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## Sunday Mass

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.

**Email:** [church@sainthelena.us](mailto:church@sainthelena.us)

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# The Church of St. Helena

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 13, 2021**

*“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God?”*

*It is like a mustard seed...once it is sown, it springs up*

*and becomes the largest of plants.”*

-Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32



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## THE WORD

You and I have many times heard and seen a great amount of concern for the serious difficulties which farmers of the nation experience. We are told that it will get worse before it can get better. Minnesota itself is one of the states which is not only significantly agricultural but also can be one of the hardest hit states in the economic, political, and social struggle for the future of farms in America. The problems can be enormous and far beyond the capacity of most of us to deal with for a solution which is just, right, and good for all of us. The problem of the farmer is no isolated problem. It is not isolated from the needs of all of us who rely on the farms for our basic need for food. It is not isolated from the political and social structure of the nation. It is not isolated from the goodness and mercy of God, because if there is ever a connection between us and God, it is in the area of food. There's a message in all of this for each of us, even as we reflect on the scriptures for this weekend.

Farmers are among the most important people of the world, not only because they provide the people of the world with food through their work but also because they exercise the finest expression of what we have come to understand as stewardship. They know and experience daily the harmony between God and man in the gifts of the earth. We could all take the words of the Lord from Ezekiel, print them on a paper, and place the note on our refrigerator door: All the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, lift

high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. And Jesus in the gospel teaches: This is how it is. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens. When the crop is ready, he wields the sickle.

That's how it is, particularly for people who walk by faith. We recognize God's gift always and everywhere and we recognize man's work. We have nothing which has not been given and we give nothing which we haven't received. It is expressed at every Eucharist when we prepare the gifts. We pray: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of Life. We acknowledge God's gift, we recognize our day-to-day work in harmony with the Lord, we are blessed with the bread of life. We are the stewards of God's creation and gift. It is evident in the farmer's way of life and needs to become more evident in every way of life. It applies to those who have much and to those who have little, to the powerful and to the powerless, to the rich and to the poor.

The connection between us and the farm is evident. The connection between us and stewardship is evident only in the exercise of stewardship but even in spite of the difficulties and problems, we need to be full of confidence and make it our aim to please the Lord whether we are with him or away from him.

Father Villano

## PASTOR'S REMARKS

1) The school office hours during the summer months are from 8:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. during the week. If you have school questions or wish to enroll your child in our school, please call the School Office (612-729-9301). Also, our Parish Office closes at noon on Fridays during the summer.

2) *Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force.* (Eph 4:3)

**COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED**—Masks are no longer required indoors. Confessions will once again be heard in the Confessionals. The Cry Room is open and may be used during all Masses. All restrooms are unlocked. On July 1 the obligation to attend Mass will be reinstated. Please continue to stay home when sick, use sanitizer and by all means do what is comfortable for you whether that be wearing a mask or using social distance. For more information or frequently asked questions please visit the Archdiocese website, [backtomassmn.org](http://backtomassmn.org).

**ROSARY BEFORE DAILY MASS**—The Rosary is recited Monday through Saturday before Mass at 7:25 AM. All are welcome to join.

**WOMEN OF ST. HELENA**—Every Friday morning, a group of women meet at Church after the 8:00 Mass for quiet time, and prayer. We pray in silence for a half hour, then voice our prayer requests for family, friends and special intentions, followed with the rosary. If you would like to join us, please call Barb Kaluza at 612-721-2504 or Shirley Balster at 612-722-8847, as we sometimes cancel due to weather. All are welcome and encouraged to come and share the blessings of praying with women of varied ages.

**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.

**FOOD SHELF**—Thank you for your generosity to our local food shelf. Summer will soon be here and children will be out of school. So many of our children depend on school breakfast/lunch program so here are a few ideas for the food shelf. Granola bars, fruit snacks, cereal, juice boxes, lemonade and drink mixes, crackers, snacks, peanut butter and jelly along with all the other items you have been donating. Paper products and personal items like shampoo and toothpaste are also some great ideas. It is all so appreciated. *"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* St. Teresa of Calcutta

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER—FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**SPIRITUALLY ADOPT SOMEONE WHO'S DYING ALONE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS OR WHO'S DYING WITHOUT THE SACRAMENTS—**

There are some people who are dying alone from the Coronavirus. Through your prayer, spiritually adopt someone in the world who may have no family or friends to be with that person at the moment of death or perhaps who is unable to have the sacraments of the Church.

**DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE TO RESUME—THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 13—**After many months, we are resuming "Doughnuts and Coffee" after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses on this Sunday, June 13. It's a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

**GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN—VACATION RELIGION PROGRAM—JULY 12 TO 16—**Children who are entering kindergarten through eighth grade can be part of the annual Vacation Religion Program in Rowan Hall scheduled for Monday, July 12, to Friday, July 16, from 8:30 to 11:30 A.M. The program will include prayer, instructional time, group activities and projects, Scripture, stories of saints, songs, drama, prizes, and more. There will also be a short recreation period each morning, and there will be refreshments for students each day. The charge is only \$20 per child or \$50 per family, however, no child will be deprived of this program because of finances. The Missionaries of Charity (the Sisters of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta) will again be helping us for this program. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. To register or to receive more information, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**YOU CAN STILL VOLUNTEER—**It's not too late to volunteer for the "Autumn Daze" Festival scheduled for September 17, 18, and 19. You may sign up for Children's Games, Games of Skill, Games of Chance, Food Booths, Auction, Baskets, Miscellaneous Booths, Bingo, Set-Up and Clean-Up, Decorations, and much more. Even if you are going to be gone on that weekend, we need many volunteers to help with projects for the festival which take place before and after the event. Volunteer sheets are in the bulletin racks or the Parish Offices. For more information please call 612-275-0431.

