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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.

Sacrament of Penance

Monday—Friday 8:30 -9:00 A.M.

Saturday 3:00—3:30 P.M.

Adoration

Fridays 9:00 A.M.—5:00 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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Website: www.sainthelena.us

The Church of St. Helena

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021**

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.”

-Mk 9:35b-37a



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FR. DALY BREAD
Adoration (Fridays 9:00AM – 5:00PM)

People who have made it through life *never* encountering adversity or difficulty does not inspire us. True greatness is seen in sacrificing through adversity; more so one's response to power: *I have not come to be served but to serve* (Mk 10:45). Everyone seems to want a piece of someone great, and imitation is the greatest form of flattery.

Here at Saint Helena, *Christ Crucified* is "the Great One" we strive to imitate – not Wayne Gretzky, not Michael Jordan, not Tom Brady. *Jesus* is the one we want a piece of, and more: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity!

One way we can imitate and receive Jesus is through our prayer of ADORATION: the Church traditionally adores Our Lord's Heart in the Most Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, which is often called the "Night Watch", recalling how Jesus invited his apostles to stay with him while he prayed: *And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch"* (Mark 14:34).

Now Saint Helena has increased the opportunity to be with Jesus in ADORATION each week: **Fridays 9:00AM – 5:00PM**. "Adoration" comes from two Latin words: *ad* and *oratio*. In other words, mouth to mouth, an embrace, a kiss, and ultimately love (c.f., Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at World Youth Day, 2005). Adoration is talking about being perfectly aligned with the thing you "adore": God breathing Life and Love into our souls. And when we are aligned with God, everything else falls into place, as St. Augustine says, "You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

So Why Adore?

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross says, "To make room in our life for the Eucharistic Lord, so that He can change our life into His—is that asking too much?"

Pope Pius XII states, "The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble because it has God as its object; the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is sweetness itself."



St. Therese of Lisieux asks, "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you—or you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart."

St. Ignatius of Loyola affirms, "He who carries God in his heart [and home] bears heaven with him wherever he goes."

*****Please come ADORE the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus with us: every Friday 9:00AM – 5:00PM*****

May we be like **St. Margaret Mary** and proclaim: "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of God" in the Eucharist.

Let us pray with **St. Bonaventure**: "Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with Your love so that I may always long for You alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger for You, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of Your presence."

In Christ, Fr. Michael

P.S. Happy Autumn Daze!

PASTOR'S REMARKS:

Check out Formed.org

Confessions daily - Monday - Saturday (8:30-9:00AM)

Adoration weekly - Fridays (9:00AM-5:00PM)

Please join a **Synod Small Group** - contact John Sondag for more information

Saturday, October 2 - **Pilgrimage** to Guadalupe Shrine (Lacrosse, WI)

Sunday, October 3 - **Listening Session #1** (9:30AM) - Worship & Evangelization

Sunday, October 10 - **Listening Session #2** (9:30AM) - School, Community Life, & Social Outreach

Saturday, November 13 - Called & Gifted **Charism workshop**

ST. LUKE'S FOUNDATION EMERGENCY HAITI EARTHQUAKE FUND—We are pleased to announce we raised \$3,279.00 for the St. Luke's fund. We are humbled by your generosity. Thank you.

MARRIAGE—The parish community congratulates Navy Lieutenant Colonel Louis Wohletz and Shiori Tamaka who were married in Japan and had their marriage validated at St. Helena Church. As the Lord is always faithful and loving to us, may they always be faithful and loving to each other and to the Lord.

CARAMEL ROLLS ON THIS SUNDAY FOR AUTUMN DAZE—There are no Doughnuts and Coffee on this Sunday morning downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses. But, we are having Caramel Rolls under the Big Tent for Autumn Daze. Delicious, gooey caramel rolls are \$3.

BRING YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TO THE RAFFLE BOOTH UNDER THE BIG TENT—During the festival, please bring your raffle tickets to the Raffle Booth under the big tent. Do not drop them in the collection basket or the mail slot at the Parish Offices.

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE WINNER—The second winner of the Early Bird Raffle is Wally Kaluza who won a \$25 certificate to Carbone's Pizzeria on Cedar. Congratulations!

