

Highway 60 Catholic Cluster *December 9, 2018* *Second 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.

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

St. Patrick's School News

School News from December 10-14

Friday, December 7

Mass—6th Grades

Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM – 11 PM

Winter Social

Hosted by St. Patrick's Catholic School-Sheldon at the Sheldon Eagles Club. Everyone is Invited!!

Congratulations to our newest KC Raffle winners:

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| 11/19/18 Nancy Claar \$50 | 11/26/18 Ryan Dobbins \$50 |
| 11/20/18 Virginia Huss \$50 | 11/27/18 Doris Heiliger \$50 |
| 11/21/18 Joe Ascherl \$50 | 11/28/18 Rose Rodger \$50 |
| 11/22/18 Jeremy Sauer \$50 | 11/29/18 Dan Paca \$50 |
| 11/23/18 Ron McCarty \$50 | 11/30/18 Leon Nilles \$50 |
| 11/24/18 Lori Nunes \$150 | 12/1/18 Leah Murphy \$200 |

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.



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

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

INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

Looking for extra spiritual enrichment this Advent for yourself and your family? Check out St. Patrick's Family Resource Library by the alley way entrance and the St. Andrew Library at the Faith Center. Borrow a book to read, CD to listen to or DVD to watch and then return it for the next person to use! Have your young children grab a religious book to look at during Mass or grab a movie to watch for a family night and then discuss it afterward!

Cluster Events

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

Saturday, December 8

- **School**—6:30 p.m. St. Patrick School Winter Social—Eagles

Sunday, December 9

- **Sheldon**—8:30 a.m. Choir Sings
- **Sheldon**—12:30 p.m. Feast of Guadalupe

Monday, December 10

- **Sheldon**—5-7 p.m. Guild Soup and Pie
- **Sheldon**—5-7 p.m. Missionary Quilt Sale—Presentation Room
- **School**—7 p.m. 5/6 Grade Winter Concert at Sheldon High School
- **EVERYONE**—7 p.m. All items for the December 16 bulletin are due

Tuesday, December 11

- **Sheldon**—11 a.m. Rosary at Fieldcrest
- **School**—3:15 p.m. Art Club and MS Homework Help
- **Sheldon**—6:30 p.m. Spanish Bible Study—Presentation Room

Wednesday, December 12

- **School**—2:15 p.m. Early Dismissal
- **School**—2:30 p.m. Clover Kids
- **Sheldon**—5:45 p.m. St. Patrick Finance Board Meeting—Presentation
- **Sibley**—6 p.m. Kindergarten through 5th Grade Religious Ed classes.
- **Sibley**—6:45 p.m. Caroling. 6th, 7th, 8th grade and confirmation meet at church basement.
- **Sheldon**—7 p.m. Religious Ed—Reconciliation
- **Sheldon**—8 p.m. Choir Practice—Choir

Thursday, December 13

- **School**—1 p.m. and 7 p.m. St. Patrick School Christmas Program—Everyone is invited

Friday, December 14

- **Ashton**—9 a.m. Friday Morning Prayer
- **Sheldon**—3:30 p.m. Chess Club

Saturday, December 15

- **School**—PAT making Tamales

Sunday, December 16

- **Sibley**—3:30—4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- **EVERYONE**—7 p.m. All items for the December 23 bulletin are due

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. Sibley



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 everyone who supported our youth with our Cookie and Soup Fundraiser! Due to the ice storm on November 28th our delivery date got pushed back to December 12.

Volunteers are needed for 3 service projects coming up that Religious Education is supporting! – We are short helpers in the dining room at the Soup & Pie Supper on December 10 for the 5:45-7:30 pm shift, we need helpers to pass out Christmas gifts at the Unity Meal on December 17 and we would like help delivering presents the RE students will make to all the Homebound parishioners. Please call Paulette if you can volunteer #712-348-3132

REMINDER... St. Patrick's Annual Soup & Pie Supper is coming soon!!! Mark your calendars December 10th, 2018. St. Patrick's Church Basement. We are serving Chili, Vegetable Beef, Cheese Veggie & Split Pea w/ Ham, delicious homemade bread & of course Desserts from 5 - 7 p.m.. A night of "No Cooking" and Fellowship!! Hope to see you there!!!

Tamales! The PAT will be making and selling tamales again this year. Choices are chicken or pork. Fresh or frozen. \$20/dozen. Pickup will be Saturday December 15 6:00-7:30pm in the church basement or by arrangement. You can place your order by calling the school at 324-3182 or by calling Angie Fischer at 348-5022.

FAITH SHARING GROUP – Mark your calendars, put an alarm on your phone and write a sticky note for December 14 & 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

Cluster Connection MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE CLUSTER

Families in need of transportation! - *Transportation is a barrier listed for families in need of assistance in almost every family needs assessment done in NW Iowa.* The Auto Assistance Committee, made up of social service representatives, has teamed up with the automotive department's "Charitable Chariots" at Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) in Sheldon to donate good working, used vehicles to families in need in Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien and Osceola Counties. *We are hoping for your community support to increase the output of vehicles for this very beneficial program!* Our partnership is looking for donated cars with good car bodies or offers to do or discount autobody work (since NCC doesn't offer this class) and/or donated or discounted automotive parts. Please contact Jim Gaard, NCC Automotive Supervisor, at #800-352-4907 ext 175, jgaard@nwicc.edu for donations or Paulette Karolczak, Auto Assistance Committee, at #712-363-3363, pmkarolczak@gmail.com for more information on the partnership.

