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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.

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.

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The Church of St. Helena

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2021

A poor widow also came and put in two coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.”

-Mk 12:42-43



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THE WORD

St. Pope John Paul II had as his motto on his coat of arms “*Totus Tuus*,” which means Totally Yours. However, it refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his devotion to her, and it’s based on the spirituality of St. Louis de Montfort.

The Pope wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, “Thanks to Saint Louis of Montfort, I came to understand that *true devotion to the Mother of God is actually Christocentric, indeed, it is very profoundly rooted in the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity*, and the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption.”

Basically, *Totus Tuus* is a difficult phrase to incorporate into a way of life. In Sunday’s Gospel, we hear our Lord talk about the widow in the temple giving the two coins, but it was all she could give. Our Lord praises her because she gave he “all”.

The widow mirrors our Lord who sets the bar high for giving by His death on the cross. That’s because He’s teaching us that to be happy we will need to focus outside of ourselves. He knows, because He made us like that. He created us to be happy when we direct our attention outside of ourselves.

But, what keeps from giving our “all”? At times, it’s because we have tried to give of ourselves, and that giving has been rejected. Then, we get discouraged and decide not to give again.

For example, I’ve heard it said, “Oh, I’m not going

to be involved with that project. Last year, I gave an elderly person a gift and he didn’t want it.”

So—we often reject Our Lord’s love and gifts, but He continues to pour out Himself for us. Does Our Lord stop giving to us? Are we not invited to imitate His love? He calls us to give our “all,” just as He did and does.

When our love or gift is rejected, many times it proves that our love is authentic, and it is not self-serving. For instance, a parent who continues to love a rebellious child or a co-worker who gives attention to an irritating colleague are models of authentic love. St. Therese of Lisieux had a co-worker (religious sister) who would flick water in St. Therese’s face because the sister thought she liked it. St. Therese would just smile.

The world doesn’t get it. It doesn’t get the widow’s gift of two coins, nor does it get Jesus’ dying on a cross for our salvation. It doesn’t comprehend the notion of *Totus Tuus*.

But, we can get it. We have the Holy Eucharist as a vivid reminder that our Lord gives Himself totally to us, and that we can totally give ourselves to Him. The total gift of self can become a reality when we receive Him at Mass, and Eucharist Adorations is a added sign to us of that possibility of *Totus Tuus*.

John Sondag
Director of Religious Education

FR. DALY BREAD -

Prayer: *Intercessions, Charisms, & Advent Adoration*

The month of NOVEMBER is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. Moreover, we commemorate All the Faithful Departed on November 2, All Souls' Day, which is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. As the Church Militant (faithful on Earth), it is our duty to pray for the Church Suffering (souls in Purgatory) and those who have gone before us – may we all enter into the Church Triumphant (saints in Heaven)! To honor all our loved ones who have died, Saint Helena will have a “**Book of Remembrance**” this month for us to write the names of our family and friends in order to ask for prayers.

Discerning your *charisms* can change your life and help transform and renew our parish! Let us explore our **gifts** from the Holy Spirit (received in Baptism and Confirmation) and learn how to live in our **strengths** by signing up for this **Saturday, November 13 Called & Gifted Workshop** (9AM – 3PM).

Lastly, like Lent, Advent is a season of prayer and penance to prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Jesus on Christmas morn. This year, I would like to encourage our growth in prayer through **ADVENT ADORATION**. St. Therese of Lisieux asks, “Do you realize that Jesus is there

in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.” I invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a Eucharistic Adorer. We need 120+ adorers to:

Sign up for one hour of weekly adoration
For the 4 weeks of Advent (December)
Monday-Friday 9:00AM – 9:00PM

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?”

Venite Adoremus,
Fr. Michael

BAPTISM—The parish community rejoices in the recent baptisms of *Billy Babe Duffy McCabe*, daughter of Connor Duffy and Madeline McCabe; and *Walter Nicholas Roscoe*, son of Nicholas & Emily Roscoe. By God’s gift through water and the Holy Spirit they have been gifted with everlasting life in Jesus Christ, to celebrate life in the midst of the Church. May they always be faithful members of His body.

FOOD SHELF—Thank-you for the generous donations to our local food shelf. There is always a great need for pasta, rice, oil, tea, coffee, flour, sugar and other baking items, crackers, tuna, hot and cold cereal and paper products. “*Freely you have received; freely give.*”

Matthew 10:8

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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? ATTEND THE 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.

“CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP”—THIS 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 this Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Church of St. Helena. The cost is \$20 (which includes lunch). Complimentary scholarships are available to those who have difficulty paying. Childcare will be available, if requested ahead of time. To register or to receive more information, call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

MEN’S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20—The second Men’s Breakfast of this season is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, at 8:30 A.M. Arthur Hippler, Ph.D., will talk on “Social Renewal or Revolution?” The cost of the breakfast is \$5. Complimentary tickets are available for those who have a difficulty paying. 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, November 19, by calling 612-729-7321.

