



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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Gospel Meditation

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules? Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in? The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

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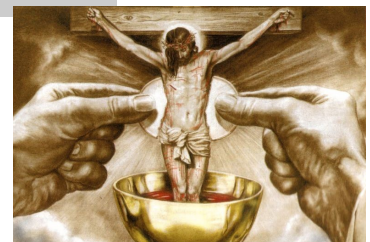
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Mass Schedule

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

FROM OUR PASTOR : A Tour of Marian Apparitions: Our Lady of Mejugorje

Since 1981, in a small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina named Medjugorje, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been appearing and giving messages to the world. She tells us that God has sent Her to our world, and these years She is spending with us are a time of Grace granted by God. In Her own words She tells us, *"I have come to tell the world that God exists. He is the fullness of life, and to enjoy this fullness and peace, you must return to God"*.



Our Lady's mission is one of peace. She has come to earth to reeducate us and to help us convert and recenter our lives back to God. Our Lady's role has always been one of guiding people to Her Son, Jesus. What an amazing opportunity we have before us! Our Lady's call to conversion is urgent, and we should respond with all our hearts.

Our Lady continues to give messages to six people from the village of Medjugorje: Ivan, Jakov, Marija, Mirjana, Vicka, and Ivanka. These six people (referred to as "visionaries") have received apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary since June 24, 1981. In addition to Her public messages, Our Lady is to give each of the six visionaries a total of ten "secrets" of happenings that will occur on earth in the near future. Some of the secrets pertain to the whole world while others concern the visionaries themselves or the local village. Only one of the secrets has so far been revealed by the visionaries. In the third secret Our Lady has promised to leave a supernatural, indestructible, and visible sign on the mountain where she first appeared. Our Lady said: *"This sign will be given for the atheists. You faithful already have signs and you have become the sign for the atheists. You faithful must not wait for the sign before you convert; convert soon. This time is a time of grace for you. You can never thank God enough for His grace. The time is for deepening your faith, and for your conversion. When the sign comes, it will be too late for many."*

When each of the six visionaries has received all ten "secrets", Our Lady will stop appearing to them on a daily basis. Currently, Marija, Vicka, and Ivan have received nine secrets, and Our

Lady still appears to them every day, wherever they are, at 6:40pm. Mirjana, Jakov, and Ivanka have received all ten secrets, and Our Lady appears to them once per year for the rest of their lives. For Ivanka who received her 10th secret on May 7, 1985 it is on the anniversary of the apparitions, June 25 each year. For Jakov who received his 10th secret on September 12, 1998, it is on Christmas day each year. And for Mirjana who received her 10th secret on Christmas 1982, it is on her birthday, March 18 each year. Our Lady has also appeared to Mirjana on the 2nd of each month from August 2, 1987 until March 2, 2020, for the purpose of praying for all unbelievers. Mirjana tells us that it is very important that all of us pray for the unbelievers in the world, who are described as those who have not yet experienced God's love. No one knows when Our Lady will give the tenth secret to Marija, Ivan, and Vicka.

Once Our Lady has stopped appearing there will be three warnings given to the world. These warnings will be in the form of events on earth. They will occur within Mirjana's lifetime, and Mirjana will be a witness to them. Ten days before each of the warnings, she will advise the priest she chose for this task (Father Petar Ljubicic), who will then pray and fast with Mirjana for seven days. Then, three days before each warning is to take place, Fr. Petar will announce to the world what, where, and when the warning will take place. Fr. Petar has no choice, and must reveal each warning. After the first warning, the other two will follow in a rather short period of time. That interval will be a period of great grace and conversion. After the permanent, visible, supernatural, and indestructible sign appears on the mountain where Our Lady first appeared in Medjugorje, there will be little time for conversion. For that reason, the Blessed Virgin invites us to urgent conversion and reconciliation. The permanent sign will lead to many healings and conversions before the secrets become reality. According to Mirjana, the events predicted by the Blessed Virgin are near. By virtue of this experience, Mirjana proclaims to the world: 'Hurry, be converted; open your hearts to God

- 2/14 - No Mass at 7pm with Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet to Follow for peace in the word
- 2/15 - Adoration 5:00pm– 8:00pm. Religious Ed 6:30-7:30pm
- 2/25—Food Pantry volunteers needed



Synod Listening Sessions with Bishop Folda in our area:

Tuesday February 21st: St Phillip Neri, Napoleon
 Tuesday, February 28th: Holy Rosary, LaMoure
 More listening Sessions in the New Earth magazine

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

Altar Society Announcements

St Helena's is seeking donations for the 2023 Fall Raffle. Please turn in donations to Joyce G, Bernie T, or Michele T by March 31st so raffle permit can be obtained. Thank you in advance for your consideration and donation

Volunteers are needed for the Ellendale Community Food Pantry. St. Helena's is



responsible for the month of February. We need 4-5 volunteers on Saturday, Feb 11th and Feb 25th, 9:45am—Noon. Your help is greatly appreciated! Contact Michelle Thorpe if you can help—701 269 3662



Camp Summit || Middle School camp

"BE NOT AFRAID. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."
 - St. Pope John Paul II

St. Pope John Paul II calls us "be not afraid" when it comes to living out our faith as disciples. With all the chaos in the world, we must respond to the invitation by this holy Saint to share the gospel courageously with those around us. Camp Summit is for all youth entering grades 7, 8, & 9 who have the desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to share it with others they encounter. Throughout camp, youth will engage in prayer, worship, fellowship, leadership formation, play, and fun. This five-day experience is designed to encourage and equip the youth for discipleship to their family, friends, and communities. Location: Red Willow Bible Camp 1651 Jacob Rd. Binford, ND Dates: Sunday, July 9 - Thursday, July 13, 2023 Cost: Register on or before February 24: \$300.00 After February 24: \$350.00 (Family Rates Available) REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 16th, 2022 If you are in need of financial assistance to help offset the costs of camp, the Diocese of Fargo has a scholarship program that assists families in need.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Feb 18/19 (5:00pm) (8:30am)

Usher	Volunteer	Matt Thorpe
Collection		Rick Ulmer/Ross Seefeldt
Lector	Volunteer	Michelle Thorpe
EMHC		Matt Thorpe
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Davis Family
Altar Servers		Annah

St. Helena Breakfast Servers for December

First one on the list please contact others

Feb 19 Theresia C, Wendy G, Tracy O, Theresa K

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday Feb 5

Adult	630.00
Children	3.00
Plate	97.00
Total	730.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Feb 19 (10:30pm)

Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Amy/ Maddie
Altar Servers	Madi

For the Month of Feb

Breakfast Server	Faye and Christy
Collection Counters	Allen Glynn, Steve
Church Cleaners	Pat and Megan
Altar Society Meeting	Feb 12th after Mass

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. Feb 14

7:00 pm Joan Grueneich

Wed. Feb 15

8:00 am +Thomas Kelly

Thur. Feb 16

8:00am (St H) +Margaret Kelly

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

Fri. Feb 17

8:00 am Angela Mastel

Sat. Feb 18

5.00pm (St H) Karen Beringer

Sun. Feb 19

8:30am (St. H) Peter Flynn Jr

10:30am (St P) 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.

