

# Cross-Finder

Lent and Easter, 2024



God's glory shining upon St. Helena's campus

**St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School**

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# From our Senior Warden

The approaching season of Lent marks the part of the year where we go through the waning days of winter, move closer to the renewing days of Spring, where the days get longer, and the world around us shows the signs of new and emerging growth. Our spiritual journey in many ways can parallel this, as we spend time in our Lenten practices.

The 40 days of Lent begin in mid-February. Traditionally, it marks a season of fasting and abstinence, praying, Bible reading, corporate worship, and works of mercy. Terms whose meanings we may not all be familiar with. The Episcopal Church ( [www.episcopalnet.org](http://www.episcopalnet.org) ) offers some wonderful resources. I've highlighted a few of my favorite practices below:

**Fasting & abstinence** – Keep it smaller (portions) and simpler (healthier non-processed foods).

**Praying** – Follow the daily devotionals found in the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* on pages 137-140. These offer a simple and peaceful morning prayer, evening prayer, or a family prayer. Or, read through the Prayers and Thanksgivings on pages 810 - 841 of the *BCP*. (If you don't own a prayer book, you can access the *BCP* online free at: [https://www.bcponline.org/.](https://www.bcponline.org/))

**Reading Scripture** – Spend time in the Word. Download an app such as *The Bible App* by Bible.com which can be set to send you daily Bible verses. Or simply pick up your Bible and read.

**Attending corporate worship** – Attend Sunday Services. Consider attending a 10 am Wednesday service. Come to Mother Jamie's "Thresholds" Sunday School class at 10:10 am. Worshipping together strengthens our faith, shines hope into our days, and empowers us to love others more freely.

**Doing works of mercy** – After spending time in prayer forgive an old grudge, give to the less fortunate, call on someone who is ill. These acts are an outward expression of your faith through your acts of kindness no matter how small they may seem.

Simply living into these practices for 40 days; these small steps of thanksgiving, discipline, and change, and you may see and experience new and deep growth you grow forward into the blessings of 2024.

*God Bless - Tommy*



# February Calendar at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>Feb 11</b> Sunday Schedule  <b>Bloodmobile at St. Helena's 8:30-1:00 pm</b>	<b>Feb 12</b> 1 -2:30 pm Art Haus, AW School Board 6pm	<b>Feb 13</b> <b>Pancake Supper 4:30 - 7:00 pm Wendler Hall patio</b>	<b>Feb 14 - Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday</b> <i>No 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and no Women's Bible Study</i> <b>Ash Wed services at 7 am, noon, 6 pm HS</b> Wednesday Afternoon Schedule	<b>Feb 15</b> 7:30 am Men's Bible Study, AW	<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>
<b>Feb 18</b> Sunday Schedule	<b>Feb 19</b> President's Day - school closed	<b>Feb 20</b> Vestry Meeting 6 pm	<b>Feb 21</b> Wednesday Morning Schedule Women's Bible Study PH, 11:00 am or 6:00 pm. Wednesday Afternoon Schedule	<b>Feb 22</b> 7:30 am Men's Bible Study, AW	<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Feb 24</b>
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<p><b>March 10</b> Sunday Schedule</p>	<p><b>March 11</b> School Board, 6 pm</p>	<p><b>March 12</b></p>	<p><b>March 13</b> Wednesday Morning Schedule Women’s Bible Study, PH, 11:00 am or 6:00 pm. Wednesday Afternoon Schedule</p>	<p><b>March 14</b> 7:30 am Men’s Bible Study, AW Crochet &amp; knit 11am-noon PH</p>	<p><b>March 15</b></p>	<p><b>March 16</b></p>
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<p><b>March 31</b> <i>Easter Day</i> <b>Services, 7 am, 9 am and 11 am</b></p>						

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# From Mother Jamie

I wonder what the world thinks of Lent these days. And, does the world think of Lent these days? Ashes on the forehead, denying thyself of sweets and sodas, eating fish on Fridays. Why do the crazy Christians walk around with black crosses smudged all over their faces?

