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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021**

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

-Mk 10: 43-45



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FATHER DALY BREAD

This past week I traveled up north to Buffalo, MN to attend the Archdiocesan Pastor Workshop on Parish Leadership and Management. The Institute for Ongoing Clergy Formation provided time for silent prayer and a framework for pastoral leadership to help new pastors build a strong Catholic culture that forms joyful and intentional disciples to save souls. There were some key initiatives to help direct our gifts and prioritize our momentum into mission mode, so we can become a thriving and joyful Catholic witness in South Minneapolis!

It was providential timing to have hosted listening sessions before this conference. As I mentioned, in 2014 and 2019 Saint Helena completed a parish vitality self-study through the Archdiocese, and the summary report revealed:

Strengths: Centrality of the Eucharist, pride in our school, and a strong adult education program

Concerns: youth ministry, outreach to Latinos, stewardship, and evangelization

Strategic Goals: Establish a parish council and stewardship committee, develop youth ministry, and grow our Church and School

During our listening sessions, I was very edified to learn about your love for Saint Helena and affirmation of how the Holy Spirit is breathing throughout our vibrant community. I would like to share some of the graces and suggestions for growth that emerged from your voices.

Listening Session (October 3): Worship & Evangelization

GRACES:

The Festival was very fun & fruitful!

Appreciated the Church stained glass windows tour by Dan Ruble

Continue Advent & Lent retreats

Continue educational moments (i.e. feast of St. Helena, *ad orientem*, first Fridays, etc.)

Continue Evenings Affirming Human Life and Family Beautiful vestments, incense, & *sanctus* bells at Mass Parish draws local community

GROWTH:

How to evangelize post-festival (follow up)

Pray for vocations (religious life & holy marriages) – start a *Serra Club*

Liturgical catechesis/formation – why we do what we do (Christmas, Triduum, etc.)

Add a “Catechesis Corner” in the bulletin each week

*Instructing our youth to facilitate growth in faith – initiate *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

Listening Session (October 10): Community life, social outreach, & School (K-8)

GRACES:

Continue the Men and Women’s breakfasts

Enjoyed outside socials after Mass (i.e. root beer floats outside)

Pilgrimage to Guadalupe Shrine – goal to fill a bus of kids next year!

Continue First Friday devotions

Solid school math curriculum

GROWTH:

Hospitality/Welcome our Latino brothers & sisters

*Opportunities for Teens (i.e. social, service, retreats, etc.)

Unite Church & School through:

Partnership to support growth in faith

*Hire a youth minister to bridge Church, School, & Alumni Interim – invite high school alumni to mentor youth

Local community service projects (i.e. Sharing & Caring Hands)

Mission trips abroad (i.e. NPH Honduras) – parish bonding experience to prepare

Combined youth retreats (i.e. NET Ministries)

Enhance website and increase social media presence

Grateful Jane Hileman stepped up as interim principal!

Restore school traditions

Use bulletin strip for school

It is clear that the Holy Spirit is speaking through you *consistently* today, as He has in 2014 and 2019. To ignite this grace and growth, the pastor cannot do it alone; it is a *shared* responsibility of teamwork to make the dream work! Parents & parishioners, families & friends: please help me to serve our parish family’s needs. Through our holy marriages and families’ evangelization efforts, our family, friends, and neighbors will soon say: “Because of you, I know who God is!” *Together*, we can listen to the Holy Spirit, engage our community, and direct our energy to create a Catholic vision for converting hearts and minds to Jesus through Mary. *Let us begin...*

Come Holy Spirit, come through Mary,
Fr. Michael

PASTOR’S REMARKS:

I will be on Silent Retreat this week and through next weekend – please know of my prayers for you!

The Principal Search Committee first meeting was on Friday, October 15 with the Archdiocese

Please sign up for *FORMED.org/signup!* (The Catholic Faith. On Demand)

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND, OCTOBER 23 & 24—Next weekend we will have a second collection for the annual World Mission Collection. Thank you for your generosity and support of our missionaries throughout the world.

COME TO DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. MASSES—EVERY SUNDAY— Everyone is 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN—WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:45 P.M.—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. Covid protocols are followed. The classes are held at 6:45 P.M. in Rowan Hall and the Parish Office Building.

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 of Confirmation on May 5, 2022, in the Cathedral. 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 are followed.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? ATTEND CATECHUMENATE AN RECEPTION PROGRAM—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic on Tuesday evenings 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.

A FOUR-WEEK COURSE ON “TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY”—Kristin Towle, Ph.D., will teach a four-week course on “Teach Me How to Pray” on Thursdays, October 28, November 4, 11, and 18 at 7:30 P.M. in Rowan Hall. The cost is \$20 plus \$10 for the textbook, *Fire Within*. Participants must pre-register by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431) or emailing him johnsondag@sainthelena.us.

MEN’S BREAKFAST—OCTOBER 30—The first Men’s Breakfast of this season will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 8:30 A.M. with Douglas G. Bushman, S.T.L., as the guest speaker. 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.

