



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



ALL SAINTS

“Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be
great in heaven.”
- Mt 5:12a

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Especially with regard to living the Gospel, we are not alone. A great cloud of witnesses journey with us offering us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. We look to them for the example of perseverance we desperately need in order to be faithful, and for what it means to “walk the talk!” The Beatitudes are indeed a blessed vision that people hunger to hear and embrace. But, they also clearly remind us that following Jesus is difficult. Poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and peace making are not virtues readily accepted by the world. Pursuing a purity of heart and acknowledging the hunger of our souls require not only a courageous stance, but a single-minded devotion to God. And, after going against the grain of the world and meeting resistance along the way, the true disciple may find themselves persecuted and paying a high price. Look to all the saints for the secret to happiness and the example of fidelity. Their lives speak volumes of how God can use even the weakest and most humble among us in tremendous ways. Saints are not even close to being perfect. They are just ordinary folks like us trying to give honor to God with their lives.

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

Erosion Control

Dear friends in Christ,

Stop erosion. I am referring neither to farming practices nor hiking trails (although both are important to the world and dear to my heart.) Farming, for food and livelihood; hiking for the good of the soul. Lunch and death—these two things are eroding fast. I admit of borrowing this idea from the excellent book *Chance or the Dance*, by Thomas Howard (who recently died).

When was the last time you enjoyed a nice meal in the company of family or friends? When was the last time you opened a can from the pantry and ate the contents while standing in the kitchen? Granted, the latter produces fewer dishes! Maybe that example suits the men, not the ladies. Imagine a wedding reception with no head table, no shared food, and no libations.

Every meal we take is a response to our gut: it groans, and we feed it. How the food ends up in our stomach is ritualized in many ways. And the greatest of those forms is eroding—the family meal. Granted, in this time of strange lockdown, certain traditions may have been unearthed, or shall we say, resurrected. Speaking of earth and resurrection, another form of human experience has eroded to almost nothing.

In November we commemorate All Saints and All Souls. Death, like lunch, involves various levels of ritual. Grab-and-go, or the formalities of hearse, coffin, and the mound of dirt at the cemetery. Yes, I sadly hear with increasing


regularity: *all that ceremony costs dearly!* Money, time, effort, and who knows what else. Why expend this energy when someone leaves this world? (Especially when so many have already ditched religious ceremony.)

Leaving this world is not a hot topic. We would rather plan vacations, or even a “stay-cation.” But as disciples of Jesus Christ, where are we called to go? Where is our true home? Are the rituals necessary? In his book, Howard writes, “... it is in the nature of the human thing to mark the experience [of death] formally, that is, to give some structure to this worst of events both in order to cope with it all and to dramatize ceremonially what we feel about it.”

I see the rich soil of tradition being washed into the gully. Catholic ceremonies readily abandoned because the One who saves us has been forgotten. It is true, Howard writes, “we do not suppose that anything actual is gained for the victim by the slow cars and hush, yet we affirm the appropriateness of it all as the formal enactment of the human experience of death.”

Along with lunch and death, this too is eroding quickly—the **human experience**. We must curtail the runoff; we need a world that cherishes every human life, at every stage. We diffuse meaning, purpose, and joy into the world when common events are connected with the uncommon event of the Cross. We are anchored when we live every moment with Jesus Christ our Savior.

Fr. Asselin



Advent begins on Nov 29th

Rejoice with the Holy Family! This year we will be offering a beautiful meditation journal with daily reflections, prayers and illustrations. Supplemental videos are also available. Each day, you will walk with the Holy Family and enjoy:
A Word, A Reflection, A Psalm, A Reading, and space to write down how the Lord is speaking to you this Advent. More information coming soon!

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 11/3—Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00-8:00 pm
- 11/4—CCD Eucharistic Adoration, 6:30-7:00 pm
- 11/10—Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00-8:00
- 11/11—No CCD—Veteran's Day



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!

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.



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Nov 7 & Nov 8 5:00pm 10:30am

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Collection		Rick Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Michele Thorpe
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Macy N, Kali N	Nickolas S, Ivan C

WEEKLY GIVING

October 25

Adult
Children
Plate
Total

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday November 8 (8:30 am)

Lector	Kayce
Gift Carriers	Owen, Faith
Altar Servers	Boston, Archur

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

Mon. Nov 2, All Souls Day

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:10 pm †Anthony Buhl

Tue. Nov 3

8:00 am Special Intention

Wed. Nov 4

8:00 am †Karen Bachmeier

Thu. Nov 5

8:00 am (St. H) †Parishioners of St. Helena's
9:00 am (St. P) †Bert Schumacher

Fri. Nov 6

8:00 am †Ed & †Marie Braun

Sat. Nov 7

5:00 pm Dennis Horsager

Sun. Nov 8

8:30 am (St. P) †Jeanette Stromme
10:30 am (St. H) 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 10/23/2020

St. Helena's: \$15526: 93% 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

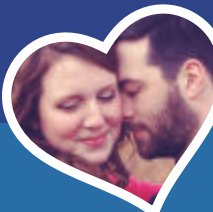
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Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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