So let's talk about Lent. If you were not raised in the Episcopal Church, you may have questions.

**Lent is the 40 day season on the liturgical calendar between the Season after Epiphany and Easter.** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is a season of self-examination and repentance. The 40 days of Lent mirror the 40 days Moses spent on the mountain with the Lord (Ex 24:18), the 40 years Israel spent in the desert (Deut 8:2), and the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for public ministry (Mk 1:12-13). Lent is our invitation to enter into a season of penitence and preparation.

**Lent is also a time of self-examination and self-awareness that prepares us to hear Christ's call to repentance.** We've talked in recent weeks about repentance, the act of turning our lives toward Christ to follow him. We can't very well repent if we don't know what we need to repent of. Hence, the invitation to self-examination. Lent is time for re-centering our lives and our souls in Christ. It is time for biblical humility whereby we become more certain that we are creatures of the Almighty God, created from dust. Biblical humility involves knowing that we are made in the image of God as creature, created and creating, yet not Creator.

**The world thinks we are weird, especially during Lent.** It is weird in our culture to be humble. It is weird in our culture to become more self-aware in order to repent. It is weird to mark ourselves with ashes to remind us of our mortality in an age when being forever young is the goal. Jesus calls us to be weird, especially during Lent.

**Over the next 40 days of Lent, may we all be a little weird. May we stop and examine ourselves and our souls, admitting that we are not perfect. May we take time to study Scripture and pray more. May we follow Jesus more intentionally and more wholeheartedly. Instead of wondering what the world thinks of us, maybe we will wonder what Jesus thinks of us, instead.**

## **Ash Wednesday Service Schedule:**

**7 am, noon, 6 pm - all services are in the Historic Sanctuary**

*There is no 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and no Women's Bible Study on Ash Wednesday*

# Crossing Thresholds Sunday School

Mother Jamie's adult formation class, Crossing Thresholds started January 28, but it's never too late to join. Here's an explanation of the class:

*In Celtic spirituality, thresholds are considered pivotal passage points whereby the old has been released and the new has not yet come into being. Thresholds are markers of transition.*

*In our collective lives as the community of St. Helena's, we are looking at particular thresholds as we wait in a thin space of sacred transition. Together, we will practice crossing thresholds as we stand in the potent place of sacred waiting.*

*Come join us Sundays at 10:10 in the Parish Hall.*

*Mother Jamie*

More than 65 people gathered for the first 'Crossing Thresholds' class.



- 1/28 **Overview of Celtic Spirituality, Spiritual Practices, Threshold Practices**
- 2/4 **Journey, Callings, and Dwelling in the Word with Imagination**
- 2/11 **Solitude, Prayer, and Contemplation**
- 2/18 **Rhythms, Endings, Release, and the Spiritual Practice of Lament**
- 2/25 **Thresholds, Liminal Space, and Listening**
- 3/3 **Anchored in the Unknown: Coracle Pilgrimage**
- 3/10 **Dreams, Expectations, and Discernment**
- 3/17 **The Practice of Living in God's Presence**



# Women's Bible Study with Nancye Drukker

*A unique opportunity  
for learning & sharing*

If you don't know Nancye Drukker, you should meet her. She and her husband, Steve, are members of St. Helena's and are very active in the life of our church. What you may not know is that Nancye has a Masters degree in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary... the same seminary as Mother Jamie attended. She has also been a Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) leader for nine years and the Area Advisor for the Austin, San Antonio & Hill Country for five years.

We are so very blessed that Nancye is going to take us through the Book of Ephesians **starting Wednesday February 7 in the Parish Hall**. You may choose to come at **11 am or 6 pm**. The class will meet weekly for six weeks, excluding Ash Wednesday.

**This is a great way to connect with other women of the church** as the format of the class includes discussion time with those at your table followed by a summary talk and time for questions. All are welcome!!!!



