

**Sunday, November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent**

**St. Helena Ministries**

<b>Sun Dec 7</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**

November 30	Knights of Columbus
December 7	Angie Sand, Deanne Monette, Nicole Reis

**Weekly Giving**

**Nov 23**

Adult	780.00
Children	21.00
Plate	141.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>942.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

**St. Patrick Ministries**

**Sun Dec 7 10:30am**

Lector	Chuck
Gift Carriers	Raegan & Gabby
Altar Servers	Porter, Katie

**For the Month of December**

Collection Counters	Alana & Ruby
Church Cleaners	Megan, Alana & Cyndal
Altar Society Mtg.	Following Mass on Dec 14

**St. Helena's Capital Campaign**

Collected	Goal
\$32,970.00	\$200,000

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

**Weekly Mass Intentions**

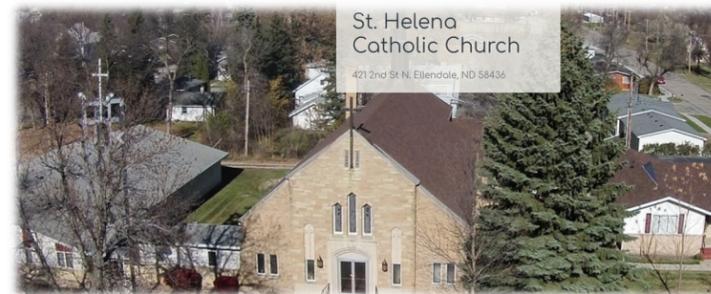
<b>Mon. Dec 1</b>	
<b>Private Mass</b>	+Ann Parks and Family
<b>Tues. Dec 2</b>	<b>Adoration/Confession 6pm</b>
7:00 pm (St H)	+Philann Lux
<b>Wed. Dec 3</b>	<b>Adoration/Confession 7am</b>
8:00 am (St H)	+ Makshud Kahn & Family
<b>Thur. Dec 4</b>	<b>Adoration/Confession 7am</b>
8:00 am (St H)	+Scot Merkel
9:00 am (St P)	+Sylvester and Marie Radermacher
<b>Fri. Dec 5</b>	<b>A/C 7am 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. Dec 6</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
8:00am (St. H)	+Ken Bright
5:00pm (St H)	+Kenny Miller
<b>Sun. Dec 7</b>	
8:30am (St. H)	+Anna Than Thi Thay
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 & Priscilla Brandenburger, Geri Glynn, Nancy Fischer, Tina Flarerty, Jerry LaFave, Jim Glynn, Doug Davis, Virginia Hagen, Fr. Jeff Eppler, Robert Monette, Mike Demers. If you or someone you know would like to be added to, or removed from this list please call the parish office.



<b>God's Gift Appeal 2025 Journey of Hope</b>		
11-21-25	Collected	Goal
<b>St. Helena</b>	\$10314.	\$19,369.93
<b>St. Patrick</b>	\$8100.	\$6,636.00
<b>Living Our Faith Building Our Future</b>		
<b>St. Helena</b>	\$41,240.00	\$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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**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 6:00-6:50pm**  
**Wed-Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass**  
Or by appointment, call parish office

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

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**207 Monroe St N.**  
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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.**

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

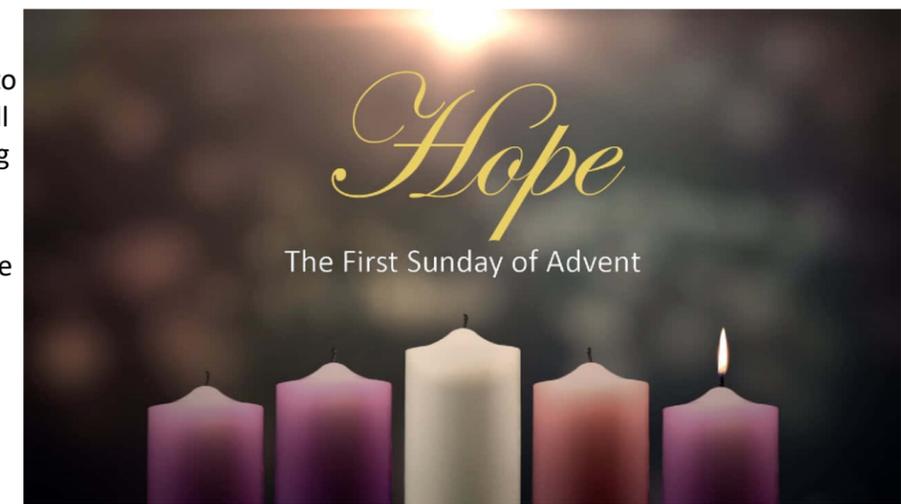
**Confession Schedule**  
**Sundays after 10:30 am Mass**  
First Friday during adoration.  
By appointment - call parish office  
**Website: sthelenascatholicparish.org**

