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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 Pastoral Minister for information.

## 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2017

*"Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.*

*Come, share your master's joy."*

- Mt 25:20b-21



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**THE WORD**

"If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space." Our Lord could have probably used this statement as a summary of this Sunday's Gospel with the parable of the master giving his servants money to invest.

The servant who buried his one talent and didn't invest the money out of fear was the one who was punished. The other two servants who had invested the money and came up with a profit were praised.

The interesting detail that was never talked about is what would have happened if the two servants who had invested the talents had lost on their investments and came up with the same amount of money initially given to them, or if they had come up short. Would the master have chided and punished them?

It seems our Lord may be encouraging his followers to take a risk with their talents and go out on the limb to use these talents that He gave to them. Anytime a person invests, he takes a risk with some time, some energy, and some intelligent decision making.

So, what does that mean for the life of a follower of Jesus today? Here are some examples:

1) Marriage is a gift, but the consecrated religious or priest takes a risk and gives up this gift for a higher good, namely,

the Lord, and he bears fruit a hundredfold for the sake of the Kingdom—minimally in terms of the witness to the rest of the Church.

2) Fertility is a gift from God. If a person is married, it's a risk to have children, but they are a gift from God.

3) Catholic education. A married couple could take a vacation or two a year, if they didn't have those tuition payments for the deepening of their offspring's faith.

4) Some professional and business promotions at work (with large monetary benefits) that wreak havoc on the family because of travel or extended work hours may be turned down. The pay-off may be a strengthening of family bonds.

5) The retiree who gives service to his parish or to the poor rather than take a part-time job that pays monetary benefits. The service-oriented program may reap benefits of friendships and a deepening of a love of God.

All of these examples (and more) can mean taking a risk for the sake of the Kingdom of God. To take that risk may mean "living on the edge."

Give your heart of push!

John Sondag  
Director of Religious Education

**PASTOR'S REMARKS**

1) We are very grateful to the **World Legacy** association who have provided not only two basketball hoops and a playground structure for our school but also created asphalt games and play areas for the children. Their gift is very generous and a great tribute to their wonderful spirit and dedication . . . The children love to play! Thank you, World Legacy

2) The Parish Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22, and remain closed until Monday, November 27. Thursday, November 23, is **Thanksgiving Day**. Our parish Mass will be at **9:00 A.M.**

3) *We have seen for ourselves, and can testify that the Father has sent the Son as savior of the world. When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God.*  
1 John 4:1

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN JANUARY PROJECT**—Hotel size toiletry items will be collected and distributed to a homeless shelter in January. Keep saving shampoos, lotions, combs, talc, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorants and small soaps.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN BAKE SALE**—Pull out your favorite holiday recipes for other parishioners to enjoy. CCW will have their annual holiday bake sale, December 16 & 17.

**DO YOU KNOW OF ANY PARISHIONERS WHO NEED HELP?**—If you know of any parishioner who might be out of work, sick and unable to work, or struggling because of financial difficulties or other problems, you are invited to give that person's name to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference. (You and the name will be kept confidential.) Our parish's conference reaches out to families and individuals who are having difficulties. You can also volunteer with the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference by coming to the next meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 7, in the Parish Office Building. For more information or to give the conference names of families and individuals who need help, please call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

***ST. HELENA HAS A CRY ROOM  
AND NURSERY SERVICE***

**MAN, WOMAN AND THE ORDER OF CREATION—SAVE THE DATE!**—Monday, December 11, 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M., University of St. Thomas. This one-day symposium will explore the Catholic vision of the human person within its theological, scientific and social context. The goal of this conference is to equip clergy, religious, pastoral ministers and lay leaders with the pastoral insights and language they need to reach out to those they serve—in love and in truth. Registration will open soon. For more information, contact: Dr. Deborah Savage: 651-962-5061.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT—HONORING AND UNDERSTANDING OUR VETERANS—PROUD TO SERVE**—Tuesday, November 28, at 7:00 P.M., Church of the Holy Name (Garvey Hall/Lower Level), 3637 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Join us for viewing and discussion about the PBS documentary: *Proud To Serve* which salutes our military men and women. Included are Senator Bob Dole, Shaquille O'Neal, Jessica Lynch and more. How can we understand and honor the veterans in our community? Bring a friend and join us for learning and lively discussion. No cost/no registration; coffee provided. For more information to [churchoftheholynome.org](http://churchoftheholynome.org); 612-724-5465 or [pdsavage@stthomas.edu](mailto:pdsavage@stthomas.edu)

**ARCHBISHOP'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**—Begins Friday, December 29, 6:30 P.M.—Sunday, December 31, 1:00 P.M. Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo MN. The Director of Vocations offers this annual retreat with talks by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. In addition to the talks given by the Archbishop, there will be times of prayer, an opportunity for the Rite of Reconciliation, times of recreation, and plenty of great food. The Archbishop's Discernment Retreat is for men who are seniors in high school to age 50 and are discerning priesthood. This retreat is a wonderful opportunity to gain clarity in your discernment process and to meet other men who desire to follow Christ and to know his will for their lives. Register online by December 13 at [10000vocations.org](http://10000vocations.org).

**THANKSGIVING MEALS-ON-WHEELS**—High school students can be part of Thanksgiving Meals-on-Wheels on Thursday morning, November 23, at 6:00 A.M. beginning with prayer in St. Helena Church. We will, then, go to Cretin-Derham High School to pick up meals and deliver them to needy families in the Twin Cities. To participate, call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**BAND PRACTICES FOR LAS POSADAS PARADE**—If you play a band instrument, you are welcome to join us in the Las Posadas Parade, Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 P.M. Practices will be on Tuesdays, November 21 and 28, at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Offices. Call John Sondag at 612-275-0431.

