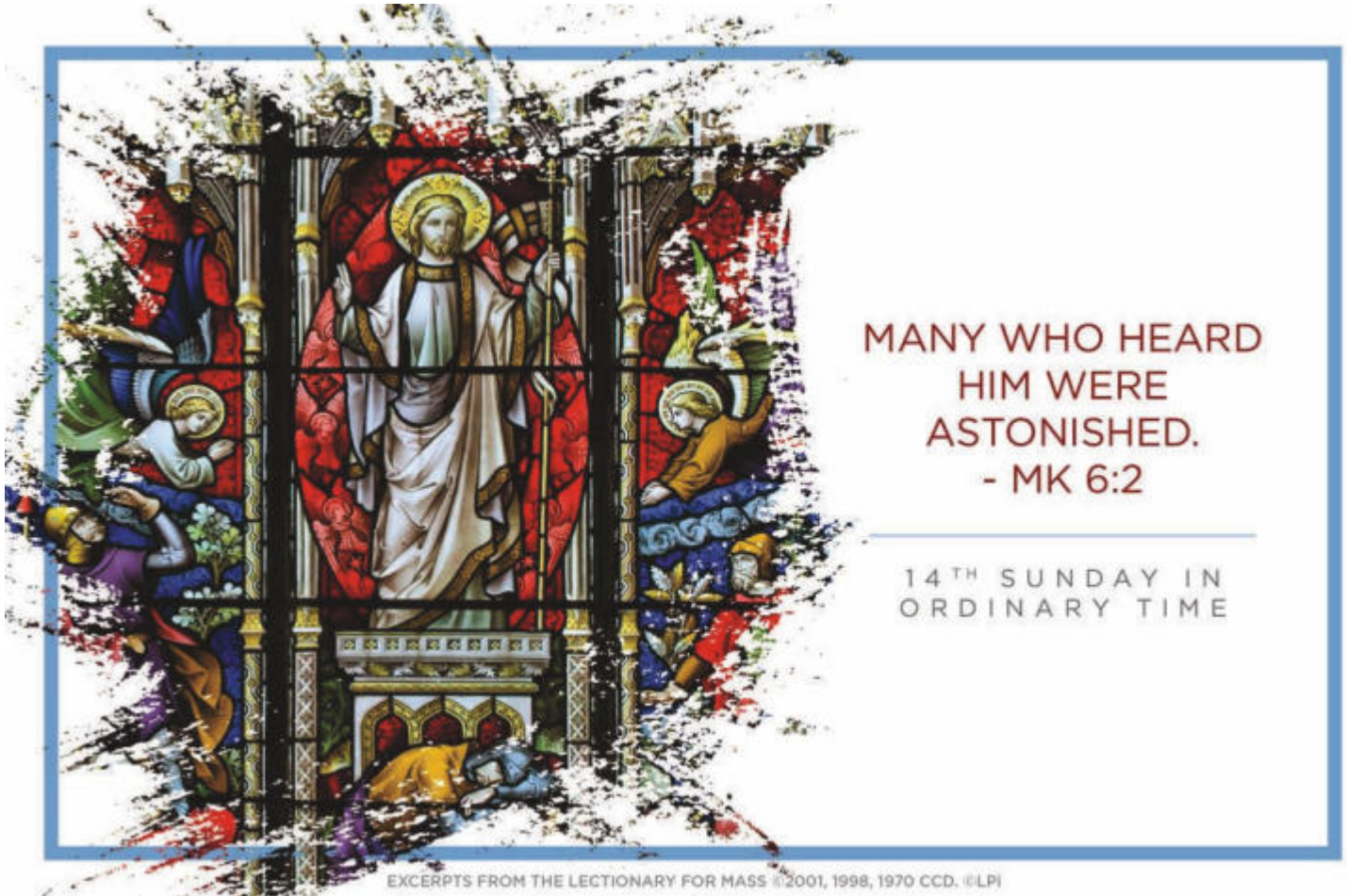




# ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *E*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



MANY WHO HEARD  
HIM WERE  
ASTONISHED.  
- MK 6:2

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

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God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

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

Patriotism is a great virtue. To be a patriot is to love one’s fatherland. This means that it is to love the land of the people that sired you. Patriotism is a natural overflow of the virtue of piety — that is, the virtue of the home. As piety would have us rendering what is due in justice to parents and other family members, patriotism would have us render the same to our nation, its government, and our fellow citizens. Both of these are a matter of justice, for the virtues of piety and patriotism are parts of that cardinal virtue. Over and above justice is the theological virtue of charity, which also enters into a consideration of Catholic piety and patriotism. After God, we love our neighbors, that is, those who are “nigh” to us, meaning *near* us. Those most near to us are our parents and our siblings.