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES—It's not too late to sign up for the Wednesday evening Religious Education Classes at 6:45 P.M. in the school. The program began on September 8. Parents of public school children in grades one through seven are encouraged to register them now. Covid protocols are followed. To register or to receive more information, please call John Sondag at 612-729-7321.

ENROLL IN THE 2021-2022 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM—Children in St. Helena parish in the eighth grade (and high school, if they have not yet been Confirmed) will receive the sacrament on May 5, 2022. If you are not in St. Helena grade school, enroll now in the 2021-2022 Confirmation Program held on Wednesday evenings to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431). Covid protocols will be followed. The program began Wednesday, September 8, in the school.

MAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SHRINE IN LACROSSE, WISCONSIN—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2—The Church of St. Helena will charter busses for a day-long pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on Saturday, October 2. We will leave St. Helena parking lot at 7:30 am and return to St. Helena parking lot at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person which includes the bus ride plus a light meal at lunch. A family rate is \$75, however, scholarships are available for those who have difficulty paying by calling 612-275-0431. No one will be deprived of this pilgrimage because of finances. To make reservations, please call 612-729-7321.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SESSIONS AT ST. HELENA—If you would like to share your thoughts as to how the Archdiocese might spread and teach the Faith, participate in the six sessions in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod at the Church of St. Helena on Thursday, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, and Monday October 25, at 7:30 pm in Rowan Hall. Pre-registration is requested by calling 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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The Church of St. Helena will again offer a program that prepares people to become Catholic. It begins this Fall on Tuesday, September 28, 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. Daly or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

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.

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, September 23, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

FOOD SHELF—We appreciate your generous donation to the local food shelf. It is only through the generosity of people such as you that our Food Shelf can continue to provide services to those who are in need. Non-perishable food, personal items and paper products are always needed. *"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God."* St. Dominic Savio.

ARCHDIOCESAN CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION—Friday, October 1, 6:30 P.M. at the Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul—Join in praying the rosary as we process from the State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Gather at the MN State Capitol approach at 6:30 P.M. for the procession which will begin at 7:00 P.M. See more information at minnesotarosaryprocessions.org

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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)—Classes 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 or call 651-291-4489.



SCRIPTURE # 1182

**Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16—4:3
Mk 9:30-37**

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday	† Grace Lentini
Tuesday	† Anthony Pianko
Wednesday	† Richard Bruce
Thursday	Arnold Edel
Friday	Spencer Nelson
Saturday	Sr. Annuntia Koller MSC

SACRISTY LINENS—Krysta Niznick

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sept. 20: Ezr 1:1-6, Lk 8:16-18
Sept. 21: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Mt 9:9-13
Sept. 22: Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6
Sept. 23: Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9
Sept. 24: Hg 2:1-9, Lk 9:18-22
Sept. 25: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a, Jer 31:10,
11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d], Lk 9:43b-45
Sept. 26: Nm 11:25-29, Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:
38-43, 45, 47-48

PARISH CALENDAR
September 20-September 27

September 20

September 21

September 22

-School Mass, Church, 9:30 am
-Rel. Ed. & Conf. Class, School, 6:45 pm

September 23

-St. Vincent De Paul Mtg., Parish Office, 6:30 pm
-Synod Sessions, Rowan Hall, 7:30 pm

September 24

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, Cry Room, 8:30 am
-Adoration, Church, 9:00 am —5:00 pm
-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

September 25

-Confession, Church, 3:00 pm
-Mass, Church, 4:00 pm

September 26

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

September 27

Daily Mass, Monday-Saturday, Church, 8:00 am
Confession, Mon-Sat., Church, 8:30 am—9:00 am

ENTHRONEMENT OF JESUS AND MARY

The Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart images are available at the Parish Office for those who consecrated their families to Jesus through Mary. (Suggested donation \$10 each)



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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—Please join us on Fridays for Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND—October 8-10 at Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo. Is the honeymoon over? It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. Early registration is recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, we humbly ask for your goodness. May you help us to hope in you, and give us a share with your chosen ones in the land of the living.



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