

St. Helena Ministries		
Jan 20/21	5:00 Vigil	8:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Collection		Richard R/ Jeff U
EMHC		Nicole/Richard R
Lector	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Reis Family
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Levi

Breakfast servers for December	
First one on the list contact the others	
Jan 21	Colleen D, Kerry W, Angilette V, Theresa K.
Feb 4	CYO Mackenzie, Drew, Tiahna

Weekly Giving	
Sunday, Jan 7	
Adult	1080.00
Children	8.00
Plate	121.00
Total	1209.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

St. Patrick Ministries	
Sun Jan 21 10:30am	
Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Amy and Kacey
Altar Servers	Allen, Alex

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

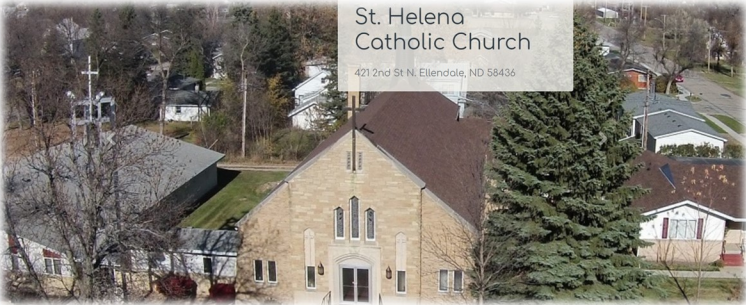
Please send bulletin submissions (by Noon on Thursday) or prayer line request to Fr. Parks or gusaas@drtel.net

Weekly Mass Intentions	
Tues. Jan 16	Fr. Parks in Mundelein
7:00 pm (St. H)	+Fr Richard LaCorte
Wed. Jan 17	Fr. Parks in Mundelein
8:00 am (St. H)	+Fr Richard LaCorte
Thur. Jan 18	Fr. Parks in Mundelein
8:00 am (St. H)	+Fr James Lauerman
Fri. Jan 19	Fr. Parks in Mundelein
8:00am (St H)	+Fr William Sherman
Sat. Jan 20	
5:00pm (St H)	+Marv Grueneich
Sun. Jan 21	
8:30am (St. H)	+Gene Volk
10:30 am (St. P)	All Parishioners

God’s Gift Appeal 2023		
This is MY BODY that is for you		
Report 1-4-23	St. Helena	St. Patrick
Amount	\$9050	\$13715.45
Participation	43.42 %	42.86 %
Goal	47.79 %	207.19 %
Thank you for your support!		

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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.



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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

Sunday, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Have Found the Messiah!

Meditation: Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the *Lamb of God* and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the *Passover Lamb* (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

"What do you seek?" John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ (means *Anointed One* and *Messiah*). He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us. www.dailyscripture.net

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

February 11, 1958: Our Lady renews the Fatima promise.

My Immaculate Heart will win in the end, and the Spirit of Christ will dwell in the hearts of men. Those in whom this Spirit is not found will be condemned to eternal hellfire. Our Lady tells Sister that nothing is accomplished without pain and bids her prepare to suffer much because suffering completes the work of divine grace in the soul. Our Lady also spoke of her particular interest in the youth of our nation and called on them to be leaders in this movement of renewal on the face of the earth, sharing with her army of chaste soldiers the title “Torchbearers of the Queen.” “They must be prepared with the knowledge of the Divine Indwelling. It is to the youth of America that she is holding out this challenge.” Our Lady promised that the statue in the National Basilica would be a special safeguard for our country, and that a picture or statue in the home would bring protection to that home. The medal with the image of Our Lady of America on the front and the Coat-of-Arms of the Christian Family on the back would be a shield against evil for those who wear it with devotion, and they would receive the grace of intense purity of heart and a great love for Mary and her Son. “America, the United States in particular is being given the tremendous, yet privileged, opportunity to lead all nations in a spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital. ”

The Appearance of St. Joseph and His Role in Redemption – Protector of the Pope, the Church, and the Family

March 18 and March 19, 1958: St. Joseph appears on his feast day and speaks on spiritual fatherhood.

St. Joseph spoke of his spiritual fatherhood, of his great privilege in being chosen to be the Virgin-Father of Jesus, and of his perfect obedience to the Divine Will. He spoke of his special protection of the Holy Father and of the Church.

Fathers must come to me, small one, to learn obedience to authority: to the Church always, as the mouthpiece of God, and to the laws of the country in which they live, insofar as these do not go against God and their neighbors. Mine was perfect obedience to the Divine Will, as it was shown and made known to me by the Jewish law and religion. To be

careless in this is most displeasing to God and will be severely punished in the next world. Fatherhood is from God, and it must take once again its rightful place among men. My special protection of the Holy Father and the Church should be made known to him. God wishes to make this known to him that he may receive thereby renewed consolation and encouragement. During the war, little daughter, it was I who saved him from death at the hands of his enemies.

