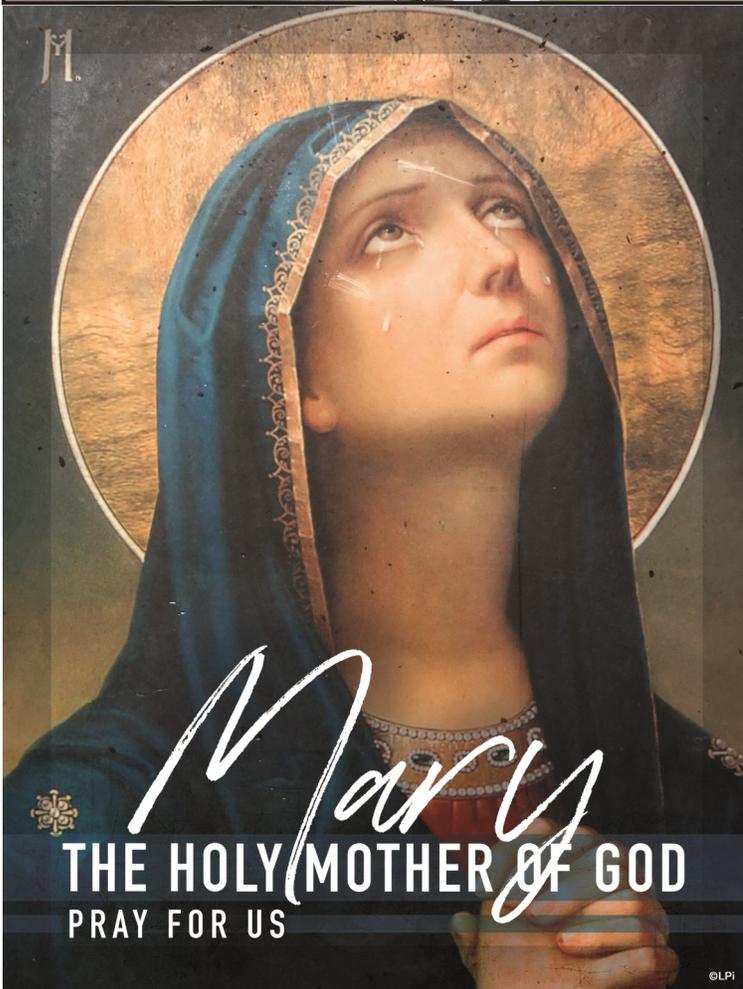




ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK &

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph at the moment they see the child in the manger. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, "When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child." When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "Mangia? Mangia?" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "Mangia means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat. See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

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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

Our Lady of Akita's powerful message to the modern world

The primary message of Our Lady, given to Sr. Agnes Sasagawa, was similar in content to the apparitions at Fatima. The messages focused on praying the Rosary and doing penance for the sins of humanity in order to secure peace for the world. The Rosary was seen as the key to prevent any future calamities from happening.

Our Lady of Akita, as at Fatima, warns the world of a life divorced from God and what harm that can do even in the Church. Yet, even through a great crisis of faith, it is prayer, penance and trust that will save humanity.

While these revelations are technically "private revelations" and we are not bound to believe in them,

the message is not much different than any other prophetic message throughout history. God desires that we turn back to him and is ready to receive us. However, we must make the effort to turn away from our lives of sin, run towards God and bring with us as many people as possible.



2019

A new message from Sister Agnes Sasagawa, the nun who received the message of Our Lady of Akita, who is sometimes referred to as the daughter of Our Lady of Akita.

Sister Agnes is now 88 years old. She suffers from many health afflictions, including broken ribs and a tumor in the neck (recently miraculously healed by a priest). She still has many confidants with whom we have correspondence. So we are grateful to bring to you this message from Sr. Agnes that we have been urged to share widely. The courier noted that Japan was recently hit with the devastating Typhoon Hagibis on October 13th which was the anniversary date of the final message of Our Lady of Akita (October 13th, 1973). This date also coincides with the Our Lady of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917.

What follows is what was delivered to us from "Sr. M" who heard directly what Sr. Agnes Sasagawa said...

Around 3:30 am on Sunday, October 6, 2019, the same angel (note 1) that appeared to me (Sr. Agnes Sasagawa) 30 years ago in Akita appeared.

Firstly, the angel told me (Sr. Agnes) private message.

After that the angel told her the message for

everyone.

"Put on ashes (note 2) and pray for a repentant rosary every day. You (Sr. Agnes) must become like a child and make sacrifice every day."

"Do you mind that Mrs. S will tell other people to know about this?" When Sr. Agnes was asked so by Sr. M, she agreed.

"Please pray for me (Sr. Agnes) to become like a little child and be able to make sacrifices every day." Sr. Agnes said to Mrs. S via Sr. M.

Note 1: The angel who appeared to Sr. Agnes in Akita was like a woman, and Sr. Agnes called spontaneously "My sister". Because the angel was similar to her older sister who passed away already. That angel said, "No. I am who protects you". Then the angel guided Sr. Agnes, "Let's go to the chapel."

