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Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

## Daily Mass

Monday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.

## Holy Day Mass

Evening Before 5:30 P.M.

Holy Day 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 3:00–3:30 P.M.

## Sacrament of Baptism

A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care.

## Sacrament of Marriage

The bride or groom must be an active registered parishioner for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding at St. Helena.

## Nursery

Services available during the 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass.

## Parish Registration

To register in the parish, please fill out a registration form and return to the Parish Office. Registration forms are available at the entrances of the Church. Return completed form to the Parish Office.

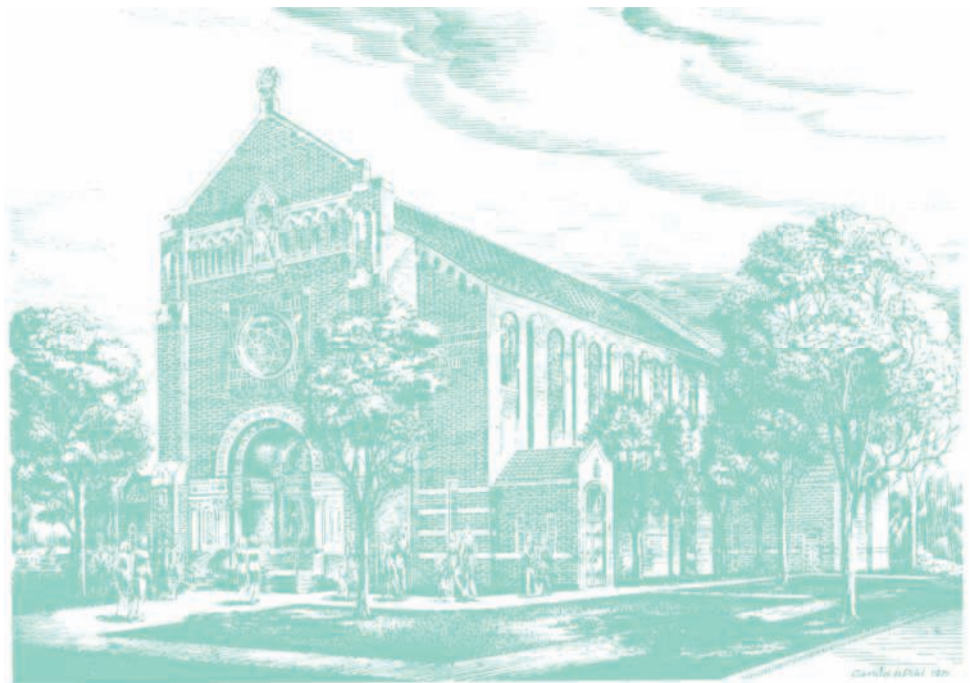
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# The Church of St. Helena

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 4, 2019**

*Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."*

- Lk 12:13-15



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## THE WORD

The parable of the rich man in today's gospel is a story that we typically pass over for ourselves because most of us are not among the wealthy of the world. But, in the wisdom of Jesus, the story is not so much about being wealthy as it is about greed, which can touch most of us, and the interesting thing is that we don't see ourselves as greedy until someone else tells us, as Jesus told the young man in today's gospel: Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.

Greed is an excessive desire for getting or having wealth. It is the desire for more than one needs or deserves, and it typically closes our eyes to the needs of others. Greed

is one of what we call the seven capital sins in our tradition; dispositions which lead us to other sins and vices. The seven capital sins are; pride, avarice (greed), envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth. I think Paul has this in mind in our second reading today when he speaks about immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, and the greed that is idolatry. Greed is part of the "worldly spirit" which closes us off to our life after death.

One of the great reminders for any kind of greed in our lives is almsgiving, giving to the poor and the needy, and sometimes even going beyond what is expected. It is repeated frequently throughout the gospels, and is certainly evident in the great miracle of the loaves and fish.

Father Villano

## PASTOR'S REMARKS

1) The need for volunteers for our Parish Festival is ongoing. If you have not yet volunteered, there is still time, and it's necessary for planning. The Festival takes place on Sept. 13, 14, and 15. Please pray for good weather!

2) Back to School Night is Wed. Aug. 21, from 4:00-6:30 P.M. in Rowan Hall. All students should be registered at this time.

3) If you are new to the parish and would like to become a member of the parish, registration forms are available at the entrance of the church. Registration in the parish is important for parish planning as well as for Archdiocesan planning. The story of the beautiful St. Andrew's Church in the Como area is not unknown in our time.

