to operational vitality, supporting our mission to educate the whole child.



## Revenue

Tuition and Fees	\$2,582,100
Development & Support	\$537,950
Other Program Revenue	\$31,410
Ancillary Revenue	\$64,900

## Expenses

All Salaries	\$1,736,525	Plant Cost	\$298,000
Instructional Supplies	\$96,700	Employee Benefits	\$706,122
Administrative Costs	\$226,900	Fixed Expenses	\$30,975
Development Cost	\$22,000	Ancillary & Other Expenses	\$99,138

## 2024-2025 School Profile

**Pastor:** Father Matthew DeGance

**Principal:** Mrs. Deborah Irish

**School Mascot:** Falcon

**School Colors:** Blue and Gold

### Accreditation

Florida Catholic Conference

### School Overview

Pre-K through Grade 8

Co-Educational

255 Students

70% Catholic; All Faiths Welcome

95% Step Up for Students & Financial Aid

### Faculty and Staff

37 in total: 32 full-time, 5 part-time

20 Faculty 13 Advanced Degrees

1 School Counselor

Average of 17 years of teaching experience for faculty

4 staff are alum, 14% are parents of students enrolled/alum

### Catholic Identity

Religion Pre-K-8

Faith Integrated throughout all Curricula

Daily School Mass and Prayer

Altar Server Program Grades 3-8

Stations of the Cross

Examination of Conscience

Monthly Confession

Sacramental Preparation

Retreats

Daily Adoration

### Standardized Testing

Terra Nova Grades 2 – 8

### Academic Program

1:1 iPad Program K-8th Grade

Spanish Language Program Pre-K-8th Grade

Reading Intervention Program

Math Enrichment Program

Accelerated Reader Program

Cursive in Primary Grades

Music, Art & Physical Education

Virtue in Education

K-5 Technology Courses

Advanced Middle School Program

High School Level Algebra I,

Algebra Honors & Spanish I

### Curriculum Textbooks/Workbooks

**Religion:** Faith and Life Series by Ignatius Press

**Reading:** K-3 Open Court, 4-5 Journeys, 6-8 Harcourt Collections

**English/Grammar:** 1-3 The Write Source, 3-8 Voyages by Loyola Press

**Math:** K Sadlier, 1 Saxton, 2-5 Sadlier, 6-8 All Things Algebra & Pre-Algebra, 8 Honors Glencoe Algebra 1

**Science:** 1-5 Elevate by Savvas,

6-8 Florida Science Courses 1-3 by McGraw Hill

**Social Studies:** K-5 Kids Discover & Studies Weekly,

6 Discovering Our Past: A History of the World,

7 Florida Civics, Economics, and Geography,

8 Discovering Our Past: A History of the United States Early Years by McGraw Hill

### Parent Involvement

Service Hour Program

Home & School Association

School Advisory Council

Dad's Club

Daughters of Mary, Mother of God

### Clubs and Extra-Curricular

National Junior Honor Society

Wednesday Warriors

Altar Servers

Flag Honor Guard

Student Council

Falcon Guard

Youth Ministry with Parish

Christmas Program

Talent/Variety Show

Study Hall

Lego Club

Art Club

Newspaper Club

Chess Club

Sisters in Spirit

Robotics Club

STEM Club

### Professional Affiliations

Diocese of Palm Beach

FCC – Florida Catholic Conference

NCEA – National Catholic Educational Association

NAESP – National Association of Elementary School Principals

ASCD – Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

NJHS – National Junior Honor Society

NASC – National Association of Student Councils

### Athletics

Co-Ed Soccer

Girls Volleyball

Boys Basketball

Cheerleading

Co-Ed Flag Football

Co-Ed Cross Country

Co-Ed Lacrosse





## From the Pastor

At St. Helen Catholic School, we are blessed with hundreds of young souls entrusted to us, and we are dedicated to preparing them for Heaven through the rich traditions of our Catholic faith. This year, our theme, "The Lord is my strength and my shield," reminds us that God is our constant protector and guide as we face the challenges of these shifting times. Your prayers and support strengthen us in our mission to remain faithful to Christ and His Gospel. Whether through prayer, encouragement, or generosity, your kindness helps us grow in faith and excellence. May Our Lady bless you abundantly for the love you share with our school community.

Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones as we continue to trust in the Lord's strength and protection.

Fr. Matthew DeGance

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