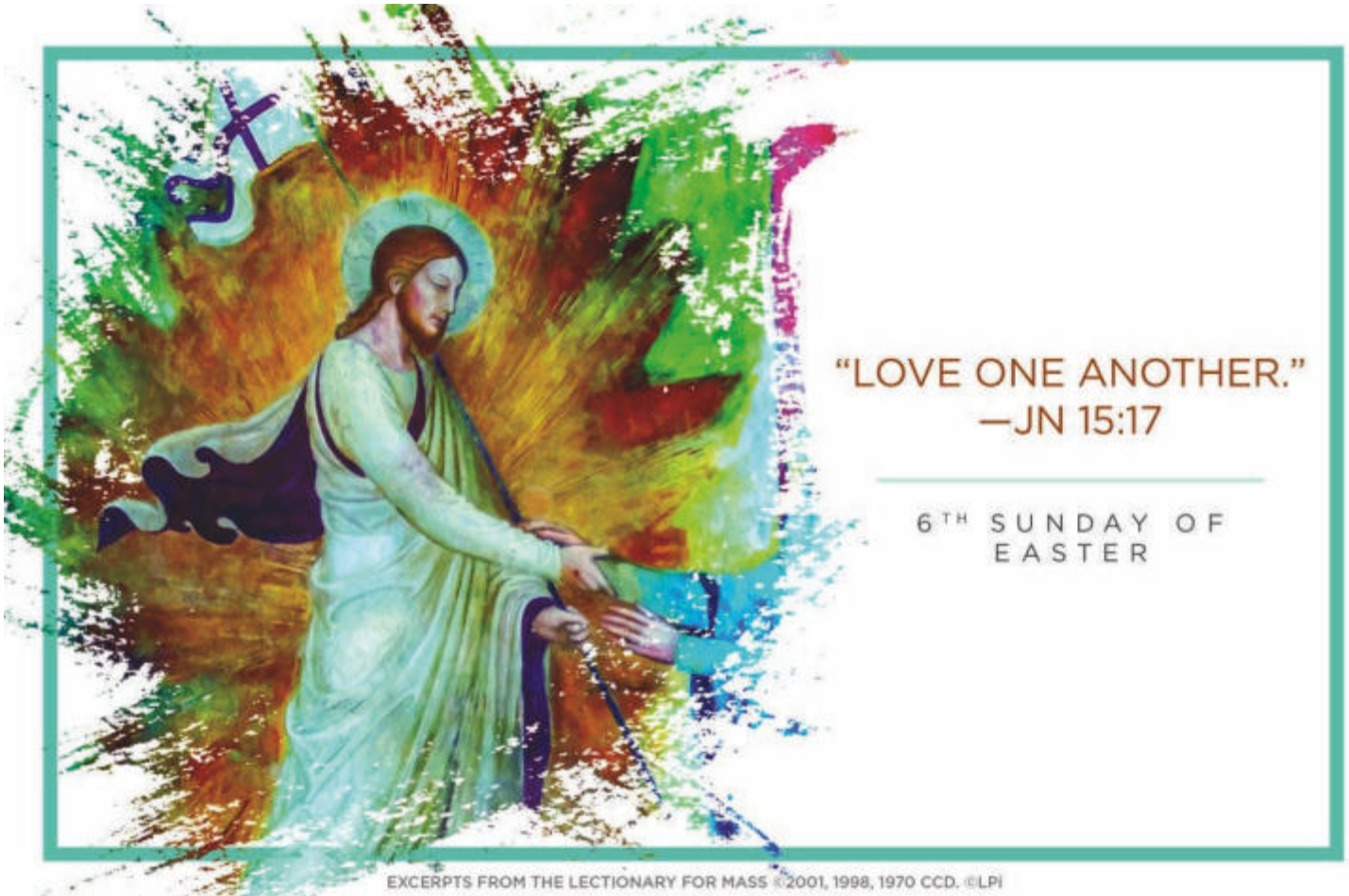




ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



MAY 9, 2021

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Marian Devotions

"Hail, full of grace." Mary guides the Church in discovering God's grace. We can learn how to find God in our daily lives from Mary's "yes". Join us for a special time of prayer to honor the Mother of God and to grow closer to Jesus her Son. **Sundays in May, 3:00pm. May 9, 16, 23.**

The prayers will last about 40 minutes and include: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Marian hymn, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Benediction. Families and Children are encouraged to attend.

"Family Unity Through Family Prayer"
—Fr. Patrick Peyton, servant of God



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

Inventions and Discoveries

Dear friends in Christ,

Are you attracted to making things or discovering things? Our Nation's history includes the likes of genius inventors and heroic discoverers. Our childhood memories likely include role-playing of future aspirations. I was told many times to stop digging holes in the alley, I wouldn't make it to any foreign country that way. Pretending to be military officers didn't require an actual bunker dug into the side of a hill by the local gold course—according to the father of my neighborhood friend!

