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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?



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

Travel by gravel

Dear friends in Christ,

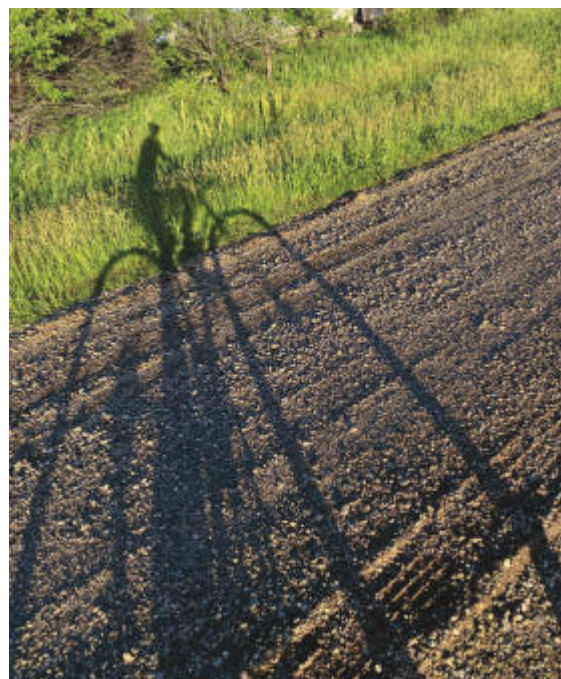
It's no secret that I enjoy riding my bike. It's also well-known that most of the roads around here are gravel. My bicycle tires are big enough to handle most of the conditions that I encounter out on the road, except when I decide to explore a section-line road or a "minimum maintenance" road. Sometimes my adventurous side beckons me to ignore the ROAD CLOSED signs! I have turned around and backtracked several times.

On a recent bike ride, I was amazed by the tall grass, the green leaves on the trees and the lush fields. The landscape was so different from the barrenness of winter. Riding along the narrow gravel road almost seemed like a tunnel. Passing by the pastureland, I always wonder if the herd of cattle will look at me curiously or begin to stampede away. I admit, at times I have *mooed* at the curious ones!

When I plan a ride I usually consider the direction and strength of the wind. I try to come home with the wind since the added push is beneficial at the end of a long ride. The unexpected part of travel by gravel is the varying conditions. Did the maintainer recently come? Has it rained lately? How dusty will it be? These questions and more make getting on the saddle more interesting. How much washboard or fresh gravel will I encounter? I am sure I could talk to the County and gain some knowledge, but that would take away some of the adventure! I have waved several times as I encountered the big machine that keeps these roads in good shape.

I am typically not out there to win a race or to set a world record. This year I started carrying a small notebook and a pen. If the flies and mosquitoes aren't too bad, I will stop and write a few lines. If there's a good resting place I may use my phone to pray daytime prayer. In today's Gospel reading we hear the familiar parable of the sower and the seed. Bike riding has many conditions and factors beyond my control. Life is the same, especially when we think about everything going on in the world. Periodically my weakness is to wait for "perfect" conditions to go for a ride.

Today's Gospel story is timeless (see Mt 13:1-23). This parable is full of wisdom. I admit that my own heart can be like the changing conditions of gravel roads. Jesus uses vivid imagery to help us receive his Word of salvation.
 Fr. Asselin



Fall Dinner: please see page 3 for important information

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.



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Fall Dinner and Raffle

A suggestion Box is located in the church entry concerning the Fall Dinner. 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 ones input as this involves the entire parish. Attendance at the August meeting is encourage. Watch bulletin for more details. 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 or cash please contact Michele T or Kathy M.

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! Register online at: fargodiocese.org/puttpurpose For more information contact Steve Schons 701 356 7926 or email steve.schons@fargodiocese.org

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.

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ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday July 19 (8:30 am)

Usher	Ivan Widhalm
Collection	Bob Radtke
Lector	Richard Reis
EMHC	Joletta Gusaas
Gift Bearers	Bryson Geffre
Altar Servers	Mackenzie T, Jack B, Drew T

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

July 19	Joletta G, Bernie T, Theresa K, LeAnn R (TBD)
August 2	Amanda T, Amber M, Denise O, Pam H (TBD)

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday July 19 (10:30 am)

Lector	Jim
Gift Carriers	Jim and Ashley
Altar Servers	Madi

For the Month of July

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 7/3/2020

St. Helena's: \$13471: 80% of goal 39% participation

St. Patrick's: \$10583: 184% of goal 48% participation

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. July 14

8:00 am Myrna Rivard

Wed. July 15

8:00 am †Aloys Mastel

Thu. July 16

8:00 am (St. H) Open

9:00 am (St. P) †Jack Kelsh

Fri. Jul 17

8:00 am Emily & Charlie Barrett

Sat. July 18

5:00 pm †Janet Turso

Sun. July 19

8:30 am (St. H) †Lauren Zvorak, †George & Minnie Bernardy

10:30 am (St. P) 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

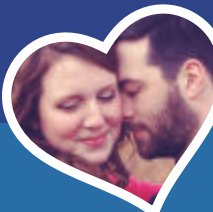
Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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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Real Presence Radio
 AM 1280/Fargo or AM 1370/Grand Forks
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