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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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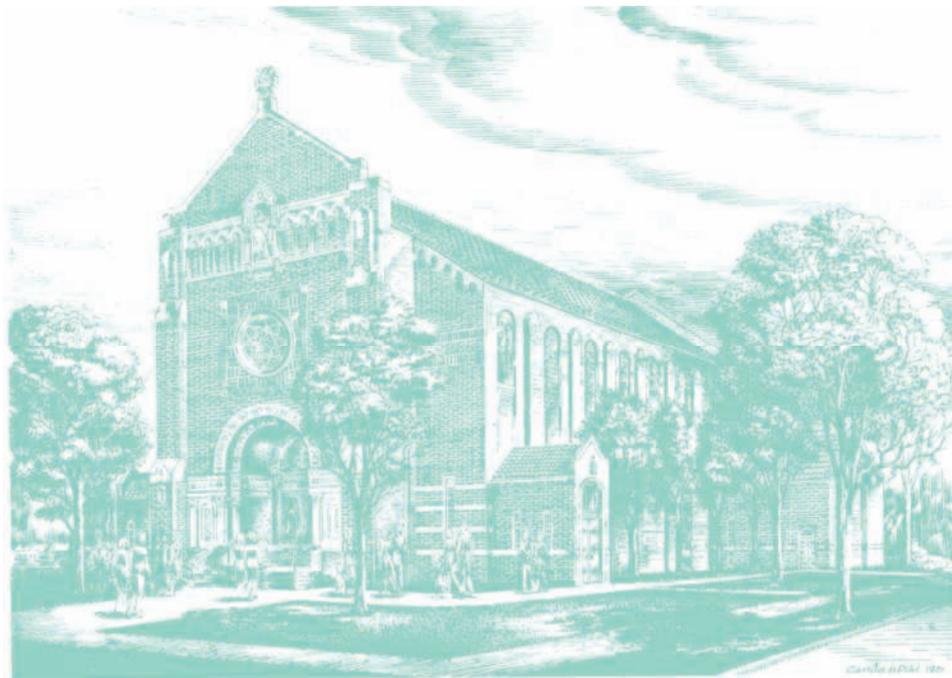
**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 1, 2019**

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor,  
the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will  
you be because of their inability to repay you.*

*For you will be repaid*

*at the resurrection of the righteous."*

- Lk 14:13-14



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**THE WORD**

The wisdom of Jesus in today's gospel is not easy for most of us. He tells us: Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. He is speaking about pride and humility, both of which we see in others but not in ourselves, both of which seem to be based on our money and possessions, or what we have rather than on who we are as human beings, both of which we avoid thinking about in our spiritual lives because we don't want to be humble or proud. It's interesting to me that Jesus speaks more about being humble than about pride, but I think that's because humility is the best way to overcome pride.

Sinful pride shows its face in many ways. It's evident when we are arrogant in the presence of others, when we are ambitious at the expense of others, when we think more of ourselves than about others, when we complain a lot about what we don't have rather than be grateful for our bles-

sings, and when we see the ten commandments as an imposition on our lifestyle, not unlike the first sin of Adam and Eve. And of course, we recant people who tell us about our weakness and limitations, and love people who sing our praise. Sinful pride is not unknown to us.

The practice of humility is not easy. Jesus tells us to avoid seeking the first place in line and to help people who can't repay you. God tells us in our first reading today from the Book of Sirach: Seek not what is too sublime for you...Search not into things beyond our strength...Have an attentive ear to the needs of others...and, Give alms for the atonement of sins. Needless to say, it doesn't happen all at once, but we need to start someplace. If we humble ourselves before God, we will be humble before others.

Father Villano

**PASTOR'S REMARKS**

1) As you have probably read or heard, Archbishop Hebda has called for an Archdiocesan Synod to take place in our archdiocese the weekend of May 23, 2021. The planning and the timeline are already in process. A Synod is a gathering of the Bishops, priests, and laity to establish priorities for a 5-10 year time horizon for our Archdiocese. These priorities will undergird a pastoral plan for bringing renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. Beginning in September of this year, there will be 20 open Prayer and Listening Events throughout the Archdiocese (Sept. 2019-March 2020), at least one in each deanery, to which all of you are invited for your input. The schedule is posted on our bulletin board in the church. In the fall of 2020, parish consultations will take place, open to all parishioners, to address questions and propositions that come to light during the listening sessions. Deanery consultation will take place in January and February of 2021. On the weekend of May 23, 2021, the Archdiocese Synod Assembly will take place. Each parish must organize a Parish Ambassador Team of 12 members to assist in the process and the program as it evolves. We are in the process of getting a Team organized. It should be an interesting year!

