

Sunday, January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Helena Ministries		
Feb 3/4	5:00 Vigil	8:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Vincent Carruth
Collection		Daryl & Deneen Monette
EMHC		Daryl Monette
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Paul and Lori Wald
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Isaiah

Breakfast servers for December	
First one on the list contact the others	
Feb 4	CYO Mackenzie, Madeline, Drew, Tiahna
Feb 18	Kathy M, Brenda H, Dina D, Gloria P

Weekly Giving	
Sunday, Jan 21	
Adult	970.00
Children	9.00
Plate	70.00
Total	1049.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

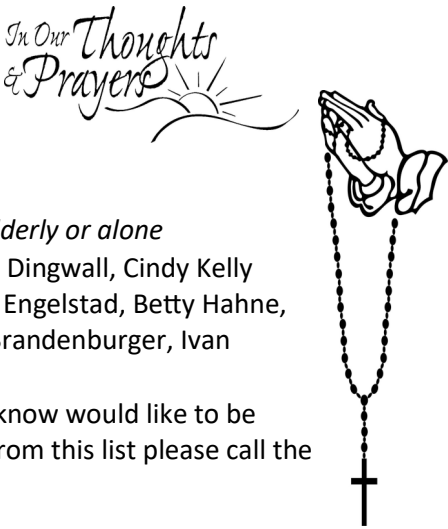
St. Patrick Ministries	
Sun Feb 4 10:30am	
Lector	Amy A
Gift Carriers	Kyle Glynn Family
Altar Servers	

For the Month of February	
Collection Counters	Alan and Christy
Church Cleaners	Faye and Amy Gramlow
Altar Society Mtg.	Following mass Feb. 11

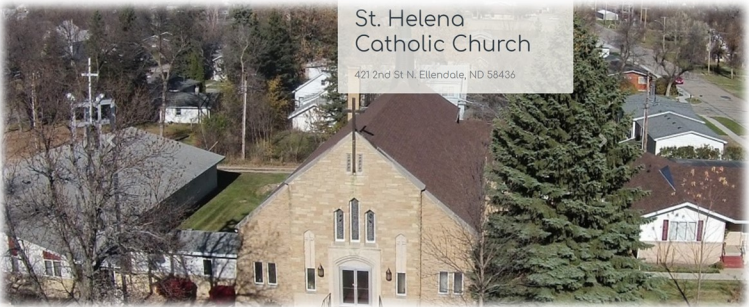
Please send bulletin submissions (by Noon on Thursday) or prayer line request to Fr. Parks or gusaas@drtel.net

Weekly Mass Intentions	
Tues. Jan 30	
7:00 pm (St H)	Ann Parks
Wed. Jan 3 1	
8:00 am (St H)	+Sylvester and Marie Radermacher
Thur. Feb 1	
8:00 am (St H)	+Marv Grueneich
9:00 am (St P)	+Fr Mathew Kramer
Fri. Feb 2	First Friday Purgatorial Society
8:00am (St H)	+Purgatorial Society Members of both St Helena and St Patrick's. Fr Parks assisting at Women's retreat
Sat. Feb 3	First Saturday
8:00 am (St. H)	+Jason Thielges
5:00pm (St H)	+Jeanette Stromme
Sun. Feb 4	
8:30am (St. H)	+MaryAnn Moch
10:30am (St P)	All Parishioners

God's Gift Appeal 2023		
This is MY BODY that is for you		
Report 1-11-23	St. Helena	St. Patrick
Amount	\$9050	\$13715.45
Participation	43.42 %	42.86 %
Goal	47.79 %	207.19 %
Thank you for your support!		



Please 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



St. Patrick Catholic Church
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Fullerton, ND 58441
701-349-3297
Fr. Patrick Parks
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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
Website: sthelenascatholicparish.org

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Jesus Taught with Authority

Meditation: Do you believe that God's word has power to set you free and to transform your life? When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed.



Faith works through love and abounds in hope
Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) remarked that "faith is mighty, but without love it profits nothing. The devils confessed Christ, but lacking charity it availed nothing. They said, 'What have we to do with you' (Mark 1:24)? They confessed a sort of faith, but without love. Hence they were

devils."
Faith is powerful, but without love it profits nothing (1 Corinthians 13). Scripture tells us that true faith works through love (Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (Romans 15:13). Our faith is made perfect in love because love orients us to the supreme good which is God himself as well as the good of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26,27).
Hope anchors our faith in the promises of God and purifies our desires for the things which will last for eternity. That is why the word of Christ has power to set us free from all that would keep us bound up in sin, deception, and despair. Bede the venerable abbot of an English monastery (672-735) contrasted the power and authority of Jesus' word with the word of the devil: "The devil, because he had deceived Eve with his tongue, is punished by the tongue, that he might not speak" [Homilies on the Gospels 1.8]. 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

Some time later, the bishop advised Sister to have the diaries printed in their private convent print shop. It is not clear what the legal definition of “published” was before the Copyright Law changed in 1978. Unpublished works were protected by common law. The Diary shows in the Library of Congress in 1984, registered as an “unpublished work,” and was then copyrighted as the complete 48-page Diary in 1989, with the required copyright notice to protect from infringement. This was after Archbishop Leibold’s death in 1972; he could not have approved the later messages, but that does not invalidate them. The entire 48-page Diary was re-copyrighted in 1993 with the refined image on the current cover. (A judge recently put the 1960 and 1970 printings in public domain.) A judge can only make a decision on arguments presented. Accepting that, we must focus on the greater and more urgent issue of a further study of the messages, as the first study has been called “flawed” by Josephologist and Mariologist Msgr. Arthur B. Calkins. Keeping the integrity and purity of the messages demands there be no additions, deletions or changes, except by legitimate church authority with respect to faith and morals, but not to personal content. This is a personal diary.

