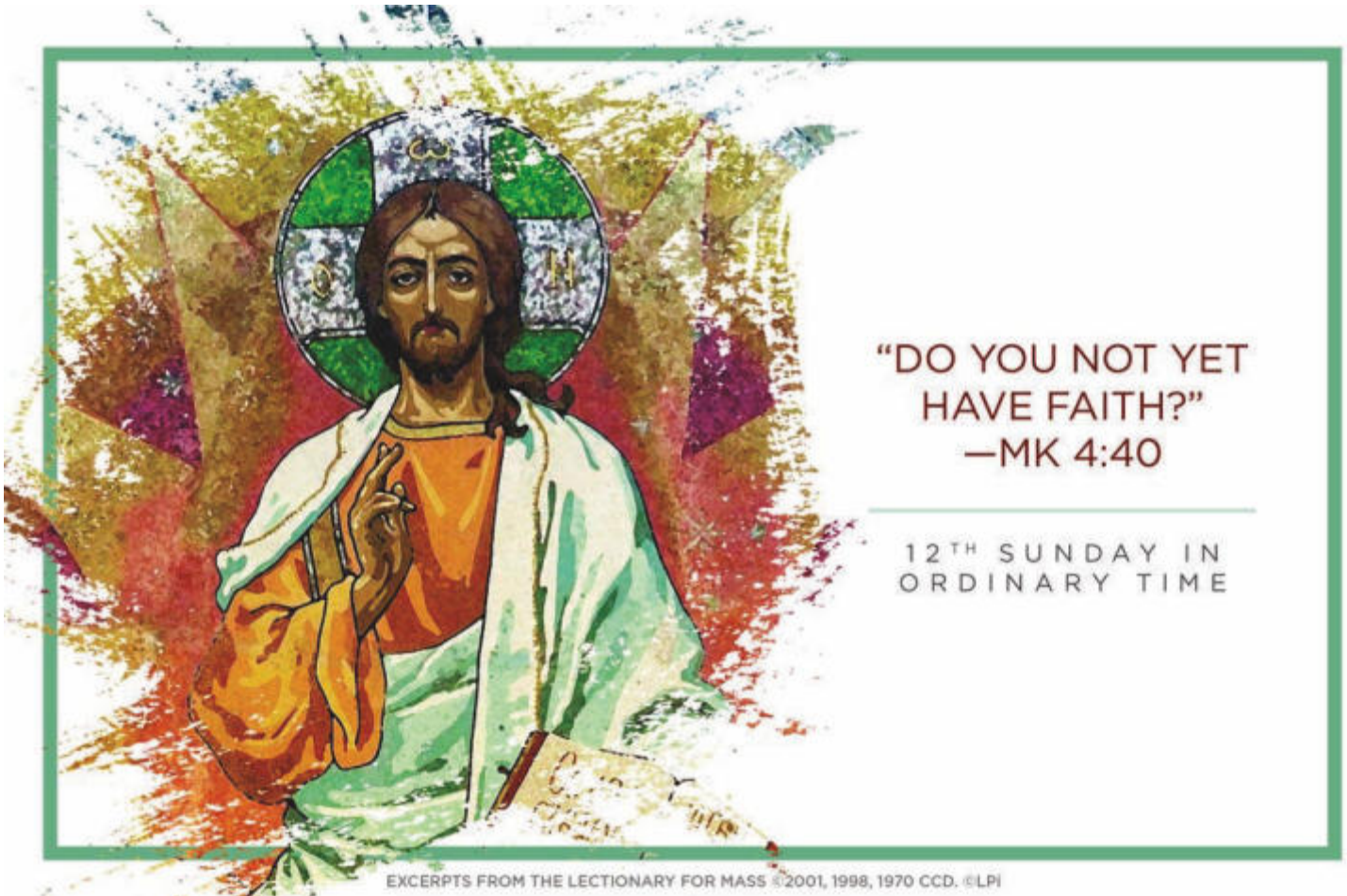




# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *Eg*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



“DO YOU NOT YET  
HAVE FAITH?”  
—MK 4:40

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.

Happy Father's Day! May the Sacred Heart of Jesus give strength to all fathers!



## 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

### Fathers and farewells

Dear friends in Christ,

Moving and saying goodbye can be difficult. This being my final column with you, I wish to leave you with a few reflections on fathers and farewells—it is Father’s Day! These ideas come from two articles found at [life-craft.org](http://life-craft.org). I hope you find this mixture of ideas helpful as we honor fathers and experience the transition of pastors.

In the Catholic Church we are accustomed to calling our pastor *father*. For many non-Catholics this is a point of contention. And yes, I have experienced this tension in my fifteen years of priesthood. Is it absolutely essential for me to be called father? No. My vocation to the priesthood is made permanent through the sacrament of Holy Orders. That permanency remains, even when a priest fails in his duties.

