



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

- Mt 21:32

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When making decisions, we often struggle with what voice to follow. We acknowledge the presence of God, the existence of the Trinity, the priority of the Gospel, and the virtues and values they embody. Yet, even with all of that truth, knowledge, and tradition behind us, we think we know better. When confronted with a decision, we easily dismiss what we know we ought and need to do and entertain responses that stem from lesser desires and wants. We eventually may come around and realize that what God asks us to do is what we need to do, even if it wasn't our original intention. God accepts our return to Him with joy. What becomes dishonest is deceiving ourselves, God, and others by originally saying yes to what we know we need (and are asked to do) and willfully doing something else. That is blatant hypocrisy.

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Location Change! Please note: 5:00pm Mass on Saturday is now at St. Helena's in Ellendale



ST. HELENA PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
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: National Coffee Day

Dear friends in Christ,

Washington DC is home to the National Mall, a beautiful space within a bustling city. National Coffee Day is typically observed around October 1st and has nothing to do with the Capital city of our nation. However, living in DC one finds many coffee shops and corner cafes serving the coveted black liquid in many different forms. I cannot hide my love of coffee, so enjoy this story from my “observance” of National Coffee day while living in DC.

I needed a break from the books. “Need” might be debatable! At this time DC was still home to a coffee chain named after a large wild animal that rhymes with ‘you’. After the morning rush hour, we made our way across town. Thankfully one of the locals was driving and able to navigate the frustrating roundabouts! Pay attention to the vehicle, I’ll come back to that.

What do you love? What hobbies, interests, or pastimes motivate you? There are many apps and websites that list special observances for each day of the year. Some of these are silly, playful, and made-up, others are more meaningful and carry more observational weight (mother’s/father’s day). So, I excuse you if you failed to observe national coffee day! And I better be careful which observances I highlight nowadays!

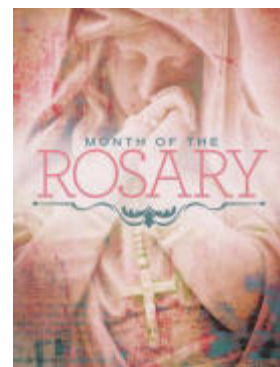
Celebrating special days is integral to our Catholic faith. The entire liturgical calendar is built around the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. The mysteries of the Rosary also follow the life of our Savior. Holy days of obligation are prescribed throughout the year because they are valuable for strengthening our faith and reminding us about the life-changing events of our Christian history.

The religious calendars include the observances of saints and other feast days. The observance of individual saints is a cause for rejoicing. We recall their special example of living the Gospel. These observances are intended to cultivate our own faith; to inspire us to live according to God’s plan. Examples of holiness should cause us to desire greater holiness.

Back to the coffee story. We arrived after a brief walk (the nearest parking spot was farther than most North Dakotans would endure!) I don’t remember my exact order, but since it was fall, it likely included something with pumpkin. Our refreshing break was suddenly disrupted when we saw the vehicle. Oh no! The dreaded white slip was hanging in the window... a parking ticket. We looked at the nearby signs and determined that a college degree **and** a lawyer were necessary for interpreting the parking laws!

The things we do for what we love! Needless to say, National Coffee Day was expensive that year. In conclusion, this reflection made me ponder: What will I do for the things I love? Do I love the right things? Our lives as Christians must be ordered towards eternal life. Am I willing to get a parking ticket for Jesus?

Fr. Asselin



Join us for Marian Devotions in October

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Marian devotions will be offered at St. Helena’s on **Sundays at 3:00 pm**. All are invited to attend (about 40 minutes). The format is as follows: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Marian hymn, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Benediction. Your prayers are needed for family life and for the world! **October 4, 11, 18 at 3:00 pm**

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 9/27—St. Helena's Raffle Drawing, following 10:30 Mass
- 9/29—Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7-8pm
- 10/4—St. Helena Altar Society Meeting, following 8:30 Mass
- 10/4—Marian Devotions, 3:00pm
- 10/6—Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7-8pm
- 10/7—CCD & Eucharistic Adoration 6:30-7:30pm



Religious Education—CCD

Please visit our parish website for CCD information and registration. A simplified registration form is located on the website; submit your payment online too!

St. Helena's Altar Society

We will be meeting after 8:30am mass on Oct. 4, 2020 in the church center. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars: October 16-18, 2020. A women's retreat titled *Jesus Approaches* will take place at the Franciscan convent in Hankinson, ND. Conferences will be given by speaker and writer Liz Kelly. The weekend includes time for prayer, rest, social time, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for confession. Social distancing will be followed. Space is limited. For information, registration, or questions, contact Ashley ashley.njaa@fargodiocese.org phone: 701-356-7908.

Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is a peer-run program designed to help hurting couples find new hope and healing in their marriages. More information available at HelpOurMarriage.org. The Retrouvaille weekends for couples scheduled in the Fargo area are: October 2-4, 2020 and March 5-7, 2021. Find out more by calling 701-356-7962.

40 Days for Life

You are called to be part of this important prayer effort to bring an end to abortion across our nation and world. 40 Days for Life ND will take place Sept. 23-Nov. 1 in front of the abortion facility, 512 1st Ave. N, Fargo. Our campaign will provide a peaceful, prayerful presence on the sidewalk 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. You can pray on the sidewalk at the abortion facility or in your own homes or churches. Your prayers are needed now more than ever! Sign up today on the 40 Days for Life website or contact the Pregnancy Help Center at (701) 284-6601, or in Fargo (701) 356-7979 or phc@polarcomm.com



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ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct 3 & 4 (5:00 pm) (8:30 am)

Usher	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Collection		Dave Eberle
Lector	Volunteer	Aaron Tschosik
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Kali N, Macy N	Ivan C, Samuel R
Rosary Leader		Wald Family

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

Breakfast Not at this time

WEEKLY GIVING

September 20

Adult	\$706
Children	\$0
Plate	\$5
Total	\$711

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday October 4 (10:30 am)

Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Rich and Amy
Altar Servers	Liam, Owen
Rosary Leader	Gene

For the Month of October

Breakfast Server	Judy W and Christy
Collection Counters	Virginia and Christy
Church Cleaners	Judy W and Kyle G Family
Altar Society Meeting	Following Mass October 11

God's Gift Appeal 2020

Seek First the Kingdom of God

Report as of 9/18/2020

St. Helena's: \$15036: 89% of goal 41% participation

St. Patrick's: \$15583: 271% of goal 62% participation

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

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Sept 29

8:00 am †Luella & †Emanuel Fix

Wed. Sept 30

8:00 am †Evelyn Alger

Thu. Oct 1

8:00 am (St. H) †Leo & †Mary Schmitz

9:00 am (St. P) †Sylvester & †Marie
Radermacher

Fri. Oct 2, First Friday

8:00 am †Family Members Radtke Family

Sat. Oct 3

5:00 pm †Doug Sturma

Sun. Oct 4

8:30 am (St. H) †Steve Feist

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



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

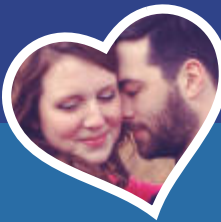
Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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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