

*May 3, 2020*

## *Highway 60 Catholic Cluster*



### **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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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# 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 May. **Scrip is available! Now is a great time to learn how to use it. Give Paulette a call at #324-3181.**

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>

## St. Patrick, St. Mary and St. Andrew

Religious Education classes will resume this September. Please do call or email Paulette #712-348-3132 cell or [pkarolczak@stpatrikssheldon.org](mailto:pkarolczak@stpatrikssheldon.org) or Christy at 712-754-2739 or [st.andrewssibleyyouth@yahoo.com](mailto:st.andrewssibleyyouth@yahoo.com) if you would like any faith activities for your families over the summer!

### Some websites to use for inspiration for your children

[dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) - daily inspirations, videos, resources

[catholicicing.com](http://catholicicing.com) - worksheets, crafts

[catholicbrain.com](http://catholicbrain.com) - videos, worksheets

[thereligionteacher.com](http://thereligionteacher.com) - worksheets, links to other resources

[Pinterest.com](http://Pinterest.com) - Catholic faith activities

[Lifeteen.com](http://Lifeteen.com) - blogs & resources for teens

YouTube - Catholic videos, Christian Music videos, Prayers, Talk Show

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.**



Effective May 1, Amy Strouth accepted the position of Secretary / Bookkeeper. Please contact

Amy at 712-324-0160 or email [bksheldon@scdiocese.org](mailto:bksheldon@scdiocese.org). Normal hours will be 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**THANK YOU** to Nancy Claar for many years of service to our parish.



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."

## Resources for Mass

Catholic Extension- Sundays at 10:00 AM—<https://www.catholicextension.org/stories/sunday-catholic-mass-online>

EWTN online and on TV: <https://www.ewtn.com/> --televised, radio, and online each day at 7AM, 11AM, 6PM

Sioux City area: 88.1 <https://www.fhcradio.com/>--Mass at 9AM on Sunday

Carroll: 103.1 Trinity Radio Station --EWTN programming

Western Iowa: <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/> 7AM Sunday Mass from EWTN

Iowa Catholic Radio: <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/> 7AM Sunday Mass from EWTN

Daily Mass with Word On Fire: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

From CatholicTV Network: <https://www.watchthemass.com>

All Saints Parish of LeMars live streaming week day Mass at 8:45 am on their website. You can also watch the rebroadcast. <https://www.allsaintslemars.org>

Holy Trinity Parish—Webster County live streams 7 am Monday—Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 am [https://www.facebook.com/pg/HolyTrinityWC/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/HolyTrinityWC/videos/?ref=page_internal) or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2gLyDrtGQ8YxH3JP-6o23A/videos>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9hi3ngYGdwU7DIwWMzvLIQ> Celebrating daily Mass live with Fr. Pat Behm

You Tube –you can do a search for Catholic Mass and find many.

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11 ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 2

Ashton Helen Kreber

### Sunday, May 3

Sheldon/Sibley Ruth Reekers, Janet Wepler, Tim McCarty, John & Hilda Majerus and For the Parishes of the Cluster

(Español)

### Monday, May 4—No Mass

### Tuesday, May 5

Sibley Ray Nasers

### Wednesday, May 6

Ashton Kathleen Richter and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

### Thursday, May 7

Sibley Emma DeSmet Lucas

### Friday, May 8

Sheldon Ome Klein

### Saturday, May 9

Ashton Robert Budden

### Sunday, May 10

Sheldon/Sibley Angie McGillick, Paul & Joan Plehall (Español) For the Parishes of the Cluster

# STATEMENT FROM THE IOWA BISHOPS REGARDING SUNDAY MASS SUSPENSIONS

Our Dear People:

Since the arrival of the coronavirus pandemic, Catholics in Iowa have been obliged by civil, scientific, and church authorities to sacrifice the opportunity to receive sacraments and worship in common.

With the lifting of restrictions against certain public gatherings, including religious assemblies, by Governor Kim Reynolds, members of the faithful are understandably renewed in their hope that they might safely return to church and resume some form of regular parish life. Yet the spread of the COVID-19 disease remains a real and present danger. In particular, the health and survival of the elderly and other vulnerable populations is still a grave concern. Many parishioners and priests fall within these groups.

In light of the expectation that positive cases of COVID-19 will peak in Iowa in the next few weeks, we have decided it would be most prudent for now to continue to follow the liturgical restrictions we have in place, including the suspension of public Masses. Without an effective vaccine or widespread testing and contact data that justifies a change in course, we simply are not at a place where we can resume our previous prayer practices.

The suspension of the Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect statewide, and all vulnerable persons, the sick, and those who may have been exposed to the virus are asked to look after their own welfare with the support of those who care for them. We ask parish, school and diocesan staff to continue to minister to the faithful, and the faithful to each other, in ways other than meeting in groups during this difficult time of the pandemic. We strongly encourage parishioners to visit the website and social media outlets of the parishes and schools to stay in touch as we look forward to gathering in person.

We will continue to closely monitor the statewide and respective regional situations through the weeks of May and beyond. When the time comes that we can gather in greater numbers while observing social distance, safe hygienic practices and other precautions without placing one another at serious risk, public Masses and other sacramental celebrations will be allowed to resume.

These days are not easy. We understand that many of you are frustrated with this situation; so are we. We want to celebrate Mass with our parishioners and get back to “normal.” However, we take the advice of Paul: “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:12). Take comfort in knowing that Jesus is with us and with you, our faithful.

Your Brothers in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael Jackels  
Archbishop of Dubuque

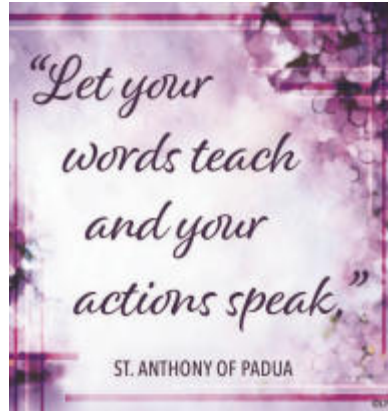
Most Rev. Thomas Zinkula  
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Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless  
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Most Rev. William Joensen  
Bishop of Des Moines



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## Weekly Giving

### St. Patrick April 26

Adult	\$12,640
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,640</b>

### Year to Date Income:

2020	\$102,088.22
2019	\$ 97,530.70
2018	\$ 86,271.78

## LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING TO THE CALL

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### St. Andrew and St. Mary Stewardship April 26

Adult	\$1,360.00
Cemetery	\$ 45.00
Mission Trip/Camp	\$ 130.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000.00  
Received \$36,257.62

Together As One Goal	\$19,738.00
Pledged	\$17,395.48
Received	\$16,365.48

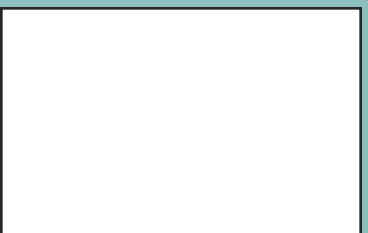
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