



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK &

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



knowing we are loved by our Father God, who welcomes us and always forgives us.”^[4] Thus a hope is born in our hearts that enlightens our path, because we trust in the power of our Lord. We know that the Saviour is about to arrive, and will never fail us.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth (Is 61:11). Joy is born from a life made rich by God’s love, which leads to a healthy self-forgetfulness, and facilitates a refined dedication to our Lord and to our brothers and sisters. All of this leaves a deep furrow of peace in our lives. “My children, you should be happy,” Saint Josemaria encouraged us. “I am, although I shouldn’t be, in view of my poor life. But I am happy, because I see that God seeks us out once more, that He continues being our Father. And I know that you and I will see what needs to be uprooted in our life, and we will uproot it with determination; what things need to be burned, and we will burn them; what needs to be given up and we will give them up.”^[5]

I OVERFLOW with joy in the Lord, and my soul rejoices in my God, because he has clothed me with the robe of salvation, he has wrapped me with the mantle of righteousness (Is 61:10). In the first reading of today’s Mass, the prophet Isiah reminds us that the joy of a person with faith comes primarily from what God does for us. The root of inner joy is not the result of our personal effort to do things well, although this undoubtedly also brings joy. But more deeply, “joy is a consequence of divine filiation, of

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue 7pm
Wed–Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Tuesday 6:30-6:50pm
Wed–Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass | By appointment, call parish office

Adoration

Wed 5pm-8pm



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

HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF AKITA:

On June 12, 1973, Sr. Agnes Sasagawa was praying in her convent in Akita, Japan, when she saw brilliant rays of light that emanated from the tabernacle. The same miracle happened again over the next two days. On June 28, a cross-shaped wound appeared on the palm of Sr. Agnes' left hand. It bled profusely and caused her much pain.

On July 6, while she was praying, Sr. Agnes heard a voice come from the statue of the Virgin Mary that was in the chapel. It was the first message. The same day, some sisters discovered drops of blood that were flowing from the right hand of the statue. This flow of blood occurred four times. The wound on the hand of the statue remained until September 29. But that same day, the statue began to "sweat", especially from her forehead and neck.

On August 3, 1973, Sr. Agnes received a second message and on October 13 of the same year, the third and final message. On January 4, 1975, the statue of Our Lady began to cry and continued crying on different occasions for 6 years and 8 months. The last time was on September 15, 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. There were a total of 101 lacrimations.

The name of the visionary, Sister "Agnes", means lamb. She was healed of deafness, which was verified with no medical explanation. This miracle was a sign of the authenticity of the visits of Our Lady.

MESSAGES OF OUR LADY OF AKITA

JULY 6, 1973 1st message

At three in the morning, Sr. Agnes' guardian angel appeared to her and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the one who is at your side and guards you. Come and follow me. Do not pray only for your sins, but in reparation for the sins of humanity. The contemporary world wounds the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus with its ingratitude and offenses. The wound in the hand of the Blessed Virgin Mary is much deeper than yours. Now let us go to the chapel.

Upon arriving at the chapel, the angel disappeared. Sr. Agnes knelt before the altar, facing the tabernacle, in profound adoration. She then approached the statue of the Virgin Mary to look at the wound that the image presented on her hand. As soon as she did, she heard a sweet voice coming from the statue. Sr. Agnes was deaf, but in a miraculous way she received the first message from Our Lady: "My daughter, my novice, you have obeyed me well in abandoning all to follow me. Is the infirmity of your ears painful? Your deafness will be healed, be sure.

Be patient. This is the last test. Does the wound of your hand cause you to suffer? Pray in reparation for the sins of men. Each person in this community is my irreplaceable daughter. Do you say well the prayer of the Handmaids of the Eucharist? Then, let us pray it together." Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in Holy Eucharist, I consecrate my body and soul to be

entirely one with Your Heart, being sacrificed at every instant on all the altars of the world and giving praise to the Father pleading for the coming of His Kingdom. Please receive this humble offering of myself. Use me as You will for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls. Most holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from Your Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as Your Special Child. Amen." When the prayer was finished, the Heavenly Voice said: "Pray very much for the Pope, Bishops, and Priests. Since your Baptism you have always prayed faithfully for them. Continue to pray very much...very much. Tell your superior all that passed today and obey him in everything that he will tell you. He has asked that you pray with fervor." That same day, July 6, the cross-shaped wound that appeared on the right hand of the statue of Our Lady began to bleed. On July 25, Bishop Ito went to the convent to verify that the hand of the statue was bleeding. The following day, the image's hand bled again. This time, there was more blood and it was darker. That day, Sr. Agnes felt a violent pain in the wound on the palm of her hand. On Friday, July 27, the angel told her: "Your pains will end today. Guard with much zeal the memory of the blood of Mary and engrave it on your heart. The wound of Mary has a very important significance: It has been done to obtain your conversion, to implore peace, to repair for the ingratitude, offenses, outrages and injuries that God receives. Have great esteem for the devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ."

