



ST. HELENA ST. PATRICK

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES!

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, "I want him to prove to me that he won't cheat on me." The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second

Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord's resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe." Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let's trust Jesus without seeing him.

— Father John Muir



TODAY
Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions
2:00 - 3:30

April 16th, 2023

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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
Or by appointment, call parish office

Adoration

Wed 5pm-8pm



ST. PATRICK'S 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 Good Help

The Apparition Continued

Adele's companions, unable to see Our Lady asked, "Adele, who is it? Why can't we see her as you do?" "Kneel," said Adele, "the Lady says she is the Queen of Heaven." The Blessed Lady gazed kindly upon them, saying, "Blessed are they that believe without seeing." Then, looking toward Adele, the Queen of Heaven asked, "What are you doing here in idleness while your companions are working in the vineyard of my Son?" "What more can I do, dear Lady?" asked Adele, weeping. "Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation." "But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?" Adele said. "Teach them," replied her radiant visitor, "their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you." Then, wrapped as it were in a luminous atmosphere, Our Lady lifted her hands as though she were beseeching a blessing for those at her feet. Slowly, she vanished from sight, leaving Adele overwhelmed and prostrated on the ground. This was the simple beginning of Adele's mission to become a teacher for the Lord and the Blessed Lady.

Go and fear nothing...

The Mission

After the apparitions and following Mary's instruction, Adele would venture as far as fifty miles to teach the children. She was undeterred by weather, fatigue, or ridicule and would go from home-to-home offering to do household chores in exchange for the privilege of teaching the children their catechism. Adele's father built a small family chapel soon after the apparitions. After several years of teaching alone, Adele gathered around her other women who would assist her teaching mission. They were blessed with much support, not only financially, but by the men and women who stepped forward to build a convent, school, and a larger wooden chapel on the grounds to accommodate the faithful in 1861. The words "Notre Dame De Bon Secours, Priez Pour Nous" was inscribed over the chapel's entrance, translated as "Our Lady of Good Help, Pray for Us."

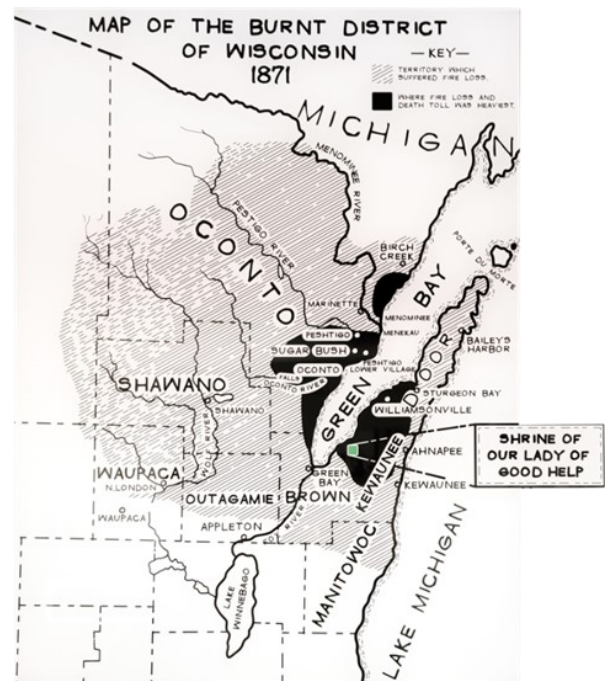
However, Adele's mission was found to be very difficult at times. Adele and her sisters often did not know from where their next meal would come. Adele would gather them in the chapel and ask for Mary's help. Before morning, a bag of flour or a supply of meat would arrive at the door.

The Fire

On October 8th, 1871, almost twelve years to the date of Mary's last appearance to Adele, the Great Peshtigo Fire broke out. It is still considered to this day the most devastating fire in United States history, killing between 1,200-2,400 people and burning 1.2 million acres. Due to the high winds and dry grounds, the fire quickly became a storm of fire and roared like a tornado right toward the Shrine's grounds. Desperate for help, people from the surrounding countryside fled to the Chapel where Sister Adele and the other Sisters were praying for Mary's protection. Lifting the statue of Mary, those there that night processed around the sanctuary, praying the rosary and singing hymns to Jesus and the Blessed Mother. When the wind and fire threatened suffocation, they would turn in another direction to pray. Early the next morning, it is believed that a steady rain came and extinguished the flames of the fire. The following is the account of Father Peter Pernin, a local priest who described the grounds after the events.