CHURCH SUPPORT—Week of December 2, 2018

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| Adults | \$ | 2,765.50 |
| Second Collection | | 88.00 |
| Altar Flowers | | 37.00 |
| Loose | | 72.00 |
| Youth | | 1.00 |
| Spanish | | <u>223.26</u> |
| Total Parish Income | | \$ 5,186.76 |

We were short \$1,663.24 of meeting the weekly goal of \$6,850.00 needed to meet the Parish's expenses.

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| Year To Date | |
| 2018 | \$293,326.64 |
| 2017 | 270,974.47 |
| 2016 | 279,307.65 |

ST. PAT'S CHOIR: Come sing with us! If you'd like to sing the beautiful Advent and Christmas music, we would love to have you join us for this special season. Practice is on Wednesday evenings at 8:00. Music will prayerfully enhance the joy and wonder of the season of Christ's birth. What a blessing it would be to have many more singers, since some of our regulars will be out of town. Come on Wednesday evening and bring a friend. Contact Mary Donohue for more information. mdonohuemusic@yahoo.com or call 738-2591. Thank you, and do keep our music ministry in your prayers.



St. Mary and St. Andrew



Combined Stewardship December 2

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| Adult | \$1,325.00 |
| Sibley Loose | \$ 71.00 |
| Ashton Loose | \$ mass cancelled |
| Children | \$ 27.00 |
| Total | \$1,423.00 |
| Cemetery | \$ 20.00 |
| Christmas Flower | \$ 50.00 |



****Friday Morning Prayer****
at St. Mary's 9 a.m. each week. The rosary and prayers are offered for peace in the world, for the sick, for our country and other intentions. Come and enjoy refreshments following prayer.

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 \$7,856.15

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| Goal | \$19,937.00 |
| Pledged | \$10,559.09 |
| Received | \$ 9,109.09 |

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.



St. Andrew Parish would like to extend its sympathy to the family of Robert Nasers who passed away on November 28 and was buried at St. Andrew Cemetery on December 3.

Blankets will be delivered the weekend of Dec. 15th. If you still wish to donate new or gently used blankets please bring them to the breezeway by then. Thank you and God Bless

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.



Congratulations to our students receiving their First Reconciliation—Jazlin Acevedo, Ava Hensch, Roman Mejia, Luis Nicolas, Henry Sarringar, CJ Strouth, Salvador Zepeda, Jack Hausen, Vivian Zepeda

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, December 11th from 4-6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church. If you or anyone you know could use some help with food, please come. Please bring your own bags, baskets, or boxes to carry your food.

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
- 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. 15, 4:30 p.m.—Ashton

Lector Sherry Nilles
EME Barb Nilles, Stephanie Krogman, Kris Schoo, Barb Tremmel
Servers Stan Krogman, Norb Strouth
Greeters/Gifts David & Raquel Strouth
Ushers Stan Krogman, Wayne Krogman Loren Marnach, Lee Nilles

Sunday, Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m.—Sheldon

Communion Cup Marcia Feldman, Carla Miller
Ciborium Kevin Cain, Matt Ascherl, Bonnie Roder
Lector Kevin Miller
Commentator McKenzie Wagner
Hospital/Sanford Route Colleen Perry
Gift Bearers Bonnie Roder
Servers Paul Simpson Family
Ushers Zach Brinkman, Hailey Dobbins
 Joe Nilles, Mark Nilles, Dennis Abel, Bill Nilles, Randy Kohn, James Gude, Evan Nilles, Cody Vaselaar, Evan Reiter
Children's Lit Lead: Lexi Full, Paulette Assist: Emma, Nora Bunkers, Savanna Nilles

Sunday, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m.—Sibley

EME Bruce & Kathleen Osterman, Nancy Nasers
Lector Wayne Poss
Servers Cody Rud, Macy Pohlen
Gifts Anthony & Dian Nunes
Ushers Justin Nasers, Jacob Nasers, Joseph Nasers, Mark Nasers
NH Communion Lila Hatting
Home/HWH Communion Betty Wessels
Sacristy Assistant Scott & Shirley Solyntjes
Counters Gregg/Solyntjes
Children's Liturgy Branigan Steichen

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." **PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10**

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday—December 8

4:30 p.m. Ashton Helen Kreber

Sunday—December 9

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Candace Blocker
 10:30 a.m. Sibley Tim McCarty
 12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) For the Parishes of the Cluster

Monday—December 10—No Mass

Tuesday—December 11

8:00 a.m. Sibley Sally Marnach

Wednesday—December 12

8:00 a.m. Ashton Earl Klosterman and for the Poor souls in Purgatory & Special Intention

Thursday—December 13

8:00 a.m. Sibley Mike Wilson

Friday—December 14

8:45 a.m. Sheldon Ray Portz

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

Weekly Readings

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Please remember your parish when you prepare your will. One of our most important acts of stewardship is the final distribution of our life's accumulation.

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