



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today's celebration can be seen as another "epiphany" of sorts, whereby Jesus is recognized as the one who will fulfill the Jewish people's messianic expectations. Jesus is the one who comes to purify and refine humanity and provide us with proper direction and focus. Jesus also presents himself to each one of us. Will we accept him as he is or only as we want or need him to be?

The Gospel message is meant to be heard whole and entire. When it is, it is always a very challenging, table-turning experience that can make even the holiest among us feel a bit uncomfortable. Being purified and refined never comes easy and requires that we give ourselves fully to God and His design. Are we willing to do so?



## ST. HELENA PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Saturday** (vigil) 7pm  
(Prince of Peace Care Center)

**Sunday** 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

**Tue–Fri** 8:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Saturday** 1:30-2:30pm

**Sunday** Before 8:30 am mass  
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

**Tues–Fri** Before 8:00 am daily  
Mass | By appointment, call parish office



## ST. PATRICK PARISH

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday** 10:30am  
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

**Thursday** 9:00am

### Confession Schedule

**Sundays** after 10:30 am Mass  
By appointment - call parish office

## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Priesthood: A Word from our Vocation Director

A curious phenomenon happened in military recruitment following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Contrary to expectation, the number of young men enlisting in the army actually increased. Despite the reality of a dangerous war looming on the horizon, young men didn't avoid the battle, rather they pressed toward it. Now, they rationalized, there was something ever more prized worth fighting for: freedom, liberty. The fundamental ideals of America were in danger! Strong men don't shy away from a battle worth fighting.

The Church is in a battle right now. True, it always has been, but perhaps the intensity of the battle seems more present these last years. But despite the impression that worthy Christian soldiers are fleeing the battle, vocations to the priesthood are actually increasing, just as recruitment to the military increased following September 11. More importantly, those who are applying to seminary are precisely the men we want: men who love the Church and want to preserve the bride of Christ from further scandal; men who have profound prayer lives that direct their decisions; men who love the Eucharist and spend time before this precious sacrament; men who have consecrated their lives through the intercession of the Blessed Mother; men who are striving for virtue rather than condescending to the banal, fleeting pleasures of the world.

These men will be your future pastors who will feed you with the Eucharist and absolve you from your sins. They will

celebrate the weddings of your children and baptize your grandchildren. They will visit you when you are ill and minister to you with the anointing of the sick. And all the while, they will preach to you the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, without addition or subtraction.

You have much to look forward to from your future pastors currently in seminary formation. You can be confident these men are being prepared for priestly ministry better now than at any other time in all of Church history. It is a very robust, comprehensive, orthodox, and, quite frankly, challenging formation program. Would we want it any other way? No, we would not.

If you know a young man who possesses some of the qualities you admire in a priest, don't remain silent. Ask him if he's ever considered the priesthood. *Tell him* he should consider the priesthood. And if that young man is your son or grandson, praise God that you are blessed to have such a man come from your own family. There are tragically few parents in the Church who receive such an honor from the Lord. And on that sublime day when you finally stand before the Lord and He asks what you did to build up His kingdom on Earth, you can say with humble confidence, "My Lord and my God, I gave you the most precious gift I had. I gave you my son to be a priest."

In Christ,

Fr. Kyle Metzger  
Vocation Director, Diocese of Fargo

## SACRAMENTS

### Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage must contact Fr. Asselin at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Baptism

To schedule a baptism please contact the parish office.

### Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available anytime. Talk with the priest before or after Mass, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Don't hesitate to call, especially if you are preparing for a medical procedure or surgery.

### Why is the Church called apostolic?

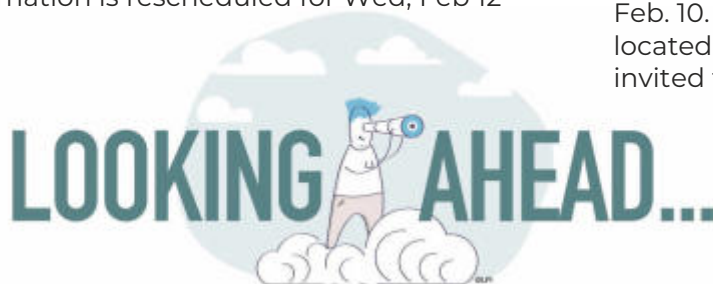
The Church is apostolic because she is founded on the apostles, holds fast to their Tradition, and continues to be governed by their successors. (Catechism 857).

