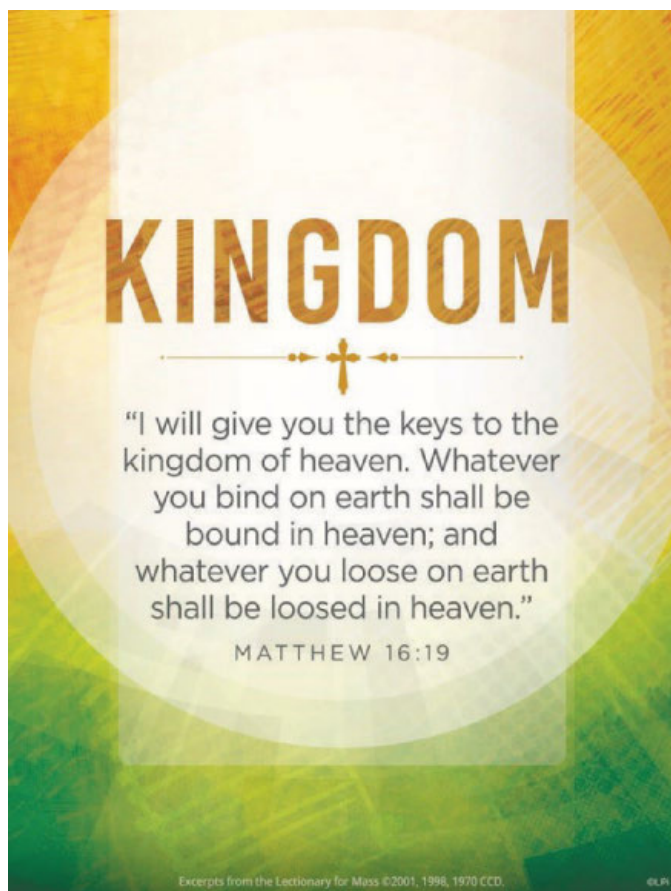




## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family. — Father John Muir



August 27th, 2023

## CONTACT US | ST. HELENA PARISH

**St. Helena Catholic Church**  
421 2nd St N, PO Box 796  
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701-349-3297

### 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

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
207 Monroe St N  
Fullerton, ND 58441

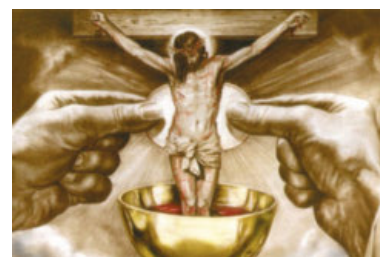
### Confession Schedule

**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

Fr. Patrick Parks  
Cell Phone: 701-261-4816 or  
Patrick.Parks@fargodiocese.org

### 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

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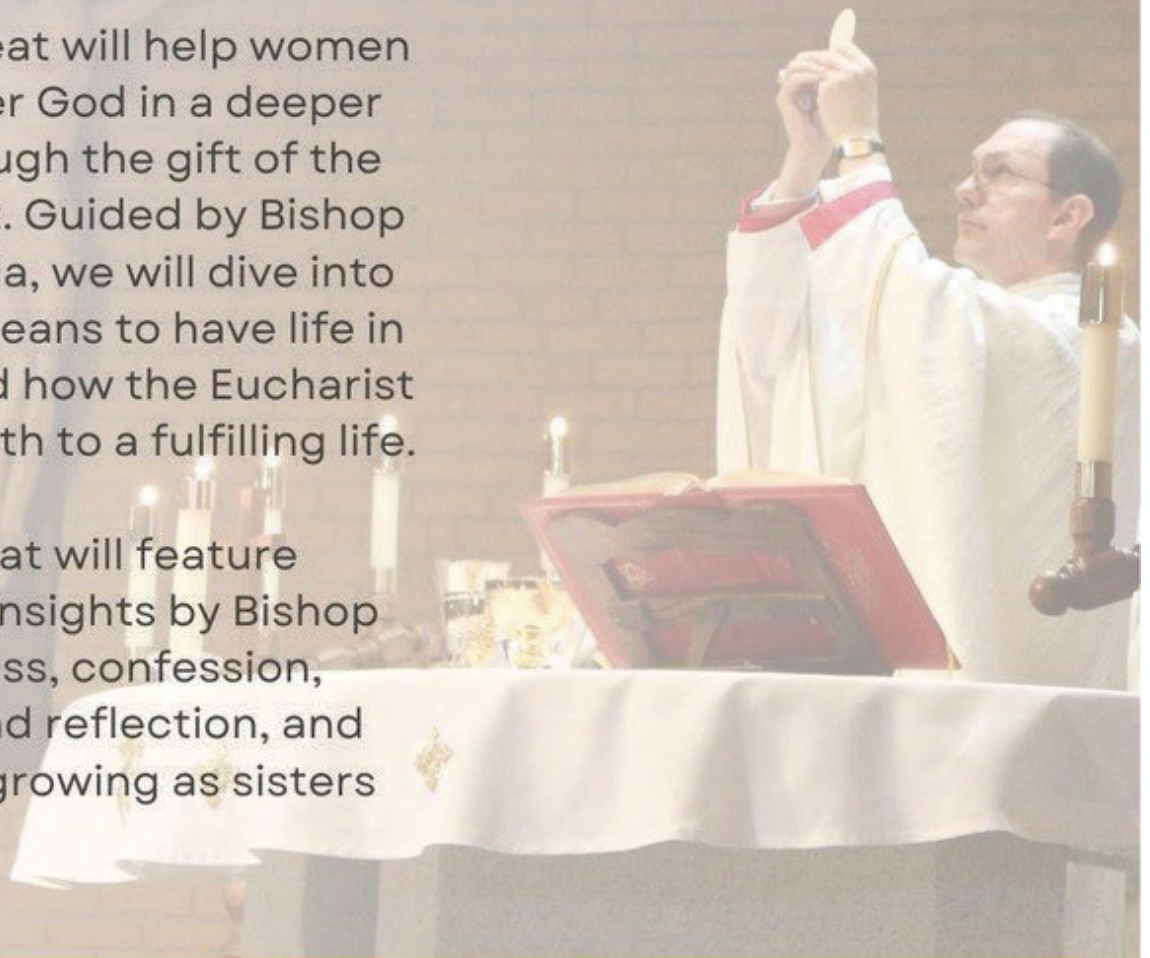
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“My flesh for the life  
of the world.” -John 6:51

