

**Sunday, July 27, 2025 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**St. Helena Ministries**

<b>Sun Aug 3</b>	<b>5:00 Vigil</b>	<b>8:30am</b>
Usher	Volunteer	Vincent Carruth
Collection		Rick & Mary Ulmer
EMHC		Mary Johnson
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Paul & Lori Wald
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Annah

**Breakfast Servers**

**First one on the list contact the others**

August 3	Thersia C, Wendy G, Keely F, Tracy O
August 17	Sara K, Shannon G, Sue B

**Weekly Giving**

**July 20**

Adult	3961
Children	11
Plate	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>4076.</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**St. Patrick Ministries**

<b>Sun Aug 3</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Elliot & Liam G
Altar Servers	Porter, Katie

**For the Month of August**

Collection Counters	Alan & Denny
Church Cleaners	Amy A & Kyle Glynn Family
Altar Society Mtg.	None This Month

**St. Helena's Capital Campaign**

Collected	Goal
\$21,220.00	\$200,000

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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

<b>Mon. July 28</b>	<b>Private Mass</b>	Fr. Parks taking time off
<b>Tues. July 29</b>	7:00 pm (St H)	Fr. Parks taking time off
<b>Wed. July 30</b>	<b>5:00 pm (St H)</b>	<b>Adoration/Confession 4pm</b> + Eugene Volk
<b>Thur. July 31</b>	<b>8:00 am (St H)</b>	<b>Adoration/Confession 7am</b> +Dave Eberle
	9:00 am (St P)	+Philann Lux
<b>Fri. Aug 1</b>	<b>A/C 7am</b>	<b>First Friday Purgatorial Society</b> 8:00am (St H) +Purgatorial Society Members
	5:15 pm (St. P)	<b>Adoration/Confession 4:00—5:00pm</b> +Purgatorial Society Members
<b>Sat. Aug 2</b>	<b>8:00am (St. H)</b>	<b>First Saturday</b> +Robert Olson
	5:00pm (St H)	+Charlotte Porter
<b>Sun. Aug 3</b>	8:30am (St. H)	+Charlotte Boespflug
	10:30am (St P)	All Parishioners

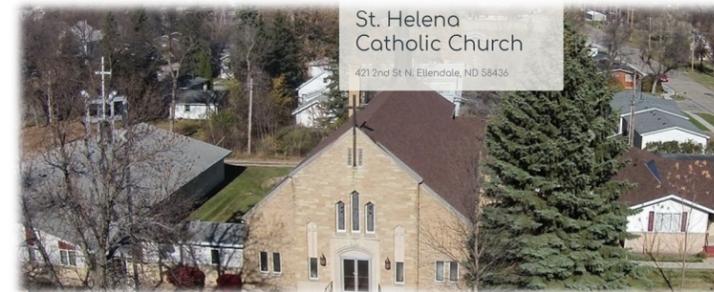
In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**Please Pray** ...for all who are sick, elderly or alone  
Carla Engelstad, Betty Hahne, Paul Brandenburger, Brandy Maxon, Geri Glynn, Nancy Fischer, Rosemary Krein, Tina Flarerty, Jerry LaFave, Don Glynn, Jim Glynn, Marlon Steinwand, Angie Viray and Haven Viray in NICU, Doug Davis. If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.  
.... For those who are serving our country overseas  
Payton Merkel



**God's Gift Appeal 2025 Journey of Hope**

7-17-25	Collected	Goal
<b>St. Helena</b>	\$9754.	\$19,369.93
<b>St. Patrick</b>	\$8100.	\$6,636.00
Living Our Faith Building Our Future		
<b>St. Helena</b>	\$39,740.00	\$90,554.00
<b>St. Patrick</b>	\$15,500.00	\$30,299.00



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St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
North, 207 Monroe St, Fullerton, ND 58441

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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 6:00-6:50pm  
Wed-Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass  
Or by appointment, call parish office

**Fr. Patrick Parks**  
Cell Phone: 701 261 4816  
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**Adoration**  
Wednesday  
5pm-8pm &  
1 hour before  
daily mass  
at St. Helena.  
1 hour before  
mass on 1st  
Friday at St.  
Patrick.