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.

DO YOU KNOW ANY PARISHIONER WHO NEEDS HELP?—If you know parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties, please let the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish know about those individuals. The Conference reaches out to individuals and families in the parish who are having difficulties. (Your name and the referral’s name will be kept confidential.) Please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431 to give the Conference information.

YOU CAN 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 this Thursday, November 11, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING—ARE THE STORES OUT OF STOCK?—Go online and buy many Post Festival items for sale prices. There’s some good Christmas gifts! Go to: <http://bidpal.net/autumndaze2021>

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.

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.

SENIOR LUNCH—Senior Lunch will be held on November 17th, the third Wednesday of November. Join us at noon for good food followed by bingo in Rowan Hall. The cost is \$6 and no reservations are required.

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.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

- November 8: Wis 1:1-7, Lk 17:1-6
- November 9: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17, Jn 2:13-22
- November 10: Wis 6:1-11, Lk 17:11-19
- November 11: Wis 7:22b—8:1, Lk 17:20-25
- November 12: Wis 13:1-9, Lk 17:26-37
- November 13: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9, Lk 18:1-8
- November 14: Dn 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14, 18, Mk 13:24-32

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, be near to all who call upon You in truth, and increase the dedication of those who revere You. Hear their prayers and save them, that they may always love You and praise Your Holy Name.



SCRIPTURE #1203

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	8:00	† Roy Schouviller
Tuesday	8:00	† Marie Nelson
Wednesday	8:00	† Charles Haubrich
	9:30	† Camehle Baron
Thursday	8:00	† PFC Roger McInerny Jr
Friday	8:00	† Richard Bruce
Saturday	8:00	† Rev. Ralph Huar
Saturday	4:00	† Josiah & † Patience Ajaluwa
Sunday	8:30	Julie Montgomery
Sunday	10:00	St. Helena Parish

SACRISTY LINENS—Rose Fritz

PARISH CALENDAR November 8-November 15

November 8

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

November 9

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

November 10

- School Mass, Church, 9:30 am
- Quilting, Parish Office Building, 6:15-9:00 pm
- Rel. Ed. Conf. Class, Rowan Hall & Parish Office Building, 6:45 pm

November 11

- St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, Parish Office, 6:30 pm
- Class on Prayer, Rowan Hall, 7:30 pm

November 12

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

November 13

- "Call & Gifted" Workshop, Rowan Hall, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.
- Confessions, Church, 3:00 pm
- Mass, Church, 4:00 pm
- Turkey Bingo, School Gym, 5:00 p.m.

November 14

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

November 15

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

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

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

ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten News—Kindergarten has been busy learning! Many of our kinder families are new to St. Helena, so we have been enjoying getting to know one another. I am quite excited about the classroom community that we have built in Kindergarten so far.

The students have been learning about the letters t, i, a, c, d, and l. The kindergartners practice recognizing the sounds of these letters and fluency, rhyming, and language awareness daily. Students have been exploring informational texts and finding the main idea and details from them.

The Kindergartners are working on shapes, patterns, number recognition and counting. We are currently working on recognition of numbers 1 to 10 and the triangle shape. We do Calendar Math routinely; each day students practice reciting and identifying the days of the week, create and analyze a weather graph, and use multiple strategies to count our days of school.

In Social Studies we are working on our community helpers unit. The students have learned about veterinarians, doctors, nurses, chefs, teachers, police officers, farmers, construction workers, and dentists. At the end of the unit the students will choose a community helper that they want to be when they grow up and do a presentation.

We practice our routines for our weekly school Masses in religion class while working really hard to memorize the "Our Father." All Saints Day Mass was in person this year. In honor of this celebration the students each chose a saint and dressed up as that saint for Mass. The Kindergartners were so excited to represent us as followers of Jesus.

Shannon Skibba, Kindergarten Teacher

Principal Update—Weekly school Masses have been a great addition. Fr. Michael celebrates Mass for us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The children do the readings and that is a treat. Once a month Father will celebrate a bilingual Mass in Spanish and English. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us!

One of the best ways to help the school is to come to Turkey Bingo. We have lots of volunteers who have been working hard to make the evening a success. Please join us next Saturday, Nov. 13! Children are allowed to play bingo as long as they are supervised by an adult. If you cannot attend, maybe you would like to sponsor an expense from the evening. Just let me know!

First quarter ended on November 4. We are thankful that we have made it this far safely. November 5 was a workshop day for teachers. The teachers heard from Fr. Michael, and Dr. Douglas Bushman presented on "Faith & Reason, Faith & Culture." The afternoon was spent working on St. Helena's self-study. Our school is accredited by Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accreditation Association (MNSAA). It is a seven year cycle. This year St. Helena is in its sixth year. Please pray for the staff and the community as we embark on this process that culminates in an on-site visit next year to our wonderful school.

Jane Hileman, Principal



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