Imagination aside, it was a great joy for our parish to host the bishop for the celebration of Confirmation and first Holy Communion, two important sacraments of initiation. It was a great joy because every year the Lord seems to give me graces of hope in preparing the children for these sacraments. Hearing that the Catholic Church has sacraments of initiation might turn some people away, others may think of the crazy rites of sororities and fraternities. Nothing of the sort is intended in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and holy Communion.

We all pass through stages of life: good, bad, challenging, and everything in between. The Sacramental life of the Catholic Church is our direct encounter with the Living God. Meeting with the students this year was again a source of blessing. Preparing to meet the bishop might not mean much to them, especially since they have probably never seen a bishop before. Our discussion became real when I mentioned the need to fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. The look on their faces was precious; one would have thought I was asking them to complete the hardest chore every day of the week!

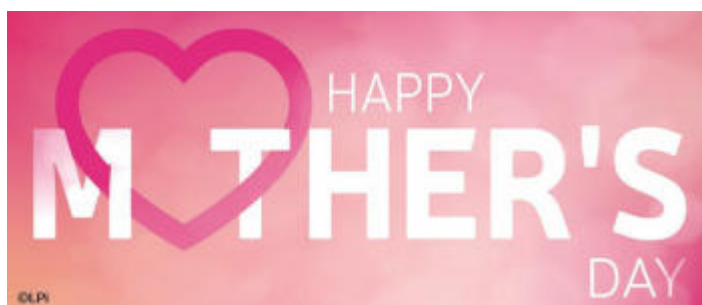
I began the discussion of fasting by asking what they had for supper. The popular response was “noodles and marshmallows.” (Perhaps I need to visit with the parents too!) Famous chefs and popular cooking shows might enjoy a few young contestants. Indeed, cooking and recipes involve a little bit of discovery, and a touch of invention. However, success is accomplished only when the cook knows basic principles. Certain combinations will not taste good to anyone.

Inventing our own meaning has pride-of-place in today's culture. Although we hear much talk about science, it denies the very purpose of science—to make discoveries by observing the natural world. (A topic for another time, although my time here is running out!) Catholics in the pews are not immune from the trend of invented meaning.

The one-hour Communion Fast is a good case study. Some of the students expressed great dismay, saying it would be too difficult. Despite these protestations, I reminded them of Jesus on the Cross. That he made a much bigger sacrifice for us. Discovering the meaning behind our practices is something we ought to cultivate, no matter our age. Small acts of denial lead us to a deeper experience of the supreme act of denial, Jesus giving up his human will to the will of the Father.

I hope the noodles and marshmallows were not combined on the same plate. Alfredo or red sauce might be too complex for children. Ketchup or ranch could be the only option. This whole entre sounds daunting for the diabetic, and dangerous for the health-conscious, but opening our hearts to **discover** the Father's love should never be outgrown!

Fr. Asselin



PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR |

5/9—Marian Devotions, 3:00pm
 5/11—Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 7:00pm
 5/16—Altar Society Meeting following Mass
 5/16—Marian Devotions, 3:00pm
 5/18—Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 7:00pm
 5/19—May Crowning and Social 6:30pm
 5/23—Senior Sunday, 10:30am Mass
 6/13—Farewell Potluck following Mass, details to come



Confirmation and First Eucharist

Congratulations to our students who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Saturday, May 8. These students are McCoy G, Leah N, Beckett G and Katie G.

St. Helena Altar Society

Meeting will be next Sunday, May 16 after 8:30 mass. Please plan to attend!

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.

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 Uno the sheep is waiting for you to join!



SACRAMENTS

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.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 15/16	(5:00pm)	(8:30 am)
Usher	Volunteer	Matt Thorpe
Collection		Dave Eberle
Lector	Volunteer	Aaron Tschosik
EMHC	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Ulmer Family
Altar Servers	Courtney D, Carson D	Tiahna W, Nickolas S
Rosary Leader	Volunteer	Charlotte Graves

St. Helena Breakfast Servers

May 16	Joyce G, CarolLee C, Amanda T
May 30	Knights of Columbus

WEEKLY GIVING

May 2

Adult	\$801.
Children	\$6.
Plate	\$10.
Total	\$817.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 16	(10:30 am)
Lector	Kayce
Gift Carriers	Tim and Gerri
Altar Servers	Porter, Alivia
Rosary Leader	Chuck

For the Month of May

Breakfast Server	Corrine and Laura
Collection Counters	Christy and Allan Glynn
Church Cleaners	Alana and Christy
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

God's Gift Appeal 2021

Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope

Report as of 4/30/2021

St. Helena's: \$8379: 48% of goal, 33% participation

St. Patrick's: \$9,875: 178% of goal, 38% participation

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. May 11

8:00 am No Mass

Wed. May 12

8:00 am No Mass

Thu. May 13

8:00 am (St. H) No Mass

9:00 am (St. P) No Mass

Fri. May 14

8:00 am †John Carruth

Sat. May 15

5:00 pm Linda and Mike Martinson

Sun. May 16

8:30 am (St. H) Scott Wagner

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

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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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