**COME TO DOUGHNUTS AND COFFEE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**—Everyone is welcome to come to Doughnuts and Coffee, downstairs in Rowan Hall after the 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. Masses.

**PURCHASE A GIFT CARD FOR GROCERIES**—Give it to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference in the parish. The conference will give it to needy families or individuals throughout the year. Put the certificates in an envelop marked "St. Vincent de Paul," and drop it in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Offices.

**LAS POSADAS PARADE—SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 3**—Everyone is invited to the Las Posadas parade. We will gather in front of the school at 5:00 P.M. Following the parade, everyone is invited to a meal in the school cafeteria (free-will offering) and piñatas plus Santa.

**MAKING PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS?**—The Church of St. Helena will have a Christmas Eve Party after the 4:00 P.M. Mass. Everyone is welcome to come downstairs to Rowan Hall for appetizers and desserts plus musical entertainment. Watch the bulletin for details.

**PRE-SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS**—If your 3, 4, or 5-year old children are rambunctious during Mass, you are invited to enroll them in the Pre-School Religious Education on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 A.M. Mass. The tuition for the program which extends to next May, 2018, is \$50, however, no child will be deprived of the program because of finances. To register, please go downstairs to Rowan Hall on this Sunday after the 8:30 or 10:00 A.M. Masses, or call John Sondag (612-275-0431).

**ASSIST WITH THE "DINNER TREE"**—You can be of service to some of our parishioners in need of a prepared meal due to illness, a hospital stay, financial setback, etc. If you would like to participate in the "Dinner Tree" and be added to our list of volunteers to be called to prepare a meal, please call 612-518-3150.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?**—The Church of St. Helena offers a program that prepares people to become Catholic which is held on Tuesdays 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.

**ST. HELENA MUSIC TROOP**—If you are a musician (beginner, professional, or in-between), you are invited to be part of the St. Helena Music Troop, which performs at nursing homes at least two times a month during the fall, winter, and spring. You do not have to be professional musician or have to come each time we perform. The people who entertain do not play music as a group but individually play the piano, band or symphonic instruments, or sing. The next time we entertain is Saturday afternoon, November 25, at Providence Place in Minneapolis. If you are interested in participating, please call John Sondag (612-275-0431).



**SCRIPTURE: # 1205**

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
 1 Thes 5:1-6  
 Mt 25:14-30

**MASS INTENTIONS  
 8:00 AM**

<b>Monday</b>	† <b>Andrew Pianko</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	† <b>Michael Villano</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	† <b>Lorraine Douglas</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<b>Friday</b>	† <b>Bob McDonald</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	† <b>Mary Dombrock</b>

**SACRISTY AIDE**—Virginia Tschida, and Rose Fritz (Linens).

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

<b>Monday, November 20</b>	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday, November 21</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday, November 22</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday, November 23</b>	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday, November 24</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday, November 25</b>	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday, November 26</b>	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**PARISH CALENDAR  
 November 20–November 27**

<b>Nov 20</b>	– Quilters, Parish Office, 9:00-11:30 am – Women's Prayer Group, 7:00 pm – Church History, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm
<b>Nov 21</b>	– Rosary Makers, RH, 1:00 pm – Las Posadas Band Practice, Parish Office, 6:30 pm – Boy Scouts, School, 7:00-8:00 pm – Catechumenate Program, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm
<b>Nov 22</b>	– <b>Parish Offices, Close at Noon</b>
<b>Nov 23</b>	– <i>Mass at 9:00 am, Thanksgiving Day</i>
<b>Nov 24</b>	– <b>Parish Offices, Closed all day</b>
<b>Nov 25</b>	–
<b>Nov 26</b>	– Coffee & Donuts after 8:30 & 10:00 am
<b>Nov 27</b>	– Quilters, Parish Office, 9:00-11:30 am – Women's Prayer Group, 7:00 pm – Church History, Parish Offices, 7:30 pm

**ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS**

***Spotlight on Middle School Religion!***

All of the Middle School Religion classes set aside a few minutes two or three days a week to acknowledge the Saint of the Day. September and October were busy months with the likes of St. Augustine, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter Claver, St. Mother Teresa, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Luke to name just a few.

The sixth grade learned the two Great Commandments and is now looking at each commandment individually. The seventh grade began the year studying Divine Revelation and Salvation History, while the eighth grade has begun their journey toward Confirmation with the program "Chosen".

- Thank you to all who follow our Facebook Page for the school. Please consider liking, sharing or commenting on our page to help build up our followers at [facebook.com/StHelenaCatholicSchool](https://facebook.com/StHelenaCatholicSchool).
- Mark Your Calendars . . . St. Helena Church and School will be celebrating Las Posadas on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 5:00 P.M. Please join us for this prayerful, torchlight walk through the neighborhood. We'll end with food, fellowship, and fun in the school cafeteria. Santa Claus will also make an appearance. It is a great opportunity to get a picture with the jolly fellow.
- Thank you to all who gave to St. Helena Catholic School during Give to the Max Day. Your generosity keeps a Catholic education affordable for our students and their families. Plus it helps us to buy all that is needed to assure a great education for our children. We could never make it without all of the support that we receive from our parish community and the community at large.
- The children have been writing and praying for all of our benefactors as we head into Thanksgiving week. Know that all of our parishioners are dear to us and in our thoughts during this wonderful season.
- Our next school Mass is on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 at 10:00 A.M. Please join us as our second graders help us to celebrate this beautiful Holy Day of Obligation.

**PRAYER CORNER**

Be gracious and bless us, Lord, and let your face shed its light on us, so that we can make you known with reverence and bring forth a harvest of justice.