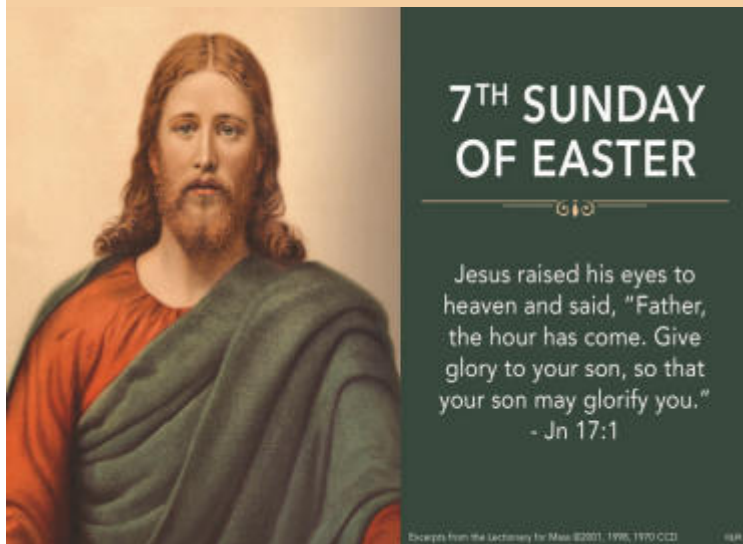


May 24, 2020

Highway 60 Catholic Cluster



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

Daily and Weekend Masses are cancelled for 8 weeks.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment only

Baptism

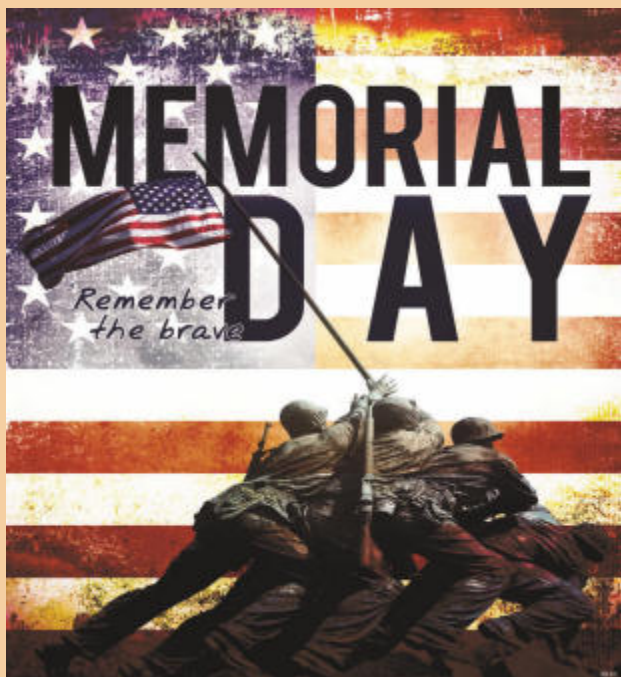
Please contact the parish office for more information about baptismal preparation and scheduling your baptismal ceremony.

Holy Matrimony

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

Adoration

You will be notified when adoration resumes.



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St. Patrick, St. Mary and St. Andrew

Cluster Connection ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE CLUSTER

St. Patrick's School News

St. Patrick School for youth will resume in August.

School Office hours will be 8:30-3:30 Monday through Friday through June 15.

SCRIP—BUY SCRIP & SEND GIFTS CARDS for graduations, birthdays and other special occasions! School office is open Monday-Friday 8:30 - 3:30 pm for SCRIP purchases!

NEW VOLUNTEERS WITH YOUTH - We are ALWAYS needing more role models and volunteers to inspire our youth in our churches, Catholic School and Religious Education Program! Our Diocese requires that all volunteers with youth take a one-time Virtus Training about protecting our children. This training is now being offered online! If you plan to volunteer with our youth this next year, please sign up for this training at Virtusonline.org under "First Time Registrant". Call Paulette with any questions at #324-3181 or Christy Funk at #754-2739.

SCAM ALERT!

Just a reminder that Fr. Siby's phone number is 712-730-6480 and his email is punnooses@scdiocese.org.

Father Siby **WILL NOT** contact you to purchase gift cards for someone and will not request that you send him any money. **PLEASE** do not respond to an email or text of this type. If you have any questions, please contact the office.



St. Andrew is hosting a Rosary, the Prayer to St. Michael and the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (found on-line) for the intention of the overturning of Roe Versus Wade and the end of abortion and infanticide on Wednesdays. **Join us from home, praying the Rosary.**



Mother's Day and Father's Day Flowers fundraiser for CDA to honor or in memory of your mother. Cost of the carnation is \$ 6.00 each and the flowers will be on the altar when Mass resumes. Orders must be prepaid and turned in before June 1, 2020. Thank you for supporting the St. Andrew's CDA.

