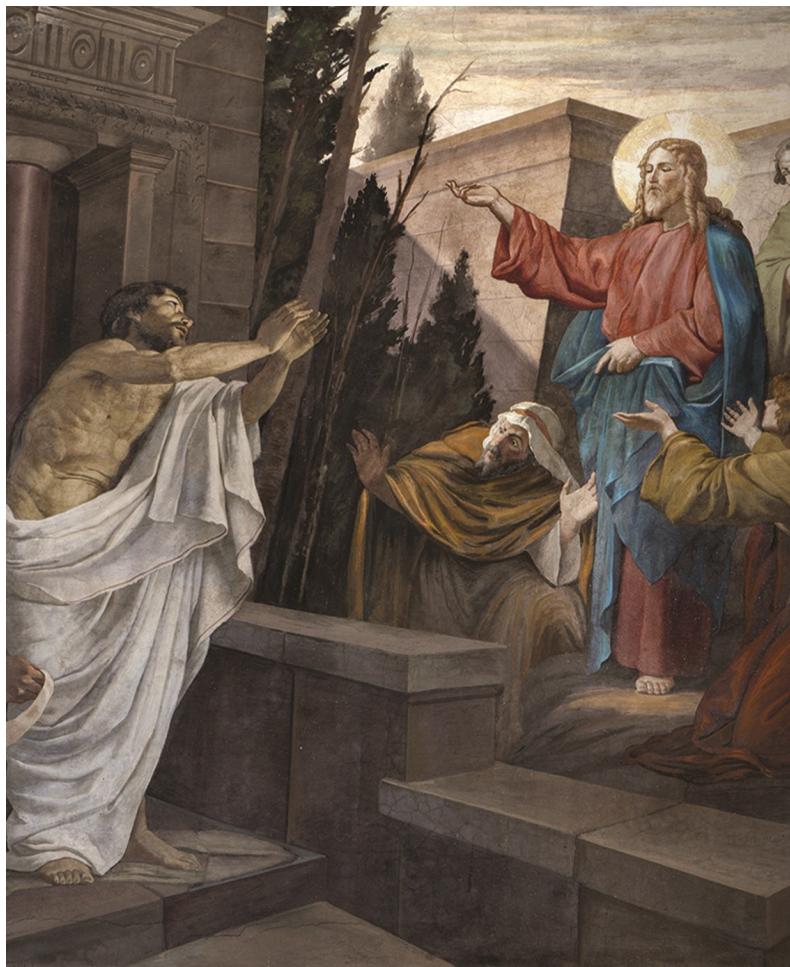




ST. HELENA & ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

- Jn 12:23-24

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name," By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

Stations of the Cross & Simple Suppers—Wednesdays during Lent—See pg. 3 for details



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

Veils that vanish

Dear friends in Christ,

Why are the statues and crucifix covered? Good question. Veils and coverings are not limited to this week alone. Notice how the chalice at Mass is veiled until the altar is prepared for the consecration of the bread and wine. The altar is covered with cloths of varying color, depending on the liturgical season. Veils, coverings and cloths serve other functions too: clothing, table cloths, and even biological (skin, and other protective membranes).

Before tackling the spiritual, let's consider the earthly. Your daily breakfast is likely consumed without much ceremony—open box, fill bowl, pour milk, and of course, brew coffee! Hopefully you have experienced other meals with more formality, such as Christmas, Easter or Thanksgiving. If we lose these traditions, our culture will continue the downward slide into the banal. Fancy table coverings signify a special meal; a time to slowly enjoy good food and good company. These meals might also include the finest dishes and cloth napkins. I fondly remember the "kids" table, and having fun with cousins! These formalities sound like more work, more dishes and less time watching the game. True. But spending time with family and friends in the kitchen writes memories upon our hearts.

Writing upon our hearts is echoed in today's readings. The prophet Jeremiah speaks about the new covenant to be written upon the hearts of God's people (Jer 31:31-34). Here's a short anatomy lesson: a protective covering around the human heart exists called the *Pericardium*. God's beautiful design includes safeguarding this vital organ. It's amazing how we can run, jump, play football, fall off a bike, or tumble down on skis, and the heart stays in its proper place and continues to function. This *veil* around the human heart is permanent; so why does the Church cover the Crucifix and statues for only two weeks?

