



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am  
well pleased; listen  
to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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Have you ever given much thought to who you were really created to be? Our lives are the product of various circumstances, choices, predetermined scenarios, and a whole host of events and inherited baggage. All of these components come together and form the person we understand ourselves to be. Jesus knew who he was and who he was becoming. He showed his transfigured self to his disciples on a high mountain and revealed to them who he was really meant to be. The weaknesses, imperfections, fears, and impressions that we carry with us often color our choices and hinder us from really seeing the greater picture of who we are. What do you imagine your transfigured self to be? Jesus promises a new life in heaven. Have you ever given much thought to what that may mean for you?



## 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

### Playing the Trumpet

There are many difficult passages of Scripture. Interpreting and living the message of the Bible is properly accomplished in union with the teaching authority of the Church (called the Magisterium). On Ash Wednesday we heard Jesus say to his disciples, “When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you... but when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” (Mt 6:2-4)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes almsgiving as a form of penance and as a work of charity and mercy. Almsgiving is mentioned within the section on the sacrament of penance and reconciliation. Confession is one of the sacraments of healing. Giving alms is also a means to express the interior desire of conversion. The Catechism lists several types of conversion: in relation to oneself, to God and to others. Stepping outside of our comfort zone may challenge us. In the first letter of St. Peter we hear, “Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins.” (1Pet 4:8).

Almsgiving is also described in the Catechism as one of the *works of mercy*, which are “charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his

spiritual and bodily necessities.” (brochures describing the works of mercy are available in the back of the church). Let’s return to Jesus’ words about playing a trumpet. When someone is learning to play an instrument, the result is an array of sounds and noises. Requests for help and alms sometimes blast into our lives with a similar cacophony, causing us to discern what is truly worthy (material for another column, another day!) Our Savior reminds us that assisting the poor is to be done in secret. Our motivation in helping the needy cannot be to display a badge of honor; rather, the music of charity will resound loudly in heaven.

We like to rank things—good, better, best; first, second, third. Where does almsgiving rank among the other two Lenten pillars of fasting and prayer? For myself, almsgiving might be more difficult and less appealing than the others. Fasting and prayer are geared toward my own private spiritual life. Almsgiving can be difficult for various reasons. Practicing almsgiving can grate on our nerves like someone squeaking on a trumpet. So, this Lent try to find a small way to practice the justice and charity of almsgiving. Almsgiving is a call from God to exercise fraternal charity to those in material need.

Fr. Asselin

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

If you just read the column above on almsgiving, you might be grumbling to see this update. So far we have raised **\$131,634**, with approximately 51% of our parish participating. Donations of labor & materials have also been made. I am glad to say that most of the projects have been completed.

Can you help us reach 100% participation! **The deadline for us to receive the 10% incentive fund from the**

**Diocese is April 15th.** If you can make a donation, every gift is greatly appreciated. Perhaps you can increase your gift. Our buildings need to be properly maintained so we can continue God’s work into the future.

May God Bless You with his generous love.

Thank You, Fr. Asselin

Transfiguration begins simply... Sainly words of wisdom

“I never will understand all the good that a simple smile can accomplish.”

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 3/8—Evening Prayer/Adoration, St. Helena, 4 pm
- 3/10—Confessions, St. Helena, 7-8 pm
- 3/11—Simple Supper/Stations of the Cross, 5 pm
- 3/13—Fish Fry at St. Helena's, 5:30-7:00 pm
- 3/15—Evening Prayer/Adoration, St. Helena, 4 pm
- 3/17—Confession, St. Helena, 7-8 pm



### Easter Flower Memorials

Make our church beautiful for the Easter season. Orders for lilies and flowering plants must be received by March 13. Cost is \$30. A sign up sheet is available in the entryway.

### Women's Conference

**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. All food and refreshments included. For more information and registration: [fargodiocese.org/RedeemedWomen](http://fargodiocese.org/RedeemedWomen) Registration forms available in the church entry.

### Almsgiving for Lent

Baby Bottles for Life are available for your Lenten almsgiving. Take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change throughout the season. Your donations are sent to the Pregnancy Help Center in Park River, ND. Thank you for making a sacrifice to support our efforts of helping pregnant women. Please return all bottles by Sunday, March 29.

### Lenten Mission in LaMoure

Lenten mission at Holy Rosary: Sat -Mon, Mar. 28-30, 7pm. Patti and Mark Armstrong, of Bismarck, are the parents of ten children, including two orphaned by the AIDS virus adopted from Kenya. Patti worked in social work and public administration before staying home to raise their children. As a freelance writer, Patti has published more than 400 articles for secular and religious publications, including the book, *Catholic Truths for Our Children*, to help parents pass on their Catholic faith. Join us for this Lenten mission!



### Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Please pray for our students who will be confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday. They learned about the Bread of Life during their retreat and made a special craft. May Jesus help them to discover their personal vocation!

### Fall Dinner Raffle Donations

St. Helena's Altar Society is accepting donations for our annual Fall Dinner and Raffle. Contact Michele T. or Kathy M. if you would like to donate cash or other items for the raffle prizes.

### 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/sthelenal](http://flocknote.com/sthelenal)

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## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday March 15 (8:30 am)

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|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Usher         | Pete Flynn, Jr                       |
| Collection    | Bob Radtke                           |
| Lector        | Mary Johnson                         |
| EMHC          | Darell Wall                          |
| Gift Bearers  | Bob Smith Family                     |
| Altar Servers | Macy N, Annah T, Nickolas S, Devin W |

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

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| March 15 | Mary J, Kristi G, Darcy S, Lynelle M |
| March 29 | Knights of Columbus                  |

## WEEKLY GIVING

### Sunday, March 1

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|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Adult      | \$1,149        |
| Children's | \$11           |
| Plate      | \$38           |
| Total      | <b>\$1,198</b> |

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday March 15 (10:30 am)

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|---------------|----------------|
| Lector        | Kayce          |
| Gift Carriers | Amy and Judy   |
| Altar Servers | Boston, Archur |

### For the Month of March

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Breakfast Server      | Judy and Megan            |
| Collection Counters   | Steve Peterson, Bob Hagen |
| Church Cleaners       | Judy and Alana            |
| Altar Society Meeting | None this month           |

### God's Gift Appeal 2020

*Seek First the Kingdom of God*

#### Parish Goals for the 2020 Appeal

⇒ St. Helena, Ellendale: \$16,879

⇒ St. Patrick, Fullerton: \$5,756

*God's Gift Appeal is our bishop's annual collection to support the many important ministries of the Diocese of Fargo.*

### Advertiser of the Week

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Tue. Mar 10

8:00 am †Bernice Vetter

### Wed. Mar 11

8:00 am †Al & †Alice Nagel

### Thu. Mar 12

8:00 am (St. H) †Fr. Leo Kinney

9:00 am (St. P) †Jeanette Stromme

### Fri. Mar 13

8:00 am †Matilda Leier

### Sat. Mar 14

7:00 pm Paul Mahler

### Sun. Mar 15

8:30 am (St. H) Tom Matheis

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



### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

#### Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



### Please Pray

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

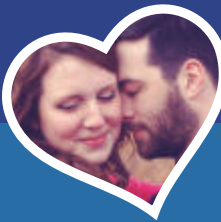
Jack Kelsh, Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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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