



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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"Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Have you ever found yourself asking this question? Finding God's presence and truly encountering God are not always easy tasks. When we seek God only with our minds, we risk reducing God to simply an idea rather than meeting him as someone who is real and actually present to us. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. We can often get confused and misunderstand not only who we are, but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts. Only Jesus can lead us to truth and provide the water that can quench our thirst. Each of us, not only with our heads but with our hearts, must come to see that Jesus is the Savior of the world. It is only when we can honestly make this confession that we will know God is truly present.



## 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

### Really long readings!

Dear friends in Christ,

That Gospel reading was way too long! Well, brace yourself, we have two more Sundays with lengthy Gospels (and that's not counting the upcoming Passion reading on Palm Sunday!) We should enjoy these longer passages of Scripture. If you find yourself concerned about time, remember that the Bible is **Good News**—the story of our salvation in Jesus Christ! Here's a short explanation of why we have such long Gospel readings during Lent.

First, the Scripture readings for Sunday Mass follow a three-year cycle (A, B, C). The long passages we are reading this year come from year "A". You might breathe a sigh of relief thinking that next year will be shorter. True, the long Gospel passages only come up every three years, but there's more to the story.

Another reason for the extended Gospel passages on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, through the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Lent is because of RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—the process whereby adults are brought into full communion with the Catholic Church). Adults preparing to be baptized are encouraged to embrace the Christian life more fully as they listen to these long readings (the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus). When a parish prepares adults for baptism, they may participate in three special ceremonies at Mass called Scrutinies. The scrutiny rites are optional, but they are intended to ensure that those preparing for the sacraments of initiation, "...have the intention of achieving intimate knowledge of Christ and his Church." (RCIA 141).

These long Gospel readings are good for all of us. Hearing these stories, we are instructed in this manner: we learn about the mystery of sin, from which we long to be delivered; next, our spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is living water (story of the Samaritan woman), the light of the world (story of the blind man), and the resurrection and the life (story of Lazarus). If the Gospel is **good** news, that implies there must be **bad** news!

Therefore, the long readings are a tool of conversion; an instrument to help us recall what we heard on Ash Wednesday, "you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Although the selection of these long Gospel readings is focused on adult conversions to the Catholic Church, we are all in need of conversion. The bad news is sin and death. Christianity is a rescue mission. We need to see the Church as the life-raft and the seven sacraments as part of the survival kit inside the raft. The Church is here to announce the Good News of Christ to whomever will listen and to whomever is ready for conversion. Being converted to Christ takes time. I'm afraid the culture we're in now is telling us to swim on our own.

As we listen to these long Gospel stories, keep in mind your own need for ongoing conversion to Christ. During the second scrutiny, one of the prayers of petition asks God, "That, preferring the folly of the Cross to the wisdom of the world, they may glory in God alone." Instead of looking at your watch, be reminded of how much our Savior loves you and calls you to deeper conversion.

Fr. Asselin

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Currently we have raised **\$131,634** with approximately **51%** of our parish participating. Donations of labor and time have been given. Most of the projects have been completed. **The deadline for the 10% incentive fund match is April 15.** If you wish to increase your donation or make your first donation, Thank you!

### At the Wellsprings of Prayer

The Holy Spirit is the living water, "welling up to eternal life" in the heart that prays. It is he who teaches us to accept it at its source: Christ. Indeed in the Christian life there are several wellsprings where Christ awaits us to enable us to drink of the Holy Spirit: the Word of God, the liturgy of the Church and the theological virtues. (Catechism #2652)

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 3/15—Evening Prayer/Adoration, St. Helena, 4 pm
- 3/17—Confession, St. Helena, 7-8 pm
- 3/18—Simple Supper/Stations of the Cross, 5 pm
- 3/22—Evening Prayer/Adoration, St. Helena, 4 pm
- 3/24—Confessions, St. Helena, 7-8 pm
- 3/25—Simple Supper, 5 pm
- 3/25—Live Stations of the Cross, CYO, 7pm



### One week left to register for the REDEEMED Women's Conference!

Sunday, March 22 marks your last chance to register for this exciting event. After that, registration will close.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet in Fargo on March 27-28 together with women from across our region. We will have the chance to encounter Christ deeply, aided by the stirring music of *The Vigil Project* during Eucharistic adoration; to be refreshed through powerful keynotes by Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, and others; and to grow in friendship as Trusted Sisters in Christ. Visit [www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen](http://www.fargodiocese.org/redeemedwomen) to find all the details and get registered now.

### Middle School Youth Extravaganza

Be a witness! Join us for a fun-filled day to grow closer to the Lord, hang-out with friends and

finish with a dance. The keynote speaker is Scott Anthony, an acclaimed youth minister and creator of Fan the Fire youth events. Saturday, April 18, 9:30am-9:00pm, in Wimbledon, ND (former school building). \$40 for students, register by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms available in the entryway.

### 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!



### St. Patrick's Day Event

Fullerton parishioners are invited to the Manor in Edgeley on Tuesday, March 17. Join us for games and refreshments as we bring the joy of St. Patrick to the residents. Meet at the church at 1:15 pm. All are welcome.



### 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 22 (10:30 am)

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Usher	Darell Wall
Collection	Rick Ulmer
Lector	Darcy Seefeld
EMHC	CarolLee Carruth
Gift Bearers	Matt Thorpe Family
Altar Servers	Ivan C, Drew T, Anton C, Ethan C

### 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 8

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Adult	\$1,194
Children's	\$12
Plate	\$82
Total	<b>\$1,288</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday March 22 (8:30 am)

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Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Kayce and Maddie
Altar Servers	Porter, Owen

### 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*

Report as of 3/6/2020

St. Helena's: \$ 3,750: 22% of goal  
8% parish participation

St. Patrick's: \$4,283: 74% of goal  
21% parish participation

Please consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Thank you.

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Tue. Mar 17

8:00 am †Thomas Kelly

### Wed. Mar 18

8:00 am †Frances & †Sylvester Eberle

### Thu. Mar 19

8:00 am (St. H) Special Intention

9:00 am (St. P) †Eugene Schwengler

### Fri. Mar 20

8:00 am †Tillie Piatz

### Sat. Mar 21

7:00 pm †Earl & †Mary Webster

### Sun. Mar 22

8:30 am (St. P) †Birhan Kidanu

10:30 am (St. H) 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*

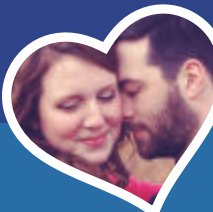
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If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.

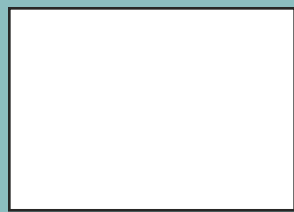


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