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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—Saturday	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.

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

The Church of St. Helena

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."

-Mk 10: 3-6



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**FR. DALY BREAD –
Brides of Christ: Sisters of Life!**

On the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6), I concelebrated the perpetual vows of my dear friend from Faribault, MN, Sr. Magnificat Rose, who is beginning her ninth year with the Sisters of Life in New York City (sistersoflife.org). **The SISTERS OF LIFE** are women who are in love with Love – Love incarnate, crucified, and Risen – and captivated by the truth of the beauty of every human person, created in God’s image and likeness.

“We believe every person is valuable and sacred. We believe that every person is good, loved, unique and unrepeatable. We believe that every person’s life has deep meaning, purpose and worth. In fact, we give our lives for that truth.”

“Like other Catholic religious Sisters, we’ve made a decision to leave behind what the world offers to give our whole lives to God by professing vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. What does that mean?

It means we don’t personally own anything –
Jesus is our treasure.
We don’t get married – **Jesus is our one love.**
And we freely surrender to lives of obedience –
Jesus is our one will.

This sets us free to love in a universal way, and commit wholeheartedly to the mission Jesus entrusts as we live in community with one another.”

“And, as Sisters in love with life, we’ve also made another decision: ***We vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of every human life.*** As spiritual mothers living in the heart of the Church, we experience the threats to human dignity and life all the more deeply. We pray. We fast. We serve. Why? Because we want to uphold the dignity and worth of each person, created from and for God’s great love.”



Sr. Magnificat Rose
(assigned to new Sisters of Life mission in Phoenix, AZ)

John Cardinal O’Connor said, “This is the **charism of the Sisters of Life**: to mother the mothers of the unborn; to mother the unborn; to mother all those who are frail, all of those who are vulnerable, all those who are ill, all of those who are in danger of being put to death, all those whose lives the world considers useless. Our Lord says to each Sister of Life, ‘Woman, behold your son. Behold your daughter.’”

May God bless Saint Helena abundantly as we help to build the Culture of Life!

In Christ Our Life,
Fr. Michael

FOOD SHELF—Thank you all for your generosity to our local food shelf. Autumn is upon us with its ever changing colors and temperature. Here are a few suggestions to keep families warm and nourished: soup, rice, pasta, macaroni & cheese, chili, vegetables, oatmeal, muffin and bread mixes. Personal items such as shampoo, soap, paper products are also in need. *“Share with the saints who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12:13*

CALLING ALL SINGERS—It has been 18 months since we last enjoyed a functioning choir at the 10:00 A.M. Mass; we are glad to be starting choir again on October 10, and are looking for new members to compliment those already there. If you like to sing, please consider joining us. For more information call David Bartlett, 651-239-6914, or any choir member.

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.

BALES OF STRAW FOR SALE—We are selling bales of straw from the festival for \$5 a bale. To purchase these items, call 612-275-0431.

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

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN—Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can enroll in the 2021-2022 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. The classes are held in Rowan Hall and the Parish Office Building at 6:45 P.M. Covid protocols are followed.

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 next May 5, 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). The classes are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm in the Parish Office Building. Covid protocols are followed.

PARTICIPATE IN THE 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, 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.

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. Everyone is welcome.

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. To take the program does not mean that you must become a Catholic. It is held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office Building. 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.

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.

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 14, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Office Building. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6—The first Women’s Breakfast of the season is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, at 8:30 A.M. in Rowan Hall. The cost is \$5 for the breakfast or \$20 for five breakfasts of the season. 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, November 5, by calling 612-729-7321.

MEN’S BREAKFAST—SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30—The first Men’s Breakfast of this season will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 8:30 A.M. The cost of the breakfast is \$5 or \$20 for the five breakfasts of the season. 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 29, by calling 612-729-7321.

SENIOR LUNCH TO START AGAIN—The first Senior Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at Noon, followed by bingo. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. If you would like to help please call Lucy Koller, (612-729-9445), and let her know. There are lots of jobs to do.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEK-END—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.

PRAY FOR THE SYNOD— Friday, October 22, 12:15 p.m., St. Lawrence Newman Center, Minneapolis. All are invited to pray for our Archdiocesan Synod in this special way! Each month through Pentecost 2022, a different parish in our Archdiocese hosts a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us for daily Mass and holy hour with lectio divina prayer!

WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS—Will be held Saturday, October 23, 5:15 p.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul. Healthcare workers, along with their spouses and families, are invited to this special Mass in honor of our patron Saint Luke. Reception will follow in Hayden Hall (Cathedral, lower level).

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH; Engage. Pray. Celebrate. October 5-December 8, at various locations. The Year of St. Joseph continues with these upcoming opportunities. The October 5 Cuppa Joe will feature Fr. John Floeder speaking on the saint as the Silent Witness. Prayer intentions on the Year of St. Joseph can be submitted at archspm.org/stjoseph.



SCRIPTURE # 1188

**Gn 2:18-24
Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	8:30	St. Helena Parish
Sunday	10:00	Evelyn Lever
Monday	8:00	Marge Nelson
Tuesday	8:00 †	Rev. James D. Deegan, OMI
Wednesday	8:00 †	Ellen Carvatt
Thursday	8:00 †	Dorothy Fleming
Friday	8:00 †	Al Schipansky
Saturday	8:00 †	Andrew & † Donna Pukay
Saturday	4:00 †	Alma de'Margarita Riera

SACRISTY LINENS—Eloise McDonald

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- October 4: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11, Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8,
Lk 10:25-37
- October 5: Jon 3:1-10, Lk 10:38-42
- October 6: Jon 4:1-11, Lk 11:1-4
- October 7: Mal 3:13-20b, Lk 11:5-13
- October 8: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2, Lk 11:15-26
- October 9: Jl 4:12-21, Lk 11:27-28
- October 10: Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13,
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

PARISH CALENDAR

October 4-October 11

October 4

October 5

-Catechumenate Reception Program, Parish Office Building, 7:30 pm

October 6

-School Mass, Church, 9:30 am
-Rel. Ed. Conf. Class, Rowan Hall & Parish Office Building, 6:45 pm

October 7

-Synod Sessions, Rowan Hall, 7:30 pm

October 8

-Adoration, Church, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
-Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

October 9

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

October 10

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

October 11

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

Confessions, Mon-Sat., Church, 8:30 am—9:00 am

A FRUITFUL FALL FESTIVAL

We are proud to announce our best Autumn Daze ever!

We raised about \$133,000 for a corner of God's Kingdom in South Minneapolis.

Congratulations Saint Helena!

By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples (John 15:8).

-Father Daly

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.

“CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP”—Discover God's call for your life. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you! Enroll in the “Called and Gifted Workshop scheduled for Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Church of St. Helena. The cost is \$20. To register or to receive more information, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

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- Just go to FORMED.org/signup.
- Enter our parish zip code or name to select your parish.
- Enter you name and email.

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.

PRAYER CORNER

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance. Govern and uphold us now and always. Day by day we bless you. We praise your name forever. Keep us, Lord, from all sin. Have mercy on us. Lord, show us your love and mercy, for we put our trust in you. In you, Lord, is our hope, and we shall never hope in vain.



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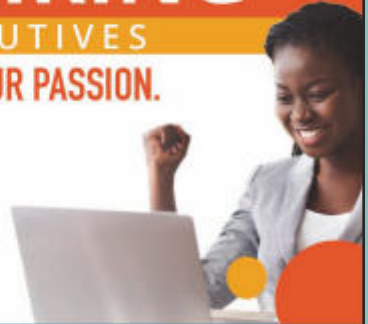
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