# The Pancake Supper is Back!

## February 13 4:30 - 7:00 pm

### Wendler Hall



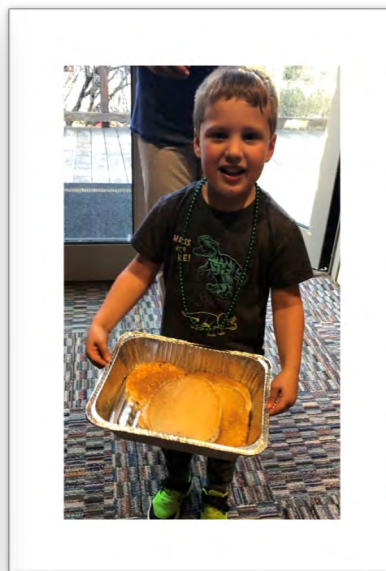
*See how much fun it was last year... don't miss it this year!*

*Help set up in the Great Room at 2:30 pm*

*Bring your spatula and flip burgers at 4:00 pm*

*Come eat 4:30 - 7:00 pm*

*Stay and help clean up anytime*



# St. Helena's Youth

## Mental Health Initiative

By Jillian Balderas and Dawn McLendon

*Our youth group would like to invite the family of St. Helena's to help us collect needed items to fill, "Mental Health Bags."*

We, the youth of St. Helena's, are constantly around people, at school, work, and even at home.

**We never know what someone is going through - either family problems, friend problems or even just not being in the right place at the moment.**

St. Helena's high school youth group decided to help others who are facing mental/emotion challenges by leading the church in **creating and distributing mental health bags for people who are struggling** and could use a distraction, a moment to center themselves and breathe, or just that extra ray of sunshine in their lives.

We all acknowledge that there is a mental health crisis in our world, but how do we begin to contribute to a solution to this problem?

Our youth group would like to invite the family of St. Helena's to help generate needed items to fill, "Mental Health Bags." We are working in conjunction with Hunter Beaton and Day One Bags of Texas, who will be providing the cloth bags that will hold the donated items.

Once we have collected the items and filled the bags, each high school youth member will take bags to different entities in town who encounter people in crisis. These entities will include fire stations & EMS stations, Hill Country Family Services, the local law enforcement entities, school nurses, etc...

**The final week of February will be our collection week. Our youth leadership team will create a Post-it note board that will be available at church for people to choose items to donate so that we get equal amounts of each item.** Items will be things like clicky pens, gum, stress balls, inspirational cards, etc. Our youth group will also write individual notes of support to place in each bag. Once we have the items, the youth will pack the bags in early March and distribute them.

**Thank you in advance for your support of this important youth outreach program.**

# St. Helena's Outreach

## Accomplishments in 2023

The Outreach Steering Committee would like to provide an update on accomplishments in 2023, and plans for 2024! Click the [blue links](#) to learn more about these organizations.

### Locally we supported the following needs:

- Held 3 very successful '[Blessings in a Backpack](#)' collections of peanut butter and canned chicken, providing less fortunate children in Boerne schools food for the weekends. On Jan 11, 2024, 605 bags were packed, a record!
- Increased our monthly outreach funding to [Hill Country Family Services](#) (HCFS) and to Blessings in a Backpack.
- Provided funding for two book fairs at Curington Elementary for children who otherwise may not have been able to obtain books.
- Provided [Transformation House](#) with supplies, a \$5000 sponsorship for their annual run/walk, and a \$1000 donation. Provide Christmas meals for 4 families.
- Conducted a cereal drive collection in May.
- Conducted a back to school clothing drive in partnership with Hill Country Daily Bread.
- Held a pet food collection during Blessing of the Animals, supporting Boerne Animal Services.
- Provided Maty's Box with support and extra food supplies.
- Held a personal hygiene drive in November, in collaboration with HCFS.
- Held the annual Angel Tree project, providing Christmas gifts to children in our schools. In 2023, we doubled our efforts by giving gifts to children at two schools, adding Champion HS and continuing with Boerne Middle School North.



