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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.

Email: church@sainthelena.us
Website: www.sainthelena.us

The Church of St. Helena

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8, 2021

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”

–Jn 6:48-50



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**FR. DALY BREAD – “The Lord gave me brothers!”
(St. Francis of Assisi)**

I am blessed to be apart of the **COMPANIONS OF CHRIST**, which is a fraternity of diocesan priests and seminarians in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis established as a public association in 1992. In our life and ministry as priests the Companions of Christ have three emphases:

- 1) Commitment to a common life of prayer and fraternity in households
- 2) Observance of the evangelical counsels (poverty, chastity, obedience) within the context of ordained diocesan ministry
- 3) Dedication to the new evangelization, including catechesis, spiritual renewal, and the fostering of vocations in the local Church

During the first week of August each year, 40+ priestly brothers gather at **Broomtree** Retreat Center in Irene, South Dakota (*where silence was invented*) to refresh our hearts in Christ through prayer and recreation. The strength of our song in adoration or around the campfire always gives me the chills to hear men freely sing to the Lord a song of praise! I hope we at Saint Helena will also begin praying before the Eucharist in adoration on Fridays, to become more like Him whom we adore.

One of God’s most precious gifts is the joy of joining our lives to brothers whose hearts are set on following the Lord. The Holy Trinity is at the origin of our fraternity, and **my brothers are a sacrament** of encouragement. A sacrament is a *visible* sign of God’s *invisible* reality, so my brothers *visibly* reveal to me the face of God (some days are better than others). It is in our honest commitment to The Father and to one another that we can **relax into Trust** and stay under the loving gaze of God...

Fr. Mark Dosh, a son of St. Helena, had a prayer card for his 25th anniversary of ordination that embodies the goal of



becoming a sacrament to my brothers and beauty of seeing each other as God sees us:

O God made man,
Make my heart human enough so that my brothers,
entering there, may feel themselves at home.
Make my heart pure enough so that they may feel that
Your home is there too.
In order that by complete forgetfulness of self,
I may become quite simply the meeting ground between
You and my brothers
and You may be for them no longer an unknown and
distant God but a Father close at hand.
(Monsignor Besson)

Peace, Fr. Michael
P.S. Please read Pastor’s Remarks below

PASTOR'S REMARKS

August: a big month spiritually

Sunday, August 1 & 8 – Altar server training between Masses (*When in doubt, look devout!*)

Monday, August 9 – Begin a 9-day novena to Saint Helena (Aug. 9-17) in preparation for our patronal feast day (Aug. 18)

Sunday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul (holy day of obligation)

***Enthronement** to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart after Masses.

Wednesday, August 18 – Feast of Saint Helena (celebration on August 22)

Friday, August 20 – Begin Friday weekly **ADORATION** in the Church (9:00 AM—5:00 PM)

Sunday, August 22 – Celebrate Saint Helena after Masses with **Root Beer Floats** (also the feast of the Queenship of Mary)

2021 AUTUMN DAZE \$10,000 RAFFLE—\$10,000 Raffle sales are over 30% of the goal as of last weekend and on track to sell out. Autumn Daze enthusiasts sure know how to get into the Spirit of what is going to be a great Festival! If you haven’t already purchased your tickets, you can get into the raffle fun early. Stop by the Parish Offices or call 612-729-7344 to purchase a ticket. Or you may call 651-260-5722 or 612-275-0431. We’ll arrange for you to purchase one or more tickets to enter the **NEW AND IMPROVED \$10,000 RAFFLE**. Each ticket is still \$100, but instead of offering 100 tickets 200 WILL BE SOLD. The winner of that drawing will receive \$10,000.

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.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN: ENROLL IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM—Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can enroll them in the 2021-2022 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

THE 2021-2022 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 in the Spring of 2022. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, please enroll now in the 2021-2022 Confirmation Program to prepare for the sacrament by calling 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.

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 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, August 12, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

IMPORTANT FESTIVAL CAPTAINS MEETING—THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11—All “Autumn Daze” captains of booths and service areas are asked to attend an important meeting on this Wednesday, August 11, 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).