Note 2: Jonah's prophecy (Jonah 3:1-10) (1st reading on Oct. 8) Sitting on ash in a sackcloth

Update on Message:

The other day, I just sent you a correction email regarding Sister Agnes Sasagawa. Let me write something important else.

On October 6th, after an angel appeared to Sister Agnes, Sr. Agnes said to Sister M. "I felt the time is near."

- 1/3 - Mass at 7pm with Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet to follow for peace in the word
- 1/4 - Adoration 5:00pm- 8:00pm. Religious Ed 6:30-7:30pm

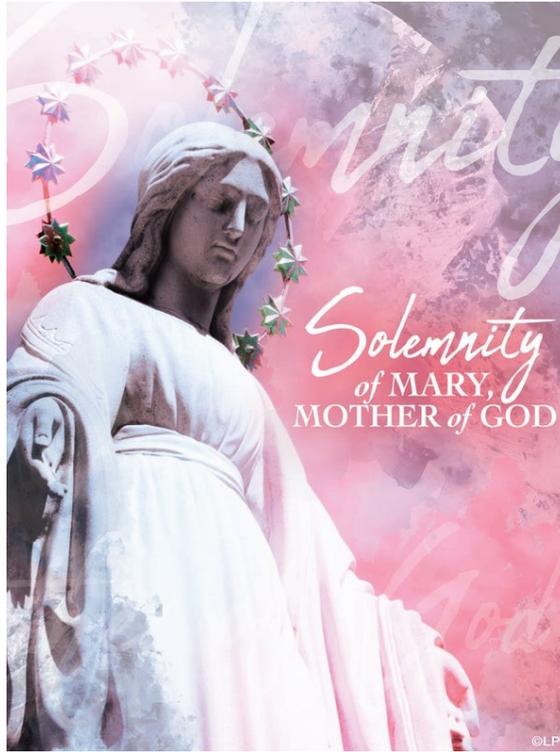
What is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God?

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on New Year's Day; it celebrates Mary as the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church.

Though there are many other solemnities in the Church (read the next question), this holy day is often shortened to "the Solemnity," even though there are five other solemnities in the Church. As Pope Francis said in his 2022 homily on this day, "The New Year begins under the sign of the Holy Mother of God, under the sign of the Mother. A mother's gaze is the path to rebirth and growth."

Is a solemnity the same as a feast?

Yes, and no. Solemnities are special feasts – those greatly important to the Church and theology. All Sundays and holy days of obligation are solemnities, though not all solemnities are holy days of obligation. Other holy days of obligation include the Nativity of Jesus (December 25), the Immaculate Conception of Mary (December 8), the Solemnity of the Ascension of Christ (Thursday of the sixth week of Easter), the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15), and All Saints' Day (November 1).



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>.

Kathy Mahler has faithfully served St. Helena for many years as our trustworthy bookkeeper. She would like to retire! St Helena is looking to hire a person for the position of parish bookkeeping. This position would take approximately 4-5 hours per week. Training is available. If interested please contact Fr. Parks

Glen Mastel has contacted me to let me know that Angela's health is declining rapidly and has been moved to Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo.

To Contact Angela Mastel

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ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 7/8 (5:00pm) (10:30am)

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| Usher | Volunteer | Bill Carruth |
| Collection | | Dave Eberle/Charlotte |
| Lector | Volunteer | CarolLee Carruth |
| EMHC | | CarolLee Carruth |
| Gift Bearers | Volunteer | Carruth Family |
| Altar Servers | | Ivan |

St. Helena Breakfast Servers for December

First one on the list please contact others

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| Jan 18 | Sara K, Nicole R, Lynette M |
| Jan 29 | Knights of Columbus |

WEEKLY GIVING

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| Sunday | Dec 25 |
| Adult | 1285.00 |
| Children | 11.00 |
| Plate | 79.00 |
| Total | 1375.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Jan 8 (8:30pm)

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| Lector | Jim |
| Gift Carriers | Megan Glynn Family |
| Altar Servers | Madie |

For the Month of Jan

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| Breakfast Server | Pat Glynn and Linda Glynn |
| Collection Counters | Ruby and Allen Glynn |
| Church Cleaners | Ruby, Alana, and Geri |
| Altar Society Meeting | None this month |

Gladys Ray Shelter is in need of some gently used winter coats, boots and warm winter gloves. Actually any winter apparel is welcomed, such as pajamas, long johns, wool socks etc. Geri will deliver all the items after Christmas but there is still a large box at St Patrick's in the cry room to collect these items.

God Bless and Merry Christmas

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Jan 3

7:00 pm Amy Kirkeide

Wed. Jan 4

8:00 am Ken Blake Family

Thu. Jan 5

8:00am (St H) Clare Moran

9:00am (St P) +Jeanne Glynn

Fri. Jan 6

8:00 am Brianna Parks

Sat. Jan 7

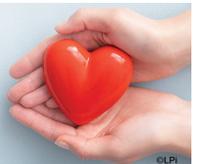
5.00pm (St H) Meghan Dougherty

Sun. Jan 8

8:30am (St. P) +Joan Grueniech

10:00am (St H) All Parishioners

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

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Cindy Kelly Heupel, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Susan Lacina, Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Phyllis Zvorak, Angie Mastel.

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

