



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

## 2<sup>nd</sup>

### SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist  
appeared in the  
desert proclaiming  
a baptism of  
repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
- Mk 1:4



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Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation

Masses Times  
Monday, Dec. 7, 5:30 PM St. Helena  
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 8:00 AM St. Helena  
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9:00 AM St. Patrick



Immaculate Conception  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Location Change! 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday is now offered 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

### Advent Survival Kit

Dear friends in Christ,

Having a winter survival kit in your vehicle is smart. Having to use it is another story! Every year I receive an email from the diocese reminding me to review my funeral plans, my will, and medical directives. How is that for a downer! Advent calls us to be prepared. Are you ready? 2020 has caused us to ask that question. Unfortunately, I hear too many negative answers. For some it is physical health, for others it is worry about relationships with family and friends, still others are concerned about earthly possessions. We need to consider our **spiritual** health, our spiritual wellbeing, and ultimately being ready for heaven.

Early in the *Catechism* we read, “The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for.” (#27) Although God is always seeking us, he respects our freedom completely. That tremendous gift of freedom can produce many distractions, noise, and fog—making it difficult to hear his voice.

Many things compete for our attention. Some are good, others are indifferent, and some are harmful. The concerns mentioned above are worthy. How is the ultimate question of being spiritually ready answered? A look at the past, the present, and the future is a helpful guide.

C.S. Lewis nails it in his book, *The Screwtape Letters*. He shines a bright light on the primary method of the Devil to keep us from thinking about eternity: the future (see chapter 15). Have you ever dreamed of a future that is worse than

today? Regarding the future, Lewis writes, “It is unknown to them, so that in making them think about it we make them think of unrealities. In a word, the Future is, of all things, the thing *least like* eternity.”

This year has forced many people into a paralyzing fear, we are waiting for a future that may never arrive. Lewis acknowledges there is a proper use of looking ahead, however, the tactic of the Devil is to make man give his heart and treasure to the future.

Consider the prayer after the Our Father: “Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days...” At the end of the Catechism we read: “When we ask to be delivered from the Evil One, we pray as well to be freed from all evils, present, past, and future, of which he is the author or instigator. In this final petition, the Church brings before the Father all the distress of the world. Along with deliverance from the evils that overwhelm humanity, she implores the precious gift of peace and the grace of perseverance in expectation of Christ’s return...” (#2854)

We should focus on the right things. Mending our human relationships and, especially, concern for our spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. Confessing our sins is the best place to begin. Attending Mass (even a daily Mass) is a key source of grace to prepare us. Do not allow the future to erase the present. May the past remind us of the saving actions of Christ. Never forget the graces that flow from the sacraments in the present, so that in the future we may live with our Savior eternally.

Fr. Asselin



## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 12/8—Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7:00-8:00 pm (St. H)
- 12/15—Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7:00-8:00 pm (St. H)
- 12/16—Parish Penance Service 6:30 pm (St. H)
- 12/22—Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions, 7:00-8:00 pm (St. H)

### Holiday Mass Times

- 12/24—Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm, St. Patrick
- 12/24—Christmas Eve, 9:00 pm, St. Helena
- 12/25—Christmas Day, 8:30 am, St. Helena
- 12/26-27—Holy Family, *Regular Sunday Schedule*
- 12/31—Mary Mother of God, 5:30 pm, St. Helena
- 1/1—Mary Mother of God, 9:00 am, St. Patrick
- 1/2-3—Epiphany of the Lord, *Regular Sunday Schedule*



### The upcoming Mass Schedule...

#### *A short word from father*

As we approach the celebration of Christmas and the Christmas season, I offer the following clarifications. As I write this, the Bishop of Fargo has not changed the COVID guidelines. Thus the Sunday obligation remains lifted. Thankfully our state government hasn't strong-armed us out of being able to gather for Mass! Therefore, some considerations include: Christmas is a distinct Holy Day from Sunday, the Holy Family. Therefore, attending both is the proper way to fulfill the requirement (although that requirement is lifted this year). The same rule applies for the Holy Day of Mary, Mother of God on Jan. 1 and the Epiphany of the Lord. The Mass schedule is listed above. What a blessing we have to participate in the Mass—the greatest prayer this side of heaven!

### Christmas Flowers

We are ready to order flowers for the Christmas season. A sign-up sheet is found in the church entry. **You can now make your payments online . Visit the parish website for details.** White or Red Poinsettias are available for \$25.

### REDEEMED Trusted Sisters Women's Conference:

Mark your calendar: The REDEEMED Women's Conference has been rescheduled for Feb19-20, 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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## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Dec 12 & Dec 13    5:00pm    10:30am

Usher	Volunteer	Bill Carruth
Collection		Bob Radtke
Lector	Volunteer	CarolLee Carruth
EMHC		
Gift Bearers		
Altar Servers	Kali N, Macy N	Anton C, Isaiah C

## WEEKLY GIVING

	Nov 22	Nov 29
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## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday December 13 (8:30 am)

Lector	Kayce
Gift Carriers	Amy and Maddie
Altar Servers	Alivia, Faith

For the Month of December

Breakfast Server	Alana and Linda
Collection Counters	Allen Glynn and Steve
Church Cleaners	Megan, Geri and Ruby
Altar Society Meeting	Following Mass on Dec 13



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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Mon. Dec 7, Holy Day Vigil Mass

5:30 pm (St. H) †Pete & †Shelda Flynn

### Tue. Dec 8, Immaculate Conception

8:00 am (St. H) †Bert Schumacher

9:00 am (St. P) For the Parishioners

### Wed. Dec 9

8:00 am Mary Brock

### Thu. Dec 10

8:00 am (St. H) Open

9:00 am (St. P) †DeAnn Ulmer

### Fri. Dec 11

8:00 am †Cal Dathe

### Sat. Dec 12

5:00 pm †Hazel Linder

### Sun. Dec 13

8:30 am (St. P) †Grover, Mary & David Hayhurst

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

### Extending our Prayers and Sympathy

To the family of

**Rita Dathe**

at the death of Rita's husband, Calvin Dathe.

*Eternal rest grant unto him,  
O Lord.*



### 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  
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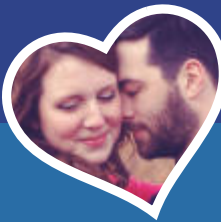
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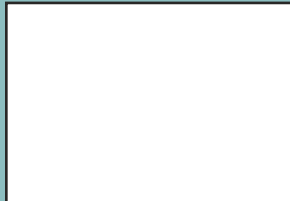
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