4) *What does the Lord, your God, ask of you but to fear the Lord, your God, and follow his ways exactly, to love and serve the Lord, your God, with all your heart and all your soul?*  
Deuteronomy 10:12

**VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION**—St. Helena will host a VIRTUS Training Session: Protecting God's Children for Adults Awareness Session on Thursday, August 14, from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. in Rowan Hall. In order to volunteer or work with children, this is one of three requirements you must complete. Registration is done online at the website below, or contact the school or parish offices for assistance. <http://safe-environment.archspm.org/essential-3/>. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

**A FINE BOOK TO UNDERSTAND THE FAITH IS AVAILABLE**—The book entitled *Outlines of the Catholic Faith* is available in the bulletin racks. We would appreciate a free-will donation of \$2 to cover the cost of the book.

**DO YOU CROCHET, EMBROIDER, OR KNIT?**—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at "Autumn Daze," sells items that are crocheted, embroidered, or knitted. Donate your crafted items to the Festival on Friday, September 13, or Saturday, September 14.

## ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC DEAF MINISTRY LUNCH AND CONCERT

—A Fried Chicken Lunch and Concert to Support Archdiocesan Catholic Deaf Ministry will be held on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2019, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 701 Fillmore Ave. NE, Minneapolis. Order your tickets now for fried chicken lunch from noon–1:15 P.M. followed by an ASL interpreted concert featuring Country Music Singer Kristine Wriding 1:30–3:30 p.m. Meet and greet after concert with desserts for sale. Donations gladly accepted. For Tickets/Donations to Deaf Ministry/Information, call Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 612-623-4019.

**ST. HELENA CHURCH HAS A CRY ROOM**—If you are a parent with small children or infants, you can take advantage of the Cry Room during Mass at St. Helena Church. It's located in the front of the church, if you go through the side door by the Baptismal font. After you go through the door, turn left, go up a small series of steps, open a door, and you'll enter a room where you can be close to the altar and that has the prayers miked into it, you can see everything that's happening, and your little ones can cry or talk without disturbing others in the main part of the church.

## A NURSERY SERVICE DURING THE 10:00 MASS

—St. Helena Church has a nursery service for small children (up to but not including first grade) during the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sundays. There is no charge for the service. Parents may bring the children downstairs to the nursery before Mass begins, and an adult will watch your children for you while you attend Mass. If you have any questions, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**—For the faithful who are homebound or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV: TV Mass WUCW channel 23 (CW) at 9:30 A.M.

**BUY SOME CASES OF POP FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”**—We are only serving cans of pop and not having fountain pop this year at “Autumn Daze.” So, we really could use cases of cans of pop donated, particularly Pepsi products for the main food lines (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, and Sierra Mist), but other products are fine for the Bingo Concessions and Outdoor Pizza Booth. If a store has a sale on pop, pick up some cases for the “Autumn Daze” Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Office for “Autumn Daze.” We need lots of pop for “Autumn Daze”.

**YOU CAN ALSO VOLUNTEER FOR “AUTUMN DAZE” ON-LINE**—You now have the option of volunteering for “Autumn Daze” on-line by clicking on *sthele-na.ivolunteer.com/autumndaze2019*. You can also volunteer by talking to a live person, if you call Paul Rivers (612-724-9201).

**IMPORTANT FESTIVAL CAPTAINS MEETING—THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7**—All “Autumn Daze” captains of booths and service areas are asked to attend an important meeting on this Wednesday, August 7, at 7:30 P.M. in Rowan Hall. You are also invited to donate a bottle, canned good, or dry good for the “General Store Bonanza.” (The best donation that evening will receive a prize.) If you cannot make this meeting, please call Dennis or Jackie Fischbach (651-214-2757) or John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**YOU ARE ASKED TO PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**—Please pick up your raffle tickets in the back of the church on this weekend, August 3 and 4. Save some volunteer the time of having to deliver them to your home. Every envelope-holding parishioner has an envelope with raffle tickets. Sell your tickets or purchase them yourself, and you may be the winner of a great prize.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN**—Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can register them in the 2019–2020 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. This program begins on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:45 P.M. in the school.

**2019-2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**—Children in St. Helena parish in the eighth grade (and high school, if they have not yet been Confirmed) will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on May 19, 2020. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, please enroll now in the 2019-2020 Confirmation Program to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**GOOD, USED FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**—When your cleaning your homes, donate good, used furniture and household items to the “Autumn Daze” Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, and some of the other booths. Bring the items to the Parish Offices or call 612-275-0431 to have them picked up. (No clothes, stoves, electronic musical organs, refrigerators, exercise equipment, or couches, please.)

**WINE FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”**—The next time you’re at a liquor store, buy several bottles of wine to donate to the

“Autumn Daze” Festival. They can be used for prizes and the basket auction. Bring the bottles to the Parish Offices.

