



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



“TO WHAT SHALL
WE COMPARE
THE KINGDOM
OF GOD?”
—MK 4:30

11TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

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

Growing... with God

Dear friends in Christ,

The box of fertilizer I bought promises big, beautiful blooms. Another variety is designed especially for tomatoes! Indeed, a walk down the gardening aisle proves that plants, similar to us human beings, have differing tastes! The one substance necessary for all plants and animals is water. But we should ask, is that *really* the only thing we need? Today's Scripture passages teach us how the kingdom of God grows. The Gospel of Mark says God's kingdom is like a farmer planting seed and seeing the growth appear; but in the end he *knows not how* it really happens, and "of its own accord the land yields fruit." (Mk 4:27-28)

Another look at the box of fertilizer yields an explanation of its content: nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash. These are the chemicals used in varying proportions to produce tempting tomatoes or giant geraniums. Although man has been able to analyze the needs of particular plants, the very growth that happens from a seed or bulb is a mystery. In the second reading St. Paul says, "We are always courageous... we walk by faith, not by sight." (2Cor 5:6-7) Courage and faith are two necessary ingredients for the disciple of Christ. In times of challenging weather and other circumstances beyond our control, the farmer must trust. Here is a helpful resource: **Prayer for a Rural Family**. *Bless us, O God, we who live close to the land. Bless us as you blessed Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They, like we, our models in family life knew the struggles, the fears, the joys, and the rewards of life in a rural area. Help us to be aware of the quiet beauty of the*

night, the fresh green growth on trees and all plants and the songs of birds. We give thanks for all of these. May we always show respect for all of creation. Bless each of us and help us grow in love and unity with you and with each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Catholic Rural Life, www.catholicrurallife.org)

The readings also speak about how the kingdom of God grows and expands from small beginnings. It is important to notice an important detail in the first reading, it is God who does the planting. (Ez 17:22-24) At the beginning of Mass, the opening prayer intends to lead us more deeply into the readings: *O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.* What is your resolve today? What deeds can you accomplish for the kingdom of God? We need faith, trust, and dependence upon our Lord. Even when we follow the directions on the box, the end results will vary. God may send us ample rain, plenty of sun, and just enough of every other ingredient needed for a good harvest. He may not.

We are called to cooperate with God's will, to participate in his plan. Even our smallest acts of surrender help produce the large branches of his kingdom. So, in a year that has already thrown us many challenges, let us trust, have faith, and allow the Lord Jesus Christ to be the master gardener in the depths of our hearts.

Fr. Asselin



PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

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

6/15—Adoration/Confession, 7pm, St. Helena's

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



YOUTH UPDATES...

World Youth Day 2023...

Every three years, the Catholic youth of the world come together for an incredible week of faith and fellowship. World Youth Day 2023 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal. Pilgrims will come to celebrate with one another, deepen their faith, hear from the Holy Father, and be inspired to greater faith, service, and discipleship. Dates are TBD, but the Diocese of Fargo has already begun planning a WYD pilgrimage! Join us for a fun, one-hour virtual info session where you'll hear from diocesan leaders, get a rundown of the trip itinerary by our pilgrimage leader, and learn why YOU should plan to sign up for this trip of a lifetime! Past pilgrim, Kristina Lahr, will also be on hand to share her experience of attending WYD. The WYD Info Session will take place on Tuesday, June 22, at 7:00 PM, Central Time, via Zoom. To attend (or access the recording at a later date), please register at <https://bit.ly/3ya3CVI>. We hope to see you there!

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.

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ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 19/20	(5:00pm)	(8:30 am)
Usher	Volunteer	Russ Grueneich
Collection		Rick Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Michele Thorpe
EMHC	Volunteer	Lana Norton
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Norton Family
Altar Servers	Mackenzie T, Annah T	Devin W, Carly K

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

June 20	Amber M, Beano O, Michele T
July 4	No Breakfast

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday	May31	June 6
Adult	\$1856.	\$1286.
Children	\$29.	\$5.60
Plate	\$37.	\$42.
Total	\$1932.	\$1333.60

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 20	(10:30 am)
Lector	Kayce
Gift Carriers	Brian and Linda
Altar Servers	Kate, Faith

For the Month of May

Breakfast Server	Ruby and Virginia
Collection Counters	Allan Glynn & Steve
Church Cleaners	Faye and Laura
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

God's Gift Appeal 2021

Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope

Report as of 6/4/2021

St. Helena's: \$8,867: 51% of goal, 37% participation

St. Patrick's: \$11,725: 211% of goal, 45% participation

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. June 15

8:00 am †Ray Hilzendeger

Wed. June 16

8:00 am †Alvin Gross

Thu. June 17

8:00 am (St. H) † Fr. Vincent Tuchscherer

9:00 am (St. P) † Margaret Gross

Fri. June 18

8:00 am Priscilla Brandenburger

Sat. June 19

5:00 pm †Dean Zieska

Sun. June 20

8:30 am (St. H) †John Linder

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

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