For patriotism to be genuine in a nation as large as the United States — which is a good size for an empire — we have to recover the value of the family,

We receive the Faith locally. We live it in our families. We utter it in our own tongues. We practice it in this church building, with people from *this* community . . . The living out of the true Faith is what produces a Catholic culture, and that culture is what ought to impress itself on our young, forming their convictions, eliciting their actions, commanding their reactions.

The patriot loves his family, his neighbors, his backyard, those local institutions that nurtured and formed him, which he visits if he has moved abroad, and whose memory he cherishes. Love of these things justifies his going to war when his country and its people are attacked. Big government, monied interests, vague notions of “progress,” “spreading our way of life,” or “making the world safe for democracy,” are causes utterly unworthy of the blood of an American warrior — of any warrior. One last thing: the Catholic patriot desires his fatherland to come under the Rule of Christ the King. Here in the USA, it means he wants a Catholic America.

**Have a safe and blessed Independence Day!**

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

7/6—Adoration/Confession, 7-8. St/ Helena's



**Made for Greatness Men's Retreat**  
**July 16-18, 2021. Register online**  
**[www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/mfg-retreat)**

Every man yearns for greatness. Even if he does not consciously think about it or tries to stifle it, something inside still cries out that mediocrity is not enough. As men, we might try to pacify that desire by attempting to become very successful at our jobs, or well known and admired in the community, or perhaps we work to become the most cunning fishermen, the best shot, the most accomplished video game player, or even the one who knows sports trivia like no one else. Sometimes we just check out all together because it all seems too much, too unattainable. So, we simply look to distract or medicate ourselves in whatever way we can find.

Yet, if we have the courage to stop for a moment of honest self-reflection, we find that, ultimately, we are left unfulfilled. We are unfulfilled because we weren't made simply to be distracted, entertained, or medicated, we were made for greatness. Pope Benedict XVI said exactly this to a group of pilgrims shortly after he

was elected pope against his will back in 2005. Reflecting on his movement from dismay to acceptance as it became clear that he was going to be elected, he remarked, "The ways of the Lord are not comfortable, but we were not created for comfort, but for greatness, for good." This is the inescapable mission for every man, to become truly great by becoming exactly who God made us to be and nothing less.

"Made for Greatness" is a ministry of the Diocese of Fargo which seeks to fulfill the Great Commission by discipling men, forming them in their identity as sons of God, and equipping them to become missionary disciples. In addition to our primary mission of discipleship, we host conferences, retreats, and leadership events to build men in their faith and mentor parishes in starting parish-based discipleship. Our philosophy is that all men are called to greatness and can transform the world simply by becoming who God made them to be.

## YOUTH UPDATES...

### Trinity Youth Camp

Summer is here and so is Trinity Youth Camp! *Who Do You Say That I am?* is our yearly theme. We invite you to join us to explore how our words and actions can show others who Christ is today. Register now for a great Catholic camping experience! More information and registration on our website:

[trinityyouthcampnd.com](http://trinityyouthcampnd.com)

Dates and Locations for 2021:

July 14-18, Pelican Lake, Bottineau, ND; July 28-Aug 1 Pelican Lake, Bottineau, ND

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

#### Second Reading:

Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

Are you critical towards others, especially those who may be close to you? The most severe critics are often people very familiar to us, a member of our family, a relative, or neighbor or co-worker we rub shoulders with on a regular basis. Jesus faced a severe testing when he returned to his home town, not simply as the carpenter's son, but now as a rabbi with disciples. It would have been customary for Jesus to go to the synagogue each week during the Sabbath, and when his turn came, to read from the scriptures during the Sabbath service. His hometown folks listened with rapt attention on this occasion because they had heard about the miracles he had performed in other towns. What sign would he do in his hometown?

## ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 10/11 (5:00pm) (10:30 am)

Usher	Bob Bechtold	Rick Ulmer
Collection		Rick Ulmer
Lector	Mary Johnson	Bernie Thielges
EMHC	Mary Johnson	Marilyn Wall
Gift Bearers	Chad Durham Fam Radtke Family	
Altar Servers	Mackenzie T, Kali N Anton C, Isaiah C	

### St. Helena Breakfast Servers

July 18	Sarah K, Carol F, Mary U
Aug 1	

## WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday June 27

Adult	\$848
Children	\$2.92
Plate	\$61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$911.92</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday July 11 (8:30 am)

Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Jim Glynn Family
Altar Servers	Liam, Archur

### For the Month of July

Breakfast Server	
Collection Counters	Steve and Denny
Church Cleaners	Christy and Layna
Altar Society Meeting	None

### God's Gift Appeal 2021

*Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope*

Report as of 6/25/2021

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. July 6

8:00 am †Joseph G Gross

### Wed. July 7

8:00 am †Msgr Val Gross

### Thu. July 8

8:00 am (St. H) †Leo & †Anna Marie Ibach

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

### Fri. July 9

8:00 am †Willie P Piatz

### Sat. July 10

5:00 pm †John Carruth

### Sun. July 11

8:30 am (St. P) †Donald Asselin

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

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### Please Pray

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

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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