

# Highway 60 Catholic Cluster

## January 6, 2019

### The Epiphany of the Lord

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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Lead Teacher: Mrs. Jessica Schmalen

## St. Patrick's School News

School News from January 7—11

Friday, January 11 Mass ?? Grade



**In our church, on the feast of Epiphany, we write initials over the doorway, what does this stand for or mean?**

Epiphany, like Christmas, is celebrated in various ways by different nationalities and cultures. The customs and traditions surrounding these days give them a distinct feel and meaning.

In many Slavic traditions, Epiphany is observed by marking the year on the mantle of the entrance to a room or house. In the center are the initials of the traditional names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The purpose is to ask God's blessing on the home, marking it as though the wise men had come and found therein the Christ Child. It reminds us of the marking of the doorways in Egypt with the blood of the lamb so that the angel of death would pass over. God's blessing comes to each home as a source of protection and grace.

In some places, Epiphany is celebrated much like a mini-Christmas. Gifts are exchanged in memory of the gifts of the wise men and special meals are prepared. In any event, the manifestation of Christ as the light of the world is a time to seek God's blessing and rejoice in the gift of Jesus to us and to all the world.

### **The Kolenda blessing of homes and churches takes place on this Feast of the Epiphany.**

With the blessed chalk, make this a spiritual family event. In chalk write the following on the outside front door and on one interior door preferably in the kitchen or living room. 20 +C+M+B 19

This refers to the year (2019) and the names of the three wise men (Casper, Melchior and Balthasar) (the "+" refers to their holiness) Our prayer might be something like this. As the three Magi (Wise Men) followed the star to find the Holy Family, may all who enter here be welcomed by a holy family striving to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph did.

You will find a prayer, chalk and a bottle of holy water in the communication center at St. Andrew.

**Gifts of Stock Avoid Capital Gains Tax.** If you own appreciated stock or property, you may wish to consider giving the stock or property to the parish rather than cash. You are able to deduct the full value of the stock, avoid the capital gains tax and make a substantial gift to the parish. A good steward uses his or her assets in a way that does the most good. For more information on how you might do this, contact the Diocese of Sioux City.

## Cluster Events

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

### Saturday January 5 and Sunday January 6



Cinnamon and Caramel Rolls are going to be sold after the 3 English Masses this weekend in Ashton, Sheldon and Sibley. The funds are to support students going to camp and on the next mission trip.

### Sunday, January 6

- Sibley—9:55 a.m. Rosary for the Unborn

### Monday, January 7

- Sheldon—6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Stag Night
- Ashton—7 p.m. CDofA meeting

### Tuesday, January 8

- Sheldon—11 a.m. Rosary at Fieldcrest
- Sheldon—6:30 p.m. Spanish Bible Study—Presentation Room

### Wednesday, January 9

- 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

### Sunday, January 13

- Sheldon —9:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus
- Sibley— after 10:30 a.m. Mass Women's Winter Party—hosted by the CDofA

St. Pat's Scrip is available anytime there is someone at the school or after the mass on Sunday in Sheldon. Dairy Dandy has changed their donation amount to 10%. Let's support these businesses that are supporting our school by giving a discount. This raises money for the school and parish and for school families for their tuition. The Scrip program gives \$750 a month to school or church. Thank you to all you use the scrip program faithfully but we could make more money if more people would use this program. Any questions, please call the school.



### **INSPIRATIONAL CORNER**

Add inspirational reading to your prayer time on your New Year's Resolution list! Borrow a devotional for the year from the Family Resource Library in the alley way – [Fit For Heaven](#) for the sports enthusiasts, [Tea Time with God](#) for your morning break or [Devotions for Kids](#) to share at bedtime.



# St. Patrick



## ST. PATRICK RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

**Religious Education** – Classes will resume on  
Wednesday, January 2. Happy New Year to all!

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).

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

## CHURCH SUPPORT December 30, 2018

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Adults                     | \$ 4,130.00       |
| Second Collection          | 141.00            |
| Loose                      | 88.00             |
| Christmas                  | 510.00            |
| Initial                    | 4.00              |
| Spanish                    | <u>347.95</u>     |
| <b>Total Parish Income</b> | <b>\$5,220.95</b> |
| <b>Catholic Charities</b>  | <b>20.00</b>      |

**Thank you for your generous support of  
St. Patrick Parish during 2018.**

The Sheldon Knights of Columbus will be having their January Stag meeting on Jan. 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**

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!!!



### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Celebrate the first American-born saint! St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York City in the late 1700s and raised Episcopalian. She married William Seton. Together they had five children. He fell ill, and the family moved to Italy for his health. While there, Elizabeth discovered Catholicism. Her husband eventually passed away, but God had more plans for the Seton family. Elizabeth felt a further stirring in her heart. She opened a school for girls in 1808. The calling grew. Within a year, Elizabeth had founded the Sisters of Charity, the first community for religious women established in the United States. Their work established the first Catholic school system in the country. On her feast day this January 4th, pray for our teachers and students!