**IF YOU ARE A PARISHIONER WHO NEEDS HELP—**Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or problems can receive assistance 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 more information or help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—**The Church of St. Helena offers a program that helps people to know more about the Catholic Faith and have their questions answered. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**HELP THE NEEDY THROUGH THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE—**The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to 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. The next meeting is Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**ENRICH YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH—**You can bolster and enliven your faith by purchasing and listening to some CDs displayed at the handicap entrance to the church. These summer months of leisure and vacation may be a good time to deepen our reflection on Christ, His teachings, and the teachings of the Church.

**PRAY THE VIRTUAL ROSARY—FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.—**You can pray the Rosary with parishioners on Fridays at 7:00 P.M. Call 612-275-0431 to get the Zoom ID and Password.

**SUMMER FESTIVAL SALE—**Go to [www.sainthelena.us](http://www.sainthelena.us) and click on Summer Festival Sale to discover many household items, furniture, toys, and more being sold by Autumn Daze.

**ARE YOU CLEANING YOUR GARAGE OR ATTIC?—**Donate good, used furniture and household items to the "Autumn Daze" Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, and some of the other areas and endeavors of the festival. 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.)

**CASES OF POP FOR "AUTUMN DAZE"—**You can donate cases of cans of pop (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, and Sierra Mist). If a store has a sale on pop, pick up some cases for the "Autumn Daze" Festival. Bring the pop to the Parish Offices.

**WANTED—GOOD, USED TOYS AND STUFFED ANIMALS—**We need good, used toys and stuffed animals for "Autumn Daze." You can bring them now to the Parish Offices.

**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.



**SCRIPTURE # 1140**

**Ez 17:22-24  
2 Cor 5:6-10  
Mk 4:26-34**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:00 AM**

**Monday** † Kenneth Snyder  
**Tuesday** † Thomas & † Celestine Gibbs  
**Wednesday** † Al & † Donna Schipansky  
**Thursday** † Dick Larson  
**Friday** † Irene Palluck  
**Saturday** † Ronald Balster

**SACRISTY LINENS—Cheryl Griffith**

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*June 14:* 2 Cor 6:1-10, Mt 5:38-42  
*June 15:* 2 Cor 8:1-9, Mt 5:43-48  
*June 16:* 2 Cor 9:6-11, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
*June 17:* 2 Cor 11:1-11, Mt 6:7-15  
*June 18:* 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30, Mt 6:19-23  
*June 19:* 2 Cor 12:1-10, Mt 6:24-34  
*June 20:* Jb 38:1, 8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17,  
Mk 4:35-41

**PARISH CALENDAR**

*June 14-June 21*

***June 14***

***June 15***

***June 16***

***June 17***

***June 18***

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am

-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

***June 19***

-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm

-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

***June 20***

-Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am

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

***June 21***

***Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am***

**“AUTUMN DAZE” FESTIVAL  
SEPTEMBER 17, 18 & 19, 2021**

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## ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

### *Spotlight on First Grade*

Wow, what a one of a kind year this has been! I could not be more proud of how far the first graders have come and how much they have grown as young scholars. As the year winds down, we wrapped things up to get the first graders ready for their big step up to second grade.

We did incredible work with our Believe & Read phonics program. The students investigated words with vowel digraphs, and we began to venture into the world of *-ing* suffixes. The first graders' reading foundational skills have come so far from the start of the year! In our MyView language arts curriculum, the students explored poetry and the many elements that can often be found within it, such as rhyme, rhythm, repetition, and alliteration.

In Math, the students reviewed place value and comparing of numbers. We discovered that exchanging cube and long base-10 blocks is the same as making exchanges with pennies and dimes. It is amazing how so many of our math skills are connected!

We also just finished a very special Social Studies unit. As many of the first graders would tell you, we have a particular class interest in the Titanic this year. Together, we read *The Magic Tree House: Tonight on the Titanic* by Mary Pope Osborne. We practiced using text evidence to answer comprehension questions and make inferences about the book, all while learning about a major event in modern history!

While this year has been unconventional in more ways than one, the first graders have learned a ton. I can't wait to see what they go on to do next year and beyond!

Ms. Laura Blackman  
First Grade

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As we look ahead to the 2021-22 school year, we *strongly encourage* families to complete their school registration. It is essential for ordering, planning, and staffing that we have accurate classroom numbers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 612-729-9301.

Mrs. Ellen Rian, Ed.S  
Principal

### PRAYER CORNER

Turn our eyes to see the truth of your judgement, Lord, that when our spirits are tried by fire, the anticipation of seeing you may make us rejoice in your justice.



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