To Be Continued

- 12/13 - 7pm Mass Followed by Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet.
- 12/14 - Penance Service 6:30— 7:45pm Adoration 5:00pm— 8:00pm. No Religious Ed
- [St Helena Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 7:00am](#)

Altar Society Announcements

Ladies of St. Helena's, your Altar Society Book for 2023 is located in the church entry, Please pick up at your earliest convenience. **If you signed up for the prayer line, the Prayer line list is the attached pink copy.

[St Helena] Please Consider donating a flower to make our Church beautiful for Christmas. A Christmas Flower sign-up sheet is in church entry! The poinsettias are \$30.00 each. Payment can be made to Bernie Thielges, Kathy Mahler or Joyce Grueneich OR you can place it in the collection box, but please mark your envelope CHRISTMAS Flower payment!

Individually packaged items for 26, not 23, Christmas appreciation bags for our elderly parishioners can be brought to the church center by Sunday, Dec. 19 before Mass. Bags will be filled and delivered that day.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Fr. Parks will be available to offer Holy Communion anytime that it works except Mondays. Please call Fr. at 701-349-3297 to make arrangements.

Matrimony

Those preparing for marriage, please contact Fr. Parks 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.



If you are interested in purchasing a Christmas Poinsettia for \$30.00 in memory or honor of someone, there is a sign-up sheet in the entry of the church, or you can contact Bernie Thielges, Kathy Mahler, or Joyce Grueneich by December 5th

YOUTH NEWS

Registration for the Steubenville Youth Conference opens up November 15, 2023. The Diocese of Fargo will purchase a set amount of tickets and organize a diocesan wide trip to the conference. The cost for the event is \$400.00/youth and young adult and \$350.00/chaperone. This will cover: 1) Steubenville Registration, 2) bus/ transportation, 3) diocesan t-shirts, and 4) post conference hotel and meal. Along with registration costs, participants should bring spending money to cover: • Lunch in St. Cloud on our way to Steubenville (\$15.00) • Lunch will be either at a food court in the mall • Merchandise and snacks at Conference (\$20.00-\$60.00) • This is optional. Throughout the weekend, the University Convenience Store will be open for people to buy snacks and drinks with. Along with that, Steubenville will have a merchandise area where students can buy books, clothing, and other Catholic items. • **Mall of America** (Whatever amount you desire) • Once the conference is over, we will stay an extra night at the Great Wolf Lodge Hotel in the Twin Cities. On Monday, we will give people a few hours to shop, play games, and hang out at the Mall of America. • Monday Meals (\$30.00-\$40.00)

Franciscan LEAD Program is a dynamic Catholic leadership opportunity for teens that are ready to step up to the next level in leadership, evangelization and discipleship. It is directed and facilitated by well-trained young adults and youth ministers who will equip and empower high school youth to be a witness for the Catholic faith and prepare them for ongoing service in evangelization. If you have any high school youth that would be open to this, please have them consider applying. To learn more about the program visit <https://www.partnershipforyouth.org/lead/>

Great Wolf Lodge and Monday following Steubenville Once the conference is over, our group will be bussed over to the Great Wolf Lodge in Bloomington, MN. Our group will relax and have fun with all the amenities that it has to offer. They have a water park, rock wall, bowling alley, arcade and much more. To learn more about what they have, visit <https://www.greatwolf.com/minnesota>.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Dec 17/18 (5:00pm) (8:30am)

Usher	Volunteer	Matt Thorpe
Collection		Rick Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Michelle Thorpe
EMHC		Daryl Monette
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Davis Family
Altar Servers		Annah

St. Helena Breakfast Servers for December

First one on the list please contact others

Dec 18th Colleen, Lana, Lorraine, Sue

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday Dec 4

Adult	1022.00
Children	2.16
Plate	17.00
Total	1021.16

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Dec 18 (10:30 am)

Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Allan and Pat Glynn
Altar Servers	Liam and Beckett

For the Month of Dec

Breakfast Server	Kyle Glynn Fam and Alana
Collection Counters	Ruby and Amy
Church Cleaners	Amy A, Amy G, and Lyna
Altar Society Meeting	Folowing Mass on Dec 11th

God's Gift Appeal 2022
Steadfast in Faith, Joyful in Hope

Report as of 11/11/22

St. Helena: \$12,482.00 40.00% participation, 70.75% of goal
St. Patrick's: \$13,472.35 50% participation, 223.87% of goal

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Dec 13

7:00 pm Ann and Bob Brick

Wed. Dec 14

8:00 am +Joan Grueneich

Thu. Dec 15

8:00am (St H) +Ardelle Bowman

9:00am (St P) +Sylvester and Marie Radermacher

Fri. Dec 16

8:00 am Jesse Blake

Sat. Dec 17

5.00pm Sister Therese

Sun. Dec 18

8:30 am (St. H) +Juliet Kelly Parten

10:30 am (St. P) All Parishioners

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Please Pray

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

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Edna Scherman, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Jerry Kelsh, Phyllis Zvorak

If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.