What are the responsibilities of a Catholic priest? The word priest is derived from a Latin word meaning “bridge-builder.” The purpose of a bridge is obvious: to connect, to cross-over, or to make a pathway from one side to another. A bridge is usually placed over a stretch of water, another roadway, or other rough, impassable terrain.

The author of the Life-Craft article says, “If a person is to build a bridge, he must have a foothold on both sides of the divide. Otherwise, how could he effect a connection? Here emerges the fuller drama of this whole situation. A priest is to be a bridge builder, but given the nature of the chasm to be bridged, there must first be an initiation from the upper side. If this man is to be a real connector, he must be imbued with a power not his as a man. But nonetheless his.”

We need to pray for our priests to be holy. The author continues, “His work likewise calls the priest to exemplify the human. His mysterious and potent fatherhood, a multifaceted work and profound crafting of the good life, should

begin in being a good man. He will then be best positioned to weave a human fabric with divine threads.” (*When a man becomes a priest*, 6/9/2021)

Therefore, attempting to be a good man, a good priest, and a good spiritual father, I turn to the topic of saying farewell. Shakespeare says, “Parting is such sweet sorrow.” Saying goodbye provides the opportunity for three important things: express gratitude, ask forgiveness, and offer encouragement. (Life-craft.org/blog, *Learning to say goodbye*, 5/12/2021) First, I thank you for the unique ways your presence has touched my life. Everyone’s unique personality has something to offer in God’s Kingdom!

If I failed to be a bridge... and when I lacked the light and image of Christ in my daily tasks, I ask forgiveness. The humanity of the priesthood lives alongside the divine graces of our Savior. I pray for the strength to cooperate with those graces evermore completely.

Fathers will win the trust of their children and family when they become a source of encouragement. Learning to ride a bike, shooting clay pigeons, or practicing to parallel park are only some of the opportunities for positive feedback. Seeing the small, God-given talents in your spouse and children takes patience and careful attention. Investing in your family and reinforcing the blessing of their worth as how God created them is crucial. As your outgoing pastor, I leave you with the encouragement to grow closer to Jesus every day. I especially see the opportunity for this when the congregation prays quietly at the end of Mass. There is no better time to allow Christ to cultivate your spiritual growth than at the moment you receive Him in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is the best source of encouragement... especially for fathers and farewells.

Fr. Asselin



## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

6/22—Adoration/Confession, 7pm, St. Helena's

6/23—Fr. Patrick Parks arrives. Let's welcome our new pastor!



### Trinity Youth Camp

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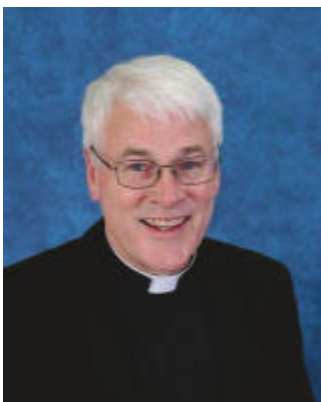
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## YOUTH UPDATES...

### 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!



### Welcome Fr. Parks!

Fr. Parks was ordained to the priesthood in 2016. He has served as parochial vicar at St. John's in Wahpeton, St. James Basilica in Jamestown, and St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo.

We welcome you, Fr. Parks, to St. Helena's and St. Patrick's. May the Lord Bless you and work as our new shepherd and pastor!

## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 26/27 (5:00pm) (10:30 am)

Usher	Bob Bechtold	Austin Flynn
Collection		Dave Eberle
Lector	Volunteer	Bernie Thielges
EMHC	Volunteer	Darcy Seefeld
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Bryson Geffre
Altar Servers	Drew T, Madeline T	Ivan C, Anton C

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

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

## WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday June 13

Adult	\$1,021
Children	\$15.59
Plate	\$44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,080.59</b>

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## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 27 (8:30 am)

Lector	Mona
Gift Carriers	Denny and Virginia
Altar Servers	Alivia, Allen

### For the Month of June

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 6/11/2021

St. Helena's: \$9,147: 53% of goal, 38% participation

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

Thank you for your support!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Tue. June 22

8:00 am †Hazel Linder

### Wed. June 23

8:00 am †Mayme Linder

### Thu. June 24

8:00 am (St. H) Open

9:00 am (St. P) †Linda Linder Schwan

### Fri. June 25

8:00 am †Margaret Gross

### Sat. June 26

5:00 pm †Lloyd Brokaw

### Sun. June 27

8:30 am (St. H) †Ray Hilzendeger

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

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