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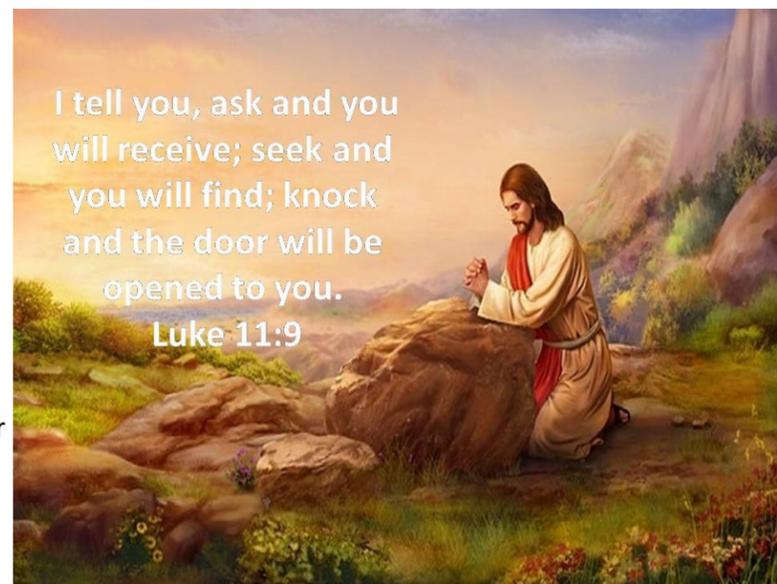
**St Patrick Mass Schedule**  
Sunday 10:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)  
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)  
Thursday 9:00am

**Confession Schedule**  
Sundays after 10:30 am Mass  
First Friday during adoration.  
By appointment - call parish office  
Website: sthelenascatholicparish.org

**Sunday, July 27, 2025**  
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**Give Us Each Day Our Daily Bread**

**Meditation:** Do you pray with joy and confidence? The Jews were noted for their devotion to prayer. Formal prayer was prescribed for three set times a day. And the rabbis had a prayer for every occasion. It was also a custom for rabbis to teach their disciples a simple prayer they might use on a regular basis. Jesus' disciples ask him for such a prayer. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the *Our Father* or *Lord's Prayer*.



**God treats us as his own sons and daughters**  
What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only begotten Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father (Matthew 11:27). All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him (Ephesians 3:14-15). In the Lord Jesus Christ we are spiritually reborn and made new, and we become the adopted children of God (John 1:12-13; 3:3).

**From Fr. Parks**

***We can approach God confidently as a Father who loves us***

Jesus teaches us to address God as "our Father" and to confidently ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his atoning death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace (his favor and blessing) and mercy (pardon and healing). He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same.

***We can pray with expectant faith and trust in the Father's goodness***

We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father truly loves each one of us and he treats us as his beloved sons and daughters. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transforms us and makes us like himself. Through his grace and power we can love and serve one another as Jesus taught - with mercy, pardon, and loving-kindness.

Do you treat others as they deserve, or do you treat them as the Lord Jesus would with grace and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes a petition that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us (Matthew 6:14-15). God's grace frees us from every form of anger, resentment, envy, and hatred. Are you ready to forgive others as the Lord Jesus forgives you?

***Parable of the late night guest***

What can we expect from God, especially when we recognize that he doesn't owe us anything and that we don't deserve his grace and favor? Jesus used an illustration from the hospitality customs of his time to show how God is always ready to treat us with the best he has to offer. The rule of hospitality in biblical times required that every guest, whether stranger or friend, be warmly welcomed, refreshed (which often involved the washing of feet), and fed with the best food and drink available. It didn't matter what time of the day or night the guests might show up, it was your duty to stop what you were doing so you could give the guests the best care and shelter you could provide. If there wasn't adequate sleeping accommodation for both your guests and your family, the family slept outside under the stars.

When guests showed up in a village, the whole community could be prevailed upon to provide whatever was needed.

Jesus' parable of the importunate and bothersome neighbor shows a worst case scenario of what might happen when an unexpected guest shows up in the middle of the night! The family awakens, unbolts the locked door to receive the guest, then washes the guest's feet, and the wife begins to prepare a meal. When the wife discovers that she has no bread to set before the guest, she prevails on her husband to go and get bread from a nearby family, who by now is also asleep with their door bolted shut. In a small village it would be easy for the wife to know who had baked bread that day. Bread was essential for a meal because it served as a utensil for dipping and eating from the common dishes. Asking for bread from one's neighbor was both a common occurrence and an expected favor. To refuse to give bread would bring shame because it was a sign of inhospitality.

