

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Helena Ministries		
Jan 27/28	5:00 Vigil	10:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Mark Thielges
Collection		Daryl & Deneen Monette
EMHC		Marilyn Wall
Lector	Volunteer	Bernie Thielges
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Thielges Family
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Devin

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, Madeline, Drew, Tiahna

Weekly Giving	
Sunday, Jan 14	
Adult	10996.76
Children	7.15
Plate	1.00
Total	11004.91
Thank you for your generosity!	

St. Patrick Ministries	
Sun Jan 21 8:30am	
Lector	Gene
Gift Carriers	Allen and Pat
Altar Servers	Owen and Faith

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

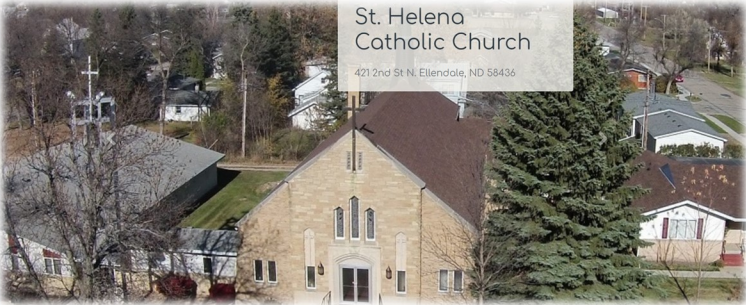
Please send bulletin submissions (by Noon on Thursday) or prayer line request to Fr. Parks or gusaas@drtel.net

Weekly Mass Intentions	
Tues. Jan 23	
7:00 pm (St. H)	+Sylvester and Marie Radermacher
Wed. Jan 24	
8:00 am (St. H)	+Jason Thielges
Thur. Jan 25	
8:00 am (St. H)	+Paul Merkel
9:00 am (St. P)	+Fr. Mathew Kramer
Fri. Jan 26	
8:00am (St H)	+Deceased Hopfauf Relatives
Sat. Jan 27	
5:00pm (St H)	+Marv Grueneich
Sun. Jan 28	
8:30am (St. P)	+Mickey and Jeff Thorpe
10:30am (St H)	All Parishioners

God's Gift Appeal 2023		
This is MY BODY that is for you		
Report 1-19-23	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.



**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

**Meditation:** What is the *Gospel of God* which Jesus came to preach? The word "gospel" literally means "good news". When a king had good news to deliver to his subjects he sent messengers or heralds throughout the land to make a public announcement - such as the birth of a newborn king or the victory over an invading army or occupied force. God sent his prophets to announce the coming of God's anointed King and Messiah. After Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan and anointed by the Spirit he begins his ministry of preaching the Gospel - the good news that the kingdom of God was now at hand for all who were ready to receive it.

**God rules over all** What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. The Scriptures tell us that God's throne is in heaven and his rule is over all (Psalm 103:19). His kingdom is bigger and more powerful than anything we can imagine because it is universal and everlasting (Daniel 4:3). His kingdom is full of glory, power, and splendor (Psalm 145:11-13).

In the Book of Daniel we are told that this kingdom is given to



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

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
**207 Monroe St N.**  
**Fullerton, ND 58441**  
**701-349-3297**

**Adoration**  
**Wednesday** **Sunday** 10:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
**5pm-8pm** 8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
**St. Helena** **Thursday** 9:00am

**Confession Schedule**  
**Sundays** after 10:30 am Mass  
By appointment - call parish office

*Sunday, January 21, 2024*  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**The Kingdom of God Is at Hand**

the *Son of Man* (Daniel 7:14,18,22,27). The *Son of Man* is a Messianic title for God's anointed King. The New Testament word for "Messiah" is "Christ" which literally means the "Anointed One" or the "Anointed King". God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his gospel message.

As soon as John the Baptist had finished his testimony, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that *the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand*. Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls disciples to *believe in the gospel - the good news he has come to deliver*. What is the good news which Jesus delivers? It is the good news of peace (restoration of relationship with God - Ephesians 6:15), of hope (the hope of heaven and everlasting life - Colossians 1:23), of truth (God's word is true and reliable - Colossians 1:5), of promise (he rewards those who seek him - Ephesians 3:6)), of immortality (God gives everlasting life - 2 Timothy 1:10), and the good news of salvation (liberty from sin and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God - Ephesians 1:13). [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net)

From Fr. Parks    The True Story of Our Lady of America.   Part III & IV

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

July 18, 1959: Jesus laments over His priests and religious. *Oh, the pride of souls! How they resist My grace! O My priests, My religious, what would I not do for you if you would only let me! I come daily laden with graces which you daily refuse. What am I to say to you, my best beloved? How long will you resist My love? It is from you I expect everything, and you give Me but the husks of your affections. How long will I bear with you, O My chosen ones? How long will you spurn My approaches? My little white dove, it was this ingratitude on the part of My priests and My religious that caused Me so much sorrow in My passion. Oh, how they resist My grace! How they fight against My love! So fearful are they that I will deprive them of their tawdry trinkets that they turn their backs lest they see the reproach in My eyes.*

