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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.

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.

Visit us on the web at
www.sainthelena.us

The Church of St. Helena

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

- Lk 16:8b, 13



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THE WORD

Planned Parenthood was started by Margaret Sanger in 1916, and it has grown into one of the major promoters of the culture of death. In the United States alone, they performed 332,757 abortions in 2018, plus they are purveyors of contraception and the taking away of parental rights. They stand in contrast to the natural dignity of human life, marital love, and human sexuality, not to mention our Lord's and the Church's teaching about the same subjects.

Planned Parenthood has worked for years and very effectively spread its hedonistic philosophy into our schools, government programs, and corporate lives. Would that many in the Church put forth comparable energy, time, and money to spread Christ's message.

The Lord's words in this Sunday's Gospel apply to Planned Parenthood, "And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light."

Now, don't get me wrong. I know many Catholics who have developed great schemes of evangelization and charity. Dale Ahlquist and Tom Bengtson started Chesterton Academy; Bob Cummins was a key initiator of Providence Academy; Mary Ann Kuharski and Dorothy Fleming began ProLife Across America; John Kipley used his energy to get the Couple-to-Couple League off the ground; John and Evelyn Billings initiated the Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning program; and Dianne Johnson helped to start *Curatio* for health care professionals.

However, most of us are presented with opportunities to spread the Gospel in our lives through words and deeds. And what happens? Nothing!

Why? We're not looking for the opportunities to spread Christ's message. We have other priorities. We're focused on the here and now, or we don't see how the here and now has any relation to what is eternal, that which is spiritual, or that which builds up the Church.

As a suggestion, take a piece of paper and write down your goals of evangelization. Write down the name of the person or persons to whom you are going to bring the message of Christ in an intentional manner and how you are going to do that.

Is it an uncle or aunt who hasn't darkened the inside of a church in 20 years? Is it my next door neighbor who doesn't go to church, and am I going to invite that person to go to Mass with me? Or, am I going to invite that person to the festival or other church gatherings to meet some of other Catholic friends who can share the joy of being Catholic? And, of course, when am I going to pray for that person?

Start off small and build to something larger. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "I bring people to Christ one person at a time."

John Sondag
Director of Religious Education

PASTOR'S REMARKS

1) Thank you, Lord God, Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, for blessing our parish so abundantly during the parish festival last week. The weather, the crowds, the safety, the tremendous spirit of our parish members, the generosity of time, talent, and dedication of our volunteers! At the heart of it all is our love for God and our love for His Church. At this writing, the financial outcome for the parish is around \$125,000! There are still bills to be paid and accounts to be settled, but the outcome for the parish is major and wonderful! Thank each and all of you for your faith and charity, and we thank Dennis and Jackie Fischbach in a special way for their leadership in making the 2019 parish festival such a success. We welcome your insights about the festival in planning for next year.

2) *Conduct yourselves reverently during your sojourn in a strange land. Realize that you were delivered, not by any diminishable sum of silver or gold, but by Christ's blood beyond all price; the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb.*

1 Peter: 17-19

ROSARY MAKERS—Rosary Makers will be meeting on Sept. 24, at 1:00 p.m. in Rowan Hall. The past 3 months we donated 1,500 Rosaries to different charities. If you would like to learn a new hobby, please join us. All are welcome. Lessons and supplies are provided.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12—Mark your calendars for this season's first Women's Breakfast on Saturday, October 12, at 8:30 A.M. in Rowan Hall. Women are also invited to attend the regularly-scheduled parish Mass at 8:00 A.M.

HOLY NAME CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE—Thursday, Sept. 26, is our Preview Sale from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Admission is \$1 per person. On Friday, Sept. 27, hours are 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 28, is Bag Day (\$3 per bag) from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. We have books, clothing, furniture, household items, jewelry, toys and more. Check out our Oval Room with nicer items! For more information, call 612-724-5465 or visit our website at www.churchoftheholyname.org. Holy Name Catholic Church is located at 3637 11th Avenue South in Minneapolis.

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.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH "AUTUMN DAZE"—We are grateful to all the volunteers, donors, advertisers, and patrons who helped to make our parish festival a grand success. Through the grace of God, this event brought joy to the hearts of many, supported our parish, and drew many people closer to the Lord and His Church. Gratitude is in our hearts.

Dennis & Jackie Fischbach (Chairs) & the Executive Committee

DISCOVERY—Whether you are Catholic, haven't been to Church in a while, are non-Catholic, or want to help others discover the Lord, come check out our new Discovery small-group sessions! We will encounter the love, forgiveness and salvation offered in Jesus Christ and gain a deep and lasting conversion of heart and life while making new friends. Our first of six weekly sessions will begin at 7:30 P.M. on this Monday, September 23, in the Parish Offices. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members! There is no cost and you will receive a participant guide. Donations, however, will be accepted. If you would like to check us out, call Ruth Caron at 763-742-0762 or John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN—Parents of public school children in grades one through eight can still enroll them in the 2019-2020 Wednesday Night Religious Education Program by calling John Sondag at 612-275-0431. This program began on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:45 P.M. in the school.

2019-2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM—The program began September 4, but it's not too late to register. 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 (2020). If you are not in St. Helena grade school, please register now in the 2019-2020 Confirmation Program to prepare for the sacrament by calling John Sondag (612-275-0431).

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic begins on this Tuesday, September 24, 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. Villano or John Sondag at 612-729-7344.

PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP—Parishioners who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems 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 help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

PURCHASE A GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES—Buy a gift card for groceries and give the card to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference which can give it to a needy person or family. Place the card in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Conference" and put the envelope in the collection or bring it to the Parish Offices.

WINNERS OF RAFFLES AT THE 2019 "AUTUMN DAZE"—St. Helena School Alumni Drawing –Hannah McNew; \$200 Hat – Megan Mullally; Quilt Raffles – James Graphensteen (Patriotic Snowman Quilt) and JoAnne Nash (New York Beauty Quilt); Main Raffle: \$2,000 (Cash) – Caitlin Cepress; \$1,000 (donated by Wayne Alexander) – Wesley Lorenz; \$500 (donated by Lucy Koller) – Camehle Barron; Briggs & Stratton 18" Snow Blower donated Hudson Hardware (Value: \$380) – Tom Pliska; \$200 certificate for groceries compliments of Roger and Marjorie Reamer – Barb Sivanich; \$150 certificate for repairs (parts or labor) courtesy of Action Auto –Tom Balster; \$150 certificate for repairs (parts or labor) courtesy of Action Auto – Johnson; \$150 certificate for rentals compliments of Hiawatha Reddy Rents – Mark Schliemann. The winner of the \$5,000 Raffle was Wally Priest; a second raffle for \$650 Cash was won by Ann Elward. Congratulations to the winners!

PLEASE RETURN YOUR YARD SIGN—If you had an "Autumn Daze" yard sign, please return it to the back of the church or Parish Offices.

APOLOGY FOR MISTAKE—A sponsor sign for the Twin Cities Unicycle Team was lost in the "Autumn Daze" Parade line-up and consequently was never posted with all of the other sponsors in the tent. The sponsors were Neil and Liz Thompson in memory of their parents: Don and Lorraine Thompson and Sam and Anna Senger. We are sorry for the mix-up and grateful for their sponsorship of this parade entry.

CRY ROOM FOR PARENTS WITH SMALL CHILDREN OR INFANTS—You can find the "Cry Room" in the front of the church, if you go through the side door by the Baptismal font. After you go through the door, turn left, go up a small series of steps, open a door, and you'll enter a room where you can be close to the altar and that has the prayers miked into it, you can see everything that's happening, and your little ones can cry or talk without disturbing others in the main part of the church.

ST. HELENA CHURCH HAS A NURSERY SERVICE AVAILABLE DURING THE 10:00 SUNDAY MASS—St. Helena Church offers a nursery service for small children (up to but not including first grade) during the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sundays. There's no charge. Parents may bring the children downstairs to the nursery before Mass.

ASSIST THE NEEDY OF THE PARISH—The St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish reaches out to needy 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. We meet Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 P.M. For more information, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS—Come downstairs on Sunday mornings after the 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. Masses for Doughnuts and coffee. Everyone is welcome.



SCRIPTURE #1183

Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 AM

Monday	†	Julie Elwood
Tuesday	†	Pat Lassonde
Wednesday	†	Joan McTeague
Thursday	†	Marie Nelson
Friday	†	Andrew & † Donna Pukay
Saturday		Freida Bernard

SACRISTY AIDES—Eloise McDonald and Ann Gibney, (Linens) Krysta Niznick

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 23: Monday: Ezr 1:1-6, Lk 8:16-18
September 24: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20, Lk 8:19-21
September 25: Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6
September 26: Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9
September 27: Hg 2:1-9, Lk 9:18-22
September 28: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a, , Lk 9:43b-45
September 29: Am 6:1a, 4-7, 1 Tm 6:11-16,
 Lk 16:19-31

PARISH CALENDAR

September 23 – September 30

September 23

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm
 -Discovery Evangelization Mtg, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm

September 24

-Rosary Makers, 1:00, RH, 1:00 pm
 -School Family Open House, School, 6:30-8:30 pm
 -Catechumenate Program, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm

September 25

-Religious Ed. & Confirmation Classes, School, 6:45 pm

September 26

September 27

September 28

September 29

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

September 30

-Women's Prayer Group, Church, 6:30 pm

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD—Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events—What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. First three events:

Tues., Sept. 24, 6:00-9:00 P.M. at St. Victoria (St. Victoria); Sat., Sept. 28, 9:00 A.M.—Noon at St. Michael (St. Michael); Fri., Oct. 11, 6:00-9:00 P.M. at Guardian Angels (Oakdale)

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

Prayer for Year of Pre-Synod Prayer & Listening

Come Holy Spirit
 Make our ears to hear
 Make our eyes to see
 Make our mouths to speak
 Make our hearts to seek
 Make our hands to reach out
 And touch the world with your love.
 AMEN.

Mary, Mother of the Church,
 Pray for us.

HOLY NAME CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL—

Please join us on Sunday, October 13, 2019, for our Fall Festival, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Delicious Pancake Breakfast, Eat Street, Bingo, Children's Games, Beer Garden, Raffle, Silent Auction, and More! Call 612-724-5465 or www.churchoftheholyname.org for more information.

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.

DO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER NEED A VISIT?

If you or your loved one will be hospitalized or homebound, and would like to receive Eucharist, let us know. Keep in mind hospitals and healthcare facilities cannot contact us. We need to be contacted by family. Please call the Director of Pastoral Care, Virginia, at 612-729-7344.

PRAYER CORNER Graciously hear us, Lord, for we seek only you. You are near to those whose heart is right. Open yourself to accept our sorrowful spirit; calm our bodies and minds with the peace which surpasses understanding.