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# PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life changing things!

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

### Self-Driving Vehicles

Dear friends in Christ,

Every year the auto industry teases us with the prospect of self-driving cars. I know, some tractors and other farm equipment have similar features to assist with turning, etc. The last time I checked, there wasn't a traffic jam in the middle of a bean field! While self-driving vehicles sound great on paper, if you're like me, the reality of such an invention sounds dangerous. After all, I used to own a turbo charged Volkswagen Jetta and that was *fun to drive!*

Well, the Church's celebration of Pentecost today is not really connected with automobiles. However, as we celebrate the last day of the Easter season we are reminded that God does not leave us on autopilot. Pentecost is the amazing promise of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity. That's right, the Holy Spirit is a PERSON.

Let's go into the driver's seat for a moment. I received the sacrament of Confirmation in the tenth grade. In all honesty, most of my classmates expressed their interest level in the following manner, "I'm only here because my parents said I have to take this class in order to get my driver's license!" Now, I am not sounding my own horn, but I distinctly recall a special grace from God that year. I *wanted* to be Confirmed and took the lessons seriously. Only one other classmate shared this sentiment. My middle name, Paul, was selected as my confirmation name. Let's fast forward a bit. I was no saint after Confirmation; the last two years of high school were typical to most students of the mid-1990s. My vocation to the priesthood would not come to fruition until I completed four years of college.

Prior to becoming a priest, the Diocese of Fargo instituted the practice of Confirmation in the third grade. For the last fourteen years I have had the joy of instructing parents and children about this amazing sacrament and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Unlike my own Confirmation class, working with third graders is filled with energy and enthusiasm. The young children are eager to receive "presents" from God and studying the lives of the saints gives them hopeful and meaningful ambitions. My experience of third-grade Confirmation has been overwhelmingly positive; I have received a small amount of negative feedback.

Most of the negative ideas come from a misunderstanding of the true nature of the sacrament. Catholics have imbibed the Protestant notion that Confirmation is somehow an "adult choice," or rite of passage that we must make. True, every baptized believer must decide for him/herself to make Christ the center of their lives. However, we believe that Confirmation (and all the sacraments) are FREE GIFTS from God, living encounters with God's GRACE. Therefore, we hope and pray that giving these gifts at a young age will make possible the flourishing of God's fruitfulness.

The prospect of self-driving cars frightens me. Consider another image: self-driving faith. Is such a thing possible? No matter the age when you received Confirmation, you received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Gifts that are permanent. Gifts that are waiting to be asked-for and used. The lives of the saints are rays of light pointing to Christ. Although the safety features in new vehicles are amazing, our Catholic faith provides us with many features to guide us along the path of eternal life!

Fr. Asselin

## 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!!**

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

5/31—Marian Devotions 3:00pm  
6/2—Eucharistic Adoration 7:00pm

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.*



### 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](http://fargodiocese.org/rural-life). Please

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



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## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday June 7(8:30 am)

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Usher	Richard Reis
Collection	Bob Radtke
Lector	Aaron Tschosik
EMHC	None
Gift Bearers	None
Altar Servers	Kali N, Tiahna W, Carly K

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

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

## WEEKLY GIVING

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday June 7(10:30 am)

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Lector	Jim
Gift Carriers	None
Altar Servers	Alivia, Archur

### For the Month of June

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Breakfast Server	Corrine and Faye
Collection Counters	Denny and Amy A
Church Cleaners	Faye and Jim Glynn Family
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: \$12111: 72% 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.

### Advertiser of the Week

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

## Tue. June 2

8:00 am †Alexa Young

## Wed. June 3

8:00 am **No Mass**

## Thu. Jun 4

8:00 am (St. H) Open

9:00 am (St. P) Philanne Lux

## Fri. Jun 5

8:00 am †George Ryan

## Sat. Jun 6

5:00 pm Special Intention

## Sun. Jun 7, The Holy Trinity

8:30 am (St. H) †Clarence &amp; Bernice Wilhelm

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

## Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

## The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way of life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

## 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.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

## 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.



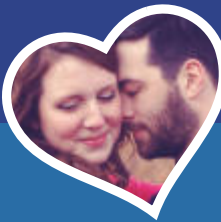
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 Morning Prayers including Rosary 6am

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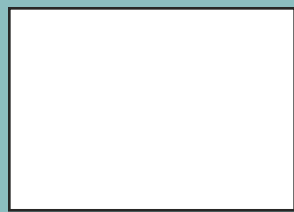
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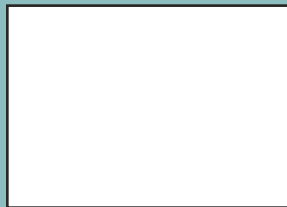
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