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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

- Mt 28:18b-19

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Today marks a special day in the Church as Christ establishes the Church's mission and purpose and calls his disciples, then and now, to the work of accomplishing that mission. And what ultimately is that mission and purpose? To bring all things together in Christ. All that ever was, is, or shall be and all times and seasons find their fulfillment in Christ. To be in Christ is the goal of all creation. All of this begins with baptism and the realization that Christ is present with us, risen and glorified, always. If we approach Christ's fullness with faith, then the eyes of our hearts can be enlightened, and we can begin to see the greater truth of who we are and what creation is meant to be. Christ is really and truly far above all things and the beginning and end of all things. Understanding ourselves in this way really changes up the meaning of life.

Join us for Marian Devotions next Sunday, May 31, 3:00pm.
Prayer booklets are available on our website and in the church entryway.
www.sthelenascatholicparish.org/marian-devotions



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

Living In DC Cherry Blossoms & Spring

Dear friends in Christ,

In January I wrote a reflection about my time in Washington, D.C. Now that spring has sprung, I wanted to share this seasonal perspective of DC with you.

While living in DC, I came to appreciate spring on a whole different level. I was



conditioned to seeing the switch from winter to summer happen very quickly. This was not true of spring in DC; the green, colorful season seemed to be endless! The colors and varieties of plants, flowers and trees were amazing.

Loads of tourists flooded the city to see the famous cherry blossoms (but living there meant I could avoid the crowds!) Homes and businesses were adorned with stunning azalea shrubs. The US National Arboretum became a favorite for a restful Sunday bike ride. It was rather breath-taking to see an entire wall



of flowering azaleas (see picture).

It is difficult to imagine heaven without the vast beauty of creation. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord into heaven—a strange and even difficult celebration. Is the Lord leaving us? Does our Savior continue to watch over and

care for us? Does the Ascension really matter for me?

These questions are answered in today's Scripture readings. We cannot forget that Jesus "presented himself alive to them" after his Resurrection. We also hear that Jesus "will return to them." The Easter season is moving towards Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul prays that God, "will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation... enlighten your hearts... that you may know the hope that belongs to his call." Our Gospel passage ends with these comforting words: "I am with you until the end of the age."

We might think we are being "robbed" of the spring season in our area. Remember the old saying, "stop and smell the roses." Have you noticed the hand of God lately? How can you cultivate and nurture the presence of God in your life? Through baptism and confirmation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit remain with us forever!

Fr. Asselin



Mass at 9:00 AM



May 25th, St. Helena's

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

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 is available to administer the sacraments for emergencies. Please call the office.

Congratulations Class of 2020

Ethan, Isabel, Brandon, Kasi, Isaiah, Hunter, Joseph, and Jayden



May God Bless You!



3rd Annual Rural Life Celebration

Please join bishop Folda at St. Philip Neri in Napoleon on Sunday, July 12. The Diocesan Rural Life Celebration will take place at the farm of Frank & Helen Braun. 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. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. 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 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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

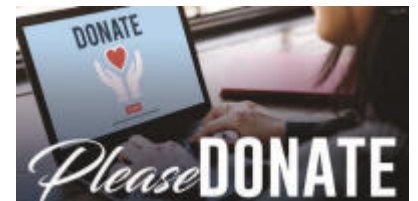
Thank you for your generous support of our capital campaign!

We raised approximately \$135,000 to build a new garage, replace the rectory windows and flooring and update the kitchen. We also installed an interior drain system in the church basement.

These ambitious projects were needed. If you would like to make an additional donation or contribute to these items it's not too late. Online giving is an option (see below) or pledge cards are available in the church.

Fr. Asselin has been using the new kitchen almost every day since COVID-19!

THANK YOU!!



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ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 31(8:30 am)

Usher	Pete Flynn, Jr
Collection	Dave Eberle
Lector	Richard Reis
EMHC	NONE
Gift Bearers	NONE
Altar Servers	Mackenzie T, Jack B, Samuel R
Rosary Leader	Thielges Family

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

May 31	Knights of Columbus (TBD)
June 7	Shirlin S, Angie S, Carrin T, Dina D (TBD)

WEEKLY GIVING

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 31(10:30 am)

Lector	Kayce
Gift Carriers	NONE
Altar Servers	Madi, Owen
Rosary Leader	Mona

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 5/15/2020

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

Mon. May 25, Memorial Day

9:00 am (St. H) Fallen Members of the Armed Forces

Tue. May 26

8:00 am †Alexa Young

Wed. May 27

8:00 am Dan Kenna

Thu. May 28

8:00 am (St. H) †Fr. Alban Sueper, SSC

9:00 am (St. P) †Jack Kelsh

Fri. May 29

8:00 am †Dean Zieska

Sat. May 30

5:00 pm †Parents of Radtke Family

Sun. May 31, Pentecost

8:30 am (St. H) †Paul Merkel

10:30 am (St. P) 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

Please return your Baby Bottles for Life as soon as possible. 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.

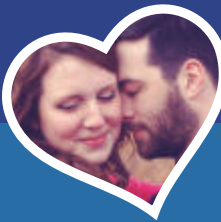
If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.



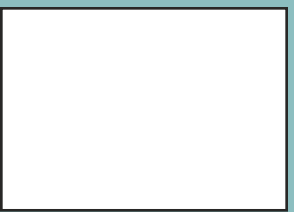
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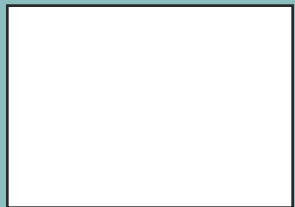
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