

## *Highway 60 Catholic Cluster* *December 16, 2018* *Third Sunday of Advent*

Together we share our talents and resources to foster unity among ourselves and one another as we strive to live a life of Christian service with Christ as our example and the Holy Spirit as our guide.

### *Weekend Mass Times*

Saturday: Ashton, 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: Sheldon, 8:30 a.m. (English) and  
12:30 p.m. (Español), Sibley, 10:30 a.m.

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Thirty minutes prior to mass and any reasonable time by appointment.

### *Baptism*

Please contact the parish office for more information about baptismal preparation and scheduling your baptismal ceremony.

### *Holy Matrimony*

Please contact the parish office six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

### *Adoration*

Sheldon: First Friday of the Month 9 a.m.  
Thru Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### *Saint Mary*

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Principal: Mr. Joe Mueting  
Lead Teacher: Mrs. Jessica Schmalen

## St. Patrick's School News

School News from December 17-21

Friday, December 21 Mass—5th Grade

Christmas Break December 24—January 2

### Congratulations to our newest KC Raffle winners:

12/1/18 Leah Murphy \$200  
12/3/18 Sandy Cox \$50  
12/4/18 Kathleen Osterman \$50  
12/5/18 Lila Hatting \$50  
12/6/18 April Konz \$50  
12/7/18 Doris Heiliger \$50  
12/8/18 Joyce Kellen \$200  
12/10/18 Doug & Janelle Fischer \$50

Remember to use our scrip program for your gift cards. St. Pat's Scrip has many national retailers on hand and can order those that we do not have. Order early to make sure you can get your cards. This program benefits the parish and school.

Don't miss the chance to make a charitable IRA gift this year! If you are 70 ½ or older and own an IRA, please consider making a charitable rollover gift before December 31. You can make a gift up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to our parish, (school), DAA, or a ministry. Your gift will:

- Not be included in your taxable income
- Satisfy your required income distribution for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemized deductions
- Not be subject to the 50% limitations on charitable gifts
- Help the work of the Church

For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer, or your parish office

As we approach the celebration of Christ's birth with family and friends, I ask you to remember your parish in a special way this holiday season. Your gift will go a long way toward helping us serve you and your family as well as those who depend on our parishes. Thank you for your generous support to your parishes. God Bless You All. Fr. Siby

### INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

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## Cluster Events

Ashton=St. Mary Sibley=St. Andrew  
Sheldon=St. Patrick School=St. Patrick School

### Saturday, December 15

- School—PAT making Tamales

### Sunday, December 16

- Sibley—10:00 a.m. CDofA Rosary
- Sibley—3:30—4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- EVERYONE—7 p.m. All items for the December 23 bulletin are due

### Monday, December 17

- Sibley—7 p.m. CDofA meeting

### Tuesday, December 18

- Sheldon—11 a.m. Rosary at Fieldcrest
- School—3:15 p.m. Art Club and MS Homework Help
- Sheldon—5:30 p.m. Los Posadas—Church Basement—Everyone is invited
- Sheldon—6:30 p.m. Spanish Bible Study—Presentation Room

### Wednesday, December 19

- School—2:15 p.m. Early Dismissal
- Sibley—6 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th Grade Religious Ed classes. 7 p.m. 6th through 8th Grade and Confirmation
- Sheldon—7 p.m. Religious Education
- Sheldon—7 p.m. Christmas Decorating in Church
- Sheldon—8 p.m. Choir Practice—Choir

### Thursday, December 20

- School—7 p.m. 7th and 8th Grade Winter Concert at Sheldon High School

### Friday, December 21

- Ashton—9 a.m. Friday Morning Prayer

### Sunday, December 23

- Sheldon—3:30—4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

The mission of Catholic Charities empowers and strengthens all individuals and families, through charity, advocacy and mental health services that are inspired by Christ's love and compassions. A second collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up on the weekend of Sunday December 23.



Our parish calendars are available in all our churches at the main entrance.



# St. Patrick



## ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Paulette Karolczak, Director of Religious Education  
(DRE)-712-324-0160/712-348-3132

**Religious Education Fundraiser** – Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Cookie and Soup Fundraiser! We had 43 of 103 students participate and raised approximately \$1,735.50 to put toward Religious Education supplies and scholarships for student registration and events. A special thanks to our top 3 sellers: Savanna Nilles, Reid Kreykes and Shakota Burmeister!

