15th Sunday in Ordinary Time † July 12, 2020

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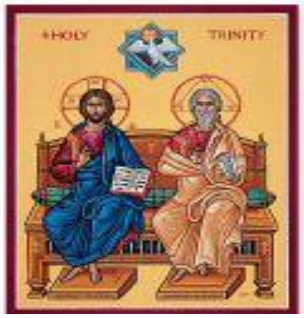

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(Established as a Mission 1870)
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Office Hours
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule for Saint Helen & Holy Trinity		
St. Helen	Saturday	12 Noon
St. Helen	Saturday	5:30 pm
Holy Trinity	Saturday	7:30 pm
St. Helen	Sunday	9:00 am
St. Helen	Sunday	5:30 pm
Holy Trinity	Sunday	11:30 am
Weekday Mass Schedule		
Holy Trinity		
St. Helen	Wednesday	6:30 pm
St. Helen	Thursday	8:30 am
St. Helen	Friday	8:30 am

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Face Masks Required for All Masses, regardless of the number attending. **This is also in effect for anyone entering our Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration.**

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

Gospel Reading for July 12 – 18 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun.	7/12	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23
Mon.	7/13	*Saint Henry* - Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21,23; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tues.	7/14	*Saint Kateri Tekakwitha* - Is 5:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wed.	7/15	*Saint Bonaventure* - Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15, Mt 11:25-27
Thur.	7/16	*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel* - Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14b, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Fri.	7/17	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; (Ps) Is 38:10-12, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Sat.	7/18	*Saint Camillus de Lellis* - Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Weekly Contributions		
Parish	Last Year	This Week
Saint Helen	$2,577.25	$4,543.00
Holy Trinity	$606.00	$457.00

Weekday Mass Intentions		
Day /Parish	Intention	Requested By:
Wed. - HT 12 N	*Sick of the Parish*	
Wed.– SH 6:30 pm	†Albert & †Mary Rule	Barb Snow
Thu.– SH 8:30 am	† Fred & †Marie Snow	Barb Snow
Fri.– SH 8:30 am	†Nick & †Teresa Mausen	Barb Snow

Birthday's for this Week *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." Jer. 1:5*	
July 13	Gerald Palanuk, Milt Moran
July 18	Owen Towry
July 19	Steve LaCoste
July 20	Micki LaCoste

July Wedding Anniversaries *"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two on them become one body." Gen. 2:24*	
July 10	Lynn & Nancy Ellis
June 14	Billy & Barbara Snow Bryan & Ali Gardner
July 17	Dale & Cathy Burnett
July 24	Mike & Sara Windom

Lectors for July – Saint Helen			
Sat. 12 Noon	Sat. 5:30 pm	Sun 9:00 am	Sun. 5:30 pm
July 11	July 11	July 12	July 12
Fran Sperle	Albert Rule	Milt Moran	Kevin Churchill
July 18	July 18	July 19	July 19
Nancy Ellis	Jody Seward	Debbie Paul	Ali Gardner
July 25	July 25	July 26	July 26
Janey Lidgren	Barb Snow	Milt Moran	Bryan Gardner
Lectors Duties: Both Readings and Responsorial, Prayer of the Faithful and Announcements			

Mark Your Calendars!
Parishioners & Families
Friday, July 17
Arrive 8:00
Movie begins around 9:00 pm

The movie will shown OUTSIDE on the Rectory lawn. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. The Movie UP! is rated PG. Since we are meeting outside masks are optional, however, you will be asked to maintain social distancing.
Sponsored by St. Helen Knights of Columbus

August 18 – Feast of Saint Helen

In honor of our Patron the Knights of Columbus are inviting parishioners to gather at Lewis Creek Park on Tuesday, August 18 at 3:00 pm for an afternoon of swimming, boating and games. Bring your own picnic dinner and lawn chairs, towels, life vests, hand sanitizer & masks if you will be close to people not of your family and social distancing may be hard to keep. You will also need to take your trash home with you, as per regulations for Phase 2. Kyle Sullens will have his boat for those wishing to take a ride, or do some inner-tubing.

Remember way back at the beginning of Lent? Nancy handed out to children of our Religious Education Outreach boxes for their offerings of money, prayer or service for the Sunday Collections. At this time we have 2 faithful girls who are tithing to our parish each week. PARENTS! Please help your children remember to bring their envelopes when you come to Mass on the weekends.

The Point of Parables
By Bishop Robert Barron

The disciples ask Jesus why He speaks to the crowds in parables. Jesus is explaining the Kingdom of God in these provocative and puzzling stories and images that seem to be His preferred way of preaching. And He replies to His disciples, "The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.'" In other words, He tells parables because the crowds refuse to believe in Him and what He has to say.

Many parables are strange and initially off-putting and puzzling. Of course, that is the point of parable to bother us, throw us off base, confuse us a bit. How characteristic this was of Jesus' preaching! He rarely lays things out in doctrinal form: He prefers to tell these puzzling, funny stories. Why? Because in many cases stories reveal truth that arguments can't quite capture.