



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”
- Mt 22:37

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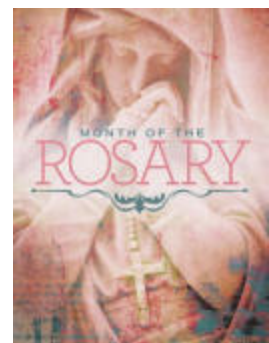
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Join us for Marian Devotions in October

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 18 & 25 at 3:00 pm



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

Mary & Mary (Part 1)

Dear friends in Christ,

God is present in the world but even more, God works in our lives. I am confident that our Heavenly Father has been with me on the journey of life. Saying this reminds me of the little plaque that we had at home with the “Footprints” poem. Yet, as a youngster the words of that poem really went in one ear and out the other. I’m not saying that young children cannot know the presence of God, but kids are often immersed in the immediate moment.

Sharing our faith in Jesus can be risky business. Say something to the wrong person and you will suffer the consequences. The power of our own testimony, giving evidence of how God has worked in our lives is extremely valuable. Even saint Paul tells us, “I know how to live in humble circumstances; I also know how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry... I can do all things in him who strengthens me.” (Phil 4:12–13). In the second reading today he continues, “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.” (1Thes 1:5) Are we convicted that God is working in our lives? If so, sharing that conviction can be helpful to others and helpful in spreading the joy of Christ. Here’s some testimony of God working in my life.

The highway miles to grandma’s house always seemed endless. *Are we there yet?* Whenever a storm came up the time seemed to move more quickly. I always remember my mother taking out the rosary when the weather turned bad. We prayed for safety as dad gripped the wheel of the wood-paneled station wagon! I also recall the summons to pray

the same beads at home when the tornado sirens sounded. Comfort on the road, and comfort in the domicile.

Our home always had several houseplants that mom nurtured. One of these plants, a non-descript green leaf that grew like a vine (the one you might commonly find in the waiting room of the doctor’s office. It wasn’t the plant that sticks in my mind, rather the pot in which that plant resided. It was white, and formed in the shape of Mary with her hands folded, praying. That long, green vine seemed to wrap around the entire bookcase!

As one grows older, the issues get bigger. My parents drove me to Bozeman, MT for college. After unpacking the vehicle, before they said goodbye, we found the Catholic Church and attended Mass at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The college years can be trying and difficult when a student is away from home for the first time. At the end of high school, I was quasi-involved with a student-led Bible study. Somehow that desire followed me 900 miles away. I found IVCF, an interdenominational fellowship group. I attended Monday night meetings and joined a Bible study. I had many good influences from that experience.

I lived in the dormitory my first year and there I met a fellow Catholic. Prior to Christmas break this individual encouraged me to attend the local Latin Mass while I was home. I was open to the idea. I asked my dad to go along. He agreed. He said it had been years since he attended Latin Mass. He even found his old prayer book. I reflect on this now and wonder what would have happened if he had said no?

[Part 2 next week]

Fr. Asselin

A BELATED THANK YOU!

Andrew turned 1 this week and thank you notes are finally going out! We haven’t forgotten the generosity of so many church members. You filled the tote and then some last fall as we welcomed this miracle to our lives. All the gifts and well-wishes (as well as the smiles and waves after mass) are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Scott, Kerry, Devin, & Andrew Waldo

P.S. Sorry for the occasional screeching during Mass!



PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 10/18—Marian Devotions, 3:00pm, St. Helena's
- 10/20—**No** Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7-8pm
- 10/21—**No** CCD (NDEA Weekend)
- 10/25—Marian Devotions, 3:00pm, St. Helena's



Altar Society News

Matthew and Brandy Maxon are **expecting a baby!** There is a tote in the entry of the church to welcome Baby Maxon who should be born soon. Please feel free to add items for this new addition.

A **military appreciation** box for Peyton Merkel is located in the church entry. Peyton is serving overseas and items that could be used are shampoo, deodorant, laundry soap, hand soap, chips, and candy. Please place items in box before November 1, 2020.

Christmas Flowers

We are ready to order flowers for the Christmas season. A sign-up sheet is found in the church entry. **Online orders & payments will be available soon.** White or Red Poinsettias are available for \$25.

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

Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties:

Does Genesis contradict biology? How do we know the Bible is historically reliable? What about the "immoral" Bible verses atheists love to bring up? Trent Horn, an apologist from Catholic Answers, will be presenting Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties to provide sound principles for understanding Scripture the next you encounter a Bible difficulty. The presentation will be at 7pm on November 19 at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church, Fargo. The event is free and no prior registration is required, but seating will be limited due to social distancing.

YOUTH NEWS

NET Retreat

Holy Rosary in LaMoure is hosting a NET retreat for 7-12th graders, Sunday Oct 18, 1:30-7:30pm. Retreat Cost is \$25. Check out www.netusa.org or Call: 701-883-5987 for more information.

Search For Christian Maturity

Do you need a "retreat" from the world around you? Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat scheduled for November 6-8, 2020 at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older, are invited to attend. Details and application are at <https://fargodiocese.net/searchcm> or call/text Dori at 952-210-2219 with questions. Applications are due Monday, October 19th Space is limited.

March for Life

The youth pilgrimage through the Diocese of Fargo has been canceled. The March in DC is still scheduled to take place but with the restrictions for travelers to the DC area and for our own safety due to COVID it is not feasible for us to go this year. We are scheduled to go in January 2022. Your prayers are powerful from any location!

Connect with us on FLOCKNOTE

Text to Join. Text the word: Helena to: 84576



ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct 24 & 25 (5:00 pm) (10:30 am)

Usher	Volunteer	Austin Flynn
Collection		Dave Eberle
Lector	Volunteer	Darcy Seefeld
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Mackenzie T, Madeline T	Levi R, Carly K
Rosary Leader		Wald Family

WEEKLY GIVING

October 11

Adult	\$932
Children	\$4
Plate	\$50
Total	\$986

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday October 25 (8:30 am)

Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Andy & Alana
Altar Servers	Madi
Rosary Leader	Ruby

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

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Oct 20

8:00 am †Lauren Zvorak

Wed. Oct 21

8:00 am **No Mass**

Thu. Oct 22

8:00 am (St. H) **No Mass**

9:00 am (St. P) **No Mass**

Fri. Oct 23

8:00 am **No Mass**

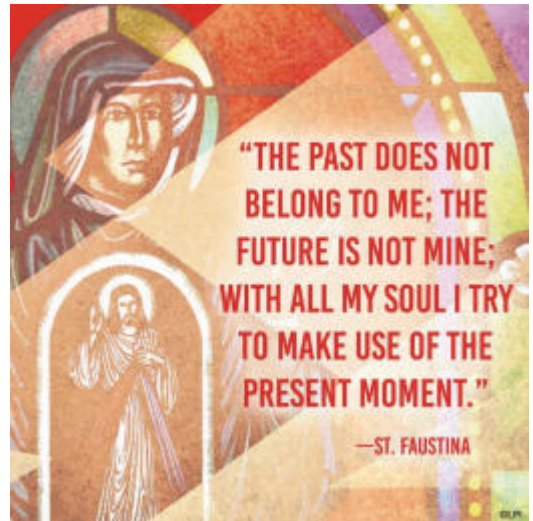
Sat. Oct 24

5:00 pm †Catherine & †Andrew C. Wald

Sun. Oct 25

8:30 am (St. P) †Doug Sturma

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



Please Pray

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

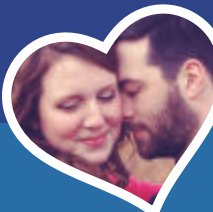
Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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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