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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

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2019**

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"

- Lk 16:25



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THE WORD

Jesus is not unaware of the problems we have with money, whether it's too much or too little. It's been a problem for a long time, and it's a problem that never goes away. Money is always a big issue in people's lives, so evident throughout the gospels. We have the story of the young man who wanted to follow Jesus but couldn't part with his money, and we have the story of Judas who sold off Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Jesus could have had all the money in the world, but he chose a simple and humble life and always had a special love for the poor and needy, the simple life and the humble people. We even, at times, remember the story of the widow's mite!

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus again spoke about money, that we cannot serve both God and money. If our love for God surpasses our love for money, we can handle the problems we have with money. But if our love and passion for

money surpasses our love for God and others, and it happens for a lot of people, the problems become worse and, as Jesus tells us in this week's gospel, there are eternal consequences!

The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus is not without meaning for all of us. Poor Lazarus ends up in heaven, and the rich man is tormented in the netherworld, where he can't be helped! I don't think that the rich man ended up in torment because he was rich, but because he failed to help and respect poor Lazarus and the needy in his life time. How we use our money and what we do with our money has eternal consequences.

Most of us are not rich and most of us are not poor, but how we help the poor and the needy in this world will have eternal consequences.

Father Villano

Submit to God; resist the devil and he will take flight. Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Be humbled in the sight of the Lord and he will raise you on high.

(James 4:7)

CHRISTIAN BURIAL—The parish community prays that *Lee Jacobs* may rejoice in the gift of everlasting life in the full embrace of God our Father, and that his family and friends and this community may trust more deeply in the promises of Jesus for eternal life. Please refer to Obituary for place and date of funeral details.

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

17TH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION—In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, join us for the annual Candlelight Rosary Procession on Friday, October 4, led by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. Gather at the State Capitol at 6:30 P.M. The procession to the Cathedral of Saint Paul begins at 7:00 P.M. Those who cannot walk the route may go directly to the Cathedral to pray the Rosary.

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT FALL FESTIVAL AND ROAST BEEF DINNER—Please join us Sunday, September 29, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for a full roast beef dinner for just \$14 for adults, \$7 for kids aged 6-12; children 5/under free. Bingo Noon to 4:00 P.M. And live music, cash raffle and more. Festival will be in the Social Hall at St. Albert's on the corner of E. 29th St. at 32nd Ave. S., Minneapolis. For more info visit www.saintalbertthegreat.org or call 612-724-3643.

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS—You've heard of Theology on Tap? Now presenting Curatio on Caffeine! Includes a light supper. Join us for coffeehouse style presentation on "Seeing Healthcare Encounters as Holy Ground." on Thursday, October 10, from 5:30-7:00 P.M. at The Grateful Table Café, 2804 Fairview Ave N, Roseville. The presentation will be by Dr. Mitch Morey, followed by Q & A with Curatio founder Dianne Johnson RN, Moderator UST Philosopher Prof. Stephen Heaney and you, the audience. Go to CuratioApostolate.com to learn more and register.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD—UPCOMING PRAYER AND LISTENING EVENTS—What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. The next two events are: Friday, October 11, 6:00-9:00 P.M. at Guardian Angels (Oakdale), and on Saturday, October 12, 9:00 A.M.—Noon at Our Lady of Guadalupe (St. Paul)—bilingual event: Spanish/English. Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

SALE—You can purchase cases of pop and straw bales in Rowan Hall after the Sunday Masses on this weekend. Straw bales are \$4 a bale and the pop is \$3 for a case of 12 or \$5 for a case of 24.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME FALL FESTIVAL—Please join us on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at Holy Name Church, 3637 11th Ave. S., Minneapolis, for our Fall Festival from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The festival includes a pancake breakfast, Eat Street, bingo, children's games, beer garden, raffle, silent auction, and more! For more info visit www.churchoftheholyname.org or call 612-724-5465.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12—The first Women's Breakfast of this season is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, at 8:30 A.M. in Rowan Hall. The cost is \$5 for the breakfast. Participants are invited to come to the Mass at 8:00 A.M. in church before the Breakfast. Registrations should be made before 12:00 Noon on Friday, October 11, by calling 612-729-7321.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26—Plan ahead for the first Men's Breakfast of this season on Saturday, October 26, at 8:30 A.M. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Participants are also invited to attend the 8:00 Mass in church before the Breakfast. Registrations should be made before 12:00 Noon on Friday, October 25, by calling 612-729-7321.

REGISTRATION FOR PRE-SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM—Parents with rambunctious of 3, 4 and 5-year-old children can take advantage of the Pre-School Religious Education Program in Rowan Hall on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 A.M. Mass beginning Sunday, October 6. The tuition for the school year until May is \$50 (although no child will be deprived of religious education because of finances). To register, come downstairs to Rowan Hall after the 8:30 or 10:00 Masses on this Sunday, September 29, or call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—Please let that individual know that the Church of St. Helena is again offering a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It began on Tuesday, September 24, at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building, but it is not too late to enroll. 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.

