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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.

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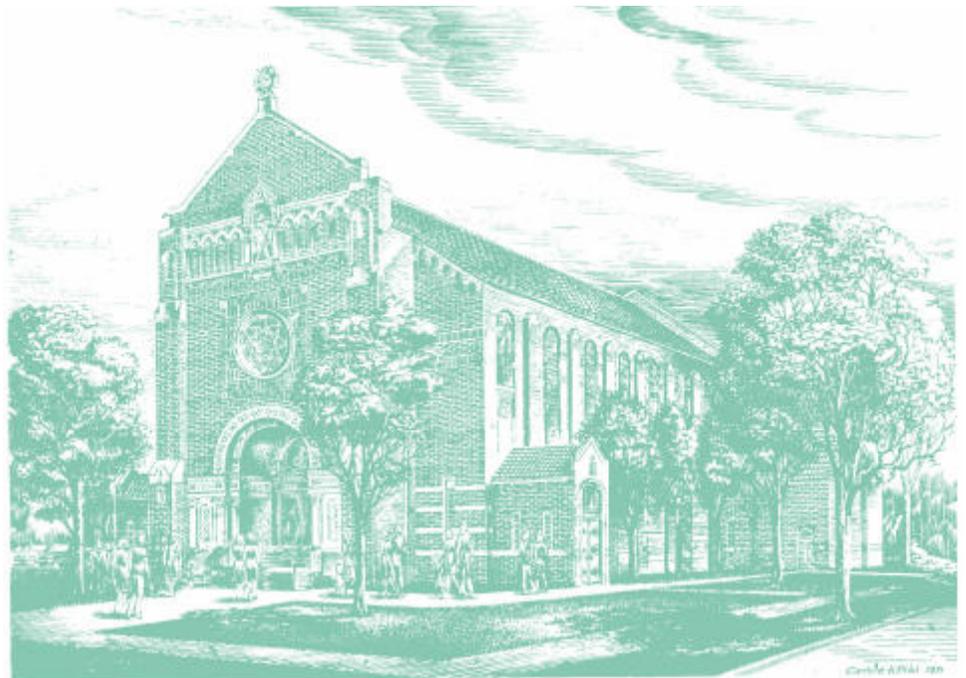
# The Church of St. Helena

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 27, 2021**

*He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"*

*The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded.*

-Mk 5:41-42



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## THE WORD

Yes, miracles do happen—even in modern times. And, yes, many are verifiable. Before saints are beatified and canonized, doctors run tests and come to the conclusion that there is no natural cause that could explain the cure that was brought about by their intercession.

And this is possible only because God has put the laws of nature into effect, meaning there is an order to the universe that we can observe. In fact, we could not have science, if there was not that order. But, a miracle goes beyond that order.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we see our Lord doing two miracles. First He heals the woman who had been hemorrhaging for twelve years; "she had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had" (same problem for some people even today). The second miracle was His healing of a sick child (near death).

There was no scientist or doctors present to verify these two healings, but it seems evident that something miraculous took place. One moment these two were sick, and the next moment they were well.

Modern man has a great problem with this, because these miracles imply that we live in a world that is more than just material, and we are part of a spiritual drama. "An integral aspect of this drama is that we have been born into an invisible world as well as a visible one, and the invisible

world is incomparably more real, more lasting, more beautiful, and larger than the visible. Our blindness to that world represents much of our predicament. We are caught by the illusion of the merely seen and need to have our blindness cured. This drama involves us not only with the awful and marvelous and incomprehensible being of God, who created us with a decisive purpose in mind, but also with a cosmic struggle among creatures of spirit more powerful than we are, who influence human life for both good and evil. We have been born into a battle, and we are given the fearful and dignifying burden of choice: we need to take a side." (*From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*, University of Mary, page 70)

Miracles remind contemporary man that the spiritual world exists as he scratches his head and asks why we can't measure, weigh, or see that world. People of faith on the other hand revel in the magnificence and power of the One, Who is Healer, that is, the Lord, the Almighty, the Creator of "all things visible and invisible."

Believers continue to implore His power and trust in His wisdom to apply His healing balm wherever He sees that it will draw us into His love. In the meantime, nonbelievers puzzle over the spiritual realm that entices them to belief. His signs and wonders, that is, His miracles, do have a way of opening our eyes.

John Sondag

Director of Religious Education

**FISCAL YEAR END**—We are at the end of our fiscal year (June 30, 2021). A financial report is in the making.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING**—The Parish Offices will be closed this Friday, July 2, and next Monday, July 5, in celebration of our national holiday, Independence Day.

**PETERS PENCE COLLECTION**—This is the weekend for the annual Peter's Pence Collection which helps the Pope in his charitable work throughout the world. There will be a second collection after Holy Communion.

**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 in prayer.

**FOOD SHELF**—Minnesota Summer is here and WOW is it a hot one! Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our local food shelf. Here are some fresh ideas for the summer: Sun block, Wet Ones, paper towels, napkins, granola bars, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, fruit snacks, nuts, crackers, drink mixes, and of course Macaroni and Cheese. All items that are brought in are appreciated. "You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us."

