



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *Eg*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOVE

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:36-37



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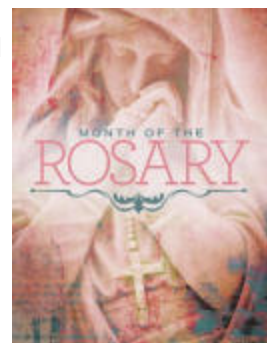
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Join us for Marian Devotions in October

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 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 2)

Dear friends in Christ,

God is present and working in our lives. Are we attentive to his grace? Our unique stories are useful for sharing the joy of Christ. Here is part two of my reflection.

Near the end of my first year of college I was asked by the same dormitory acquaintance to attend Stations of the Cross and the sacrament of confession. I reluctantly agreed. Memories surfaced; I recall my days of serving for Stations of the Cross. The smell of the incense, holding the candle or Crucifix as we made our way around the church. The obscure passage from the book of Ruth was etched in my memory: “Call me not Naomi, which means beautiful, but call me Mara, which means bitter.” (Ruth 1:20) This verse was used in the Way of the Cross we used while growing up.

My second year in Bozeman was beautiful and bitter. I moved off campus. The widowed homeowner had a notice that read: “two rooms available for rent to Christian boys!” While moving in I was not particularly attentive to the giant wall rosary or the small statue of Mary. After all, I was ready to lead a Bible study with a few friends.

Shortly after the semester began, I receive a call from the same dormitory friend inviting me to a Friday night social. He said this group would *really* like to meet me. I tried to get out of it by saying I lived off-campus and didn’t have a vehicle. A ride was ready for me and unbeknownst to me, I was attending my first Catholic fellowship meeting. A simple meal, some casual conversation about the faith, and a video about someone I had never heard of: Padre Pio (an Italian priest and Franciscan monk). I left that night with a deep feeling of genuineness and yet my heart was being tugged upon. My bedroom wall came furnished with a small, white plaster image of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. I was on my knees before hitting the pillow.

Those nagging prayers were still around at Christmas break. I had an open conversation with my parents at a coffee shop. I was forthright in telling them that I was wrestling with my faith. I had many wonderful experiences with IVCF and now, with the Catholic group. The words

of my mother were something like: “well, I’m glad you’re struggling with this and not with alcohol or drugs. I can’t fully relate, but we will pray for you.”

Love is always mingled with struggle. Blessings are often mixed with bitterness. I decided to break ties with IVCF and stopped leading the Bible study. I began to attend the Catholic group full-time. I remained friends with many from IVCF and the leaders were glad I found another Christian group to call home. That same spring I received a phone call from mom; her cancer diagnosis was not looking good. I was already conscious of my growing debt as an out-of-state student. With these two factors in the scale, I bitterly decide to leave my sweet friends and the beautiful mountain country. I enroll at Saint Cloud State and live at home.

I quickly found another group of young adult Catholics. It also wasn’t long before our family said goodbye to Mary, my mother. She died in January. Here’s where the mixing takes place, love and struggle, bitterness, and blessing. Shortly before my mom’s passing, I was part of a Marian prayer group. We read St. Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary* and prepared for the act of consecration. I lost my earthly mother, but realized more deeply that I had a spiritual mother, Mary, the Mother of God. St. Louis de Montfort says, “Of all God’s creatures Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. We give ourselves to Mary because Jesus chose her as the perfect means to unite himself to us and unite us to him.”

Today is Priesthood Sunday. I am convinced that Mary and Mary both made intercession to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for me to respond to his calling. Priesthood—what a joyful life! There will always be a mixture of bitterness and blessings, love, and struggle. Consider the Holy Cross of Jesus and the price he paid for our salvation. Are you still searching? Discover your personal vocation by asking Mary for guidance. Are you already *in* your vocation and facing difficulties? Get on your knees, be honest and forthright with each other, and thank God for his blessings! We are made in the image of God.

Fr. Asselin

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 10/25—Marian Devotions, 3:00 pm, St. Helena's
- 10/27—Eucharistic adoration, 7:00-8:00 pm
- 11/3—Eucharistic adoration, 7:00-8:00 pm
- 11/4—CCD Eucharistic Adoration, 6:30-7:00 pm



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.

The Catholic Moms Summit

Calling all Mothers & Grandmothers! The Catholic Moms Summit is a FREE online event this Nov 13-15. Join women from all around the world for this unprecedented gathering! Over 80 presentations and live events will get into the real issues moms and grandmothers face on a day to day basis. Come and be inspired and refreshed!

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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.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Oct 31 & Nov 1 5:00pm		8:30am
Usher	Volunteer	Ivan Widhalm
Collection		Bob Radtke
Lector	Volunteer	Darell Wall
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Mackenzie T, Drew T	Isaiah C, Tiahna W

WEEKLY GIVING

October 18	
Adult	\$1076
Children	\$2
Plate	\$38
Total	\$1116

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday November 1 (10:30 am)	
Lector	Jim
Gift Carriers	Tim and Geri
Altar Servers	Alivia, Liam

For the Month of November	
Breakfast Server	Megan and Laura
Collection Counters	Christy and Allen Glynn
Church Cleaners	Pat and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	None this month



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Oct 27

8:00 am †Ann Brokaw

Wed. Oct 28

8:00 am †Bert Schumacher

Thu. Oct 29

8:00 am (St. H) †Joe Nolz

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

Fri. Oct 30

8:00 am †Margaret Gross

Sat. Oct 31

5:00 pm †Juliet Kelly Parten

Sun. Nov 1, All Saints Day

8:30 am (St. H) †Kyla Morehead

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.

God's Gift Appeal 2020

Seek First the Kingdom of God

Report as of 10/16/2020

St. Helena's: \$15536: 92% of goal 42% participation

St. Patrick's: \$15608: 271% of goal 62% participation

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



Please Pray

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

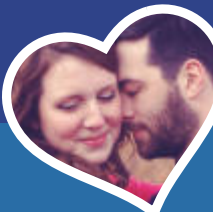
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If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.



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