A GOOD BOOK—The book entitled *Outlines of the Catholic Faith* is available in the book rack in the back of the Church. We would appreciate a free-will donation of \$2 to cover the cost of the book.

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ON THIS SUNDAY MORNING—Come to Doughnuts and Coffee on Sunday morning downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses. It's a great way to meet parishioners.

DISCOVERY—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 began 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 763-742-0762 or John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

BECOME PART OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—You can assist needy families and individuals by being part of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish by coming to the next meeting on Thursday, October 10, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

A CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY—TO VISIT THE SICK—Musicians (beginner, professional, or in-between) can do a corporal work of mercy by being a part of the St. Helena Music Troop. You do not have to be a professional musician or have to come each time we perform. The people who entertain do not play music as a group but individually play the piano, band or symphonic instruments, or sing. If you are interested in participating, please call John Sondag (612-275-0431.)

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF HELP?—If you are a parishioner who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems, you can receive help from the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (If you let the conference know of your need, your name will be kept confidential.) For more information or to give the conference your name and need, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

WE HAVE A "CRY ROOM"—Parents with small children and infants are welcome to use 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.

WE ALSO HAVE A NURSERY SERVICE DURING THE 10:00 SUNDAY 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).

GIVE A GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES—When you're grocery shopping, 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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS—Tuesday, October 8, 7:00-8:00 P.M. at Nativity of Our Lord, St. Paul—You are invited to participate in the Holy Hours for Vocations. Each month, the event will take place at another parish in the Archdiocese. Come spend an hour with Jesus each month to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and diaconate. For more information, please call 651-962-6890 or visit 1000vocations.org.



SCRIPTURE #1186

**Am 6:1a, 4-7
1 Tm 6:11-16
Lk 16:19-31**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday	†	Florence Fienhage
Tuesday	†	Ellen Carvatt
Wednesday	†	Edmund & † Helen Henning
Thursday	†	Dorothea Mosiniak
Friday	†	Marie Taylor
Saturday	†	Darlene Peterson

SACRISTY AIDES—Virginia Tschida; (Linens)
Eloise McDonald

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 30: Zec 8:1-8, Lk 9:46-50
October 1: Zec 8:20-23, Lk 9:51-56
October 2: Neh 2:1-8, Mt 18:1-5, 10
October 3: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12,
Lk 10:1-12
October 4: Bar 1:15-22, Lk 10:13-16
October 5: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Lk 10:17-24
October 6: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Tm 1:6-8,
13-14, Lk 17:5-1

PARISH CALENDAR

September 30
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm
-Evangelization Meeting, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm
October 1
-Catechumenate Program, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm
October 2
-Religious Ed. & Confirmation Classes, School, 6:45 pm
October 3
October 4
October 5
-Marathon for Non-Public Education
October 6
-Doughnuts & Coffee, RH, after 8:30 & 10:00 Masses
-Pre-School Religious Education, RH, 9:45 am
October 7
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm
-Evangelization Meeting, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm

PRAYER CORNER God our Father, may all nations and peoples praise you. May Jesus, who is called faithful and true and who lives with you eternally, possess our hearts forever.

ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

St. Helena Catholic School Joins Community Partnership to Advance STEM Teaching and Learning Science from Scientists (SfS)

St. Helena students have an exciting opportunity to participate in a three-year program, funded by the 3M, Schott, and Cargill Foundations, that will provide classroom programming and related teacher professional development. The goal of this partnership is to support teachers and schools in increasing the frequency and quality of STEM learning experiences for students.

Our fourth and fifth-grade classrooms and their teachers, Ms. LaPlante and Ms. Wratkowski, will participate and engage in highly interactive and standards-based lessons once a month from September through May. Our teachers will co-teach with the SfS instructor, gradually increasing their role from lesson assistant to lesson leader throughout the school year. Plus, Ms. LaPlante and Ms. Wratkowski will participate in STEM teaching workshops and professional development. Some of the exciting lessons will include: The Spread of Infectious Disease, Engineering Redesign, Blood Typing (with artificial blood), and Experimenting with our Brains. St. Helena students are scientists!

MARATHON FOR NONPUBLIC EDUCATION

Our students are again participating in the long-standing tradition of Marathon! It is one of the most important fundraisers for the school where students take ownership for raising funds and get to share in celebrations along the way. We have set our sights on raising \$40,000. It will take everyone doing their part to be successful! Funds raised through Marathon go directly back into the school for important programs, special events for students, and scholarships. We have an additional goal of 100% student participation. *Thank you to all our faithful supporters! Also, a big THANK YOU to Oxendale's Market for letting our students greet shoppers and request donations.*

There are so many ways to earn pledges and raise money for St. Helena. Some proven methods are:

- Contact family, friends, neighbors, and former donors by phone or email and tell them why you love Catholic Education!
- Parents, bring the pledge sheet to work; don't forget employer matching funds.
- Service work - talk as a family about jobs at home or assisting neighbors in need to earn money to donate to Marathon.



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