Sister Monica Schrott, OCD, and the Latrobe Statue of Our Lady of America. 1960’s:

Sister Monica Schrott’s effort with the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception extends over two decades. Sister Monica Schrott, OCD, a cloistered Carmelite sister in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, met Sister Mary Ephrem Neuzil in the 1960’s and they became dear friends. In her own personal handwriting, Sister Monica kept a copy of Sister Mary Ephrem’s writings on Our Lady of America. From her cloister, Sister Monica assisted Sister Mary Ephrem’s mission by corresponding with the National Shrine directors, over a period of twenty years, to place there a white statue of Our Lady of America that she had made by Archangelo Cascieri of Boston, MA. Sister Monica worked closely with Bishop Leibold, Sister Mary Ephrem, Bishop Connare of Pittsburgh, PA, and Rev. Msgr. William F. McDonough, the director of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., for the enthronement of a statue of Our Lady of America in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as Our Lady had requested in 1956. (Editor’s Note: The “Latrobe” statue made with the help of Sr. Monica and several bishops, done for and with Sr. Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, resided with the Carmelites of the Assumption in Latrobe, PA forty plus years until the Mother Prioress had it personally taken to and presented to Sister Joseph Therese at the Our Lady of America Center in Fostoria, Ohio. This was after Sister Mildred’s death in 2000 and just Latrobe statue done with the help of Sr. Monica Schrott before Sister Monica’s death in 2005. Thereafter, this “Latrobe statue”, sometimes called the “archival statue,” as it was the first, was allowed to reside with Mother Angelica’s sisters for a period of time and was used for promotional purposes. Who paid for

the statue? The sisters at the Carmelite Monastery were nuns in solemn perpetual vows. Sister Monica, however, was the chosen Extern Sister and “Guardian of the Cloister.” She was a religious sister in perpetual simple vows and could, therefore, own her inheritance, though it could not be used without the permission of the Prioress. She asked permission to use her inheritance to pay for the statue known as “the Latrobe or archival statue.” Surely this statue belonged to Sister Mildred and the Our Lady of America archives in Fostoria as it was paid for by Sister Monica, for Sister Mildred, and there is no written record of a bill of sale or of a gift of the statue to anyone else.

The Medal, Prayer Leaflets, and Archbishop Leibold’s Death.

April 4, 1960: Our Lady’s message to the Archbishop regarding the medal.

Tell His Grace, my beloved son, that it is through the medal that he will receive the sign for which he asks. I ask him to have the medal struck and distributed everywhere and he will receive not only the one sign for which he has asked but so many, so many that he will have cause to be greatly astonished. My child, God works often through little and humble things and such instruments should never be despised but accepted and used with love and gratitude. It will be through the medal that God’s Will will be manifested and glorified and my desires carried out to the very end. I place my confidence in my faithfu1 sons, the bishops, who will not fail to take up my cause and make it bear much fruit for sanctification among so many and countless souls. Send this word then to my beloved son, the Archbishop, and have no fear sweet child for I will keep my promise, for I am the ever-faithful Virgin.

As Sister Mary Ephrem hesitated because of certain doubts and fears concerning the reception of this message, Our Lady appeared in the early morning hours of April 6, 1960, to gently reproach her for her lack of confidence. Our Lady told her not to delay in sending the bishop the words she had written. Our Lady said, “*My children must know my desires. If my desires are not fulfilled much suffering will come to this Land.*”

May 1, 1961: Bishop Leibold puts his imprimatur on Sister Mary Ephrem’s sketch of the medal.

(Editor’s Note: In response to “May Day” celebrations for workers by the Communists, Pope Pius XII had instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, 1955. Surely it was his expression of gratitude for St. Joseph’s protection during World War II! See page 30 of the Diary. Bishop Leibold chose this day to approve the medal, our shield against evil.)



TO BE CONTINUED



PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Sun Jan 28	RCIA class at the church center 6:00 -7:30 pm
Tues Jan 30	Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
Wed Jan 31	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
Sun Feb 4	St. Helena Altar Society Meeting following 8:30 mass
Wed Feb 14	ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Help Needed If you are able to help volunteer with our Wed. evening Simple Suppers please contact Colleen D.

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ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING SUNDAY FEB 4 FOLLOWING 8:30 MASS ALL WOMEN OF ST. HELENA WELCOME TO ATTEND IN PARISH CENTER

Faith must be nourished with the Word of God

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word with trust and submission, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform your mind, heart, attitude, and intentions according to his word of truth, goodness, and love?

*Lord Jesus,
your word is power and life.
May I never doubt your love and mercy,
and the power of your word that sets us free,
and brings healing and restoration to
body, mind, heart, and spirit.*

Daily Quote from the Early Church Fathers:

Knowing without loving, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.
"Those words show clearly that the demons had much knowledge, but entirely lacked love. They dreaded receiving their punishment from him. They did not love the righteousness that was in him. He made himself known to them to the extent he willed; and he willed to be made known to the extent that was fitting. But he was not made known to them as he is known to the holy angels, who enjoy participation in his eternity, in that he is the Word of God. To the demons he is known as he had to be made known, by striking terror into them, for his purpose was to free from their tyrannical power all who were predestined for his kingdom and glory, which is eternally true and truly eternal. Therefore, he did not make himself known to the demons as the life eternal, and the unchangeable light which illuminates his true worshipers, whose hearts are purified by faith in him so that they see that light. He was known to the demons through certain temporal effects of his power, the signs of his hidden presence, which could be more evident to their senses, even those of malignant spirits, than to the weak perception of human beings. (excerpt from *CITY OF GOD* 9.21) www.dailyscripture.net

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