

Sunday, December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. Helena Ministries		
Jan 6/7	5:00 Vigil	8:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Ivan Widhalm
Collection		Rick Ulmer Ross Seefeldt
EMHC		Darell Wall
Lector	Volunteer	Darell Wall
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Carol F Rosemary
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Annah

Breakfast servers for December

First one on the list contact the others

Dec. 31	Knights of Columbus
Jan 7	K of C or No Breakfast

Weekly Giving

Sunday	Dec 24	Dec. 25
Adult	1398.00	830.00
Children	7.90	1.05
Plate	62.00	107.00
Total	1467.90	938.05

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Patrick Ministries

Sun Jan 7 10:30am	
Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Porter and Katie
Altar Servers	Porter and Katie

For the Month of January

Collection Counters	Steve and Alan G
Church Cleaners	Gerri, Megan & Christy
Altar Society Mtg.	None this month

Volunteers needed for
Holy Mother of God Vigil and Mon Mass
If you see a need please volunteer!

2024 Calendars have arrived.
Please pick them up in the church entry.

Weekly Mass Intentions	
Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
10:00 AM (St. H)	+Phillip Herding
Tues. Jan 2	
7:00 pm (St H)	Ann Parks
Wed. Jan 3	
8:00 am (St H)	+Sylvester and Marie Radermacher
Thur. Jan 4	
8:00 am (St H)	+Marv Grueneich
9:00 am (St P)	+Deceased Volk relatives
Fri. Jan 5	
First Friday Purgatorial Society	
8:00am (St H)	+Jason Thielges
5:15 pm (St. P)	+Boston Hagen
Sat. Jan 6	
First Saturday	
8:00 am (St. H)	+MaryAnn Moch
5:00pm (St H)	+Marvin and Joan Grueneich
Sun. Jan 7	
8:30am (St. H)	+Glen Graves
10:30am (St P)	All Parishioners

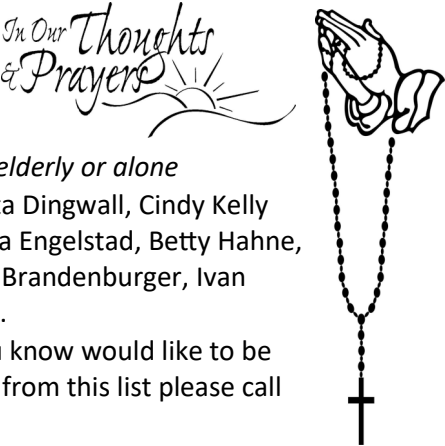
God’s Gift Appeal 2023

This is MY BODY that is for you

Report 12-22-23	St. Helena	St. Patrick
Amount	\$9050	\$13715.45
Participation	43.42 %	42.86 %
Goal	47.79 %	207.19 %

Thank you for your support!

Please send bulletin submissions (by Noon on Thursday)
or prayer line request to Fr. Parks or gusaas@drtel.net

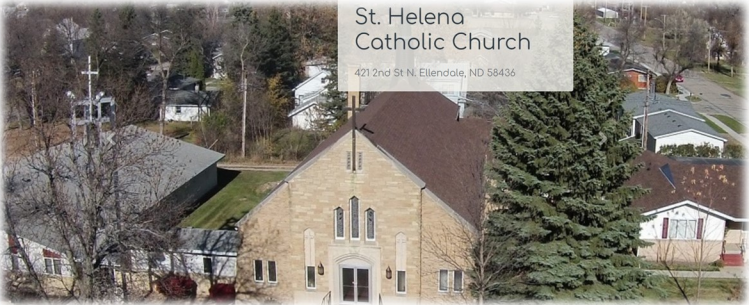


Please Pray

...for all who are sick, elderly or alone

Joanne Brokaw, Loretta Dingwall, Cindy Kelly
Heupel, Val Hunt, Carla Engelstad, Betty Hahne,
Ashtyn Hatlewig, Paul Brandenburger, Ivan
Widhalm, Dave Eberle.