Contact Betty Wessels 754-3796 or Carole Hensch 754-2956. Extra order forms are in the entry of the St. Andrew office.

Contact information for St. Patrick Parish office is 712-324-0160 or email bksheldon@scdiocese.org.

Please use this email for all St. Patrick requests including bulletin, business and church related activities. Normal hours will be 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. PATRICK SENIORS
Also to Parish Cabanas and Shawn Rutzen for graduating in 2020 !



WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:
Ascension of the Lord

Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

From the office of Bishop Walker Nickless, use the following link to keep up on the latest updates <https://www.scdiocese.org/messages-from-bishop>



A Memorial Day Prayer

As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance.

Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country.

If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry.

Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all - military and civilian - to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace.

In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray. Amen
- Author Unknown



Fr. Siby celebrates a private Mass daily at 3p.m. This Mass will be offered for the people of the parish and that day's Mass Intention. If you are able, at 3p.m. light a candle then read the scripture, pray the Rosary or pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Offer your reading or prayers for the people affected by the virus.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). When unable to attend Mass or receive holy Communion, we can unite ourselves more closely through reading, studying, praying with and discussing the Scriptures as a family. Consider the daily readings offered in the Lectionary.

A prayer from St. Alphonsus Liguori

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Our Parish Cluster, through the Diocese of Sioux City, is offering an app to make access to information for our parishes and diocese from any of your devices.



Go to your app store and download **myParish—Catholic from Diocesan Publications**.

From the menu choose Highway 60 Catholic Cluster. Search by city and state or zip code.

Create your sign in—when it asks for your age, click on the year first and choose your birth year, then go through the calendar to find your month and date. **PLEASE CREATE AN ACCOUNT.** This will help us to keep you notified of different events going on in the cluster.

There are many links currently available, such as the readings for the day, praying the rosary and many more.

Using the app will allow you to keep update to date on what is happening in our parish and diocese.

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23

Ashton Gerald & Rosella Croatt

Sunday, May 24

Sheldon/Sibley Edna Finn, The Parishes of the (Español) Cluster and Orville & Betty Gloden

Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

Sibley Carl & Donna Liechty and Patricia Corbett

Wednesday, May 27

Ashton Jim Strouth and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

Thursday, May 28

Sibley Betty Mataloni

Friday, May 29

Sheldon Gerald Croatt

Saturday, May 30

Ashton Vincent Marnach

Sunday, May 31

Sheldon/Sibley Gerald Klein, The Parishes of the (Español) Cluster and Special Intention



Adam's Ribs

One weekend at Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill and asked him, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

"I have a pain in my side," Johnny responded. "I think I'm going to have a wife."

LITURGICAL LIFE RESPONDING TO THE CALL

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Finding God in Each Day

Life can be so busy and chaotic at times. The business of our lives can be from raising a family, trying to work from home, keeping your marriage strong and so many more struggles of life thrown in the mix. How do we find a balance between the responsibilities of life and time for taking care of ourselves? A balance doesn't always exist and it can be difficult to remember to stop, look and find God in each day.

Whenever you or someone in your family sees a ray of sunshine peeking through a cloudy sky, take time to remember it is God telling us "Hi!" The breeze blowing through the trees and birds singing are all reminders that God is with us. No matter how busy our lives are, it only takes just a moment to remember that God loves us. Sometimes it can be hard to see God in our every day life, and it takes effort and consciousness to see God is with us.

God is everywhere! His presence is endless and has no boundaries. As you take a sip of your morning coffee or tea, spare a moment for a silent prayer. Whatever gives you some comfort or joy, recognize God in that moment.

What helps you to connect with God each Day?

Weekly Giving

St. Patrick May 17

Adult	\$3,887.00
TOTAL	\$3,887.00

Year to Date Income:

2020	\$112,635.22
2019	\$119,479.91
2018	\$102,504.48

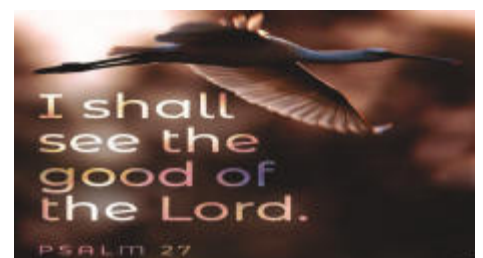
St. Andrew and St. Mary Stewardship May 17

Adult	\$1,835.00
Cemetery	\$ 10.00
VBS	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 120.00

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000.00
Received \$36,762.62

Together As One Goal	\$19,738.00
Pledged	\$18,595.48
Received	\$17,835.48

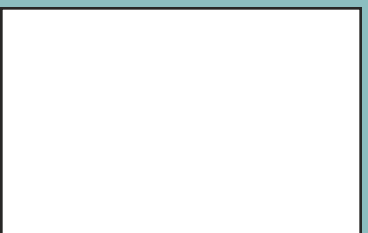
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