

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Monsignor Braden Gala

## Saturday, April 23, 2022

December 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Join us for dinner, dancing and fun! We cordially invite you to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Monsignor Braden Gala, **Today's Special Moments Are Tomorrow's Memories** -Genie, Aladdin, on Saturday, April 23, 2022. This event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Pearland, from 6:00 p.m.- 1:00 a.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.

Join us in celebrating 25 years of Catholic education in the Pearland community. This year's theme is an Arabian night, and we will begin the evening with a cocktail hour and host the return of our famous dessert auction tradition. The night's event will include a best dressed Genie contest, a photobooth and caricature artist, and a Kendra Scott booth, followed by a seated dinner for you and your guests. Dinner will be specially catered by Pearland's new favorite, Magnolia Cajun Comfort. There will be an exclusive live auction you do not want to miss! An inviting casino and outdoor lounge will allow ample time to mingle with other St. Helen families and Pearland community members. The silent auction, casino, poker tournament and gala games will keep the entertainment alive throughout the night. Our local band, Modulation, composed of St. Helen parishioners, are ready to play your favorite songs upon request! Last, but not least, there will be food trucks on sight to fulfill your late-night appetites.

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 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; Because our church could not conduct in-person Mass for months, financial contributions suffered and parish budgets struggled, including the ministries' budgets. Our goal with this fundraiser is to assist with any current and future financial needs our parish community may experience.

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. Jim Courville*

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