WOMEN’S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6—Attend the first Women’s Breakfast of the season scheduled for Saturday, November 6, at 8:30 A.M. in Rowan Hall with Rachel Lu, Ph.D., as the guest speaker. Complimentary tickets are available for those who have difficulty paying. 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.

YOU CAN STILL 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 last two parish sessions in preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod at the Church of St. Helena on Thursday, October 21, and Monday October 25, at 7:30 pm in Rowan Hall. Pre-registration is requested by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

“CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP”—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13—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. 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).

WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR FAITH ON THE INTERNET? GO TO ‘FORMED’—Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies...there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Registering on Formed is easier than ever! Just go to FORMED.org/signup Enter our parish zip code or name to select your parish. Enter your name and email.

SENIOR LUNCH—Join us for the first Senior Lunch of the season on October 20, the third Wednesday of October. After a long pause, we are looking forward to seeing you at Noon for good food followed by bingo in Rowan Hall. The cost has increased to \$6 and no reservations are required.

CALLING ALL SINGERS—We 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.

QUILTING TO START OCTOBER 18—We will start quilting Monday, October 18, from 9:00—11:30 A.M. and Wednesday, October 20, from 6:15—9:00 P.M. in the basement of the Parish Offices Building. You can come to either session whenever it fits your schedule. We will tie and hand stitch quilts for the fall festival as well as hem and sew. You don’t need to know how; we will be happy to teach you. Everyone is welcome. Call Lucy Koller (729-9445) or Kathy Wood (729-4167), if you have questions.

MISSED THE BOAT THEATRE—PRESENTS: MOONSHINE ABBEY—Please join us at Helene Houle Auditorium at Saint Agnes School for a musical about monks making hooch during Prohibition. Written and composed by Minnesotan artists, comically cataloging historical events from Stearns County. The show runs November 12 to 21, 2021. Tickets on sale at moonshineabbey.com

POST FESTIVAL AUCTION SALE—Go online and buy many Auction items for sale prices. There’s some good Christmas gifts! Go to: <http://bidpal.net/autumndaze2021>



SCRIPTURE # 1194

**Is 53:10-11,
Heb 4:14-16**

Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	8:00	† Marcella Highland
Tuesday	8:00	† Irene Palluck
Wednesday	8:00	† Laurene Wolf
Thursday	8:00	Ajaluwa Family
Friday	8:00	† Joseph Pianko
Saturday	8:00	Alexander Ajaluwa & Family
Saturday	4:00	† Rev. Thomas O'Brien
Sunday	8:30	† Inez & † Steve Brendmoen
Sunday	10:00	St. Helena Parish

SACRISTY LINENS— Eloise McDonald

PARISH CALENDAR

October 18

- Women's Prayer Group, Church, 8:30 am
- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 9:00-11:30 am

October 19 - Catechumenate Reception Program, Parish Office Building, 7:30 pm

October 20

- No School, Conferences
- Senior Lunch, Rowan Hall, 12:00 pm
- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 6:15-9:00 pm

October 21

- No School - Fall Break
- Synod Session, Rowan Hall, 7:30 pm

October 22

- No School - Fall Break
- Adoration, Church, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
- Virtual Rosary, 7:00 pm

October 23

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

October 24

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

October 25

- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 9:00-11:30 am
- Synod Session, Rowan Hall, 7:30 pm

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

PRAYER CORNER

Lord you accepted the perfect sacrifice of your Son upon the cross. Hear us during times of trouble, and protect us by the power of his name, that we who share his struggle on earth, may merit a share in his victory.

ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

We are a month into our school year, and the first graders have already been working so hard to learn and grow! In our Believe & Read phonics program, the students have been reviewing the letters and sight words from kindergarten, and we are beginning to use our “tapping” strategy to sound out words as we read and spell. To round out our language arts, students have also been exploring realistic fiction texts.

In Math, the first graders have been completing a unit on counting. Students have practiced skip counting by fives, as well as comparing and ordering numbers. We have also been working on becoming familiar with our Calendar Math routine; each day, students practice reciting and identifying the days of the week, create and analyze a weather graph, use multiple strategies to count our days of school, and count and exchange coins to represent our days of school.

We are wrapping up our Social Studies unit on citizenship and communities. The students learned about what it means to be a citizen, what makes a community, community leaders, and the rights and responsibilities of citizens within those communities.

In Religion, the students have been practicing routines for our weekly school Masses. They have also been working really hard to memorize the “Our Father,” and we are now beginning our work on the “Hail Mary.” We are also very excited that our weekly “Promise” magazines have arrived, and students have spent this week learning about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Ms. Laura Blackman, First Grade Teacher

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 18: 2 Tm 4:10-17, Lk 10:1-9

October 19: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21,
Lk 12:35-38

October 20: Rom 6:12-18, Lk 12:39-48

October 21: Rom 6:19-23, Lk 12:49-53

October 22: Rom 7:18-25, Lk 12:54-59

October 23: Rom 8:1-11, Lk 13:1-9

October 24: Jer 31:7-9, Heb 5:1-6,
Mk 10:46-52

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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