



## St. Helena's Fall Dinner and Raffle



**Join us TODAY!**

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!

September 17th, 2023

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#### Mass Schedule

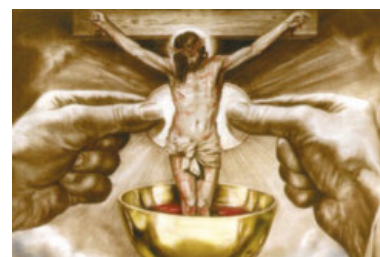
**Saturday** (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena  
**Sunday** 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**Tue** 7pm  
**Wed-Fri** 8:00am

#### 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 :

### Steps where Jesus healed a blind man unearthed for first time in 2000 years.

A new excavation project in Jerusalem has unearthed steps unseen in over 2,000 years at a place where the New Testament records Jesus as having healed a blind man.

The Israel Antiquities Authority, the Israel National Parks Authority and the City of David Foundation early this year announced that the Pool of Siloam, a biblical site cherished by Christians and Jews, will be open to the public for the first time in 2,000 years in the near future.

In recent weeks, archeologists achieved significant progress in the excavation, unearthing some eight steps descending into the Pool which had not been seen in 2,000 years - around the time when Jesus walked the Earth.

"The ongoing excavations within the City of David - the historic site of Biblical Jerusalem - particularly of the Pool of Siloam and the Pilgrimage Road, serve as one of the greatest affirmations of that heritage and the millennia-old bond Jews and Christians have with Jerusalem," Ze'ev Orenstein, director of International Affairs - City of David Foundation told Fox News Digital.

"Not simply as a matter of faith, but as a matter of fact," he added.

The City of David Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1986, "dedicated to the preservation and development of the City of David and its environs, and is committed to connecting people of all faiths and backgrounds to ancient Jerusalem."

"The half-mile running through the City of David, from the Pool of Siloam in the south, continuing along the Pilgrimage Road, up to the footsteps of the Western Wall, Southern Steps and Temple Mount, represents the most significant half-mile on the planet," Orenstein said.

"There is no half-mile anywhere on Earth which means more to more people - not to millions, but to billions - than the half-mile that is the City of David," he added.

The pool was first built roughly 2,700 years ago as part of Jerusalem's water system in the eighth century B.C. The construction unfolded during the reign of King Hezekiah as cited in the Bible in the Book of Kings II, 20:20, according to the two Israeli agencies and the City of David Foundation. According to estimates, the Pool of Siloam passed through many stages of construction and reached the

size of 1.25 acres. According to a passage in the Gospel of John, Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind at the Pool of Siloam.

A small section of the pool, which has been fully excavated, has been accessible to the public for several years. The vast majority of the pool is being excavated and will either be opened piecemeal or once the entire site is unearthed.

Rev. Johnnie Moore, president of the Congress of Christian Leaders, told Fox News Digital in January that, "In the Pool of Siloam, we find evidence of history preserved for us, revealed at just the right time."

"Theologically, it affirms Scripture, geographically it affirms scripture, and politically it affirms Israel's unquestionable and unrivaled link to Jerusalem.

Some discoveries are theoretical. This one is an undeniable. It is proof of the story of the Bible and of its people, Israel," he said.

A stroke of luck revealed the pool in 2004, when infrastructure work carried out by the Hagihon water company uncovered some of the pool's steps. The Israel Antiquities Authority, under supervision of professors Roni Reich and Eli Shukron, launched a survey. As a result, the northern perimeter, as well as a small section of the eastern perimeter of the Pool of Siloam, were uncovered.

"Whether in the halls of the United Nations, ongoing efforts by Palestinian leadership, or on university campuses, Jerusalem's Biblical heritage is under assault," said Orenstein.

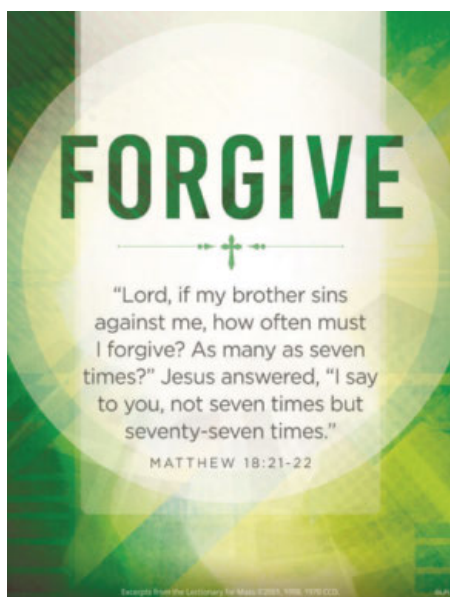
Orenstein noted that in few years time, visitors to the City of David will be able to witness the factual history for themselves and "see with their own eyes, touch with their own hands, and walk with their own feet upon the very stones their ancestors walked thousands of years ago, as they made their way to Jerusalem on pilgrimage."





- 9 - 17 - RCIA class at the church center 6:00—7:30pm
- 9 - 17 /18 - All K of C members are asked to pray a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Vocations .
- 9 - 19 - Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- 9 - 20 - 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
- 11-28/29 - All K of C members of are asked to pray a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets. — Father John Muir

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

New to area and wanting to join the Catholic Church or do you just want to learn more about the Catholic Church? RCIA may be for

you. Fr. Parks will be starting a new class tonight, Sept 17, 6:00 - 7:30pm at the church center.

## KNIGHTS NEWS

Knights of Columbus members of the St Helena Council 13533 are to individually offer( pray) a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Vocations on Sept. 17 & 18 2023!! Thanks.

Also – ALL members of St Helena Council 13533 are to individually offer a rosary for Perpetual Rosary for Respect Life on NOV 28 & 29 2023 – Thank you for your cooperation!!

### Inspiration for the week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

### Catholic Trivia

**Question:** What is the name of the very first Catholic university in the United States?

**Answer:** Georgetown University

### 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)

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# ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<b>Sept 23/24</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Usher	Volunteer	Mark Thielges
Collection		Rick Ulmer Jeff Ulmer
Lector	Volunteer	Bernie Thielges
<b>EMHC</b>		Marilyn Wall
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Thielges Family
Altar Servers		Devin

## 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 10

Adult	1906.00
Children	3.00
Plate	104.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2013.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

# ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

## Sunday Sept 24 (8:30am)

Lector	Pat
Gift Carriers	Megan Peterson Family
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 9-8-23

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 19

7:00 pm (St. H) +Fr Michael Parrotta

### Wed. Sept 20

8:00 am (St. H) Bruce and Jolene Blake

### Thur. Sept 21

8:00 am (St. H) Ray and Jeanette Schelonka

9:00 am (St. P) +Robert Lacina

### Fri. Sept 22

8:00am (St H) +Jeanette Stromme

### Sat. Sept 23

5:00pm (St H) +Eugene Volk

### Sun. Sept 24

8:30am (St. P) +Mary Hayhurst

10:30am (St H) All Parishioners

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**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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*...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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