### Regionally, we supported the following efforts:

- Provided \$1000 for supplies for the Diocesan Respite Center.
- Began an initiative with Blessings Bags, providing food, water and personal items packed by our youth, who added a written prayer. These were distributed to less fortunate persons in need whom we encounter on the streets.
- Restarted the Blood Mobile coming to St. Helena's twice in 2023.
- Provided a \$500 donation to [Christian Job Corps of Kendall-Bander](#) counties.

### Globally we supported:

- Initiated a fundraiser for [Episcopal Relief and Development](#) to provide relief for victims of earthquakes in Turkey and Syria and for tornado victims in Mississippi.
- Sponsored/provided \$1500 to 'Fishin for Mission', funds to support Diocesan World Mission
- Donated \$400 to Diocesan World Mission fundraiser dinner in October.
- Supported Wounded Knee mission trip.

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# St. Helena's Outreach

## Plans for 2024

<b>January</b>	Blessings in a Backpack collection
<b>February</b>	⇒ Blood Mobile ⇒ Council in Action support for Good Samaritan Community Services ⇒ Youth Initiative Project: High School Mental Health bags
<b>March</b>	Blessings Bags (bags of basic items given to less fortunate on the streets)
<b>April</b>	⇒ Blessings in a Backpack collection ⇒ Maty's Box dedication of the renovated box done by Young Adults Ministry (YAMs)
<b>May</b>	Cereal drive
<b>June</b>	⇒ Wounded Knee Mission Trip ⇒ Back to school clothing drive with Hill Country Daily Bread
<b>July</b>	Blood Mobile
<b>August</b>	Blessings in a Backpack collection
<b>September</b>	'Fishin for Mission'
<b>October</b>	Pet food collection at 'Blessing of the Animals' for Boerne Animal Services
<b>November</b>	⇒ Personal hygiene drive for Hill Country Family Services ⇒ Blessings in a Backpack ⇒ Thanksgiving meals for Transformation House
<b>December</b>	⇒ Angel Tree project ⇒ Christmas gifts for Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota ⇒ Christmas meals for Transformation House

# An Opportunity to Help Now

for Upcoming Diocese of West Texas

Council Meeting Feb. 22-24

All churches in the Diocese of West Texas send delegates to the annual council meeting. This year, the **council has designated The Good Samaritan Community Services, or Good Sam, as the Council in Action recipient.**

Good Sam is located in San Antonio and began as a ministry of the Episcopal Church in 1951. It now reaches over 4700 recipients and 1800 families in South Texas.

**In support of Good Sam, we invite all church members to participate in this giving program by donating the following items:**

- **Infant shoes or sneakers, and socks, sizes 1-12**
- **Youth shoes or sneakers, and socks, sizes 1-12**
- **For older youth, adult size shoes and socks, from size 8-12**

This is a wonderful way for St. Helena's to participate with other churches in our Diocese in spreading God's love in a tangible way to those in need.

Please bring these items to church on Sundays... there will be carts to place them in or you can drop them off at the church office (open Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm). Delegates will bring the items to council.

**Deadline for dropping these items at St. Helena's  
is Sunday February 18.**

# Senior Fellowship News



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## SENIORS' GROUP

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Our Seniors' group is for all who self-identify as seniors and/or those who like hanging out with us. All are welcome. Contact Pat at [seniors@sthelenas.net](mailto:seniors@sthelenas.net) for information.



We started off the New Year with a tour of Hill Country Family Services and were amazed at all the ways they help individuals in crisis:

- Food and financial assistance
- Assessments and community triage
- Financial literacy education and counseling
- Kendall County Blue Santa
- Life skills education, establish client plan of care, applications and referrals

If you or a friend are in need of assistance, call or txt Bryce Bodie for more information at 830-249-8643 or [www.HCFSTX.org](http://www.HCFSTX.org).

We also learned about the Hill Country Family Services - Corner Cupboard. It was filled with food, produce, toiletries, and homemade soup to eat there or take home. In addition, there were winter jackets both new and gently used available to those in need. The St Helena's Senior crochet and knitting group plan to make winter scarves and hats to go with the jackets.

