

Sunday, December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

St. Helena Ministries

Sun Dec 21	5:00 Vigil	8:30am
Usher	Volunteer	Richard Reis
Collection		Richard R/ Jeff U
EMHC		Nicole/ Richard R
Lector	Volunteer	Richard R
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Reis Family
Altar Servers	Volunteer	Samuel

Breakfast Servers

First one on the list contact the others

December 21	Colleen D, Kerry W, Linda G
January 4	No Breakfast

Weekly Giving

	Dec 7
Adult	1415.
Children	2.
Plate	95.
Total	\$1512.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Patrick Ministries

Sun Dec 21	10:30am
Lector	Alivia
Gift Carriers	Alan & Ruby
Altar Servers	Vivian, Faith

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

Mon. Dec 15	
Private Mass	+Ann Parks and Family
Tues. Dec 16	Adoration/Confession 6pm
7:00 pm (St H)	Lowell Linder
Wed. Dec 17	Adoration/Confession 7am
8:00 am (St H)	+Sylvester and Marie Radermacher
Thur. Dec 18	Adoration/Confession 7am
8:00 am (St H)	+Marv and Joan Grueneich
9:00 am (St P)	+Don and Jeanne Glynn
Fri. Dec 19	Adoration/Confession 7am
8:00am (St H)	+Robert Hanson
Sat. Dec 20	
5:00pm (St H)	+Ken Bright
Sun. Dec 21	
8:30am (St H)	+Brad Stromme
4:00pm (St P)	All Parishioners

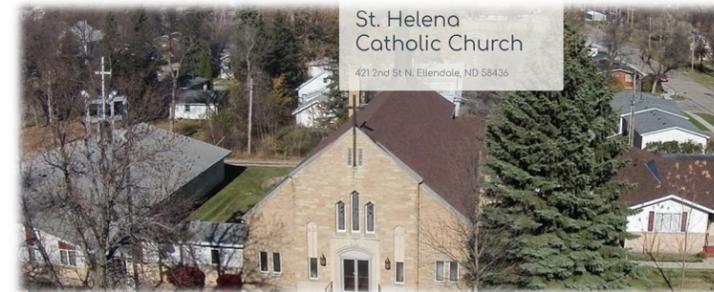
Lord Jesus, strengthen my trust in your word and my hope in the saving power of your kingdom. Free me from everything that would hold me back from pursuing your kingdom and your will for my life.

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.



God's Gift Appeal 2025 Journey of Hope		
12-5-25	Collected	Goal
St. Helena	\$10364.	\$19,369.93
St. Patrick	\$8150.	\$6,636.00
Living Our Faith Building Our Future		
St. Helena	\$41,240.00	\$90,554.00
St. Patrick	\$15,500.00	\$30,299.00



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

St. Helena Catholic Church
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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

Jesus the Messiah performs the signs of God's kingdom power

Jesus confirmed for John that the miracles and healings which he performed were in direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies announced by Isaiah some 700 years previously. Isaiah had prophesied that when the Messiah would come to save his people he would "open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, the lame would leap, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy" (Isaiah 35:5). Jesus' miracles are a demonstration of the power of God's kingdom at work in the midst of his people. When God acts to save his people he turns their sorrow and weeping into joy and singing, and their fear and weakness into strength and hope.



They Shall Obtain Joy and Gladness

Jesus offers us abundant life and joy to be his witnesses

Jesus knew that what the Father in heaven had sent him to accomplish for our sake would supersede all that the prophets had done and foreseen in the past. Jesus' atoning death on the cross cancels the debt of our sins and sets us free to live as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us pardon, healing, and abundant life through his Holy Spirit, and the promise of unending joy with him in his everlasting kingdom.

John the Baptist paid the ultimate sacrifice of his life for speaking God's word and preparing the way for Jesus the Lord and Savior of the world. The Lord Jesus offers us the same assurance of faith and the strength to stand against every force that would try to rob us of our conviction and courage to live and proclaim the *good news* (the *Gospel*) of God's kingdom. Do you know the joy, strength, and power which Jesus gives to every one who puts their trust in him and the power of the Holy Spirit? Ask the Lord Jesus to increase your faith and hope in his promises for you.

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Fr. Patrick Parks
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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 Catholic Church
207 Monroe St N.
Fullerton, ND 58441
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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

Second Week of Advent, Cycle A, is based on Isaiah 11:1-10. **“Not by appearance shall he judge.” Isaiah 11:3**

Preparation

As we begin this time of quiet prayer, I invite you to find a comfortable place to sit with your back straight and your legs planted on the ground. Allow yourself to notice your breathing as you breathe normally. Breathe in. Breathe out.

Take a few moments and close your eyes, preparing yourself to listen to what God may be saying to you during this prayer. As you sit with your eyes closed, use these or similar words: “Here I am, Lord. Here I am.” When you are ready, open your eyes and pray.

What is impossible is possible.

Imagine you are walking along a path in a park. It is a beautiful day. The sun is shining in a clear, blue sky. The air is crisp and cool. It is fragrant with the smell of evergreens that are in clusters along the path. You stop to look and listen to what is around you. You hear the sound of the wind as it whispers through the trees. You notice a squirrel as it runs left then right then left, looking for something to take to his nest. You smile. All is good. All is full of life. You feel a part of all that is.

