



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”
- Mt 25:11-12

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what make us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.

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

Positive Influences (1 of 3)

Dear friends in Christ,

“Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery”

Comedians and even our own siblings have dabbled in the art of impersonation (mockery and copycat behavior aside). The month of November is a special time for remembering the saints and praying for the Holy Souls. I want to highlight a few positive influences in my life. I am not “canonizing” anyone in this column. I merely offer a reflection upon a few persons who have left this world and who have left an impression upon me.

I recently wrote about being consoled by our Spiritual Mother when I lost my earthly mother. I also found support from a college professor and his wife. This couple never had their own children, but they were never without company. Welcoming students into their home was God’s plan for them. These meetings led to welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. For me, I found mentors and made friends. It is uncommon for someone to be both. Peter Kreeft, an esteemed author, writes, “Relationships with friends are horizontal relationships between equals; relationships with mentors are vertical relationships with role models.” (A friend and mentor... Catholic World Report, 10/18/2020)

This couple influenced my life in many ways: worldly events, history, culture, politics, philosophy, and religion. We shared many conversations about food, architecture, and beauty—while dining in the simplicity of their French-country style home. Audrey’s love of architecture and her taste for interior decorating made your visit restful and relaxed. As if you were transported to a simpler century! Her husband’s background in Philosophy was infused with a passion

for teaching—he never missed a teachable moment. Anthony’s classroom was not limited to the four walls on campus! I learned which books were foundational reading, which ideas have shaped the past generations and what shapes our culture now. Anthony had a clear vision of what mattered most: his relationship with Jesus. Some of our visits would include spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. His black and white photography was emblematic of his personality. Not everything in the world is black and white. However, Anthony wasn’t shy about sharing why he quit one of his jobs as a professor: the university changed the grade he had given to one of the football players so he could remain on the team. That action led to his non-negotiable decision to leave.

Today’s Gospel depicts the wise and the foolish, a story about being prepared for what matters most—admission into the wedding banquet of heaven. My acquaintance with Audrey and Anthony began as mentors; they taught me much about things that matter, ideas that matter. Only after I completed seminary and served in the priesthood for a few years did I see our relationship evolve into a friendship. Both battled cancer. Audrey lost that battle first and Anthony was a widower for nearly 10 years. As a priest I was now able to bring to them what matters most—Jesus Christ.

Some of Anthony’s pictures are hanging on my wall—snapshots of God’s creation. The subject of his photography was a contemplation of the eternal, a reflection of the eternal banquet. Take some time this month to reflect on the things that matter most. Is there someone who is a positive influence in your life? A friend or mentor? Someone worth imitating?

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 |

- 11/10—Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00-8:00
- 11/11—No CCD—Veteran's Day
- 11-17—Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00-8:00



In the waters of baptism
we welcome...
Asher Tyler Flynn,
son of Austin and Keely Flynn.

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.

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 14 & Nov 15 5:00pm		8:30am
Usher	Volunteer	Matt Thorpe
Collection		Dave Eberle
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Madeline T, Annah T	Deven W, Carly K

WEEKLY GIVING

	October 25	November 1
Adult	\$1442.	\$1015.
Children	\$12.	\$4.
Plate	\$29.	\$221.
Total	\$1483.	\$1240.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday November 15 (10:30 am)

Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Gene and Faye
Altar Servers	Madi, Kate

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. Nov 10

8:00 am †Bert Schumacher

Wed. Nov 11

8:00 am †Margaret Gross

Thu. Nov 12

8:00 am (St. H) †Julie Kelly Parten

9:00 am (St. P) Char Henning Intention

Fri. Nov 13

8:00 am †Joe & †Ruth Klein

Sat. Nov 14

5:00 pm Talyn Gross

Sun. Nov 15

8:30 am (St. H) †Frances & †Sylvester Eberle

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 10/30/2020

St. Helena's: \$15766: 93% of goal 42% participation

St. Patrick's: \$15633: 272% 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

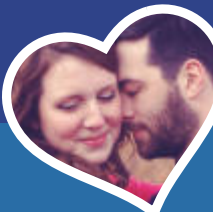
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James & Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad,
Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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