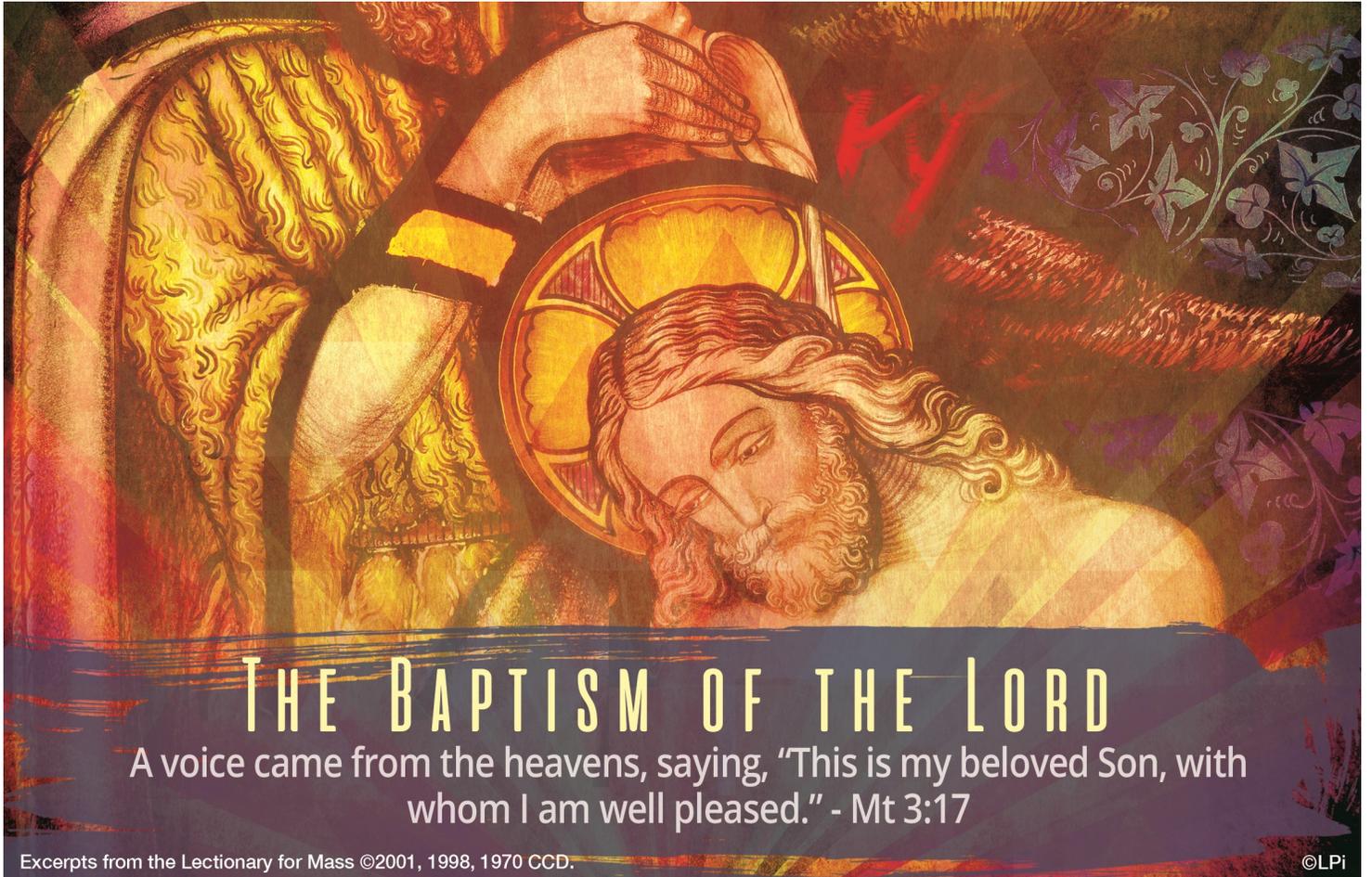




ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK *&*

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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JANUARY 12, 2020 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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LIVE THE LITURGY

