

May 31, 2020

Highway 60 Catholic Cluster



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jn 20:21

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!

Word Among Us

This daily devotional for Catholics can be picked up at the School Office. They are free and offer the daily scripture readings.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a temporary combination of precincts in Osceola County will be in effect for the June 2nd Primary Election. If you have any questions where you would vote, please call the auditor's office at 754-2241 or it is posted on the county's website- www.osceolacountyia.org.

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.

School Kitchen Assistant Needed - Love kids and the perk of extra spending money? St. Patrick's School is needing an assistant in our lunch room from about 11-12:30 pm Monday through Friday during the school year. Please call the school office if interested at #712-324-3181.

Lumen Media

Official communication of the Diocese of Sioux City

STAY UPDATED ON OUR CATHOLIC NEWS! - Our Catholic newspaper "The Globe" will have a new name "The Lumen" (Light) and a modern update starting June 4th! Subscription renewal letters were sent out, so please subscribe for \$30 a year to stay updated & educated on your Catholic faith - especially as changes will continue to happen in our churches over the next year! The Diocese's social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram will also be full of current information! Finally, don't forget to also see updates & Bishop's letters on the Diocese website at scdiocese.org.

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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Tithing vs. Stewardship

Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for “ten.” The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

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>

"With regard to resuming public Masses in our parishes, the Diocese of Sioux City has based and will continue to base decisions on scientific data and reliable projections. There is a number of criteria the Diocese is waiting to be met before it is deemed safe and responsible to open up churches again. This includes the downward trajectory of new COVID-19 cases reported within a 14-day period, the downward trajectory of hospital bed, intensive care, and ventilator usage, and the downward trajectory of daily death reports. In addition to these things, it is necessary to have adequate contact-tracing and a robust testing program. Achieving these conditions will indicate that it is reasonably safe to resume, with precautions, the public celebration of the Mass."

IN OUR LONGING TO RETURN TO MASS, we need to remember that it is not only about us individually, but it is about everyone attending and those unable to attend. We all make up the Body of Christ.

We are going to be faced with many rules and guidelines. For some, they may seem extravagant; but to others, they may seem not enough. Having to keep our social distance, wearing a mask or how we receive communion could all be issues. If you don't like these rules—or the lack of rules—put in place by our Church leaders, it is OK. It is OK, too, to express your concerns with Bishop Nickless, Fr. Siby or the office. Calm communication and discussion is healthy and welcome.

Our church leaders are working hard to be ready when we are able to once again open the church doors and have people attend Mass. Our primary concern is the health and protection of everyone attending Mass. Have patience and respect. Be understanding to those around you.

As Catholics, we should lead with charity and humility.



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 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday:** 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
- Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30

Ashton Vincent Marnach

Sunday, May 31

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

Monday, June 1—No Mass

Tuesday, June 2

Sibley Darla Jacobson

Wednesday, June 3

Ashton Bonnie Klosterman

Thursday, June 4

Sibley Doyle & Ethel Miller

Friday, June 5

Sheldon Jeremy Kuiper and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

Saturday, June 6

Ashton David Imhoff and Dorothy Imhoff

Sunday, June 7

Sheldon/Sibley John Cain, Robert Nasers and for (Español) The Parishes of the Cluster



LITURGICAL LIFE RESPONDING TO THE CALL

WE ARE NEVER ALONE

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children ad well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Weekly Giving

St. Patrick May 24

Adult	\$3,895.42
TOTAL	\$3,895.42

Year to Date Income:

2020	\$116,530.64
2019	\$122,897.88
2018	\$107,022.31

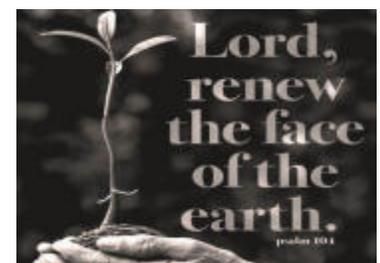
St. Andrew and St. Mary Stewardship May 24

Adult	\$1,377.00
Children	\$ 20.00
Cemetery	\$ 75.00
Building Fund	\$

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000.00
Received \$36,812.62

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

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