



January 27, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Join us for dinner, dancing and fun! We cordially invite you to attend the 24th Annual Monsignor Braden Parish Gala, *Le Jardin de Sainte Helene*, on Saturday, April 10, 2021. This event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Pearland, from 4:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. The first gala event was held in 1998, hosted by the St. Helen Parish Council to honor Monsignor Braden's vision for the opening of the educational building, which is now home to all of St. Helen's Educational and Parish ministries.

An outdoor garden party has been planned to offer a breath of fresh air to our community during this time of stress and anxiety. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour, French "Happy Hour" auction and greeting, followed by a seated dinner for you and your guests catered by Pearland's new favorite, Magnolia Cajun Comfort. There will be a live auction you do not want to miss! An inviting casino and outdoor courtyard will allow ample time to mingle with other St. Helen families and Pearland community members. The silent auction and gala games will keep the entertainment alive throughout the night. Our local band Modulation made of St. Helen parishioners are ready to take your favorite songs upon request! Last, but not least, there will be a few food trucks on sight to fulfill your late-night appetites. If you are concerned for your safety and exposure to COVID-19, but still want to contribute to the success of our event, a virtual ticket option is available! With the virtual ticket purchase, you can still enjoy the catered dinner via curbside pick-up and have complete access to the live and silent auction items being offered.

The purpose of the gala is to provide financial resources for parish facilities. The St. Helen Parish hosts over 54 ministries, educates 750 Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry students, 1100 CCE students, and the Catholic School instructs almost 400 students. Due to the current global pandemic, increased costs and protocols have been accrued to ensure our facilities are safe, sanitized and functional for every day use. Our Church suffered a big hit during the shutdown; by not conducting in-person Masses for months, parish finances struggled. Our goal with this fundraiser is to help with any additional financial needs in the future.

In recent years, much growth has taken place on our beautiful campus. What a blessing it continues to be! By coming together as a community, we create a foundation for the future of our parish.

If you would like more information about this event, please contact the school office at 281-485-2845 with any questions. We thank you and look forward to sharing this exceptional evening with you!

In His Grip,

Rev. Carl James Courville
Pastor, St. Helen Catholic Church & School

