



## St. Helena's Fall Dinner and Raffle



**Join us!**

September 17, 11:00 - 2:00  
Raffle drawing at 1:30

Dinner includes  
Turkey and Dressing,  
Potatoes and Gravy,  
Vegetable, Salad,  
Cranberries, Dinner Roll,  
and Apple or Pumpkin Pie!

See Page 3 for more dinner and raffle details!

September 10th, 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 : Tim Ballard, real hero of 'Sound of Freedom'

By Ana Paula Morales

Tim Ballard, a former U.S. Homeland Security agent who risked his life to fight child trafficking, discussed the impact of the movie "Sound of Freedom," which is based on his work, in an Aug. 29 interview with ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner. "I've spent more than 20 years helping children in this fight against trafficking," he said.

His work has been brought to the big screen in the successful film, which was recently shown at a preview in Mexico City. In the movie Ballard is portrayed by Jim Caviezel, who played Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ."

The former agent stressed that the film, which opened Aug. 30 in various Latin American countries, "has been a miracle" since the "the biggest problem" he has faced has been "opening the eyes of the world." Ballard is the founder and former CEO of the nonprofit organization Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.).

Speaking in Spanish, Ballard said: "It's such a difficult subject, so repugnant," but at the same time he stressed that "thanks to the inspiration of Alejandro Monteverde and Eduardo Verástegui," the film's director and producer, respectively, "a miracle has been achieved" because it's "not a dark film but an inspirational one."

"We have the proof, because millions of people ... in the United States have already seen it and we are already seeing the fruit of this," he said.

In the U.S. Congress, he noted, members are already working on "new laws based on this film. I think we are going to see this all over the world," Ballard said.

"This is the most powerful tool that I have seen in my life in the fight against child trafficking," he emphasized.

Ballard hopes that in the future, with the help of this film, it will be possible to reach "the presidents of all countries."

"I also hope that people will fight against trafficking, that they will help out, that they will provide support with financial resources, time, because there are many organizations that are in this fight, but there is little support," he said. "We have to rescue God's children, who are not for sale."

"We have to protect the family so that we can protect the children," he said.

In addition, Ballard stressed the importance of "educating our children not to play with pornography, because it changes their brains."

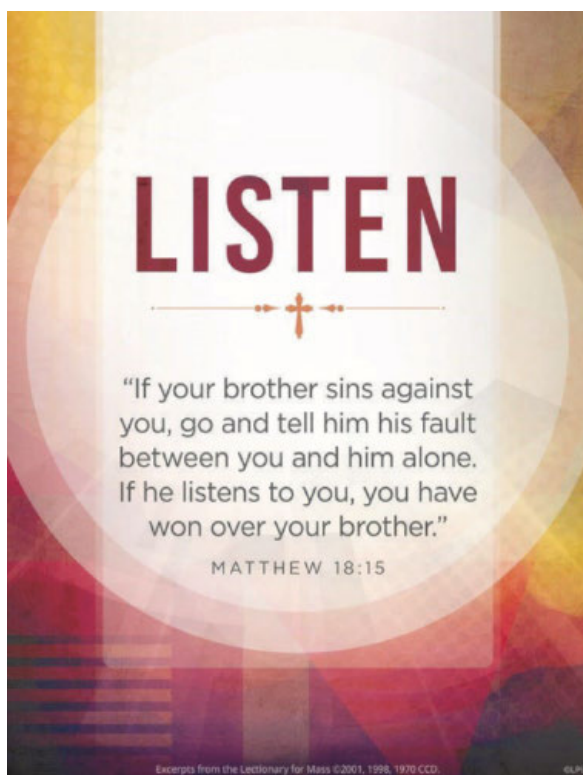
This story was first published by ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner. It has been translated and adapted by CNA.



Ballard and his wife Katherine eventually adopted the two siblings that he 'purchased' and saved from the Haitian sex trafficking ring. Their names are Colin and Coline

## PARISH EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9 - 12 - Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- 9 - 13 - Adoration 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Simple Supper 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
K - 6 CCD - 6:30 - 7:30, 7th - 12 grade CCD 6:00 - 7:30 pm
- 9 - 13 - Pick up Turkeys from Z's, Potatoes at the center, and help set up for fall dinner during CCD!



### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we

often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not. — Father John Muir

## 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

**Help is still needed!**

- \*\* Sign up sheets for the Fall Dinner are available in the church entry.
- \*\* All are asked to provide 2 pies (except Turkey makers)
- \*\* Turkeys may be picked up at Z's on Sept. 13
- \*\* Potatoes can be picked up in the center on Sept 13
- \*\* Help is needed to set up on Wed. Sept 13. Consider helping while your child(ren) are in CCD!

\*\*Extra Raffle tickets are available

### 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

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# ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sept 16/17</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
Usher	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Collection		Bob Radtke Richard Reis
Lector	Volunteer	Richard Reis
<b>EMHC</b>		Nichole or Richard Reis
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Reis Family
Altar Servers		Levi

## Breakfast servers for September

First one on the list contact the others

Sept 17	<b>NO BREAKFAST—Fall Dinner</b>
Oct 1 CYO	Courtney D, Madeline, Mackenzie, Drew, Jaeger S.

# WEEKLY GIVING

## Sunday Sept 3

Adult	359.00
Children	9.95
Plate	89.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>457.95</b>

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# ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## Sunday Sept 17 (10:30am)

Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Jim Glynn Family
Altar Servers	Porter, Katie

## 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 9-1-23

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. Sept 12

7:00 pm (St. H) +Jackie Posten

### Wed. Sept 13

8:00 am (St. H) +Elaine Deeney

### Thur. Sept 14

8:00 am (St. H) +Mark Rice

9:00 am (St. P) +Mary Hayhurst

### Fri. Sept 15

8:00am (St H) +Joanne Merkel

### Sat. Sept 16

5:00pm (St H) Dr Chris Burke

### Sun. Sept 17

8:30am (St. H) Jesse Blake

10:30am (St P) All Parishioners

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### 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, Marv Grueneich, Paul Brandenburger, Larry Ulmer, Allan Glynn.

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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