***Sunday, Nov 30, 2025***  
***First Sunday of Advent***

**Watch and Be Ready - the Day of the Lord's Coming Draws Near**

**Advent people - watching with expectant faith and yearning for Christ's coming**  
The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Day when the Lord would judge between the nations and establish peace over the earth. In that day the righteous - all peoples who believed in him and who listened to his teaching and instruction - would come to his holy mountain and house to worship him and dwell with him in everlasting peace (Isaiah 2:3-5). The Advent season reminds us that we are living in the time between the first coming and second coming of the Lord Jesus.

The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. Do you listen for his voice and welcome him into your life? Let his word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you draw you to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed. The Lord will come and bring you to his banquet table to feast with him.





Dear friends,

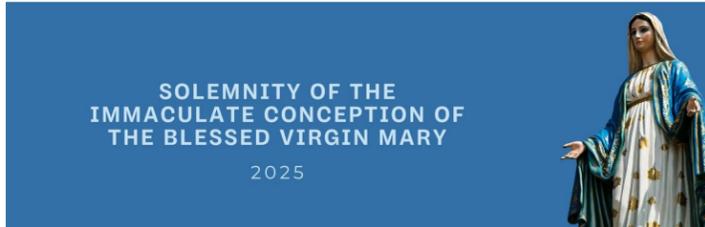
Happy Thanksgiving! All around our nation, people will pause in order to give thanks for the many blessings we have received. Our first “thank you” should be directed to God, who is the source of all good gifts. As St. Paul says, “What do you have that you have not received?” Of course, we thank God for our family and friends, for good health, for our homes, for food on the table, and clothing to keep us warm. But we should also remember to thank him for the gift of his Son, our Savior, for the gift of faith, for the Church, for the sacraments, and for all our spiritual blessings.

These are all gifts freely given by God for our salvation, so let’s be sure to thank him. As you may know, the word “Eucharist” literally means “thanksgiving,” so every time we celebrate the Eucharist at Mass, we are giving thanks to God for his saving grace. In fact, it’s a wonderful custom to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day as a way to thank God for his love and for the abundant blessings we have received. Many of us experience hardship too, so we should be mindful of those who are struggling in any way, perhaps because of sickness, poverty, or simple loneliness.

With gratitude in our hearts for the gifts we have received, let us reach out to those who could use some comfort and help, or just some companionship. The best way to give thanks is to give from what we have received. God bless you, and all your loved ones!

God bless you,

- Bishop John T. Folda, Bishop of Fargo



**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Monday, December 8th, 2025 is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

This means all Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on that day.

Attending any Mass from 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 7, through midnight on Monday, December 8, fulfills the obligation for the Immaculate Conception.

**Please note that you cannot fulfill two obligations with a single Mass, so if you attend a Mass late on Sunday to fulfill your Sunday Obligation, you must attend a second Mass to fulfill your obligation for the Holy Day.**

**Recent Sent Episodes**

**Adoption Awareness with Phill and Laurie Kraemer**

Join us as we talk with Phill and Laurie Kraemer all about adoption. Phill and Laurie are the parents of Fr. Matthew Kraemer and Fr. Timothy Kraemer. Along with several other biological children, they have also welcomed two beautiful girls to their family through the gift of adoption. This episode is well worth the listen for anyone who is curious what adoption looks like.

**Pro-Life Victory!**

The North Dakota Supreme Court issued a ruling on November 21st that upholds the state's current law protecting unborn children from abortion, with limited exceptions to save the mother's life or end a pregnancy within the first six weeks gestation resulting from rape or incest. Here is a link to a AP story on the decision: [Abortion is illegal again in North Dakota after court reverses a judge's earlier decision.](#)

The Court’s ruling overturns the Bismarck trial court’s radical decision on appeal that would effectively have allowed for abortion on demand in North Dakota before viability and perhaps throughout pregnancy. It also rejected the pro-abortion plaintiffs' argument that abortion should be allowed for mental health reasons. If this radical decision had been upheld, a single judge would have put North Dakota into a place it has never been before and thrown out 50 years of common-sense pro-life legislation consistently supported by North Dakotans.

