



Thank you for your support of the 22nd Annual Monsignor Braden Gala.

St. Helen Catholic Church & School fundraisers are crucial components in supporting many of the parish ministries. These fundraisers provide relief for the numerous maintenance costs of a large, educational facility.

With growth in building size comes growth in the cost of upkeep. Your support is critical!

- The parish has over 6,000 registered families.
 - Facilities at St. Helen house 50+ parish ministries, including CCE, Youth Ministry and St. Helen Catholic School.
 - There are over 1100 registered CCE students, 700 Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry students, and almost 400 Catholic school students.
 - The original St. Helen Education Building was built in 1996 and opened in August of 1997. That building's size was 25,000 sq. ft.; there were 13 classrooms, a computer lab, library, and science lab available for use.
 - In 2017, the newly renovated education facility was increased to 25 classrooms, 2 science labs, a religious atrium, a renovated library and resource room, a state-of-the-art gymnasium, and a large commercial kitchen/cafeteria, 2 work rooms, and 2 elevators. The new building boasts 75,000 sq. ft.
 - The operating expenses for most ministries is paid by St. Helen Catholic School. This is approximately \$22,000 each month.
 - The Youth Ministry hosts many Youth Rallies, retreats, and programs in the education building all year long.
 - The CCE classes are held Sunday through Thursday. The CCE program also hosts many ministry meetings, such as Baptism classes, CCE Catechist Formations, Home Study groups, preparations for the Sacrament for First Holy Communion, amongst others.
 - RCIA, CDA, JCDA, Spanish Ministries, and Adult Formation are a few more ministries who schedule events, meetings and programs throughout the year to use this new space.
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We are truly blessed to have fulfilled Monsignor Leroy Braden's vision for Catholic Education at all levels.

You are cordially invited to attend our annual gala on February 23, 2019, at the Knights of Columbus, Pearland, TX.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The funds raised will help offset the costs of this facility.

For more information, please visit www.SHCSsaints.org/support-shcs/gala.