**Advent Family Night Event** – Thank you to all of the Religious Education families who attended our RE Family Night on Wednesday, December 5! It was fun to have a full cafeteria of parents joining their children to learn about Advent and Pope Francis and to wrap presents, make ornaments and sign Christmas cards to be handed out at the Sheldon Unity Meal next Monday, December 17. A special thanks to those who volunteered to help during the Family Night: Rita Klein, Mary Winchester, Amy & Cole Strouth, Megan Wagner, Carla & Kevin Miller & Amber Lippert and to Janet Seivert for being our craft creator 😊! *We still could use volunteers to help hand out the presents at the Unity Meal and volunteers to take RE class presents to the homebound in our parish. Please call Paulette to volunteer #712-348-3132.*

A BIG Thank you to all the Ladies of the St. Patrick's Guild for all your help making the Annual Soup & Pie Supper a great success!!! The event was a hit and it is a Community Favorite. Look what we can do when we work together! Thank you so much!!

Please watch the Bulletin for the date of our second Guild Meeting for this year. It is right around the corner. Once again we will try to coincide with the RE night so while our children are in RE we can discuss upcoming church events!! More to come!! Thanks again!!!

**FAITH SHARING GROUP** – Mark your calendars, put an alarm on your phone and write a sticky note for December 28 and January 11 & 25!! Drop in and join our Faith Sharing group every other Friday from 12-1 pm in the Presentation Room! We've had some good conversations after watching Fr. Mike Schmitz's short videos on topics that strengthen our faith. Call Mary Winchester if you have questions #712-348-5509

The Sheldon Area Unity Meal will be held Monday, December 17 at Living Water Community Church - Sheldon Campus at 6:00 p.m. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come for this special Christmas Meal. Thank you to Archer Reformed Church, St Pats Catholic Church, WIDA and many others for providing the meal and volunteers this month.

## CHURCH SUPPORT Week of December 9, 2018

Adults	\$ 5,307.00
Second Collection	384.61
Altar Flowers	105.00
Loose	92.00
Youth	2.00
IRA	250.00
Holy Day	273.00
Spanish	<u>739.62</u>
<b>Total Parish Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,153.23</b>

Thank you for meeting the weekly goal of \$6,850.00 needed to meet the Parish's expenses.

<b>Year To Date</b>	
<b>2018</b>	<b>\$300,819.12</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>280,830.25</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>286,917.64</b>

**ST.PAT'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR! COME AND JOIN US!**  
We'd love to have more singers take part in the choir for the upcoming Holy Days of Christmas. We will have a Choir and Carols program at 5:40 before the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass and then sing on Christmas Day at the 8:30 Mass. Having a part in these Holy liturgies is a beautiful way to welcome the Christ Child and use your musical gifts. We welcome you, your family, and guests! Contact Mary Donohue at 348-3002 or email at [mdonohuemusic@yahoo.com](mailto:mdonohuemusic@yahoo.com). Through music, we can draw closer into the mystery of the season, as we prayerfully rejoice in the birth of our Savior. Gloria! Gloria!

The Sheldon knights of Columbus will be having their January Stag meeting on January 6 at 5 pm in St. Pats basement  
**Also January 13th we will be serving eggs to order, hash browns and ham slice for our breakfast**



# St. Mary and St. Andrew



## Combined Stewardship December 9

Adult	\$5,154.50
Sibley Loose	\$ 101.00
Ashton Loose	\$ 125.00
Children	\$ 32.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,412.50</b>
Immaculate Conc.	\$ 93.00
Cemetery	\$ 51.00
Christmas Flower	\$ 40.00
Catholic Camp HD	\$ 100.00



## \*\*Friday Morning Prayer\*\*

You are invited to join the Friday Morning Prayer group anytime it works in your schedule. We pray for YOU, we pray for those who are ILL and those in the NURSING HOMES and CARE FACILITIES, and we pray for OUR COUNTRY. Come and spend one hour with us, prayer, food and fellowship at 9:00 am. When schools in the area are closed, so are we.

Please contact one of the St. Mary's liturgy committee if you would like to donate a poinsettia to church for Christmas we'd like to know ahead of time how many are coming in or if you'd like us to pick it up for you. Please call Barb T. Karen D V. Kris S. Or Karen J.

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000  
Received \$8,306.15

## DAA

Goal	\$19,937.00
Pledged	\$10,879.09
Received	\$ 9,429.09

**DAA REMINDER**—Did you forget your DAA contribution or misplace your envelope. You can still donate to DAA. Write your check to DAA. Place in an envelope and mark the envelope DAA. If you have any questions, please contact Christy.

You are cordially invited to enhance your holiday season by attending the Community Choir cantata, *Sing Christmas*, to be presented on Sunday, December 16, 2:00 PM at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School auditorium. The Christmas choral experience, performed by local musicians, will be directed by S-O vocal instructor, Ben Sides, and will serve as a fundraiser for the ministry of ATLAS of Osceola County.

