

ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



6[™] SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.

Please pray for our Seniors as they prepare for their graduation. Ethan, Isabel, Brandon, Kasi, Isaiah, Hunter, Joseph, and Jayden.



ST. HELENA PARISH

Mass Schedule
Saturday (vigil) 5pm
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th
Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue-Fri 8:00am
Confession Schedule
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm
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

Letters, paper, and ink pens

Dear friends in Christ,

This past week I tried to catch-up on writing a few thank you notes and letters. Sometimes this task makes me long for bygone days of the box of Crayola 64 crayons with a built-in sharpener! I also recall having to learn proper penmanship, having the correct size of ruled sheets of loose-leaf paper and finally being able to use an ink pen! Well, as text messaging has replaced many of these old-fashioned tools, it is worth looking at the power of pen and paper.

Here's a test question: what does the reader say at Mass when proclaiming the Scripture passage? Got it? The Bible contains many different styles of writing, one of which is the letter. Saint Paul wrote many of the letters in the New Testament. Imagine what it was like to touch base with the various churches without email, texting, etc. How many of the letters of Saint Paul can you name? Most of his letters are named after the towns to whom he was writing (Rome, Corinth, Ephesus...).

Another letter-writer in the New Testament is Saint Peter. For the past several weeks, the second reading has been taken from Saint Peter. In today's passage we heard, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence." (1Pet 3:15) Letters can serve many purposes: thanks, teaching, encouragement, sympathy, love (I had to include that one!), well-wishes, etc. Many of the New Testament letters include a little bit of all-of-the-above. Because the writers would not visit each church regularly, a letter could address all the necessary topics.

I must admit, sometimes it's difficult to muster the strength to write a letter. In seminary, a priest who attended West Point, told us they were trained to have an addressed thank you card on their desk before leaving for an event. How's that for planning ahead! Another reliable source says that it's never too late to write a thank you note. Despite the difficulty of putting pen to paper, think about the last time you received a hand-written note or letter. There's something special about knowing that someone took the time to think of me. Do you find it boring or difficult to read the Bible? Find one of the letters in the New Testament and imagine the author writing it to you personally.

Most of us are not planning to write a book. Few of us will be charged with duties as vast as Saint Paul. However, don't forget, we can impact others with pen, paper, and letters.

Fr. Asselin

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Currently we have raised \$134,078 with approximately 54% 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 May 15. If you wish to increase your donation or make your first donation, Thank you!

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR I

5/17—Marian Devotions 3:00pm

5/19—Eucharistic Adoration 7-8pm

5/26—Eucharistic Adoration 7-8pm

5/31—Marian Devotions 3:00pm

The sacrament of reconciliation is available in the Sacristy at the following times

7:30am-8:00am, Tuesday-Friday

7:00pm-8:00pm, Tuesday

3:30pm-4:30pm, Saturday

Father will continue to administer the sacraments for emergencies. Please call the office.

The family of Bob & Hildie Radtke (Laura, Diane, James, Joan, Tim, Deb, Mary, and Tom) would like the St. Helena's parish to join us in wishing Bob a Very Happy 90th birthday on May 22, 2020 and Congratulations for our parent's 65th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2020.





3rd Annual Rural Life Celebration:

Please join the parishioners of St. Philip Neri in Napoleon on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at Frank & Helen Braun Farm, north of Napoleon. Guests may begin to arrive at 1:30pm. Blessing of land, animals, and farm machinery will begin at 1:45pm followed by a 2:00pm Mass on the farm. A meal and entertainment will follow. The farm is located 3 miles North of Napoleon on ND Hwy 3. For more information visit fargodiocese.org/rural-life. Please

RSVP at: (701) 754-2860 or evangelize@bektel.com.

Remember to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. You may also bring a container of soil from your fields or garden to be blessed. This event is FREE. We will follow North Dakota state guidelines for COVID-19 protections.

Fall Dinner Raffle Donations

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



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IST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 24 (10:30 am)

Usher Matt Thorpe
Collection Rick Ulmer
Lector Michele Thorpe

EMHC NONE
Gift Bearers NONE

Altar Servers Joseph T, Jayden W, Carly K

Rosary Leader Graves Family

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

May 17 NONE

May 31 Knights of Columbus (TBD)

WEEKLY GIVING

April 29—May 12 \$2,988.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 24 (8:30 am)

Lector Chuck Gift Carriers NONE

Altar Servers Boston, Lennon

Rosary Leader Chuck

For the Month of May

Breakfast Server Geri & Kyle Glynn Family

Collection Counters Ruby and Denny

Church Cleaners Kyle Glynn Family & Megan P.

Altar Society Meeting None this month

God's Gift Appeal 2020 Seek First the Kingdom of God

Report as of 4/24/2020 St. Helena's: \$12036: 71% of goal 34% participation St. Patrick's: \$10233: 178% of goal 45% participation Please consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Thank you.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. May 19

8:00 am †Francis "Sonny" Brunelle

Wed. May 20

8:00 am †Barbara Gross

Thu. May 21

8:00 am (St. H) †Fr. Gerald McCarthy

9:00 am (St. P) †Jack Kelsh

Fri. May 22

8:00 am †Alexa Young

Sat. May 23

5:00 pm †Louis Reis

Sun. May 24, Ascension of the Lord

8:30 am (St. P) †Sylvester & †Marie Raderma-

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Baby Bottles for Life

Baby Bottles for Life will be collected when we resume meeting for Sunday Mass. 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 Pray

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

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.



Participate in Weekly Mass or the Rosary on the radio

Real Presence Radio

AM 1280/Fargo or AM 1370/Grand Forks Sunday Mass 7am Daily Rosary 8:30pm Lamb Radio

FM 88.9/Aberdeen - Sunday Mass (Sacred Heart Parish, Aberdeen) 9:30am Morning Prayers including Rosary 6am







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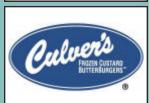


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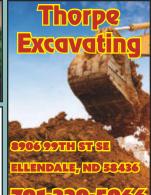
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