***God's generosity towards us***

If a neighbor can be imposed upon and coerced into giving bread in the middle of the night, will not God, our heavenly Father and provider, also treat us with kind and generous care no matter how troubling or inconvenient the circumstances might appear? Jesus states emphatically, *How much more will the heavenly Father give!* St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) reminds us that "God, who does not sleep and who awakens us from sleep that we may ask, gives much more graciously." The Lord Jesus assures us that we can bring our needs to our heavenly Father who is always ready to give not only what we need, but more than we can ask. God gives the best he has. He freely pours out the blessing of his Holy Spirit upon us so that we may be filled with the abundance of his provision. Do you approach your heavenly Father with confidence in his mercy and kindness towards you?

***Father in heaven, you have given me a mind to know you, a will to serve you, and a heart to love you. Give me today the grace and strength to embrace your holy will and fill my heart with your love that all my intentions and actions may be pleasing to you. Help me to be kind and forgiving towards my neighbor as you have been towards me.***

**PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Adoration & Confession before Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace after mass.**

**Wednesday Adoration 5:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Wed, Thurs, Fri Adoration & Confessions starting at 7:00 AM, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary after mass.**

**Baby Basket for Haven Viray**

Please find in the church entry a baby tote for Haven. As per tradition the parish presents this gift to the first baby born into a family when parishioners of St. Helena. While Haven is still in the NICU, she is getting stronger daily. Some items you may want to consider are diapers and wipes, books, toys, baby girls clothes... Please continue to keep Haven and her family in your prayers.

**St. Helena's Altar Society** will meet Sunday, Aug. 3 after 8:30 mass. All women of St. Helena's are invited to attend!

**Volunteers are needed** for the Ellendale Community Food Pantry. St. Helena's is responsible for the month of August. We need 4-5 volunteers on Saturdays, August 9 and August 23, 10:00am—Noon. Your help is greatly appreciated! Contact Michelle Thorpe if you can help—701 269 3662

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 25-27 2025 Steubenville St. Paul St. Paul, MN.** Diocese of Fargo is organizing a trip.
- Aug 4 - Putt 4 a purpose** for more info fargodiocese.net/puttpurpose
- Aug 8-10** Rachel Vineyard Retreat: Hope and Healing
- Aug 16** Celebrating Maryvale Faith & Fun day 10am-5pm
- Aug 17** 69th Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Prairies
- Aug 17** International Peace Garden Mass Noon
- Aug 22-24** Praying with the Shroud Maryvale Retreat Center
- Aug 24** St. James Basilica Community Corn Feed Stutsman Co Fairgrounds
- Aug 24-25** Jubilee Prairie Pilgrimage Fargo Diocese
- Sept 5-7, 2025** Young Men's retreat with Bishop Folda, Maryvale Retreat Center
- Nov 20-22** Undone Women's Retreat Sts. Anne and Jochim, Fargo, ND

**APPROPRIATE MASS ATTIRE:**

What dress would you wear when you are to meet an important person? You would wear something elegant, presentable and appropriate for the occasion. The Holy Mass is a divine moment and it is important to be well-groomed and dressed appropriately with clean clothes. Modesty as well is a must. One cannot wear the same clothes for the Mass and for sports or for the beach. Help others to live the Mass well by living the virtue of modesty, avoiding to attract people with one's inappropriate attire. It is a holy celebration—the commemoration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection—and your body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit, so cover it as it is only meant for your loved one.



**Pilgrim Commemorative Coins**

At each site you may be able to collect a special commemorative coin. The idea of collecting tokens is not new. In the Middle Ages, pilgrims set out on their destination on foot and had papers documenting them as pilgrims. When they reached their destination, such as the Holy Land, Canterbury, England or Santiago, Spain they picked up a pilgrim badge. For example, in Santiago one could get a shell and in Canterbury, at the site of St. Thomas Becket's martyrdom, the pilgrim got a badge with an image of St. Thomas along with four knights around him. In this Jubilee year, you can pick up a commemorative coin at each site. Each Jubilee Site in the Diocese of Fargo designed their own coin with images and text that are unique to them. If you make a pilgrimage to all the sites, you can obtain a final coin from the Diocese of Fargo (shown below). At each location, there is a Jubilee poster with a QR code to register your visit. Again, you must register at each location you visit to receive the Diocese of Fargo coin. Be sure to pick up the brochure at the site, which gives a brief description of each coin.



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