2) Enjoy the Labor Day weekend! It's a great opportunity to recognize the blessings of work and play in our lives. We need both to have a happy and holy life.

3) The new school year begins this week. We welcome our students and the blessing of our school to grow in body, mind, and heart, in faith, hope, and charity.

4) *Let us never be boastful, or challenging, or jealous toward one another...Help carry one another's burdens; in that way you fulfill the law of Christ.* Galatians 5:26-6.2

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE**—All volunteers who have regular interaction with youth and vulnerable adults need to be certified under the Archdiocesan Safe Environ-

ment standards. Together we can work to protect God's children and the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your shared commitment to the achievement of this goal. In addition, the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance line is 651-291-4475.

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

**THE 2019-2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**—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 next May (2020). If you are not in St. Helena grade school, please register now in the 2019-2020 Confirmation Program to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**CRY ROOM FOR PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN OR INFANTS**—You can find the "Cry Room" 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.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**—The parish community prays that *Joan Reynolds* may rejoice in the gift of everlasting life in the full embrace of God our Father, and that her family and friends and this community may trust more deeply in the promises of Jesus for eternal life.

**STEWARDSHIP** Stewardship usually is thought of in terms of money. But, there is more to Stewardship than monetary ‘treasure’. We also are asked to give of our ‘time’ and ‘talent’. To that end, please consider at this **Autumn Daze Festival** time of year as your opportunity to sign up where St. Helena has great need of your time and where St. Helena can use your talent. For those of you savvy in such things, please go to [www.sainthelena.us](http://www.sainthelena.us), click on the big Festival button, then the ‘Volunteer’ tab, and sign up for at least 8 hours of time to use that talent of yours. Not savvy? Contact Paul Rivers (612-260-5722 or [perivrs1@mac.com](mailto:perivrs1@mac.com)).

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic begins on Tuesday, September 24, 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.

**PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP**—Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems can receive help from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name will be kept confidential.) If you need help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**PURCHASE A GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES**—Buy a gift card for groceries and give the card to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which can give it to a needy person or family. 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.

**ASSIST THE NEEDY OF THE PARISH**—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. We meet Thursday, September 19, at 6:30 P.M. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**WINNER FOR EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**—The winner for the first Early Bird Raffle is Jerry Johnson. Anyone who purchases or sells their two books of Raffle Tickets for “Autumn Daze” before 9:00 P.M. on Monday, September 9, is eligible for another Early Bird Drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from Carbone’s Pizza and Pub in Minneapolis. Turn your tickets into the collection or the Parish Offices.

**DISCOVERY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH**—Whether you are Catholic, haven’t been to Church in a while, are non-Catholic, or want to help others discover the Lord, come check out our new Discovery small-group sessions! We will encounter the love, forgiveness and salvation offered in Jesus Christ and gain a deep and lasting conversion of heart and life while making new friends. Our first of six weekly sessions

will begin at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, September 23, in the Parish Offices. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members! There is no cost and you will receive a participant guide. Donations, however, will be accepted. If you would like to check us out, call Ruth Caron at 763-742-0752 or John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**MANY HANDS NEEDED TO DELIVER THE “AUTUMN DAZE” EXPRESS**—Please take a route to deliver the “Autumn Daze” Express at your leisure from Saturday August 31, through September 7. You can pick up routes in Rowan Hall after the Masses on this weekend. (If you need to pick a route at a different time, call 612-275-0431.

**FESTIVAL CAPTAINS—IMPORTANT MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**—All “Autumn Daze” captains of booths and service areas are asked to attend an important meeting on Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 P.M. in Rowan Hall. They are also invited to donate a bottle, canned good, or dry good for the “General Store Bonanza.” (The best gift of the evening will receive a prize.) If a captain cannot make this meeting, please call Dennis and Jackie Fischbach at (651-214-2757) or John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**“AUTUMN DAZE” BAND PRACTICES**—If you are young or old and can play a band instrument, you are invited to march with the St. Helena Marching Band in the “Autumn Daze” Parade on Saturday morning, September 14. Practices are scheduled for this Tuesday, September 3, and Monday, September 9, in Rowan Hall from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. For information, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**CARPENTERS, PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, HOUSECLEANERS, ACCOUNTANTS, ATTORNEYS, CHEFS, MUSICIANS, AND OTHER KINDS OF PROFESSIONALS**—Donate several hours of your services to be auctioned in the “Silent Auction” at “Autumn Daze.” If you need help in making a certificate or if you would like to donate your services, please call 612-275-0431.

**ARE YOU MOVING OR DOWNSIZING?**—“Autumn Daze” Festival can use those good, used household items and furniture that you want to get rid of. Please call 612-275-0431, if you need them picked up. (No couches, exercise equipment, refrigerators, stoves, electronic musical organs, or clothes, please.)

