



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”  
– Mt 25:21

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God have given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.

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 (2 of 3)

Dear friends in Christ,

*“A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.” (Mt 25:14)*

How different is the tone of this Gospel passage from the story of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:13). Here the good master shares his possessions freely. I recount a few stories of priests who have shared possessions with me. Take some time to think about the things you have received—and remember, possessions are not only the fine china, silver, or the farmland.

The journey to priesthood might seem daunting, more schooling, complicated subjects, and many sacrifices. Two phrases come to mind: “it’s not what you know, it’s who you know,” and “on-the-job-training.” The former may have negative implications, but there’s also a positive light. I think of three priests who have helped me along the journey.

Fr. Gunther Rolfson, OSB (1917–2004) was an old Benedictine priest when I met him. Always dressed in the long black robe, his demeanor was calm. Early in my discernment of the priesthood I met with Fr. Rolfson for guidance. His love of gardening meant that many of our “meetings” took place outside as we admired the plants, flowers, and gardens around the rectory. He was a simple, humble, patient man. Our meetings were never preachy or pushy. After watering and pulling a few weeds, we sometimes shared a cup of tea. The same patience required of gardening was his method of spiritual direction. Perhaps he realized where I was in my life and knew that pulling weeds might uproot the wheat.

Fr. Paul Zylla (1921–2015) was a second priestly influence who shared his wit and wisdom. Fr. Zylla did not mince his words or beat around the bush. His style of spiritual direction was similar to the

photography mentioned in [last week’s column](#). Some may have been turned off by his personality, but sometimes the right medicine comes at just the right time. Fr. Zylla bluntly pointed out to me that the priesthood leads in a direction incompatible with dating. Duh! Maybe that is obvious, and hindsight is 20/20. But meeting Fr. Zylla helped in forming boundaries. Fr. Zylla was always clear: the meeting was no longer than an hour, we always met in a designated location. Once I entered seminary and after my ordination, these parameters were kept. Also, his principled personality impressed me in the areas of timeliness and routine. He was committed to an engagement for a certain amount of time, then his priestly life would demand that he head home for prayers, etc.

Msgr. Jeffrey Wald (1963–2020) possessed a wealth of practical knowledge. Although the priesthood requires academic proficiency, being a pastor calls for much more. It is too soon for a complete reflection upon the many ways Msgr. Wald influenced my priesthood. The patron saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney said, *The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus*, and, *The priest is not a priest for himself, he is for you*. Msgr. Wald possessed both sentiments and shared them with his young assistant priests throughout the years. His stories of growing up on a farm were filled with practical knowledge. His emphasis of leading the people closer to Jesus Christ was manifest in his loyalty to the simple things: devotions, prayers, and administering the sacraments faithfully.

Possessions are sometimes material. Possessions can possess us. Our wants are sometimes possessed by others. Recognize what you possess and what you have learned from others. Yearn to hear the words of Jesus, *Well done, my good and faithful servant*.

Fr. Asselin

### Advent begins on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>

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 |

- 11-17—Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00-8:00
- 11-25—No CCD, Thanksgiving Break
- 11-26—Thanksgiving 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.

### 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.

### Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties:

Trent Horn Presentation **CANCELLED:** Due to the recent rise in coronavirus cases, the presentation by Trent Horn on Hard Sayings: How to Answer Bible Difficulties previously scheduled for November 19th at

Sts. Anne and Joachim Church in Fargo has been cancelled.

### REDEEMED Trusted Sisters Women's Conference:

Mark your calendar: The REDEEMED Women's Conference has been rescheduled for Feb 19-20, 2021 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo. Featured speakers will include Dr. Helen Alvaré, Dr. James Link, Marcie Stockman (foundress of Well Read Mom), and Andrea Thomas of the Vigil Project. The event will also include performances and worship led by the Vigil Project. This conference will be available to attend both in person as well as via livestream. More information at: [fargodiocese.org/redeemedwom](http://fargodiocese.org/redeemedwom)

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### Extending our Prayers and Sympathy

To the family of  
**Linda Martinson**  
at the loss of her husband, John.  
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.



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## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Nov 21 & Nov 22 5:00pm      10:30am

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Usher	Volunteer	Pete Flynn, Jr
Collection		Bob Radtke
Lector	Volunteer	Bernie Thielges
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Courtney D, Carson B	Samuel R, Levi R

## WEEKLY GIVING

November 8

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Adult	\$845.
Children	\$1.
Plate	\$30.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$876.</b>

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## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday November 22 (8:30 am)

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Lector	Mona
Gift Carriers	Steve and Christy
Altar Servers	Liam, Owen

For the Month of November

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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 17

8:00 am †Karen Bachmeier

### Wed. Nov 18

8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Thu. Nov 19

8:00 am (St. H) Open

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

### Fri. Nov 20

8:00 am †Earl & †Mary Webster

### Sat. Nov 21

5:00 pm †Bert Schumacher

### Sun. Nov 22

8:30 am (St. P) †Margaret Gross

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.

#### Remember the Dead

Don't forget to pray for your deceased loved ones during the month of November. Visit a cemetery or pray from your own home. A plenary indulgence may be obtained for the Souls in Purgatory each day this month (confession, prayers for the Pope, and being detached from sin are the requirements.)



#### Please Pray

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

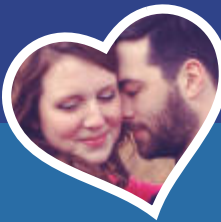
Dennis Horsager, Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Richard Rodlund.

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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