

6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now. — Father John Muir

May 14th, 2023

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Mass Schedule

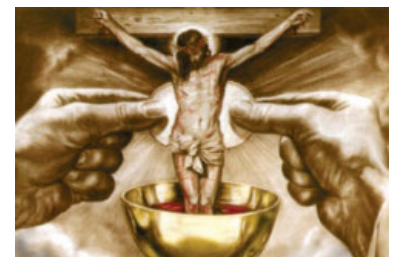
Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue 7pm
Wed-Fri 8:00am

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 : Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Miracles Medal Stories:

BELGIUM (1836)

On November 9, 1835, Rosalie Ducas from Jauchelette, near Jodoigne, suddenly lost her sight.

She was only four and a half years old, in perfect health with no signs of illness. Any light or breeze disturbed her to the point of having to cover her face with a cloth folded in four. The pains the child suffered day and night caused everyone much grief. At this point, a pious person brought a blessed Miraculous Medal. The mother took it and started a novena. She put another medal around the girl's neck on June 11, 1836 at about 6 o'clock in the evening. By midnight the girl had stopped complaining. On the fourth and fifth day of the novena, her eyes opened. The parents redoubled their supplications to the Most Holy Virgin. On the ninth day in the afternoon, the girl regained her sight completely to the great surprise of the neighbors and all those who witnessed the event. The parish priest of Jodoigne-la-Sovereigne, who had given the medal to the family, went to see the girl who lived only a mile and a half away, and testified that she had recovered her sight completely. No pain whatsoever was left. These facts are known by everyone and attest to the honor we owe to the Virgin Mary.

FRANCE (1834)

Father Bégin, an eyewitness to this cure that took place in Saint-Maur where he was chaplain, wrote a report in which he attested to the following facts:

that the sick person was gravely ill;

that she was cured on March 14, 1834; and

that she declared that she only used the medal and prayer.

One hundred witnesses from the nursing home signed this document.

The bishop of Châlons also added his signature to the document:

"We certify that the testimony of Father Bégin should be taken as wholly trustworthy, as well as that of the nuns and so many others who were eye witnesses and spoke according to their consciences without any

other interest except that of stating the truth. Châlons, May 30, 1834 + M.S.F.V., Bishop of Châlons."

Mrs. C.H., a 70-year-old widow, had been admitted in impoverished circumstances to the nursing home of Saint-Maur because of a bad fall that occurred on August 7, 1833. She walked with great difficulty and even with the help of a crutch needed someone's arm for support. She also found it hard to sit and only with great difficulty was she able to rise again. It was almost impossible for her to climb stairs, as she had to

hold on to whatever she could to do so. She could not bend down or kneel, and had to drag her left leg, as that was where the problem lay. At the beginning of January, 1834, she was told of a medal that was reported to be miraculous. Described as having, on one side, Mary crushing the infernal serpent and on the reverse of the medal were depicted the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and the letter "M" with a cross on top, she also heard of marvelous things that had happened to those who wore it with confidence. From that moment she felt her heart enkindled with the consoling hope of finding some relief that the wearing of this medal promised to

her, and she could not wait for the moment she would receive one. Finally, on March 6, she received the much longed-for medal as a gift from Heaven. She then went to confession in order to dispose herself to receive the favor she desired. The following day, the first Friday of the month, after receiving Holy Communion, she started a novena to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. She venerated the medal, which she wore around her neck, twenty times a day. In a short while, she obtained a happy answer to her requests. After only seven days of the novena, she felt free from the painful infirmities she had suffered so cruelly for seven months. We cannot describe the surprise and admiration of everyone on the morning of March 14th upon seeing this woman walk about unaided when the previous evening she had been crippled. She was able to bend down, kneel, go up and down stairs. Everyone cried out: "Miracle!" and was greatly edified by such a prodigious cure. They congratulated her on such a great grace from God and Mary Most Holy.

The Mother Superior, who had taken care of her innumerable times since she had been taken ill and daily witnessed her sufferings, wanted a Te Deum to be sung by the whole community in the house chapel to celebrate solemnly this extraordinary grace. The sick lady remained cured and no longer felt the effects of her former infirmity.



- 5/13—5/19 Fr Parks at Scranton Pennsylvania with Spiritual director for a retreat
- 5/21—Senior Celebration at Mass



May is the month of Mary. Please join us for Marian prayers and devotions at 3pm on the Sundays of May. The prayers will last about 40 minutes. All are invited to attend.

O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, we consecrate ourselves to thine Immaculate Heart.

We consecrate to thee our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are.

To thee we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; to thee we give our homes, our families, our country.

We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to thee, and may share in the benefits of thy motherly benediction.

And that this act of consecration may be truly efficacious and lasting, we renew this day at thy feet the promises of our Baptism and our first Holy Communion.

We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times the truths of our holy Faith, and to live as befits Catholics who are duly

submissive to all the directions of the Pope and the Bishops in communion with him.

We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God and His Church, in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day.

We likewise pledge ourselves to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, and above all, Holy Communion, an integral part of our lives, in so far as we shall be able so to do.

Finally, we promise thee, O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, to devote ourselves wholeheartedly to the service of thy blessed cult, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of thine Immaculate Heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of thine adorable Son, in our own hearts and in those of all men, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so on earth. Amen. (Catholic Online)

Extending our Prayers and Sympathy to the Zvorak family at the loss of Phyllis.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light
shine upon her.
May her soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen.



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

May 20-21	5:00 pm	8:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Collection		Bob Radtke Richard
Lector	Volunteer	Richard
EMHC		Nichole/Richard
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Reis Family
Altar Servers		Levi

Breakfast servers for May

First one on the list contact the others

May 21	Mary U, Alicia G, Amy G
June 4	Amanda T., Amber M., Sonja B., Keely F.

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday May 7

Adult	\$1021.
Children	\$20.
Plate	\$70.
Total	\$1111.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday May 21 (10:30am)

Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Amy & Madi
Altar Servers	Owen & Faith
Rosary Leader	Gene

For the Month of May

Breakfast Server	Geri & Layna
Collection Counters	Christy & Amy A
Church Cleaners	Ruby & Amy A
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

God's Gift Appeal 2023

This is MY BODY that is for you

Report as of 5/5/23

St. Helena's: \$7050. 36.84 participation, 37.23% of goal
St. Patrick's: \$10,925. 35.71% participation, 165.04% of goal

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. May 16 at Scranton Pennsylvania

8:00 am Sr Magdalene

Wed. May 17 at Scranton Pennsylvania

8:00 am Mother Pia

Thur. May 18 at Scranton Pennsylvania

8:00 am (St. H) Ann Parks

9:00 am (St. P) +

Fri. May 19 at Scranton Pennsylvania

8:00am (St H) Sr Maria Josefa

Sat. May 20

5:00pm (St H) Ida Englehardt

Sun. May 21

8:30am (St. H) Joan Schatz

10:30am (St P) All Parishioners

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





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