The Baptism of Jesus is similar in purpose to our own. As Jesus was distinguished as the beloved Son in whom God is well pleased, so, too, are we. We share that same special favor with God and are brought into an intimate relationship with Him. Does this reality change how we feel about ourselves? It certainly does. Baptism forever changes us and calls us to the ministries of mercy

and humility. God has formed each of us in our mother's womb and asks us to be a light for all people. We carry this light humbly as we know who ultimately has a claim on us and to whom we belong. We then are called to live our lives in imitation of Christ and become incarnate vessels of mercy. Our world needs to be touched by compassion and only we can complete the task.

All are welcome to help take down decorations in the church today—after mass.



ST. HELENA PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil) 7pm
(Prince of Peace Care Center)

Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)

Tue-Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 1:30-2:30pm

Sunday Before 8:30 am mass
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)

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

Movie Review: The Star

On New Year's Eve I popped a bag of popcorn and started watching *The Star* (Sony Pictures, 2017. Rated PG). My sister recommended this film at our Christmas gathering. The movie tells the Nativity story of Jesus from the perspective of animals. The main character is a small donkey named Bo (short for the Biblical name Boaz). When Bo escapes the duty of grinding at the mill, he joins a sheep named Ruth and a dove named David.

The film abounds with many Biblical references: the names of the characters and the types of animals themselves. Look ahead to Holy Week: do you remember how the donkey plays a role in the Passion of Jesus? How many times does Jesus mention sheep, shepherds, and gates for the sheep? The dove named David might require more research, especially since king David was not known for his reign of peace (Solomon would build the temple. See 1Chron 28:2-7). Although the movie presents the story of Jesus' birth accurately, critics could make several negative claims that liberties were taken by the filmmakers. The blending of comedy and religion can be a challenge to accomplish well. Also, certain elements of the movie seem to be a stretch of tradition. For example, St. Joseph is portrayed as a rather young man. Another item is the ferocious henchmen of king Herod (a man and two rough dogs).

Bo's dream was to be freed from the yoke of milling grain and to join the Royal Caravan. His adventure leads him to discover something greater than the magnificent-looking trappings of the earthly king. His journey leads him to develop relationships and to make sacrifices. These two things, relationships and sacrifices are necessary for a joyful life. Thus, after the 90-minute break from the busy Christmas schedule, I was able to go to bed before the ball dropped, with a playful image of how the true Light of Christ has come into the world!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

You're Invited! Open House

It's a blessing to say that most of the projects have been completed. The improvements made to the church basement and the rectory will serve our parish well into the future. I am also grateful for the generous response you have made to our capital campaign. We have raised **\$131,559** so far, with approximately 51% of our parish participating. Donations of labor & materials have also been made.

If you haven't given yet, or if you are able

to increase your gift, please do so soon. With the Hommerding incentive fund at the Diocese, we receive 10% back on every donation, big or small.

We are pleased to announce an **Open House, Sunday Jan. 26, following 10:30am Mass**. You are invited to take a tour of the rectory. Bars and coffee will be served by the ladies Altar Society.

May God Bless You with his generous love.

Thank You, Fr. Asselin

SACRAMENTS

Matrimony

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

Baptism

To schedule a baptism please contact the parish office.

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.

Six Weeks of Ordinary Time

There are six Sundays of "green" ordinary time preceding Lent.

In these weeks our hearts are called to be opened to the EXTRA-ordinary preaching and teaching of Jesus!

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 1/25—Retreat for first Reconciliation Students, 10:00am
- 1/26—New Parishioners Potluck & Rectory Open House, following the 10:30 Mass

Thank You!

I am thankful for all of the Christmas cards and gifts I received. Our parish family is a source of great blessing to me. Be assured of my prayers.
Fr. Asselin.