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



St. Helena Catholic Church
421 2nd St. N.
Box 796 Ellendale, ND 58436
701-349-3297

St. Helena Mass Schedule
Saturday (vigil) 5pm
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



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St. Patrick Catholic Church
207 Monroe St N.
Fullerton, ND 58441
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Adoration
Wednesday 5pm-8pm
St. Helena
St Patrick 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

NOTICE SPECIAL MASS TIMES FOR
THE HOLYDAY ON PAGE 3

Sunday, December 31, 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Favor of God Was upon Him

Mary receives both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow
Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary
about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would
undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those
blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being
the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would
become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon
the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of
sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because
it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his
promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take
your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a
supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain
and which neither life nor death can take way. Do you know
the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and
trust?

Lord Jesus, you are my hope and my life. May I never cease to
place all my trust in you. Fill me with the joy and strength of the
Holy Spirit that I may boldly point others to your saving presence
and words of eternal life.

Our hope is anchored in God's everlasting kingdom of
righteousness, peace, and joy
What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our
heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting
life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus
has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in
the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit gives hope to
all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never
fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope
which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit
enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in
the face of trails, setbacks, and challenges that may come our
way.
Is there anything holding you back from giving God your
unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life? Allow
the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and
love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your
life, family, friends, health, honor, wealth, and future. If you
seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to
know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

From Fr. Parks The True Story of Our Lady of America. Part II

The following story expresses Our Lady’s gratitude to the American Church for this honor and promises her special help and protection for these United States of America. It is the story of a Mother’s love for her children, especially her children in America, and her mandate from heaven that we in America, in particular, help her renew the face of the earth by assisting her in bringing America, and the whole world, back to Faith and Purity. She herself says she comes to America as a last resort.

Continued from last week

Locutions with St. Joseph and the Focus on the National Shrine Early October 1956: Locutions with St. Joseph.

It is true, my daughter, that immediately after my conception, I was, through the future merits of Jesus and because of my exceptional role of future Virgin-father, cleansed from the stain of original sin. I was from that moment confirmed in grace and never had the slightest stain on my soul. This is my unique privilege among men. My pure heart also was from the first moment of existence inflamed with love for God. Immediately, at the moment when my soul was cleansed from original sin, grace was infused into it in such abundance that, excluding my holy spouse, I surpassed the holiness of the highest angel in the angelic choir.

My heart suffered with the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Mine was a silent suffering, for it was my special vocation to hide and shield, as long as God willed, the Virgin Mother and Son from the malice and hatred of men. The most painful of my sorrows was that I knew beforehand of their passion yet would not be there to console them. Their future suffering was ever present to me and became my daily cross. I became, in union with my holy Spouse, co-redemptor of the human race. Through compassion for the sufferings of Jesus and Mary, I cooperated, as no other, in the salvation of the world.

October 13, 1956: Our Lady’s appearance highlighting her desire for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Our Lady appeared to Sister Mary Ephrem in the same manner as she did on the feast of the North American martyrs, except that her Immaculate Heart did not appear. Instead of the lily, she held with both hands a small replica of the finished Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Sister was overwhelmed with

Our Lady’s beautiful smile and heavenly way, her holiness. She then knelt down and wrote Our Lady’s words as she desired:

This is my shrine, my daughter. I am very pleased with it. Tell my children I thank them. Let them finish it quickly and make it a place of pilgrimage. It will be a

place of wonders. I promise this. I will bless all those who, either by prayers, labor, or material aid, help to erect this shrine.

Our Lady often emphasized her desire that the shrine in Washington D.C. be made a place of special pilgrimage, a place where she would work her wonders. The Shrine was completed and dedicated three years later on November 20, 1959.

November 15, 1956: Our Lady teaches Sister a powerful ejaculation and asks for the drawing of her image as Our Lady of America.

This morning Our Lady taught me this little prayer: “By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil.” “Our Lady then asked me to draw a picture of her first appearance. She also requested a statue made according to this likeness and placed, after being solemnly carried in procession, in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. She wishes to be honored there in a special way as Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin.” The image posted here is Sister Mary Ephrem’s own drawing as she herself saw Our Lady in 1956.

1957 – 1958: Warnings! The hour grows late!

