



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”  
- Mt 13:23

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### LIVE THE LITURGY

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

Fall Raffle— St. Helena will be having a raffle this fall. Prizes need to be listed to get the permit and get tickets printed. If you wish to donate a prize please contact Michele T or Kathy M.



## 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

### The Eucharist and faith

Dear friends in Christ,

I wanted to address one final chapter in the book I mentioned a few weeks ago: *Fire and Light: Learning to receive the gift of God*, by Fr. Jacques Philippe. I read this little book as public Masses were suspended. Several weeks ago, I summarized the chapters on the Eucharist and hope and the Eucharist and love. Today we will consider the Eucharist and faith.

The Eucharist “is not just a sacrament to be celebrated. It must also be the focus of our lives and the source of our internal renewal” (p. 91). The author quotes the beautiful words of St. John Paul II, “The Eucharist has been given to us so that our life, like that of Mary, may become completely a *Magnificat!*” (p. 92). What is the meaning of this phrase? Upon Visiting her cousin Elizabeth, Mary says “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Lk 1:46). As Mary welcomes the flesh and blood of Jesus into her womb with great rejoicing, so are we called to rejoice as we celebrate the Eucharist.

One of the (usually) sung prayers during the Holy Mass calls for a sung response from the congregation, “The mystery of faith...” Indeed, the Eucharist is a mystery of faith which “teaches us not to trust in mere appearances but to make the Word of God the grounding” of how we look at reality (p. 94).

The world really has looked different over the past three months! Coronavirus, isolation, social distancing, riots, and destruction. I am not advocating the donning of rose-colored glasses, ignoring facts is not the title of this work. Rather, when we have Eucharistic faith, “Even the worst difficulties, lived in faith and hope, sooner or later turn to our

advantage, disclosing hidden treasures more beautiful and precious than any we could have devised on our own” (p. 96). Fr. Philippe gives us some difficult points to think about. And I say that deliberately, he gives something to **think** about, not to merely react to in rash quickness. The day we understand the need to increase our faith is the day “we will be at peace with life. We will be more accepting of ourselves and our personal histories—more accepting, too, of others and more at peace with them. No longer will we find it necessary to spend our lives looking for others to blame or inventing scapegoats responsible for our unhappiness” (p. 96).

This book bears a copyright from 2016. I understand these words could be sharply interpreted in 2020. My goal is to highlight the role of the Eucharist and faith in our lives. We can ask ourselves several crucial questions as the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. Do I miss the opportunity to attend Mass? What does it mean for me personally to receive worthily the Savior in the Eucharist? Is the obligation to attend Mass merely about sin or encountering the greatest source of goodness and mercy?

Our response in these troubled times must be: “Save us, Savior of the world. For by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.”

Fr. Asselin

A Fall Dinner Suggestion Box is located in the church entry. Please place your suggestions as to if or how the dinner could be held this fall. The decision will be made at the August Altar Society meeting as to how the dinner will look for 2020. We need every one's input as this involves the entire parish. Attendance at the August meeting is encouraged. Watch bulletin for more details.

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

### COVID Updates

Here are some details from the latest letter from Bishop Folda

- Masks are not required, you may wear them at your discretion. They are recommended.
- Holy Communion can be received on the tongue if desired.
- No congregational singing at this time.
- Sunday morning breakfasts are canceled until school begins.
- Although the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time, Bishop Folda states, "it is appropriate to encourage the faithful who are not at higher risk to return to Mass."
- Confessions are now being held in the Confessional.

### Summer Dress for Mass

Now that warm weather is here it's time to consider what is appropriate for Mass in the summer. Our attire in church should reflect three things: Our respect for God's house, our respect for Jesus's Real Presence in the Eucharist, and our respect for our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. When in doubt about what to wear, choose in favor of modesty.



### 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.

### Putt 4 a Purpose-Golf Event

Bishop Folda invites you to Putt 4 a purpose, at the 14th Annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Education and Youth Programs. Join the fun and fellowship by heading to Rose Creek Golf Course in south Fargo on Monday, August 3rd for a round of golf, dinner and prizes. Register three golfers and bring your Priest, Deacon or Seminarian as your 4th player for free!

Resister online at: [fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose](http://fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose) For more information contact Steve Schons 701 356 7926 or email



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### 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 July 12 (10:30 am)

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Usher	Bob Bechtold
Collection	Dave Eberle
Lector	Bernie Thielges
EMHC	Richard Reis
Gift Bearers	Reis Family
Altar Servers	Levi R, Isaiah R, Jayden W

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

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July 5	Kathy M, Brenda H, Peggy B, Chari K, (TBD)
July 19	Joletta G, Bernie T, Theresa K, LeAnn R (TBD)

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday July 12 (8:30 am)

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Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Steve and Christy
Altar Servers	Boston, Archur

### For the Month of July

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Breakfast Server	Christy and Laura
Collection Counters	Amy A and Laura
Church Cleaners	Layna and Corrine
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

### God's Gift Appeal 2020

#### *Seek First the Kingdom of God*

Report as of 6/19/2020

St. Helena's: \$13136: 78% of goal 38% participation

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



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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Tue. July 7

8:00 am †Nel Blankendaal

### Wed. July 8

8:00 am †Aloys & †Alice Burgad

### Thu. July 9

8:00 am (St. H) Open

9:00 am (St. P) †Jody Lacina

### Fri. Jul 10

8:00 am †Thomas Kelly

### Sat. July 11

5:00 pm †Wilbur Bright

### Sun. Jul 12

8:30 am (St. P) †George Ryan

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

### Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

### Mass intentions needed:

The greatest prayer this side of heaven is the Mass. Remembering our deceased family members and friends at the altar during the celebration of Mass is a wonderful blessing. The usual offering for a Mass is \$10. Please use the envelopes in the back of the church to request a Mass for your loved ones.



### Please Pray

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

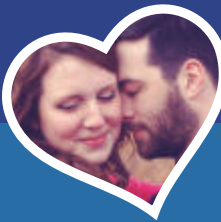
Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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