## Christmas Candy Tray Raffle

The youth are raffling a 50 piece Christmas Candy Tray. 10 pieces each of Peanut Clusters, Square Turtles, Caramels, Chocolate Covered Cherries, Chocolate Covered Toffee. Tickets are \$2 a piece or 3 for \$5. You can purchase tickets after Mass until the drawing on Sunday December 16. You can also e-mail or call the office to purchase tickets.

**One other thing**—if we don't meet our goal, the church still has to pay out the money from the collection to meet our goal.



St Andrew Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, December 17 at 7:00 P.M. in the Faith Formation Center. Our guest speaker will be Barb Tremmel, presenting Circle of Love. Dian Nunes will have Good of the Order & closing prayer. Serving Committee will be Carole Hensch & Monica Wasmund.

And, anyone may attend our meetings anytime to determine if you would like to become a member. All are welcome!

For **ALL WOMEN** in the parish, please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 13 after mass for our "Christmas/Winter" party. More information will be available on this event later.

St. Andrew Church/St. Mary Church is having a 100 day Raffle to help with the Building Fund Drive.

## RAFFLE PROCEDURE

No more than 150 tickets will be sold. Each ticket costs \$100.

- Make Checks Payable to: St. Andrew Building Fund Drive
- 100 drawings; 1 drawing for each weekday and Saturday beginning February 1, 2019.
- Each raffle entry is eligible for every one of the 100 drawings.
- Raffle prizes for each drawing are as shown on the calendar.
- Prizes delivered or mailed weekly.
- For drawing results, contact the seller of your ticket, or you may look on the website for St. Andrew/St. Mary at [hwy60catholiccluster.org](http://hwy60catholiccluster.org)
- Any proceeds over the tuckpointing of the church will be used for building up-keep at St. Andrew and St. Mary.
- St. Andrew Council has final decisions on raffle procedures.



# Liturgical Assignments

## Saturday, Dec. 22, 4:30 p.m.—Ashton

Lector	David Strouth
EME	Irv & Judy Block, Karen DeVries
Servers	Anessa Schoo, Kris Schoo
Greeters/Gifts	Wayne & Jeanne Krogman
Ushers	Stan Krogman, Wayne Krogman Loren Marnach, Lee Nilles

## Sunday, Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m.—Sheldon

Communion Cup	Mark Nilles, Colleen Perry
Ciborium	Esther Nilles, Jan Kinderknecht, Matt Ascherl
Lector	Cindy Barwick
Commentator	Ron Plum
Hospital/Sanford Route	Bill & Mary Jean Nilles Colleen Perry
Gift Bearers	Jim Gude Family
Servers	Brendan Cain, Eric Nilles
Ushers	Tom Youngers, Myles DeBates, Chuck, Bobby, Jessica Beldt, Justin Jonas, Doug Heiliger, Annie McCabe, McKenzie Wagner
Children's Lit	Lead: Emma Barwick, Paulette Assist: Addison Jager, Brooke Jonas, Clair Nilles

## Sunday, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m.—Sibley

EME	Jerri Palsrok, Julie Schroder, Bernice & Hans Willadsen
Lector	Kevin Soat
Servers	Olivia Hensch, Allison Wedge
Gifts	Wayne Poss
Ushers	Nancy Nasers, Carl Palsrok, Jeff Kohn, Bruce Osterman
NH Communion	Bonnie Gregg
Home/HWH Communion	Rob & Jan Walton
Sacristy Assistant	Mindy Nasers
Counters	Pat/Julie Eddy
Children's Liturgy	Lisa Block

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”* **Phillipians 4:6**

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

# Mass Intentions

**Ashton=St. Mary Sheldon=St. Patrick  
Sibley=St. Andrew**

## Saturday—December 15

4:30 p.m. Ashton Rosella Croatt

## Sunday—December 16

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Vernon & Sharon Ricke  
10:30 a.m. Sibley Darla Jacobson and For  
the Parishes of the  
Cluster

12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) Kelly Roth

## Monday—December 17—No Mass

## Tuesday—December 18

8:00 a.m. Sibley Helen Kreber

## Wednesday—December 19

8:00 a.m. Ashton Sally Forrester

## Thursday—December 20

8:00 a.m. Sibley Gerald Croatt

## Friday—December 21

8:45 a.m. Sheldon Christy Sauer and for  
the Poor souls in Purga-  
tory & Special Intention

## Saturday—December 22

4:30 p.m. Ashton Clarence & Catherine  
Pohlen

## Sunday—December 23

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Jean Portz  
10:30 a.m. Sibley Dallas Poss and For the  
Parishes of the Cluster  
12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) Edna Finn

# Weekly Readings

<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/ Mt 1:1-17
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday:</b>	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20- 21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/ Lk 1:46-56

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pare your will. One of our most important  
acts of stewardship is the final distribution of  
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