Sister says Our Lady’s warnings came to her again and again. “The hour grows late,” Our Lady said. **“My Son’s patience will not last forever. Help me hold back His anger which is about to descend on sinful and ungrateful men.”** To my spiritual director I was asked to send this message: **“Hurry, my son, for the time is short but the punishment will be long, and for many, forever. Tell the Bishops of the United States, my loyal sons, of my desires and how I wish them to be carried out. Through him who is head over you, make known the longings of my Immaculate Heart to establish the reign of my Divine Son in the hearts of men and thus save them from the scourge of heaven, both now and hereafter.”**

Our Lady addressed Sister, speaking sadly but hopefully: **“My daughter, will my children in America listen to my pleadings and console my Immaculate Heart? Will my loyal sons carry out my desires and thus help me bring the peace of Christ once again to mankind? ... Do not forget your poor Mother, who weeps over the loss of so many of her children.”**

To Be Continued



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PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, Dec 30 Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM St Helena
Sunday, Dec 31 Sun Mass: 8:30 AM St. H 10:30AM mass St. P; Holy Mother of God Vigil: 5:00 PM St. Patrick
Monday, Jan 1 Holy Mother of God Mass: 10:00 AM St. Helena
Tuesday, Jan 2 Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
Wednesday, Jan 3 Adoration 5:00 - 8:00pm, Simple Supper 5:30 - 6:30pm

St Helena Christmas Flower Donations	
Donated By -	In Memory of -
Ivan Widhalm	Deceased Family Members
Anita & Pete Flynn	Deceased Family Members
Hildie & Bob Radtke	Deceased Family Members
Lori & Paul Wald	Deceased Family Members
Carey & Dawn Wald	Deceased Relatives
Joyce & Russ Grueneich	Sylvester & Marie Radermacher
	Marvin & Joan Grueneich
Bernie & Mark Thielges	Deceased Parents / Family
Carol Fulker	Bob & Claire Fulker
Fr. Patrick Parks	Deceased Family Members
Graves Family	Glenn Graves
Eberle Family	Frances & Sylvester Eberle
Mock Family	Mary Ann Mock
Richard & Nicole Reis	Deceased Family/Louis Reis
Linda Martinson	John Martinson & Deceased Family
Sara Kuntz	Deceased Family Members
Carly Kuntz	Lynne Zuroff
Michelle & Matt Thorpe	Deceased Family Members
Chad and Colleen Durheim	Deceased Family Members
	Deceased Friends & Family
Bob and Dorothy Smith	Deceased Family Members
Doug & Dina Davis	Deceased Family Members
Kevin and Kathy Cantwell	Earl & Mary Webster
Monette Family	Sonny & Addie Brunelle
	John & Greta Monette
Darell & Marilyn Wall	Deceased Family Members
Angilette & Homer Viray	Aileen Bons & Sabrina Langit
Mike & Amanda Thorpe	Deceased Family Members
Nate Sand Family	Curt Sand & Boston Hagen

Sat, Dec. 30 and Sun Dec. 31
Schedule as normal
Sat. 5:00pm St. Helena
Sun. 8:30 St. H Sun. 10:30 St. P
January 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Sun. Dec. 31 Vigil 5:00pm St. Patrick
Mon. Jan 1 10:00 am St. Helena

St. Patrick Christmas Flower Donations	
Donated By -	In Memory of -
Shirlin Sand Simek	Curt Sand and other
	Deceased Family Members
Tim & Geraldine Glynn	Deceased Family Members
Layna Gramlow	Deceased Loved Ones
Alana & Andy Lacina	Robert, Jody and Susan Lacina
Gene & Faye Lonski	Deceased Family Members
Alan & Ruby Gramlow	Deceased Parents
Steve & Christy Peterson	Deceased Family Members

Merry Christmas
To the many parishioners who sent me cards, letters and gifts, I say “thank you” from my heart! As I always do, I show my appreciation by having private masses celebrated for you and your intentions on the remaining Mondays in January. In a special way those who have holy Mass offered and those for whom a Mass is offered partake of the grace of the Eucharistic sacrifice. A great doctor of the Church, St. Anselm, declares that one Mass offered for you before your death may be more profitable than many after it.”
Thank you!!! Father Parks

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