2 Corinthians 9:11-13

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)**—Attend classes which teach couples the Church approved methods on how to achieve or postpone pregnancy while embracing the beauty of God's gift of sexuality. For a complete list of classes offered throughout the Archdiocese, please visit: [archspm.org/family](http://archspm.org/family) or call 651-291-4489.

**DISCERNING PRIESTHOOD?**—Those discerning priesthood who would like to discuss next steps are invited to contact Vocations Director Father David Blume. Father Blume is currently meeting with men applying to be considered for acceptance as Archdiocesan seminarians for fall 2021. You may reach Father Blume at 651-962-6890, or [frblume@stthomas.edu](mailto:frblume@stthomas.edu).

**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 AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10:00 MASSES—EVERY SUNDAY—**You are invited to “Doughnuts and Coffee” downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Masses on Sunday mornings. It's a great way to meet and visit with parishioners.

**ENROLL NOW—VACATION RELIGION PROGRAM FOR GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN—JULY 12 TO 16—**

Children who are entering kindergarten through eighth grade can be registered now for 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), Mrs. Ruth Caron and Mrs. Mary DeLuney will 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).

**DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—**

Please let that individual know that the Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It is held 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 John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**YOU CAN STILL VOLUNTEER FOR “AUTUMN DAZE” FESTIVAL—**

Volunteer now 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.

**ARE YOU 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 from the Coronavirus 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 more information or help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?—**

The Church of St. Helena has 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.

**VIRTUAL ROSARY—FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.—**

Pray the Rosary with parishioners on Fridays at 7:00 P.M. Call 612-275-0431 to get the Zoom ID and Password.

**BE PART OF 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, July 8, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**GO SHOPPING AT THE 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.

**WANTED: GOOD, USED FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS—**

Donate good, used furniture and household items to the “Autumn Daze” Festival for the Auction, Attic Treasures, or other areas connected with 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.)

**WANTED: CASES OF POP FOR “AUTUMN DAZE”—**

Please donate cases of cans of pop (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist and Brisk Lemonade). 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.”

**DO YOU HAVE 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.

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



**SCRIPTURE # 1146**

**Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**8:00 AM**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sara Wood</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jerry Kemp</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Brian Gibbs</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Allen Hanson</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>† John Tianko</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Marge Nelson</b>

**SACRISTY LINENS—Cheryl Griffith**

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*June 28:* Gn 18:16-33, Mt 8:18-22  
*June 29:* Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18,  
Mt 16:13-19  
*June 30:* Gn 21:5, 8-20a, Mt 8:28-34  
*July 1:* Gn 22:1b-19, Mt 9:1-8  
*July 2:* Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67,  
Mt 9:9-13  
*July 3:* Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29  
*July 4:* Ez 2:2-5, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Mk 6:1-6a

**PARISH CALENDAR**

*June 28-July 5*

***June 28***

***June 29***

***June 30***

***July 1***

***July 2***

***-Parish Offices Closed***

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

-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

***July 3***

-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm

-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

***July 4 - Independence Day***

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

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

***July 5***

***-Parish Offices Closed***

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

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### FR. DALY BREAD

*How good and pleasant it is when brothers live in unity* (Ps. 133:1). Unity is a sign of the Holy Spirit. This past week the priests of the Archdiocese gathered at St. Mary's University in Winona around our bishops in prayer and fellowship. We discussed how joy and peace flow from the Eucharist through the hearts of our leaders and into our flocks. I've been so blessed to enjoy many dinners with Fr. Villano, and he shared the secret of the St. Helena experience: **prayer, balance, and simplicity**—always focused on Jesus in the Eucharist. We are committed to continue this strong tradition of being united in Christ: *Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing* (Jn 15:5). I look forward to learning about your experience at St. Helena and will be available many afternoons and evenings to listen to any suggestions you may have to unite and build God's Kingdom of Love at St. Helena. **Please contact the parish office to schedule a time to meet.**

In Christ, Fr. Michael

**NEW AND IMPROVED! THE BIG RAFFLE GETS BIGGER!**— Yes, now that we are getting back into the spirit of “AUTUMN DAZE”, we're taking that spirit up a notch with not the \$5000, but the \$10,000 RAFFLE. You now have the chance to double the fun! Each ticket is still \$100, but instead of offering 100 tickets for the first session, we are selling 200, and the winner of that drawing will get \$10,000. As a heads-up, after the 4th of July, you can get purchase tickets at the Parish Offices or call 612-729-7344 to purchase a ticket. Or you can call 651-260-5722 or 612-275-0431, and we'll arrange for you to purchase one or more tickets to enter our NEW AND IMPROVED \$10,000 RAFFLE.

**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.

**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.

### PRAYER CORNER

Father, by the passion of your Son you proclaimed the final judgement of the world; when you raised Christ upon the cross, you deposed the prince of darkness. Strike down the pride that rules our hearts and raise us to the glory of the resurrection.



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