**WANTED: CANNED VEGETABLES OR HOMEMADE JELLIES**—We can use some of your canned summer vegetables and/or your homemade jellies for the “Farmers’ Market” at “Autumn Daze.” Please bring to the school on the days of the festival.

**HAS ANYONE EVER GIVEN YOU A GIFT CARD TO A RESTAURANT THAT YOU’RE NOT GOING TO USE?**—The restaurant is a good one, but it’s out of the area or serves food that your diet restricts. Give that gift card to the “Autumn Daze” Festival. We can use it as a prize. Just put it in an envelope labeled “Autumn Daze,” and drop the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**—Let that person know that the Church of St. Helena has a program which prepares people to become Catholic on Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. Also, if Tuesday evenings are impossible to make, another time can be arranged. For more information, call Fr. Villano or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

**PARISHIONERS WHO NEED HELP**—Are you aware of parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems? Those individuals (or families) can receive assistance from the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference. You can give those persons’ names to the parish conference which reaches out to families and individuals who are having difficulties. (You and the names of the needy parishioners will be kept confidential.) For more information or to give the conference names of families and individuals who need help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**THE NEXT TIME YOU’RE GROCERY SHOPPING**—Buy a gift card for groceries that can be distributed to needy persons by the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish. Place the card in an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul Conference” and put the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

**YOU CAN BE PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to needy individuals or families who need assistance. Conference members visit their homes to assess how they can be of service and in a very personalized and confidential way give them help. Our next meeting is on Thursday, August 15, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**STUFFED ANIMALS AND GOOD, USED TOYS**—Donate good, used toys and stuffed animals for “Autumn Daze.” You can bring them to the Parish Offices.

**AUTUMN DAZE**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 14, & 15**



**SCRIPTURE #1162**

**Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11  
Lk 12:13-21**

**MASS INTENTIONS  
8:00 AM**

**Monday † Roman Heinen**  
**Tuesday † Ellen Carvatt**  
**Wednesday † Dolores Nelson**  
**Thursday † Esther Gruidl**  
**Friday † Patience Ajaluwa**  
**Saturday † Beth & † Richard Anderson**

**SACRISTY AIDES**—Eileen Bauer and Lucy Koller, (Linens) Mary DeLuney

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*August 5:* Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21  
*August 6:* Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19,  
Lk 9:28b-36  
*August 7:* Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a,  
34-35, Mt 15:21-28  
*August 8:* Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23  
*August 9:* Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28  
*August 10:* 2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26  
*August 11:* Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19,  
Lk 12:32-48

**PARISH CALENDAR**

*August 5 – August 12*

*August 5*  
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm  
*August 6*  
*August 7*  
-Festival Captains Mtg., RH, 7:30 pm  
*August 8*  
*August 9*  
*August 10*  
*August 11*  
-Donuts & Coffee after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses, RH  
*August 12*  
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

**PRAYER CORNER**

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth and of all created things, you make your just ones holy and you justify sinners who confess your name. Hear us as we humbly pray to you: give us eternal joy with your saints.

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## **ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS**

\*St. Helena National Night Out—Join school, parish, and neighborhood families for fun and fellowship at St. Helena Catholic School. We will have music, inflatable duel racing slides, ice cream, games, and more. Join us on August 6, from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Bring any families who may be interested in our school or parish. All are welcome.

**WE HAVE A WISH LIST FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”:** Here’s some of the items and services which can be donated by individuals, corporations, or groups of people for the auction, prizes, or Attic Treasures:

- \*Snow Blowing & Shoveling
- \*Lawn Services
- \*Home Services-carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and masonry
- \*Event Tickets-concerts, shows
- \*Housecleaning Services
- \*A Catered Brunch, Luncheon, Dinner, or Reception
- \*Sporting Goods
- \*A Child’s Birthday Party
- \*Vacation Homes
- \*Cabin Stays
- \*Fishing Boats & Kayaks
- \*Hotel Packages
- \*Memberships
- \*Gift Cards
- \*Tickets to sporting events—Vikings, Twins, Wild, Timberwolves, Gophers
- \*Fishing Excursions
- \*Hunting Trips
- \*Butchering of a deer
- \*Used Automobiles, Motorcycles, Trucks

If you have any questions, call 612-275-0431. Bring items, tickets, or certificates for the services to the Parish Offices.

**BAPTISM**—A Baptism Preparation Program is required for all registered first-time parents. To register for the class, please call Virginia, the Director of Pastoral Care, at 612-729-7344.

**DO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER NEED A VISIT?**—If you or your loved one will be hospitalized or homebound, and would like to receive Eucharist, let us know. Keep in mind hospitals and healthcare facilities cannot contact us. We need to be contacted by family. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care, Virginia, at 612-729-7344.



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