Part IV – The National Shrine -- The Only Church Our Lady Mentions in this Devotion – and the Organization of the Diary by Bishop Leibold

**November 20, 1959: Dedication of the completed Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C.**  
(Editor’s Note: This Shrine is truly the Church of the American people and is under the authority of all the US Bishops. It is the largest Catholic Church in the Americas and the 8th largest Catholic Church in the world. Its 80 plus chapels depict the rich cultural heritage of our Nation and of nations around the world. In recent years the Hall of American Saints, honoring St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha has been added, attesting to the fruitfulness of the seed of Faith planted by our North American martyrs. The Shrine, with its splendid dome, is the spiritual capital of the Church in America and complements the dome of the National Capitol, the seat of our American government.

**September 1959: Pope John XXIII’s letter, given from Rome to the American Faithful on the dedication of the National Shrine.** It was an extremely gratifying and enduring joy that filled our hearts on receipt of news...that a shrine is to be dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God. There now rises up to heaven a shrine, high and massive, wondrously bright within...The Virgin Mother of God is our Mother, our Queen, the sure way by which we approach most speedily to Jesus Christ, Who was given to us by her. But a temple built of stones is of little significance unless there arises a temple

mystically erected within our minds. Therefore...let an altar of the Most Blessed Virgin be set up in the heart of each one of the faithful; let families, held together by the sanctity of marriage, by mutual love, by moral integrity and a common spiritual life, reproduce her virtues and be fortified by her protection.

**December 20, 1959: Our Lady laments our ingratitude. O my child, tell your spiritual father [Bishop Leibold] that I come again to warn and to plead. ... See I weep, but my children show me no compassion. They behold the sword in my heart but will make no move to withdraw it. I give them love; they give me only ingratitude. Weep, then, dear child, weep with your Mother over the sins of men. Intercede with me before the throne of mercy, for sin is overwhelming the world and punishment is not far away.** (Diary, Page 34.)  
(Editor’s Note: Except on a few occasions, as when she showed herself as Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling, Our Lady always came to Sr. Mary Ephrem in the manner in which she appeared on September 26, 1956, namely, as Our Lady of America.)

**February 2, 1960: Bishop Leibold helped Sister organize her Diary of messages, “not for official publication, but only as a personal diary.”**  
Bishop Paul F. Leibold, V.G. of the Cincinnati Archdiocese where the Sisters of the Precious Blood’s motherhouse is located, personally helped Sister organize her manuscript in a more readable form. These “lines penned by a religious sister from her cloister cell,”(Foreword) were first handwritten or mimeographed. The bishop deleted mention of all places where apparitions or locutions occurred except that of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. where Our Lady herself placed the focus. In the Foreword, he called Sister’s experiences “these supernatural happenings,” mentioning “special espousals with Christ” and the designation as “the Little White Dove.” He then had Sister “type” the messages, “not for official publication, but only as a personal diary,”(his words in Foreword), author anonymous, to protect Sister Mary Ephrem’s identity and hidden life; she remained unnamed. The 1960 printing was a typed copy of her manuscript. In the Diary, Sister is referred to as “a religious Sister,” the “Little White Dove,” or “this Sister.” The first copies of the Diary were given only to the necessary religious superiors and Church officials and several sisters within the cloister, not to the unrestricted general public.

To Be Continued

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT


- Sun Jan 21                      RCIA class at the church center 6:00 -7:30 pm
- Tues Jan 23                    Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- Wed Jan 24                    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
- Wed Feb 14                    ASH WEDNESDAY

*Like fishermen -we are called to gather in people for the kingdom of Christ*

When Jesus preached the gospel message he called others to follow as his disciples and he gave them a mission - "to catch people for the kingdom of God." What kind of disciples did he choose? Smelly fishermen! In the choice of the first apostles we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these individuals, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power.

When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work in and through you for his glory?

Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostles says, *But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing* (2 Corinthians 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?  
www.dailyscripture.net




**Volunteers Needed**  
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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Brother Knights please take 20 minutes to offer a rosary on the following dates:

- 1. PERPETUAL ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS FEBRUARY 26 and 27,2024
- 2. PERPETUAL 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.

**Synod Prayer Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

The Synod Assembly will take place April 11-13, 2024, at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church, Fargo. For more information:  
www.fargodiocese.org/synod

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS			
Chad’s Electric 701 535 0011	Contact Fr. Parks to add your company	Merxbauer-Maier Dental 605 725 0800	St. Helena and St. Patrick 701 349 3297
Ellendale Pharmacy 701 349 3390	Hoven Funeral Chapel 701 349 3233	K Of C Insurance Joel Herman 701 219 5847	Z’s Fresh Market 701 349 3244