**WANTED: GOOD, USED BOOKS FOR THE FESTIVAL**—Donate your good, used books (fiction or non-fiction) to the “Autumn Daze” Bookstore. No romance novels, please. You can bring them to the Parish Offices. If you need them picked up, call 612-275-0431.

***TWO WEEKS AWAY: “AUTUMN DAZE”  
SEPTEMBER 14, 15, & 16***

**ST. HELENA CHURCH HAS A NURSERY SERVICE AVAILABLE DURING THE 10:00 SUNDAY MASS**—St. Helena Church offers a nursery service for small children (up to but not including first grade) during the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sundays. There’s no charge. Parents may bring the children downstairs to the nursery before Mass.



**SCRIPTURE #1174**

**Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Lk 14:1, 7-14**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:00 AM**

<b>Monday</b>	†	<b>Mary Boisvert</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	†	<b>Ellen Carvatt</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	†	<b>Mary Ann Mendoza</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	†	<b>Chester Jaguszewski</b>
<b>Friday</b>	†	<b>Josiah Ajaluwa</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	†	<b>Barb Westling</b>

**SACRISTY AIDES**—Virginia Tschida: (Linens)  
Krysta Niznick

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Monday:* 1 Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4:16-30  
*Tuesday:* 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11, Lk 4:31-37  
*Wednesday:* Col 1:1-8, Lk 4:38-44  
*Thursday:* Col 1:9-14, Lk 5:1-11  
*Friday:* Col 1:15-20, Lk 5:33-39  
*Saturday:* Col 1:21-23, Lk 6:1-5  
*Sunday:* Wis 9:13-18b, Phlm 9-10, 12-17,  
Lk 14:25-33

**PARISH CALENDAR**

*September 2 – September 9*

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**-Parish Offices Closed-Labor Day**  
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

*September 3*

-Band Practice, R.H., 7:00-8:00 pm

*September 4*

-Rel. Ed. & Confirmation classes, School, at 6:45 pm

*September 5*

-Festival Captain's Meeting, R.H., 7:30 pm

*September 6*

*September 7*

*September 8*

-Donuts & Coffee after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses, RH

*September 9*

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm  
-Band Practice, R.H., 7:00-8:00 pm

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## **ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS**

**Invitation to Tutor—Catholic Tutor Corps**—Please consider contributing to the success of a student and enhancing the academic program at St. Helena by volunteering to tutor students. These one-to-one math or reading sessions have an easy commitment of two hours a week. Teachers, students, and tutors all benefit from this program! Please contact Jerry Johnson, parishioner/tutor, or the school office for more information or to sign up.

**TICKETS TO SPORTING EVENTS, CONCERTS, AND PLAYS**—Donate tickets to Viking games, a Gopher's Games, the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, or your favorite theatre to the "Autumn Daze" Festival. They can be auctioned or used for prizes. Call 612-275-0431, if you have any questions.

**SAVE MONEY AND PURCHASE PRE-FESTIVAL RIDE TICKETS**—Ride tickets will be sold in the back of church, downstairs at Doughnuts and Coffee, and at the Parish Offices. Tell your friends, neighbors, and relatives, so they, too, can save on these discounted tickets.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T DONATED ITEMS TO "AUTUMN DAZE"**—Check out a table located in the back of church with cards listing items we need for the festival. Take several cards listing the items and bring the items to the Parish Offices.

**WANTED: ITEMS FOR THE GENERAL STORE BONANZA**—Give the following items to General Store Bonanza at the festival: bottles of merchandise (such as detergent, syrup, and orange juice) or canned goods or dry goods. Please bring them to the back of church or the Parish Offices. Items should not have expiration date before October 31st.

**WINE FOR THE "AUTUMN DAZE" FESTIVAL**—If you are out shopping, buy several bottles of wine to give to "Autumn Daze." We can use the wine for the Wine Walk, the Wine Toss, for Baskets, or other prizes. Bring the wine to the Parish Offices.

**WANTED: STUFFED ANIMALS AND GOOD, USED TOYS**—Give good, used toys and stuffed animals to "Autumn Daze." Please bring them to the Parish Offices.

**CROCHETED, EMBROIDERED, OR KNITTED ITEMS**—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at "Autumn Daze" can use crocheted, embroidered, or knitted items. Donate your crafted items to the Festival on Friday, September 14, or Saturday, September 15.

### **PRAYER CORNER**

Lord, teach us goodness, discipline, and wisdom, and these gifts will keep us from becoming hardened by evil, weakened by laziness or ignorant because of foolishness.



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