The North Dakota Catholic Conference applauds the North Dakota Supreme Court's decision. While this is a major victory, we are nevertheless disappointed that only two of the five justices ruled to uphold the current law as constitutional. Under North Dakota law, the Court needs a "supermajority" (four out of five justices) to declare unconstitutional a law passed by the legislature.

All this means that we must continue our efforts to work to pass pro-life laws and build a culture of life that supports both mothers and their children, born and unborn. But for now, we praise and thank God for this pro-life victory!

**PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Tuesday** Adoration & Confession before Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace after mass.
- Wednesday** Adoration 5:00 - 8:00pm CCD 6:30—7:30
- Wednesday** Adoration & Confessions starting at 7:00 AM, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary after mass.

**Need a Christmas Gift for a family member/friend?**

Consider one of these Retreats!

More information on some of these is found on the Fargo Diocese website: [www.fargodiocese.org](http://www.fargodiocese.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec 5** [The Pillars of Maryvale Winter Gala](#) Maryvale
- Dec 6** [Avent Welcome Gathering](#) Fellows Coffee, 10:00 Ellendale RSVP by Nov 30 See Below for more info.
- January 9-11** [SEARCH for Christian Maturity](#)
- Jan 10** [Women In the New Evangelization](#) Aberdeen
- January 16-18** [Healing Retreat with Fr. Samuel Medley SOLT](#) Valley City, ND
- January 23-25** [Made for Greatness Winter Men’s Retreat](#) Maryvale
- Feb 13-15** [Vianney Discernment Weekend](#) Maryvale
- Feb. 27-Mar. 1** [SEARCH for Christian Maturity](#)
- February 27- March 1** [Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce and Separation](#) Hankinson Retreat Center
- March 13-15** [Retrouvaille: Help for Hurting Marriages](#) Fargo, ND
- March 20-22** [Worldwide Marriage Encounter](#) Valley City
- March 19-21, 2026** - [Redeemed: Restoring Your Masculine Identity in Christ](#) Moorehead, MN
- April 10-12** [SEARCH for Christian Maturity](#)
- July 23-26** [Steubenville Youth Conference](#)
- Oct 5-17, 2026** [Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul](#) [fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages-Greece](http://fargodiocese.org/pilgrimages-Greece) with Bishop Folda

**Attention all Women of St. Helena’s**  
 “Advent Welcome Gathering” Sat, Dec. 6, 10:00 AM  
 At Fellows Coffee 216 Main St. Ellendale  
 Sponsored by St. Helena’s Altar Society  
 RSVP by Nov 30 to Cindy 605 380 2766 or [cflakoll@gmail.com](mailto:cflakoll@gmail.com)  
 Welcome to our new parishioners!  
 Enjoy visiting with current and honorary members.

**Ladies of St Helena Please pick up your 2026 Activity List in the church entry**

**Christmas Poinsettias**  
 Sign up sheet is in the church entry for Poinsettias \$30.00 per plant Red or White December 7 deadline. Consider donating in memory or honor of a loved one(s) and help make our church beautiful for the Christmas Season. Checks payable to: St. Helena’s Altar Society

**WINE: Catholic Women’s Retreat Sacred Heart, Aberdeen Saturday, January 10, 2026**

Ladies, you are invited to the WINE: Catholic Women’s Retreat, “Wisdom from Women in Scripture,” at Sacred Heart in Aberdeen, on Saturday, January 10, 2026. Through the eyes of women in the Scripture, you will be guided on a creative and inspirational journey deeper into your relationship with Jesus. The day will begin with Mass, followed by inspirational talks, an opportunity for confession, adoration, praise and worship, and even some shopping. Sharing food, fellowship, faith, and fun with your sisters in Christ is a perfect way to prepare your heart. An optional fantastic evening, "Gathering in the Vineyard," on Friday, January 9, will bring together women passionate about living out the New Evangelization for a fantastic meal and fellowship. Space is limited. Invite a friend or three and register today at [CatholicVineyard.com](http://CatholicVineyard.com). Special pricing for religious, consecrated women, and students. For more information, visit [WINEconference.org](http://WINEconference.org).

**Made For Greatness Winter Men’s Retreat**  
 ...This Made for Greatness Winter Men's Retreat will provide an honest analysis of the challenges to greatness that men face at each of the stages of life. We will also identify foundations upon which we can build a flexibility that allows us to adapt and thrive no matter what stage of life we are in. Location: Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND Dates: January 23-25, 2026 (Fri. dinner to Sun after lunch)

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