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 2/8—Food Pantry Volunteers 10:00-12:00
- 2/12—Parent Meeting for Confirmation 6:30pm
- 2/16—Valentine's Party, St. Helena's 5:30-9:30pm
- 2/22—Food Pantry Volunteers 10:00-12:00
- 2/26—Ash Wednesday

### Notes

- ⇒ Fr. Asselin is out of town until Feb 7. Please contact Fr. Miller in Edgeley for emergencies.
- ⇒ Parent Meeting for Confirmation is rescheduled for Wed, Feb 12



### Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. A weekend retreat will be held February 7-9, 2020 in Fargo. For more information visit [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com) Call (701) 356-7962 email us at: [redriverretrouvaille@fargodiocese.org](mailto:redriverretrouvaille@fargodiocese.org)

### Decora, women's event

Discover your feminine genius. College and high school age women are invited to St. Anne & Joachim Church in Fargo on Sat. Feb. 29 from 8am-4pm. Fertility care, guy panel, fashion show and more. Students are free. Register by Feb 23 at: [bisoncatholic.org](http://bisoncatholic.org). Includes meals and materials.

### Women's Conference

**Save the Date: March 27-28, 2020**  
The conference begins Friday

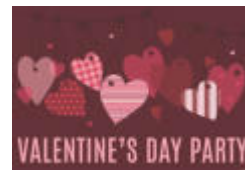
evening, Mar. 27, at the Fargo Avalon Events Center. The Vigil Project will guide you in worshipping our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a social hour. Saturday, Mar. 28, you will gain a new perspective on your femininity in relation to God and others through speakers, as well as Mass with Bishop Folda, confession, and fellowship with other women. Register by March 1, \$50 (after March 1, \$75). All food and refreshments included. For more information and registration: [fargodiocese.org/RedeemedWomen](http://fargodiocese.org/RedeemedWomen)

### Stress Management for Farmers

Catholic Charities North Dakota is pleased to announce that our Counseling Services team will be offering a series of presentations on stress management for farmers, ranchers and rural communities. For information visit [catholiccharitiesnd.org/](http://catholiccharitiesnd.org/)

### Valentine Social & Dinner

You are invited to an evening of food, fellowship and fun. St. Helena's KCs are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner and social on Sun, Feb. 16, 5:30-9:30pm in the Parish Center. Please register by Feb. 10. Sign-up sheets are located in the church entry. All are invited to join us!



Presentations are scheduled in the following locations:

Rugby at Rugby High School Auditorium at 7pm on February 22, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Erin Rocheleau, MA, LPCC.

### Connect with us on FLOCKNOTE

We use Flocknote to communicate important information about parish events. Receive text messages or emails, join the groups you want. You can Text to Join. Text the word: Helena to: 84576 or visit: [flocknote.com/sthena1](http://flocknote.com/sthena1)

### Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

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Select your parish  
Register with your name and email address  
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## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday February 9 (10:30 am)

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Usher	Richard Reis
Collection	Bob Radtke
Lector	Bernie Thielges
EMHC	Michele Thorpe
Gift Bearers	Joletta Gusaas
Altar Servers	Ivan C, Devin W, Levi R, Carly K

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

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Feb. 2	Isaiah & Levi R, Emily O, Isabelle G
Feb. 16	Cindy F, Charlotte G, Kay K, Linda G

## WEEKLY GIVING

### Sunday, January 26

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Adult	\$1,102
Children's	\$28
Plate	\$15
Total	<b>\$1,145</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

### End of Year Statements

If you would like your 2019 statement for tax purposes, a sign up sheet is available in the church entryway. Statements will only be printed upon your request.

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday February 9 (8:30 am)

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Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Gene and Faye
Altar Servers	Kate, Alivia

### For the Month of February

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Breakfast Server	Ruby and Virginia
Collection Counters	Alan Gramlow, Steve Peterson
Church Cleaners	Linda and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	Following Mass on Feb 9

Advertiser of the Week

Avera Mother Joseph Manor

Thank you for supporting our bulletin!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Tue. Feb 4**

8:00 am **No Mass**

**Wed. Feb 5**

8:00 am **No Mass**

**Thu. Feb 6**

8:00 am (St. H) **No Mass**

9:00 am (St. P) **No Mass**

**Fri. Feb 7**

8:00 am †Jeanette Stromme

**Sat. Feb 8**

7:00 pm Tyler Rivard

**Sun. Feb 9**

8:30 am (St. P) †Dan Rudnick

10:30 am (St. H) For the Parishioners

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

#### Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

### Thank You, Fr. Kyle Metzger

Let's pray for vocations to the priesthood. A special word of thanks to our vocation director for being with us this weekend!



### Please Pray

*...for all who are sick, elderly or alone*

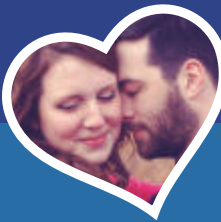
Jack Kelsh, Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.



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 Morning Prayers including Rosary 6am

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