Notice our church architecture: the Tabernacle is front and center and hanging above is a large crucifix. Think of them as two chambers of the heart, pumping life into our worship and also into each of us as we participate in that worship. The crucifix is covered during the last weeks of Lent for spiritual, mystical and even historical reasons. Without discounting these interpretations, I think the veil also serves as an invitation. No matter how well you have kept your Lenten practices, whether you ate the chocolate or not, the Church invites us to imagine a world without Christ and his saints; to imagine how the divinity of our Savior was almost erased in his terrible Passion. Three snippets of the Scriptures invite us more deeply into the season.

First, Jeremiah speaks about God's law and his new covenant being written upon our hearts. God's law includes freedom—something we can use well or abuse. Freedom can lead us closer to our Savior or further away. We can veil his presence in our life or allow him to be the protective barrier from the assaults of the world. Second, the letter to the Hebrews shows Jesus himself crying out with loud supplications and tears. Even Jesus learned to rely on his Father when he seemed distant and trying. The Gospel passage invites us to be the people who say to Philip, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." (Jn 12:20-33)

As we enter the home stretch of Lent the veils invite us to look into our own heart. What customs and practices are most dear to you? Who or what do you allow to access your heart? What person or persons are most life-giving to you? Jesus states the purpose for this final hour, and he indicates the kind of death he will die. Therefore, the veils are inviting us to rekindle the traditions that give life in accord with Gospel. "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." Remove the veil. Open your heart to the source of life and grace, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Asselin

Altar Society Meeting today after Mass.
All ladies welcome to attend.

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

- 3/21—Altar Society Meeting after 8:30 Mass, St. Helena Parish Center
 3/23—Adoration & Confession, 7pm-8pm
 3/24—Simple Supper 5:00, Penance Service, St. Helena's, 6:30pm
 3/30—Adoration & Confession, 7pm-8pm
 3/31—Living Stations 7:00pm



St. Helena's is looking to hire a person or persons for the positions of parish bookkeeping and administrative office work. Duties include editing the weekly bulletin, bi-monthly ministry schedule. These positions would take approximately 4-5 hours per week. Training is available for each position. If interested please contact Fr. Asselin.



Holy Week Schedule

- Tuesday, March 30
 - 11 am Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo
 - 7-8:30 pm Confessions
- Wednesday, March 31
 - 11 am-Noon Confessions
 - 7:00 Living Stations
 - 7:30-8:30 Confessions
- Thursday, April 1
 - 9-10 AM Confessions
 - 7:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 - After Mass Confessions
- Friday, April 2
 - 3 pm The Passion and Death of the Lord
 - 7-8:00pm Confessions
- Saturday, April 3
 - 9 pm Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection
- Sunday, April 4
 - 8:30 am Mass at St. Helena
 - 10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick

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.

SEARCH Retreats

Attention Youth!

SEARCH is an opportunity to think, talk, question, and wonder about the joys and struggles of faith in everyday life. How does Christ fit into your busy schedule? Why is it important to have Christ as your center? This weekend retreat gives young people, an opportunity to mature and grow in their faith. Visit the [registration page](#) to join us. Retreat is scheduled for April 16-18, 2021 (Deadline March 29).

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 Uno the sheep is waiting for you to join!



TIME TALENT TREASURE 4A

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 27/28		5:00pm	10:30am
Usher	Volunteer	Darell Wall	
Collection		Rick Ulmer	
Lector	Colleen Durheim	Richard Reis	
	Jeff Ulmer	Aaron Tschosik	
EMHC			
Gift Bearers			
Altar Servers	Macy N, Kali N	Levi R, Samuel R, Anton C	

WEEKLY GIVING

March 14, 2021

Adult	\$821.
Children	\$8.
Plate	\$155.
Total	\$984.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday March 28 (8:30 am)

Lector	Ruby and Kayce
Gift Carriers	
Altar Servers	Liam, Faith

For the Month of March

Breakfast Server	
Collection Counters	
Church Cleaners	Geri Glynn, Pat Glynn
Altar Society Meeting	

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4B PRAYER & WORSHIP

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Mar 23

8:00 am †Sylvester & †Marie Radermacher

Wed. Mar 24

8:00 am †Jim Gusaas

Thu. Mar 25

8:00 am (St. H) †Linda Linder Schwan

9:00 am (St. P) †Fr. John Fallon

Fri. Mar 26

8:00 am Priscilla Brandenburger

Sat. Mar 27

5:00 pm †Juliet Kelly Parten

Sun. Mar 28 Palm Sunday

8:30 am (St. P) Special Intention

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



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.



Lenten Learning Leaflet

21 March, 2021