You make your way home and make a cup of tea. Sitting by the fire you think over your morning walk and you pray: *My God, thank you for all that surrounds me. I know your presence embraces me, helping me to know you are here. Thank you.* You sit in the quiet and begin to doze off. Resting your head on a pillow you fall asleep and dream. In your dream, you are lying under a large tree. Its trunk is enormous and leads up to branches that spread out over a great distance. You look up and begin to see the faces of those you love sitting on the branches of the tree. Who do you see in the tree? Do they see you? What are they doing? Why are they here? You hear some movement near you. You raise your head and see coming towards you a small child. He is smiling, perhaps laughing. He comes up to you with open arms and wraps them around your neck. “Let’s play,” he says. “I will run and you try to catch me.” His joy makes you laugh. You wonder where this child has come from. Why is he here? You ask him, “But what about all these people in the tree? I don’t want to leave them.” He looks at you with such joy. “It’s OK. They’ll be happy because you’re happy.” As you stand up, he runs off giggling and laughing. You pretend not to be able to catch him. He suddenly stops and jumps into your arms. He kisses your neck and says, “Look. Everyone is laughing so hard the tree is shaking.” You look into his eyes and are

overwhelmed with such peace and love that your eyes are brimming with tears. You think, *Why am I feeling this way about this little child?* He jumps down from your arms and walks towards the tree. You follow him and sit with him under the tree still shaking with laughter. “I love you,” he says. “I’ve always loved you. You are a part of who I am.” He then begins to climb the tree. As he climbs, he greets each person with joy and laughter. He climbs all the way to the top of the tree and stands on the furthest branch. You see standing beside him a wolf and a lamb. Who is this small child? What do you want to say to him as he stands on the top of the tree?

As you look up to him, his words come back to you: *You are a part of who I am.* What does this mean to you? What does it mean to all those you love who are there with you? Who are the children in your life that have shown you the face of God? How has God helped to make what you thought impossible, possible? (Is. 11:6)

Concluding Prayer

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Third Week of Advent, Cycle A, is based on Matthew 11:2-11. “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at?” —Matthew 11:7

Preparation as in week 2

Where is my wilderness?

Imagine you are walking down a busy street in a large city. There are people everywhere. It’s hard to move ahead because you are surrounded. The sounds of cars and buses and horns fill the air. Surprisingly, in the midst of the crowd and the noise you are calm. *There is so much life around me*, you think. How does this make you feel? As you walk further, you notice someone all bundled up sitting on the sidewalk. He is wrapped in a furry blanket on top of multiple layers of clothing. As you look closer, he is holding a sign that reads, “Are you ready to enter the wilderness?” You think, *how strange.* What do you think this means? You are curious, so you decide to walk over to him. He looks up at you. His eyes look directly into yours. He smiles. What do you want to say to him? He says to you, “Are you ready? The time is coming and is now. Are you ready?”

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From Fr. Parks

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Consider making this part of your Advent

- 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.

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

St. Patrick’s Altar Society will meet TODAY, Sunday Dec. 14, after 8:30 mass to discuss the Christmas program and pot luck.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

- Wednesday, Dec. 24 5:00 pm St. Patrick’s
- Wednesday, Dec. 24 7:00 pm St. Helena’s
- Thursday, Dec. 25 10:00 am St. Helena’s

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“Ready for what?” you answer. He smiles and laughs a little. “Are you ready to enter your wilderness, ready to go into the wild to find what is most real?” His laugh makes you smile. You wonder, *where is my wilderness?* The man looks up at you with a look that is full of love and acceptance. “I can only bring the message. It’s up to you to accept it. There is one coming who is fully alive, and he offers that to you. He has been to his wilderness, and he knows pain and suffering.” Where is your wilderness? What in your life do you need to accept? What pains are you holding onto? He looks up at you and sees how you may be struggling to understand. He smiles and says, “He is coming to take all that you want to hide in darkness and bring it into the light of love and acceptance. Will you let him?” He smiles. You think you see such love in his eyes but you aren’t sure. As you walk away, you think about what he said about acceptance and love, about pain and suffering. But your mind goes back to one phrase he said. *Will you let him?* Will you let him? Will you? Where is your wilderness?

Concluding Prayer as in week 2.

www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/

There is still time to visit the Diocese Jubilee Sites, gain indulgences and get your Pilgrim Commemorative Coins. Consider making this part of your Advent events. Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter Basilica, Rome, on Christmas Eve, and launched the Jubilee of the Year 2025! It will conclude in Rome on Jan. 6, 2026.

The Diocese Jubilee Year ends on Dec. 28, 2025, faithful Catholics may receive the Jubilee Year indulgence by visiting one of the Jubilee Sites in the Diocese of Fargo.

These pilgrimage sites include:

- St. Mary’s Cathedral/Our Lady of Guadalupe Adoration Chapel, Fargo
- Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City
- St. Therese the Little Flower Church, Rugby
- The Basilica of St. James, Jamestown
- Carmel of Mary, Wahpeton
- St. Michael’s Church, Grand Forks

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.

Jubilee Year coins will be available to pilgrims who visit the Diocese of Fargo Jubilee sites. fargodiocese.net/jubilee-coin

1. Scan the QR code on the poster at the Jubilee site.
2. Submit your name on the form and click “Submit”

Indulgences can be obtained: **1.)** Make a pilgrimage to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Site in the Diocese ... **2.)** Visit any Jubilee site ... **3.)** Visit someone ...

For details for indulgences:

www.fargodiocese.org/jubilee-indulgence



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