



# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

*"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13*

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### Marian Devotions

"Hail, full of grace." Mary guides the Church in discovering God's grace. We can learn how to find God in our daily lives from Mary's "yes". Join us for a special time of prayer to honor the Mother of God and to grow closer to Jesus her Son. **Sundays in May, 3:00pm. May 23.**

The prayers will last about 40 minutes and include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Marian hymn, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Benediction. Families and Children are encouraged to attend.

*"Family Unity Through Family Prayer"*  
 —Fr. Patrick Peyton, servant of God



Please look for parish updates and events via Flocknote. Sign up instructions on page 3.



## 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

### Mudpies and Perfection

Dear friends in Christ,

Making the perfect crust for a pie takes much practice. My lessons on baking pies included the instruction to have a pot of water boiling if the humidity was low. I still fail at achieving the perfect outcome; I guess my day-job is God’s real plan!

Cleaning out my father’s house last week was a chore. Many things accumulate in forty-five years! Coming across a stack of old, aluminum pie tins from frozen potpies brought some laughter. Chicken or beef, I couldn’t tell, but the crust around the edge was my favorite part. I was ready to toss them into the recycle bin when my sister intervened. I couldn’t imagine what use she would find for them. Outside playing for the kids: mud pies and crafts. I remember jumping in mud puddles after a rainstorm, pies were not yet on my radar!

So, what makes the perfect mudpie? (not the chocolate variety). A little clay, a pinch of sand, and a cup of good, heavy, black dirt. I’m only guessing. What’s your secret ingredient? Well, the world in which live seems like a giant opportunity to make a mud pie. Or we long for the care-free days of playing outside, free of responsibilities. A recent article gave me some “food for thought.” Margarita A. Mooney, writing in *First Things* speaks about the Already and not Yet. Recalling some of the tragedies of the past year, she wonders why God permits such things. Taking a quote from Benedict XVI she answers, ““creation exists to be a place for the covenant that God wants to make with man . . . creation, history and worship are in a relationship of reciprocity.” We live in an earthly reality, but we are also journeying toward our final ful-

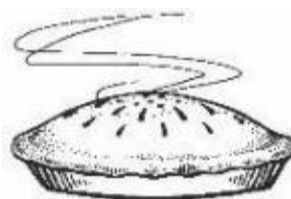
fillment, which has already been inaugurated by the coming of Christ. The liturgy [Mass] fulfills our desires to experience God here and now, while also preparing us for greater communion with God to come. Worship anticipates the completion of creation.”

Every time we come to Mass, it’s like a mudpie. We bring the sludge and the syrup, the tragedies, and the triumphs, and place them before the God who made us. We might compare our lives to some of the *oddball* challenges the television cooking programs throw at seasoned chefs—make a fancy dish from these strange ingredients... in one hour! Life throws us imperfect ingredients, and imperfect results; occasionally we are blessed with *perfect* results.

Bringing our cares to Jesus at Mass is the best thing for us to do. Today’s feast of Pentecost reminds us of an important fact. St. Paul tells us, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts... different forms of service... different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1Cor 12) Participating in Mass is more than what *we* bring; it also fills us with the divine ingredients from our Savior’s perfect Sacrifice.

Like those old pie tins, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, given to us at baptism and Confirmation, might have drifted to the back of the cupboard—dusty and unused. But these gifts never leave us, even if we fail to use them. God wants to use us, even if it’s for a muddy pie! Let’s allow him to shape, form, and mold us at the Mass.

Fr. Asselin



## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

5/23—Senior Sunday, 10:30am Mass

5/31—Last call for Fall Raffle Donations!

6/13—Farewell Potluck for Fr. Asselin, following Mass at St. Helena's

6/20—Farewell Potluck for Fr. Asselin, following Mass at St. Patrick's



### Altar Society Donations

Altar Society is still taking monetary donations to help offset the cost of Confirmation/ First Holy Eucharist meal expenses. Donations may be put into the general collection basket in an envelope marked for First Eucharist/ Confirmation Donation or given to Kathy M.

### Seven Sisters Apostolate

Do you have 1 hour per week to help with the Seven Sisters Apostolate? The Seven Sister pray for our pastor. We start the new year with this commitment on June 1. Please contact Joletta G. before May 25 if you are willing to

pray for our pastor as part of this special apostolate.

### Fall Raffle Donations

St. Helena Altar Society is now taking donations for the annual Raffle to be held Sep 26, 2021. Contact Michele T. or Kathy M. to make a donation. Last day to make a donation is May 31.

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### Connect with us on FLOCKNOTE

Our parish is using Flocknote to communicate important information about parish events. Receive text messages or emails, join the groups you want. You can Text to Join. Text the word: Helena to: 84576

Uno the sheep is waiting for you to join!



## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

To schedule a baptism please contact the parish office.

### Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage, please contact Fr. Asselin at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is available anytime. Talk with the priest before or after Mass, or call the parish office to make an appointment. Don't hesitate to call, especially if you are preparing for a medical procedure or surgery.

## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 29/30	(5:00pm)	(8:30 am)
Usher	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Collection		Rick Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
EMHC	Volunteer	Lori Wald
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Paul Wald Family
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Carly K, Samuel R
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Charlotte Graves

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

May 30	Knights of Columbus
June 6	

## WEEKLY GIVING

### Sunday, May 16

Adult	\$1,015
Children	\$3
Plate	\$108
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,126</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 30	(10:30 am)
Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Gene and Faye
Altar Servers	Madi
Rosary Leader	Gene

### For the Month of May

Breakfast Server	Corrine and Laura
Collection Counters	Christy and Allan Glynn
Church Cleaners	Alana and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

### God's Gift Appeal 2021

*Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope*

Report as of 5/14/2021

St. Helena's: \$8429: 49% of goal, 34% participation

St. Patrick's: \$11,525: 207% of goal, 41% participation

Thank you for your support!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Tue. May 25**

8:00 am †Hopfauf Relatives

**Wed. May 26**

8:00 am †Gusaas Relatives

**Thu. May 27**

8:00 am (St. H) †Members of St. Helena's

9:00 am (St. P) Open

**Fri. May 28**

8:00 am †Anna Moran

**Sat. May 29**

5:00 pm †Paul Merkel

**Sun. May 30**

8:30 am (St. H) †John Carruth

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

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### Please Pray

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

Art Linder, Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina.

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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