ALL PARISHIONERS—PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH—You can pick up your raffle tickets in the back of church on this weekend. You’ll save the time of some volunteer who will have to deliver them to you, if you don’t pick them up. There are some great prizes for the raffle, so purchase the tickets or sell them to your friends and relatives.

PURCHASE YOUR "AUTUMN DAZE" BUTTONS—They are such a deal that you’ll want to buy several! The cost is \$1 a button. A button is worth a free pop or water at the festival and a chance to win \$10, plus offers for gifts from businesses.

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.

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT CARD FOR 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. Donate that gift card to the “Autumn Daze” Festival. We can use it as a prize or in some other area connected with the festival. Just put it in an envelope labeled “Autumn Daze,” and drop the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

WE NEED CROCHETED, EMBROIDERED, OR KNITTED ITEMS—The Harvest Gift Shoppe at "Autumn Daze" can use items that are crocheted, embroidered, or knitted. Bring your crafted items to the Parish Offices.

GOOD, USED BOOKS FOR THE FESTIVAL—Give 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, but if you need them picked up, call 612-275-0431.

DO YOU HAVE OLD BASEBALL CARDS?—This year, at the "Autumn Daze" Festival, we are going to have a new booth which will sell sealed envelopes having baseball cards. So, donate your good, used cards, and we can re-sell them. Bring them to the Parish Offices or call 612-275-0431.



SCRIPTURE # 1164

**1 Kgs 19:4-8
Eph 4:30—5:2
Jn 6:41-51**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday		Mary Ellen Bell
Tuesday	†	Dorothy Fleming
Wednesday	†	Marilyn Krick
Thursday	†	Giuseppe Lentini
Friday		For Our Bishops
Saturday	†	Arnold Nelson

SACRISTY LINENS—Cheryl Griffith

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 9: Dt 10:12-22, Mt 17:22-27
August 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26
August 11: Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20
August 12: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17,
Mt 18:21—19:1
August 13: Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12
August 14: Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15
August 15: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab,
1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

PARISH CALENDAR

August 9—Begin 9-day novena to Saint Helena
August 10
August 11—Captain's Mtg. for Festival, R.H. 7:30 pm
August 12
--St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., Parish Offices, 6:30 pm
August 13
-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm
August 14
-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm
-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm
August 15
-Mass, Church, 8:30 am & 10:00 am
-Following each Mass:
Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
August 16
Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am

FESTIVAL DROP-OFF—If you plan to deliver items after our business hours, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431 to schedule a drop-off time.

NOVENA TO SAINT HELENA

(Beginning Monday, August 9, repeat the following Novena prayer every day for 9 consecutive days.)

**St. Helena, Empress, Mother, and
Lover of the Cross of Jesus,
help us to embrace and love our crosses
of the trials, tribulations, and suffering
that we find in our lives.**

**May they help us to deepen
our love for Jesus, His Church,
and our parish named in your honor.**

**We pray for the priests
who serve us by offering
Jesus' Sacrifice of Calvary
in the Mass.**

**May that Sacrifice enable us to be beacons
of light and the love of Jesus
to one another and the world. Amen**

(Mention your request here...)

St. Helena, pray for us!

Say 1: Our Father...Hail Mary...and Glory Be...

FOOD SHELF—Thank you all for all the donations. The amount collected each week is amazing and heart-warming. It's hard to believe it is almost back to school time. Here are just a few suggestions for a quick breakfast or school lunches. Oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, fruit snacks, pudding and jello cups, healthy snacks, crackers and juice boxes. Of course all items that are donated are greatly appreciated. These are just suggestions. *"Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* 2 Corinthians 9:7

HOME VISITS—If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion please call Virginia Tschida at 612-729-7344 to schedule a visit.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OFFICE OF WORSHIP—Parishes may once again fill holy water fonts. Those uncomfortable dipping their fingers into such water simply may choose not to do so. Please know our holy water fonts are thoroughly cleaned each week.

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.



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