Women's Retreat	Oct. 6-8 2023	Maryvale, Valley City	Cost \$250 to \$325
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This retreat will help women encounter God in a deeper way through the gift of the Eucharist. Guided by Bishop John Folda, we will dive into what it means to have life in Jesus and how the Eucharist is that path to a fulfilling life.

The retreat will feature spiritual insights by Bishop Folda, Mass, confession, prayer and reflection, and time for growing as sisters in Christ.



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## PARISH EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8 - 29- Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- 8 - 29 - Parish Council Meeting 7:00 am Parish Center
- 8 - 30- Adoration 5:00—8:00 pm

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Peggy and Bob Bechtold on the Convalidation of their marriage which brings them into full union with the Catholic Church! Blessings on their diligence in working through this process.



TUESDAY AUG 29 - Parish Council meeting 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### The Giving of Treasure

**Question:** Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

**Answer:**

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Question:** What is the term used to describe the denial of God the Father's existence?

**Answer:** Atheism

### Prayer for the Church

Dear Lord,  
Guide and direct the Holy Father,  
our bishop, our pastor,  
and those who minister in your name.

Give us the grace to boldly proclaim,

"You are the Christ!" Amen. ©LPi

bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10). ©LPi

## YOUTH NEWS

We are getting closer to the start of another year of Religious Formation. Please find sheets in the church entry to register your child.

## ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

### Fall Dinner and Raffle information

**Fall Dinner September 17, 11-2**

**Raffle drawing at 1:30**

Sign up sheets for the Fall Dinner are available in the church entry.

Extra Raffle tickets are available

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Who do you say that I am?" Let our whole lives be the answer, given not in words, but in action. If the world looked at your life, your decisions, your words, and your deeds, would they conclude that you are a person who believes Christ is the son of the living God?

### RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Does your marriage need a boost?

Consider a Retrouvaille weekend!

Weekend Location - Fargo, ND

Start Date - Sep 29, 2023

End Date - Oct 1, 2023

Registration Ends - Sep 29, 2023

Registration Fee -

200.00 USD\* (per couple)

Contact Phone (701) 367-0912

Contact Email

rrretrovaille@gmail.com

Visit our website for more information and registration. Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program For Struggling Couples ([helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org))

Retrouvaille is a *lifeline* for marriages.....a program to help couples heal and renew their hurting marriages.

# ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sept 2/3</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Usher	Volunteer	Ivan Widhalm
Collection		Rick Ulmer Ross Seefeldt
Lector	Volunteer	Darell Wall
<b>EMHC</b>		Darell Wall
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Carol F Rosemary
Altar Servers		Annah

## Breakfast servers for September

First one on the list contact the others

Sept 3	No Breakfast
Sept 17	Dawn Wald, Lori Wald, Brandy Maxon

# WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday	August 15	August 20
Adult	377.00	744.00
Children		17.00
Plate	44.00	33.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>421.00</b>	<b>794.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

# ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## Sunday Sept 3 (10:30am)

Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Pat and Allen
Altar Servers	Liam, Beckett

## For the Month of September

Breakfast Server	
Collection Counters	Brian and Christy
Church Cleaners	Amy Gramlow & Megan
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

### God's Gift Appeal 2023

*This is MY BODY that is for you*

Report as of 8-11-23

St. Helena's: \$7950. 42.11% participation, 41.98% of goal  
St. Patrick's: \$13,115.45 39.29% participation, 198.12% of goal

Thank you for your support!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Tues. Aug 29

7:00 pm (St H) Fr Michael Parrotta

### Wed. Aug 30

8:00 am (St H) +Thomas Kelly

### Thur. Aug 31

8:00 am (St H) +Aron Anderson

9:00 am (St P) Don and Jeanne Glynn

### Fri. Sept 1

### First Friday

8:00am (St H) Priscilla Brandenburger

5:15 pm (St. P) +Curt Sand

### Sat. Sept 2

### First Saturday

8:00 am (St. H) Ann Parks

5:00pm (St H) +Memory of Eugene Volk

### Sun. Sept 3

8:30am (St. H) Brother David Allen

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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