



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *Eg*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

16th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” - Mt 13:30

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LIVE THE LITURGY

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.



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

Where's the leaven?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Let's head to the kitchen. Are you low-carb, keto, paleo, vegan? We hear about complex carbs and simple ingredient lists. ARGH! Don't take me the wrong way, I know some people have legitimate dietary conditions. I wonder why the food we eat includes things that no one can pronounce.

Jesus continues to teach his followers with stories in today's Gospel. The shortest is the parable of the yeast (Mt 13:33). The "ingredient list" is one verse! *"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."*

Imagine you are baking for a party. Should you forget to add the cinnamon or vanilla, no big deal. Forget the sugar and everyone will notice. Forget the yeast or leavening... the treat won't even make it to the serving tray! Baking is both a science and an art. Culinary school instructs the student on both why each ingredient is used and where the baker has latitude to experiment and substitute. Also, the decoration of the finished product is rarely the same. Remember the different forms of cake we enjoyed as kids? Yet it was just cake poured into different molds. There's something special about making the cake reflect the current interest of the birthday child!

Back to the parable... I am amazed and wonder if the kingdom of heaven is **really** that simple. What is Jesus trying to teach us? I found an interesting article about leavening agents from Bob's Red Mill (bobsredmill.com/blog/featured-articles/what-is-a-leavening-agent/). We can easily complicate the kingdom of God. Using this program, or that book; amazing new music, etc., etc. Or we can think about reaching a particular age group with this tactic, and then use something else for another group. Confusing and complicated!

The parable teaches us that one thing is necessary for the kingdom of heaven—the yeast, Jesus Christ. But who is the woman in this parable? The Church. In baptism we receive Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The other sacraments are also living encounters with God's goodness. So, the Church continues to knead, and knead, and knead throughout the generations. What does Bob teach us (the article mentioned above)? The article includes a section on mechanical leavening that states, "Did you know you could be a leavening agent as well? Mechanical leavening is just a pure brute force. Okay, not so much force, but mostly some impressive arm power. Mechanical leavening uses rapid mixing to force air bubbles into a dough or batter to create a leavening effect."

Who doesn't like to share a freshly baked treat with others? After receiving the grace of Christ, we are called to be the leaven in the world. And we all know the world needs a little sweetness; sweetness that only the Savior can give.

Fr. Asselin



Altar Society Meeting Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 pm
Parish Picnic and Fall Dinner will be finalized.
Please plan to attend. More information on page 3.

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.



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 Altar Society meeting (Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 pm) as to how the dinner will look for 2020. We need everyone's input as this involves the entire parish. Attendance at this meeting is encourage. 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.

Youth: March for Life

Youth in grades 9–12 are invited to a pilgrimage to the annual March

for Life in Washington D.C. The trip will begin in Fargo on Jan. 25 and return Jan. 31. Fr. Greg Haman will be the spiritual director. In addition to participating in the March for Life and Mass for Life at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, youth will also see the sights in D.C., Emmitsburg, MD, and Gettysburg. The cost for the 7-day pilgrimage is \$800 and includes air and ground transportation, lodging, meals, and tour fees. Register today! Registration forms at: www.fargodiocese.org/march-for-life

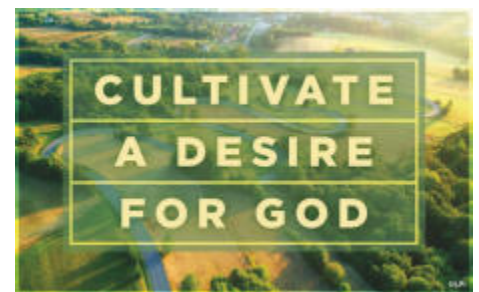
Summer Dress for Mass

Now that warm weather is here it's time to consider what is appropriate for Mass in the summer. Our attire in church



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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 26 (10:30 am)

Usher	Rick Ulmer
Collection	Rick Ulmer
Lector	Darell Wall
EMHC	Darcy Seefeld
Gift Bearers	Rosemary Krein and Carol Fulker
Altar Servers	Madeline T, Kali N, Tiahna W

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)

WEEKLY GIVING

June 28	\$2129.00
July 5	\$910.00
July 12	\$1086.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday July 26 (8:30 am)

Lector	Kayce
Gift Carriers	Porter and Boston
Altar Servers	Alivia, Liam

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 7/10/2020

St. Helena's: \$13571: 80% of goal 39% participation
St. Patrick's: \$10583: 184% of goal 48% participation
Please consider making a donation if you have not
already done so. Thank you.

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. July 21

8:00 am †Edna & †Alvin Sand

Wed. July 22

8:00 am †Eugene Schwengler

Thu. July 23

8:00 am (St. H) †Mary Asselin

9:00 am (St. P) Paula Nagel

Fri. Jul 24

8:00 am **No Mass**

Sat. July 25

5:00 pm †Kasper & †Eva Schatz

Sun. July 26

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

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

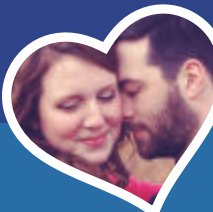
Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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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