Help for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille is an international, peer-run program that has helped hurting married couples turn the tide, find new hope, and rediscover the love that initially brought them together. A weekend retreat will be held **February 7-9, 2020 in Fargo.**

For more information visit HelpOurMarriage.com
Call (701) 356-7962 email us at: redriverretrouvaille@fargodiocese.org

Women's Conference

Save the Date: Mar. 27-28, 2020

The conference begins Friday evening, Mar. 27, at the Fargo Avalon Events Center. The Vigil Project will guide you in worshipping Our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a social hour. Saturday, Mar. 28, you will gain a new perspective on your femininity in relation to God and others through speakers, as well as Mass with Bishop Folda, confession, and fellowship with other women. Register by March 1, \$50

(after March 1, \$75). All food and refreshments included.

For more information and registration: fargodiocese.org/RedeemedWomen

Stress Management for Farmers

Catholic Charities North Dakota is pleased to announce that our Counseling Services team will be offering a series of presentations on stress management for farmers, ranchers and rural communities. For information visit catholiccharitiesnd.org/ Presentations are scheduled as follows:

Valley City at St. Catherine's Parish Hall at 7pm on January 23, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Jennifer Eberle, MS, LPCC
Wahpeton at St. John's Catholic Church at 4pm on January 14th, 2020 with Clinical Therapist Erin Rocheleau, MA, LPCC

Offering Envelopes

Have you picked up your offering envelopes for the new year? They are available in the church

entryway. Take your box home today.

Religious Art Calendars

Bring some beautiful artwork into your home for free! 2020 religious art calendars are available in the church entryway. Compliments of Hoven Funeral Home.

Connect with us on FLOCKNOTE

We use 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 or visit: flocknote.com/sthelenal

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup
Select your parish
Register with your name and email address
Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturdays, 1:30-2:30pm in Ellendale (temporary change due to travels to Ashley)

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday January 19 (8:30 am)

Usher	Matt Thorpe
Collection	Bob Radtke
Lector	Mary Johnson
EMHC	Daryl Monette
Gift Bearers	Richard Reis Family
Altar Servers	Joseph T, Jayden W, Mackenzie T, Annah T

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

Jan. 19	Dorothy S, Wendy G, Keely F, Thersia C, Mavis C
Feb. 2	Isaiah & Levi R, Emily O, Isabelle G

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday, Dec 28, Dec 31, and Jan 5

Adult	\$8107.10
Children's	\$10.00
Plate	\$85.00
Total	\$8202.10

Thank you for your generosity!

End of Year Statements

If you would like your 2019 statement for tax purposes, a sign up sheet is available in the church entryway. Statements will only be printed upon your request.

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday January 19 (10:30 am)

Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Boston and Lennon
Altar Servers	Porter, Owen

For the Month of January

Breakfast Server	Pat Glynn, Layna Gramlow
Collection Counters	Allen Glynn, Alan Gramlow
Church Cleaners	Geri, Ruby, Faye
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

Advertiser of the Week
Merkel CPA
Thank your for supporting our bulletin!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Jan 14

8:00 am (St. H) †George Gross

Wed. Jan 15

8:00 am (St. P) †Mark Wanzek

Thu. Jan 16

8:00 am (St. H) Fr. Leo Kinney

9:00 am (St. P) †Mary & †Grover Hayhurst

Fri. Jan 17

8:00 am †Fr. Gerald McCarthy

Sat. Jan 18

7:00 pm Angela Mastel Intentions

Sun. Jan 19

8:30 am (St.H) †Juliet Kelly Parten

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January
Promotion of World Peace

That Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.



Newly Baptized

In the waters of baptism we welcome... Andrew Christopher Waldo son of Scott and Kerry Waldo and Miranda Lynn Olson daughter of Lane and Alexandra Olson.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Please Pray
...for all who are sick, elderly or alone

Jack Kelsh, Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Linda Siro, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Deacon James & 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 call the parish office.