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# St. Mary and St. Andrew



## Combined Stewardship Dec. 30

|                    |                   |
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| Adult              | \$5,115.50        |
| Sibley Loose       | \$ 137.00         |
| Ashton Loose       | \$ 120.00         |
| Children           | \$ 53.50          |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$9,826.09</b> |
| Catholic Charities | \$ 15.00          |
| Building Fund      | \$ 0.00           |

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000  
 Received \$9,422.15

### DAA

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| Goal     | \$19,937.00 |
| Pledged  | \$12,674.09 |
| Received | \$11,124.09 |

Congratulations to the recipients of the Achievement Award from St Andrew Guild & the Catholic Daughters Scholarship in memory of Ann Wiersma - Emily Jungers, Toni Lonneman, Colin Nasers, Ryan Nasers, William Mitchell Paca & Amy Truckenmiller. There were truly some outstanding applications this year. A reminder to all high school students that the Achievement Award is an "earned" award based on your participation at mass, all volunteer capacities in the parish, community, and family along with continuation of faith & service to others as you continue your education. And, a big thank you to the two committees who reviewed the applications.

**Please join us on Sunday, January 20, 2019** for the 2nd Annual St Andrews Parish Chili Cook off/feed. Judging will begin following 10:30 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to come vote for your favorite chili.

Registration is \$20 prior to Jan 13 and \$25 day of cook off.

**Prizes are: 1st \$75; 2nd \$50; 3rd \$25**

All other proceeds will be donated to the St Andrews youth group. Contact the Faith Center Office (712) 754-2739, Jeni Sarringar (515-570-2296) or Wendy Marco (712-461-2458) to register.

Soup (chili and/or chicken noodle) will be served for attendees for a free will donation, also in support of the youth.

We hope to see you there!

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



## \*\*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.

St. Mary's liturgy committee thanks everyone who donated poinsettias or gave toward the Christmas decor this year. To the choir, Ben and Autumn for playing and Father Siby and Reis, also to all those who helped with the Christmas Mass. You made our Christmas extra special!

### Ashton CDA meeting:

Will be held on Monday Jan. 7th at 7:00 pm. It will be popcorn and movie night following the meeting. Committee:

Pam Wehmeyer Chm., and Karen DeVries. Please try and be there as we do have some things to discuss about the upcoming state convention in April.

### **All the women in the parish are invited to the Winter Party sponsored by The Catholic Daughters.**



Date: Sunday, January 13, 2019  
 Time: After 10:30 Mass  
 Place: Fellowship hall

A brunch is being served by the committee so plan on Food, Drink, Games, Fun & Door Prizes! And, you may invite whomever you would like to the party! They do not need to be a member of Catholic Daughters, or even St Andrew. Everyone is welcome! So please mark your calendar for this date, & come prepared to enjoy getting to know everyone better! This is the ladies annual "Christmas Party" - held in January so as not to interfere with your many activities in December. Hope to see you there! Lila Hatting, Regent

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 hwy60catholic-cluster.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, Jan. 12, 4:30 p.m.—Ashton

**Lector** Norm Freking  
**EME** Karen DeVries, George Klein, Stephanie Krogman, Nancy Marnach  
**Servers** Shakota Burmeister, Kris Schoo  
**Greeters/Gifts** Doyle & Jan Trei  
**Ushers** Bob Schoo, Walt Seivert, Ron Thole, Gary Trei

## Sunday, Jan. 13, 8:30 a.m.—Sheldon

**Communion Cup** Paula Morgan, Joe Nilles  
**Ciborium** Carol Parry, Matt Ascherl, Paul Nilles  
**Lector** Lisa Youngers  
**Commentator** Esther Nilles  
**Hospital/Sanford Route** Bill & Mary Jean Nilles  
**Gift Bearers** Bonnie Roder  
**Servers** Anthony Glassmaker Family  
**Servers** Jeanetta Budden, Hailey Dobbins  
**Ushers** Robert Kirschbaum, Paul Nilles, John Bunkers, Chris Nuckols, Kevin Miller, Anthony Provost  
**Children's Lit** Lead: Amy Strouth  
 Assist: Cody Fischer, Addison Jager

## Sunday, Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m.—Sibley

**EME** Hans & Bernice Willadsen, Christy Funk  
**Lector** Michael Fleming  
**Servers** Paige Weber, Grace Nasers  
**Gifts** Scott Nasers Family  
**Ushers** David Jungers, David Krogman, Daniel Lonneman, Daniel Marco  
**NH Communion** Jerri Palsrok  
**Home/HWH Communion** Leta Fransen  
**Sacristy Assistant** Rob & Jan Walton  
**Counters** Rob & Jan Walton  
**Children's Liturgy** Nicole Eddy

*"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."* **Ephesians 3:6**

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

# Mass Intentions

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

## Saturday, January 5

4:30 p.m. Ashton Donna Krogman

## Sunday, January 6

8:30 am Sheldon Mary Alice Campbell and Steven Schwebach  
 10:30 a.m. Sibley Mike Wilson  
 12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) For the Parishes of the Cluster

## Monday—January 7—No Mass

## Tuesday—January 8

8:00 a.m. Sibley Charlie & Marie Hoffman and For Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

## Wednesday—January 9

8:00 a.m. Ashton Sally Forrester

## Thursday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Sibley Mark Marco

## Friday, January 11

8:45 a.m. Sheldon Gerald Croatt—Dean Seivert

## Saturday, January 12

4:30 p.m. Ashton Dennis & Shirley Krogman

## Sunday, January 13

8:30 am Sheldon John Cain  
 10:30 a.m. Sibley Carl & Donna Liechty  
 12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) For the Parishes of the Cluster

# Weekly Readings

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30  
**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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