March 30, 1958: St. Joseph asks to be honored on the First Wednesday of each month, an old Tradition in the Church.

Jesus and Mary desire that my pure heart, so long hidden and unknown, be now honored in a special way. Let my children honor my most pure heart in a special manner on the First Wednesday of the month by reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary in memory of my life with Jesus and Mary and the love I bore them, the sorrow I suffered with them. Let them receive Holy Communion in union with the love with which I received the Savior for the first time, and each time I held Him in my arms. Those who honor me in this way will be consoled by my presence at their death and I myself will conduct them safely into the presence of Jesus and Mary.

As St. Joseph had promised, Jesus and Mary also came on March 30: Jesus as a boy about fifteen or sixteen years old. He spoke of the sanctification of the family and other matters. St. Joseph and Our Lady also spoke to me concerning the same subject and also about the Divine Indwelling.

May 1958: Sister Mary Ephrem enters the Our Lady of Nativity Cloister to live a hidden life.

Several weeks after I had entered the Cloister in New Riegel, OH and was overwhelmed with a sense of frustration and heaviness of heart, Our Lady suddenly appeared to me and said: *“Do not be afraid. I will keep my promise. Everything will be all right. Do not fear.” These words consoled me very much, and I went to prayer with a peaceful heart.*

February 23, 1959: Place the message in the hands of the bishops. Nine months before the National Shrine was finished, Our Lady admonished Sister *“to work on the message as soon as possible so that it might be placed in the hands of the bishops who would be responsible for its fulfillment.* In a very serious manner, Our Lady warned me that I must not delay any longer to do this as the time is now.”

To Be Continued

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Sun Jan 14	RCIA class at the church center 6:00 -7:30 pm
Tues Jan 16	Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
Wed Jan 17	Adoration 5:00 - 8:00pm, Simple Supper 5:30 - 6:30pm K-6 CCD 6:30 -7:30pm, 7-12 grades CCD 6:00 -7:30pm
Jan 14—19	Fr. Parks in Mundelein, Illinois for last spiritual direction class

Volunteers are needed for the Ellendale Community Food Pantry. St. Helena’s is responsible for the month of February. We need 4-5 volunteers on Saturday, Feb 10th and Feb 24th, 9:45am—Noon. Your help is greatly appreciated! Contact Michelle Thorpe if you can help—701 269 3662

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me
with the power of your Holy Spirit
that I may grow in the knowledge
of your great love and truth.
Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart
that I may joyfully seek
to do your will in all things.

"Come and see" is the Lord's invitation for each one of us to discover the joy of friendship and communion with the One who made us in love for love. Saint Augustine of Hippo reminds us that it is God, our Creator and Redeemer, who seeks us out, even when we are not looking for him: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" It is God who initiates and who draws us to himself. Without his mercy and help we could not find him on our own.

When we find something of great value it's natural to want to share the good news of our discovery with our family, friends, and neighbors. When Andrew met Jesus and discovered that he was truly the Messiah, he immediately went to his brother Simon and told him the good news. Andrew brought his brother to meet Jesus so he could "come and see" for himself. When Jesus saw Simon approaching he immediately reached out to Simon in the same way he had done for Andrew earlier. Jesus looked at Simon and revealed that he knew who Simon was and where he came from even before Simon had set his



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Brother Knights please take 20 minutes to offer a rosary on the following dates:
1. PERPERTUAL ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS FEBRUARY 26 and 27,2024
2. PERPERTUAL ROSARY FOR RESPECT LIFE MAY 10 and 11, 2024

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

St. Helena Raffle 2024
We are seeking donations for the 2024 raffle that will be held on September 15, 2024. Any individual interested in donating, please let Kathy, Michele or Bernie know.

Help Needed Starting in January we will be needing more volunteers for our Wed. evening Simple Suppers. If you are able to help contact Colleen D.

eyes on Jesus. Jesus gave Simon a new name which signified that God had a personal call and mission for him. Jesus gave Simon the name "Cephas" which is the Aramaic word for "rock". Cephas is translated as Peter (*Petros* in Greek and *Petrus* in Latin) which also literally means "rock".

To call someone a "rock" was one of the greatest compliments in the ancient world. The rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon." Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was - the *Anointed One (Messiah and Christ)* and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to know the Lord Jesus personally, power to live the gospel faithfully, and courage to witness the truth and joy of the Gospel to others. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to draw us to himself. Do you seek to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ? www.dailyscripture.net

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