### Growing Forward - Seniors Outreach:

We plan to partner with HCFS by helping them with their current wish list for the store. They are in need of healthy soups, healthy cereals, and totes for the clients carrying their groceries. We will be sharing more information about this outreach soon!

**ART HAUS**  
1:00pm Annex W  
**Feb 5 and 19**  
**March 4 & 18**  
**April 15 and 29**

### UPCOMING SENIOR'S OUTINGS

**Feb 29** Happy Tails Tour of Kendall County Animal Shelter and Lunch following at Popo's Restaurant. Bring pictures of your favorite pet.  
**March 21** TBD  
**April 25** TBD

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Crochet & Knitting**  
11am-12pm Room One Parish Hall  
**Feb 8**  
**March 14**  
**April 11**

# The Importance of Music

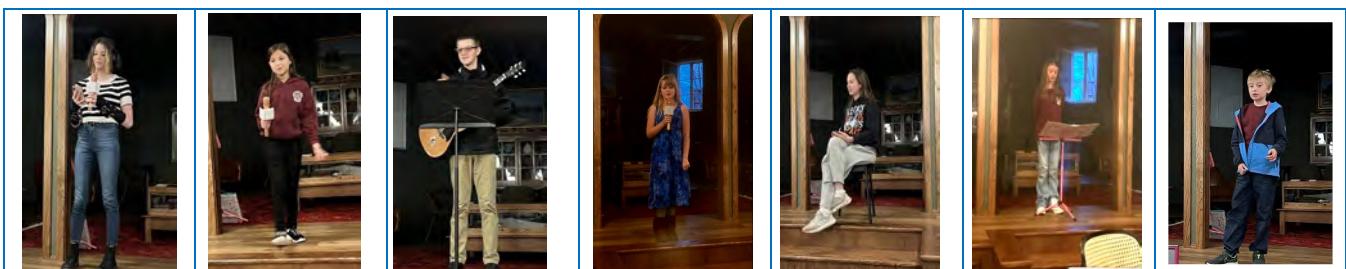
St. Helena's places great importance on music and offers worshipers a variety of experiences starting with our **contemporary Holy Eucharist Service Sundays at 9:00 am** led by Bryce Boddie. The Great Room of Wendler Hall comes alive with praise music accompanied by drums, guitars and song leaders.



**Our traditional Holy Eucharist Service is on Sundays at 11:00 am** and features our **Adult Chancel Choir** directed by Whit Matteson. His wife, Dr. Susan Matteson serves as the organist. The Chancel Choir includes vocalists from all walks of life. Together they bring alive the rich traditional music from our Episcopal hymnal and bless us with sacred anthems carefully selected for each Sunday. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the choir room, first floor of the Historic Sanctuary. We are always eager to add new members. For info, contact [choir@sthelenas.net](mailto:choir@sthelenas.net).



**St. Helena's Singers** are led by Destiny Lucero. Students 1st - 8th make up this group. They gather on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the choir room for creative fun musical games, talent shows and practices for performances at the 11:00 am Holy Eucharist services.





# Holy Week Schedule



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **March 24 - Palm Sunday, Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist**

**7:45 am** Historic Sanctuary on Rock Street

**9:00 am** Great Room in Wendler Hall on Johns Street, nursery care available\*

**11:00 am** Historic Sanctuary, nursery care available

### **March 25, 26, 27 Mon - Wed, Holy Eucharist, noon, Historic Sanctuary, Holy Eucharist**

**March 28 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm, Historic Sanctuary, Holy Eucharist, stripping of the altar, nursery care available**

**March 29 - Good Friday, noon, Historic Sanctuary, Good Friday Liturgy and reading of the Passion Narrative**

### **March 30 - Easter Vigil**

**6:00 pm** - Candlelight, Baptism, Holy Communion, the first service of Easter in the Historic Sanctuary, nursery care is available

### **March 31 - Easter Sunday**

**7:00 am** - Sunrise Service

**9:00 am** - Easter Services at the Barn (Bring lawn chairs. If bad weather, the service will be in the Great Room of Wendler Hall.) Nursery care is available.

