



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK &

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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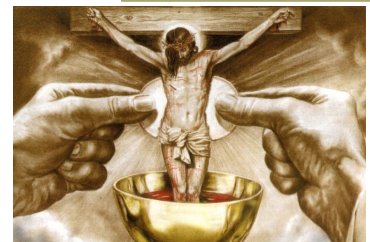
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Mass Schedule

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.

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AUGUST 3, 1973 SECOND MESSAGE



"My daughter, my novice, do you love the Lord? If you love the Lord, listen to what I have to say to you."

"It is very important...You will convey it to your superior."



"Many men in this world afflict the Lord. I desire souls to console Him to soften the anger of the Heavenly Father. I wish, with my Son, for souls who will repair by their suffering and their poverty for the sinners and ingrates."

In order that the world might know His anger, the Heavenly Father is preparing to inflict a great chastisement on all mankind. With my Son I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him forming a cohort of victim souls.

Prayer, penance and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger. I desire this also from your community...that it love poverty, that it sanctify itself and pray in reparation for the ingratitude and outrages of so many men.

Recite the prayer of the Handmaids of the Eucharist with awareness of its meaning; put it into practice; offer in reparation (whatever God may send) for sins. Let each one endeavor, according to capacity and position, to offer herself entirely to the Lord. Even in a secular institute prayer is necessary. Already souls who wish to pray are on the way to being gathered together. Without attaching too much attention to the form, be faithful and fervent in prayer to console the Master.

After a silence:

"Is what you think in your heart true? Are you truly decided to become the rejected stone? My novice, you who wish to belong without reserve to the Lord, to become the spouse worthy of the Spouse, make your vows knowing that you must be fastened to the Cross with three nails. These three nails are poverty, chastity, and obedience. Of the three, obedience is the foundation. In total abandon, let yourself be led by your superior. He will know how to understand you and to direct you."

To Be Continued



- 12/20 - 7pm Mass Followed by Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet.
- 12/21 - Adoration 5:00pm– 8:00pm. No Religious Ed
- 12/24 - Mass on Christmas Eve: 5pm, St Patrick, 9pm St Helena
- 12/25 - Mass Christmas Day: 9am, St Helena

- [St Helena Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 12/20 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!

Christmas Flower Memorials St Patrick's

Layna Gramlow
Kelly and Corrine Glynn
Brian and Linda Glynn

In Memory of Deceased loved ones
In Memory of Deceased family members
In Memory of Jerry and Angela Glynn, Cliff
Glynn, Joe Glynn and Mary Koski

Don Glynn
Tim and Geri Glynn
Alan and Ruby Gramlow
Allen and Pat Glynn

In Memory of Jeanne Glynn
In Memory of deceased family and friends
In Memory of their deceased parents
In Memory of their deceased parents.

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday December 24th (Christmas Eve)

5pm, St Patrick Fulerton

9pm, St Helena, Ellendale

Need Volunteers!

Sunday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

9am, St Helena

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 24/25 (9:00pm) (9:00am)

Usher	Volunteer	Bryson Geefeldt
Collection		Dave/Jeff Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Jeff Ulmer
EMHC		Lori Wald
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Rick and Mary Ulmer
Altar Servers		Ivan

St. Helena Breakfast Servers for December

First one on the list please contact others

Dec 18th Colleen, Lana, Lorraine, Sue

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday	Imm. Conc.	Dec 11
Adult		941.00
Children		13.65
Plate		46.00
Total	438.00	1000.65

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec 24 (5:00pm)

Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Andy and Alana
Altar Servers	Madie, Porter, Katie

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	Following 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 20

7:00 pm Colleen Horn

Wed. Dec 21

8:00 am Katie Moran

Thu. Dec 22

8:00am (St H) Mary Horn

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

Fri. Dec 23

8:00 am +Ardelle Bowman

Sat. Dec 24

5:00pm (St P) +Sylvester and Marie Radermacher

9:00pm (St H) Jesse Blake

Sun. Dec 25

9:00am (St. H) +Connie Kabrud

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REMEMBER
in your prayers

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.

