

## *Highway 60 Catholic Cluster* *December 23, 2018* *Fourth 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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standrewsibley@premieronline.net  
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### *Saint Patrick School*

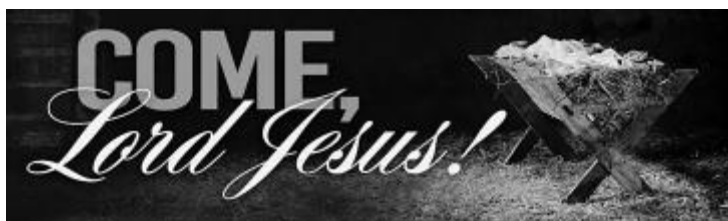
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stpat@nethtc.net  
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Principal: Mr. Joe Mueting  
Lead Teacher: Mrs. Jessica Schmalen

## St. Patrick's School News

School News from December 24—January 2

Christmas Break December 24—January 2

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

Listen to Life 96.5 or the message on Sirius Radio for inspirational Christian music

## Cluster Events

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

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24

- CHRISTMAS EVE—SEE MASS SCHEDULE  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, December 25

- CHRISTMAS DAY—SEE MASS SCHEDULE  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 31

- NEW YEAR'S EVE—SEE MASS SCHEDULE  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, January 1

- NEW YEAR'S DAY—SEE MASS SCHEDULE  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



**Church Offices are closed December 29, 30 and 31st.**

As we prepare for year end, please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2018. If postmarked or received January 1, 2019, or after, the donation is deductible in 2019. Year-end donations can also be placed in the collection at the 29/30 weekend Mass. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2018 for 2019 or in 2019 for 2018.

**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

Bring a friend! All are invited to sing with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus as we return to perennial favorite, Handel's *Messiah*, for our upcoming season! Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 15, 7:30-9:30 in Dordt College's choral rehearsal room, and the performance with orchestra, Dordt and NWC choirs, and professional soloists will be in BJ Haan Auditorium on Saturday, April 27. For more information, find us on Facebook or email Mike Ochsner at [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com).

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 Missionary Association wishes to thank everyone that purchased quilts during the the past year. The proceeds from the sales go to support church and youth projects at St. Patrick Church. The Missionary Association has quilts available in all sizes from infant to queen. They make wonderful Christmas gifts. If you are interested in a quilt please contact Eunice Fettes at 712-324-2077.

## CHURCH SUPPORT Week of December 16, 2018

Adults	\$	6,431.00
Second Collection		359.00
Altar Flowers		10.00
Loose		103.30
Holy Day		25.00
Spanish		<u>415.74</u>
Total Parish Income	\$	7,344.04
Catholic Charities		100.00

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

Year To Date	
2018	\$311,859.41
2017	287,919.27
2016	<u>294,663.64</u>

**We received \$3,627.00 from the DAA campaign for 2018, Thank you to everyone that has contributed to DAA!**

## 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 16

Adult	\$4,832.50
Sibley Loose	\$ 153.25
Ashton Loose	\$ 115.00
Children	\$ 41.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,412.50</b>
Camp/Mission Trip	\$ 55.00
Cemetery	\$ 40.00

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000  
Received \$8,386.15

### DAA

Goal	\$19,937.00
Pledged	\$11,379.09
Received	\$ 9,929.09

## Christmas Candy Tray Raffle

Congratulations to Lorraine Poss on winning the Christy Candy Tray.

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.



## \*\*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.

Knights of Columbus  
Stag night will be on  
January 14, 6 p.m. at the  
1015 Steakhouse.

**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.

**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.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Holiday Bake Sale. It was a huge success.



## \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Wall of Money \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The **Wall of Money** is a fundraiser for the St. Andrews Youth Group Mission Fund and Camp Cayoca Fund.

Here is how it works: Pick an envelope with dollar amount you wish to donate. Put your donation in an envelope and fill out back of envelope with Name, Address & Phone number.

A drawing will take place when all the envelopes have been picked. You have a chance to **WIN** 1 of 5 cash prizes if your envelope is picked. Remember there are only 100 envelopes so you have a 1 in 100 chance to win a cash prize!

Cash prizes: **\$200, \$75, \$75, \$25, \$25**

*Thank you for your generous donations and supporting the St. Andrew youth.*

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. 29, 4:30 p.m.—Ashton

<b>Lector</b>	Karen Trei
<b>EME</b>	Stephanie Krogman, Nancy Marnach Lee & Sherry Nilles
<b>Servers</b>	Norb Strouth & Anessa Schoo
<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	Irv & Judy Block
<b>Ushers</b>	Stan Krogman, Wayne Krogman Loren Marnach, Lee Nilles

## Sunday, Dec. 30, 8:30 a.m.—Sheldon

<b>Communion Cup</b>	Colleen Perry, Marcia Feldman
<b>Ciborium</b>	Doug & Doris Heiliger, Doug Perry
<b>Lector</b>	Paula Morgan
<b>Commentator</b>	Kevin Miller
<b>Hospital/Sanford</b>	Bill & Mary Jean Nilles
<b>Route</b>	Bonnie Roder
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Curt Strouth Family
<b>Servers</b>	Tucker & Brinda McCabe-Nuchols
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Jungers, Ryan Dobbins, Ken Seivert, John List, Matthew Budden, Aubren Budden
<b>Children's Lit</b>	Lead: Martha Krogman Assist: Charlie & Eva Krogman

## Sunday, Dec. 30, 10:30 a.m.—Sibley

<b>EME</b>	Christy Funk, Bonnie Gregg, Carole Hensch
<b>Lector</b>	Michael Thole
<b>Servers</b>	Madison Marco, Maci Nunes
<b>Gifts</b>	Mike Steichen Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Garrett Sarringar, Dylan Platt, Grant Paca, Steven Thole
<b>NH Communion</b>	Jerri Palsrok
<b>Home/HWH Communion</b>	Kathy Ver Steeg
<b>Sacristy Assistant</b>	Bonnie Gregg
<b>Counters</b>	Hatting/Steinke
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Jackie ledema

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."*

*(Luke 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

# Mass Intentions

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

## 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

### CHRISTMAS MASS

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

## Monday—December 24

4:00 p.m. Ashton Cyril Goedken  
6 p.m. Sheldon H. N. (Huss) Snyder  
8 p.m. Sibley Doyle & Ethel Miller

## Tuesday—December 25

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Roth Family and for the Poor souls in Purgatory & Special Intention  
9:00 a.m. Sibley Donald and Elizabeth Hatting  
10:30 a.m. Sheldon (Español) Ray & Delores Portz

## Wednesday—December 26—NO MASS

## Thursday—December 27

8:00 a.m. Sibley Laurence Johannes

## Friday—December 28

8:45 a.m. Sheldon Steven Schwebach

## Saturday—December 29

4:30 p.m. Ashton Gerald & Rosella Croatt

## Sunday—December 30

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Dean Seivert  
10:30 a.m. Sibley Don & Hope Gregg and For the Parishes of the Cluster

12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) Gerald Croatt

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

## Monday—December 31

5:00 p.m. Ashton Evelyn Schierholt Holdgrafer and for the Poor souls in Purgatory & Special Intention

## Tuesday—January 1

8:00 a.m. Sibley Teresa Nasers  
8:45 a.m. Sheldon Mary Jo Block

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