**10:10 am** - Easter Egg Hunt

**11:00 am** - Traditional Easter Service in the Historic Sanctuary, nursery care is available



\*The nursery is located on 1st floor of the Historic Sanctuary.

# Easter Egg Hunt



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
will be held March 31 following  
the 9.00 am. service

We'll be collecting prewrapped  
Easter Candy

March 10th-24th

Join us to stuff eggs  
March 27th @1.00 p.m.

. in the parish hall.

# Transformation House Gala

**Hope**  
IN THE  
**DARK**  
A SPEAKER SERIES

LADIES, JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO  
HEAR THESE REMARKABLE WOMEN  
SHARE A PART OF THEIR STORIES.

**JORDAN ESTRADA**  
**JAMIE R. WRIGHT**  
*and*  
**SPECIAL GUEST**  
A TRANSFORMATION HOUSE  
GRADUATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH | 6:00PM  
DINNER AND DRINKS IN WENDLER HALL  
ST. HELENA'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
410 N. MAIN ST. | BOERNE

INDIVIDUAL TICKET | \$50  
TABLES | \$500  
VIP TABLES \$1000

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
Transformation House  
SUPPORTING SURVIVORS  
OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

St. Helena's is pleased to host the fifth annual Hope in the Dark event on Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 pm in Wendler Hall.

It's an inspirational evening for the women in our community to hear from some remarkable women as well as learn more about the work that Transformation House does. This year we're pleased to have Jordan Estrada, Jamie R. Wright, and one of our graduates as our guest speakers.

The evening will include a catered meal, drinks and a fantastic raffle. Tickets are available at <http://www.transformation-house.orgs>

St. Helena's has supported the Transformation House since it's inception.

Their goals are:

- ◇ To offer a place of sanctuary and rest for survivors and their children
- ◇ To build connections and stability
- ◇ To empower women and children to heal and grow in their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health
- ◇ To offer abundant hospitality, with love and grace

# Summer Camps at St. Helena's

**Summer Fun for kids  
@ St. Helena's**

**June 3rd-June 6th**  
Vacation Bible School  
Pre-K- 5th grade

**June 27th- 29th**  
**Family Camp**

**July 8th-12th**  
Fine Arts  
Academy  
2nd- 8th graders

**July 23rd-25th**  
**Camp W.A.C.K.Y.**  
3rd- 5th graders

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# St. Helena's School Extends Preschool Program

**REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN FOR THE  
2024-2025 SCHOOL  
YEAR AT ST. HELENA'S  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL**



Two options for pre-school  
Monday-Thursday  
\$6,400 per year or  
Monday-Friday  
\$7,800 per year  
8:30 - 3:00



For more  
information,  
visit our  
website or call  
830-249-8084



Kinder through 5th grade

Monday-Friday  
8:30 - 3:00

\$7,800 per year

[www.sthelenasepiscopalschool.com](http://www.sthelenasepiscopalschool.com)

# Diocesan Opportunities



There are many resources on the diocesan website <https://www.dwtx.org/events>. Examples of events include couple's weekends, Father & Son retreats, Women's retreats, etc. Below are two upcoming events for your consideration:

**120th Council of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas: February 22-24, 2024** Link: <https://www.dwtx.org/council>

**Cursillo Retreat March 17 - 20 at Camp Capers.** Cursillo (a Spanish word meaning "little course") gives church members the tools and "rules of life" to enthusiastically share the joys of knowing Christ with others in their everyday environments. Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called groups of potential leaders, trained them and sent them out to bring the world to Him. The Cursillo weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. During the weekend, participants engage in study, reflection, fellowship, and worship. The Rectora is Debbie Gardiner. Registration is open on the diocesan website. <https://www.dwtx.org/events/cursillo-291>.

**ST. HELENA'S STAFF – WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!**

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Looking for information, want to pledge or make a donation?

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