

ST. HELEN'S DIVORCED FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP CLUB



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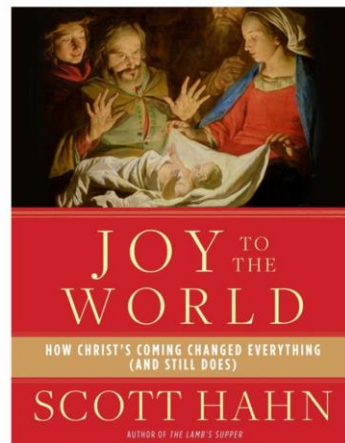
St. Helen, patron saint of divorced people, pray for us.

Since the Christmas season can be particularly difficult for people who have faced, or are facing, divorce, it is especially important that we support each other either in prayer, or in person. We might feel that the title of Christina Rossetti's hymn, "In the Bleak Midwinter," describes this moment in our lives. But also remember, her response to the presence of the Christ Child in the manger amidst that bleakness:

What can I give Him,/ poor as I am?/ If I were a shepherd,/ I would bring a lamb,/ if I were a wise man/ I would do my part,/ yet what I can, I give Him,/ give my heart.

Please consider joining us in celebrating the Christmas seasons together by reading *Joy to the World* by Scott Hahn with us. See the Virtual Book Club event for January 9th below.

- Thursday, January 9th, 6:30–9:30 PM. Virtual Book Club discussion of *Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything*, by Scott Hahn. Link sent out on GroupMe
- Saturday, January 11th, Mass at St. Joseph in Downers Grove, followed by dinner TBA.
- Tuesday, January 14th, 7:00–9:00 PM. Divorce Support Group at St. Elizabeth Seaton.
- Thursday, January 23rd, 6:30–7:30 PM. Virtual planning session for upcoming events. Link sent out on GroupMe



Top Left: Holiday reading for the whole club

Bottom Left: Dinner at El Zarape, where the club's first meeting was held on January 13, 2023

Right: After Mass at St. Mike's in Wheaton

*Going through divorce? Recently divorced?
Still healing from divorce? Join us:*
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