"After hours of horror and suspense, the heavens sent relief in the form of a downpour. The fervent prayers to the Mother of God were heard. The fire was extinguished, but dawn revealed the ravages wrought by the conflagration. Everything about them was destroyed; miles of desolation everywhere. But the convent, school, and chapel on the holy land consecrated to the Virgin Mary shone like an emerald isle in a sea of ashes. The raging fire licked the outside palings and left charred scars as mementos. Tongues of fire had reached the chapel fence, and threatened destruction to all within its confines; the fire had not entered the Chapel grounds."

Fr. Peter Pernin



- 4/16 – Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions 2:00-3:30 Prayers and Devotions
- 4/18 - Mass at 7pm with Adoration, Rosary, and Chaplet to follow for peace in the world
- 4/19 - Adoration 5:00pm-8:00pm Religious Ed 6:30—7:30 pm

Easter Flowers for St. Patrick's

Easter Lily

Chuck and Char	In Memory of Deceased family and friends
Tim and Geri	In Memory of Deceased family members
Kelly and Corrine	In Memory of Deceased family members
Bob and Arb	In Memory of Deceased Family Members
Alan and Ruby	In Memory of deceased family and friends

Mums

Layna	In Memory of Deceased Family Members
Gene and Faye	In Memory of their parents
Andy, Jill and Jenny	In Memory of Susan and Jody Lacina

Calla Lily

Allen and Pat	In Memory of deceased family members
Amy and Travis	In Memory of deceased family and Friends.

Let's Celebrate!

St. Patrick's will honor first Communion and Confirmation Members Alex Lacina and Vincent Glynn and Graduating Senior Maddi Anliker after mass today, Sunday April 16th at the Ranch House. Everyone welcome.

Simple Supper wrap up:

Thank you to all who attended the Simple Suppers during Lent. On average, we served 40-45 parishioners and raised a total of \$679 with proceeds going to the Ellendale Community Food Pantry and EPS hot lunch program. A special "thank you" to all that prepared and served the meals, helped clean up or donated to make this charitable event possible.

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.

YOUTH NEWS



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: Sun. July 9 - Thurs. 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

April 22-23	5:00 pm	10:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Bryson Geffre
Collection		Dave Eberle/ Jeff Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Jeff Ulmer
EMHC		Lori Wald
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Rick & Mary Ulmer
Altar Servers		Ivan

Breakfast servers for April

First one on the list contact the others

April 2 CYO	Shelby, Walker, Marlee, Hannah
April 16	Cindy F, Charlotte G, Linda G, Kay K
April 30	Knights of Columbus

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday	April 2	April 9
Adult	\$757	\$4328
Children	\$5.01	\$12
Plate	\$41	\$74
Total	\$803.01	\$4414.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Apr 23 (8:30am)

Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Madi & Alivia
Altar Servers	Liam & Beckett

For the Month of April

Breakfast Server	Corrine and Megan
Collection Counters	Brian and Christy
Church Cleaners	Christy and Jim Glynn Fam
Altar Society Meeting	To Be Announced

God's Gift Appeal 2023
This is MY BODY that is for you

Report as of 4/6/23

St. Helena's: \$4295. 21.05% participation, 22.68% of goal
 St. Patrick's: \$6925. 25% participation, 104.61% of goal

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. Apr 18

8:00 am +Aloys and Angela Mastel

Wed. Apr 19

8:00 am Joanne Merkel

Thur. Apr 20

8:00 am (St. H) Joan Grueneich

9:00 am (St. P) +Jeanne Glynn

Fri. Apr 21

8:00am (St H) Priscilla Brandenburger

Sat. Apr 22

5:00pm (St H) +Vaughn Wolf

Sun. Apr 23

8:30am (St. P) +Jeanne Glynn

10:30am (St H) All Parishioners

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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, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, , Betty Hahne, Ashtyn Hatlewig, Phyllis Zvorak, Angie Mastel, Marv Grueneich, Paul Brandenburger.

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

