

*June 14, 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 CLOSED** - The school office will be closed Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26.

**SCRIP** gift cards can still be picked up by calling Amy in the church office M - F from 8:30-12:00 pm. Call #324-0160 and Amy will meet you at the alley church door.

BUY SCRIP before your vacations and support our Catholic School!

**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](http://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.**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a virtual benefits night on Thursday June 18 at 7 P.M. All Knights of Columbus, their spouses, and all parishioners are invited to attend. The title of the presentation will be, "Map Your Financial Future" All Knights of Columbus members who have a current email address will be receiving an email invitation to attend within the next week. By having a minimum number of participants view the presentation it will qualify the council for the Founders Award as Covid 19 made it very hard to qualify the traditional way. We will cover the free fraternal benefits, as well as helping Catholic families map their financial future. Door prizes will also be rewarded so be sure to check your email for the invitation in the next few days. Any questions please contact Tim Dagele at email: [timothy.dagele@kofc.org](mailto:timothy.dagele@kofc.org) or phone (712) 324-1172.

### THANK YOU

My sincere thanks to all of you for your greetings, calls, prayers and gifts on my Birthday. God bless you all.

Fr. Siby



**Ministries at Masses when they open** - As we begin to plan for Masses to start again, (no date has been set yet by Bishop Nickless) we would like to make a new list of people interested in helping with the ministries of commentating/lectoring, Eucharistic Ministers, ushering, cantoring and possibly videotaping. Bishop Nickless is still encouraging those over the age of 65 and under the age of 2 to stay home for a while longer for their safety. This, along with summer traveling, will leave us a bit short on volunteers so your assistance is appreciated!

Please email or call Paulette if you wish to volunteer at St. Patrick's - #712-324-3181 School Office or [pkarolczak@stpatrickssheldon.org](mailto:pkarolczak@stpatrickssheldon.org)

Please call or email Christy Funk if you wish to volunteer at St. Mary's or St. Andrew's - #712-754-2739 or [standrewsibley@premieronline.net](mailto:standrewsibley@premieronline.net).



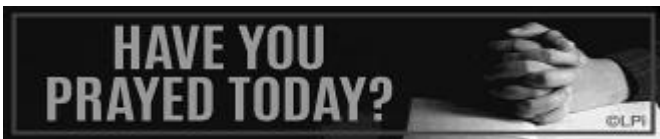
Fr. Siby celebrates a private Mass daily at 3p.m. This Mass will be offered for the people of the parish and that

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.

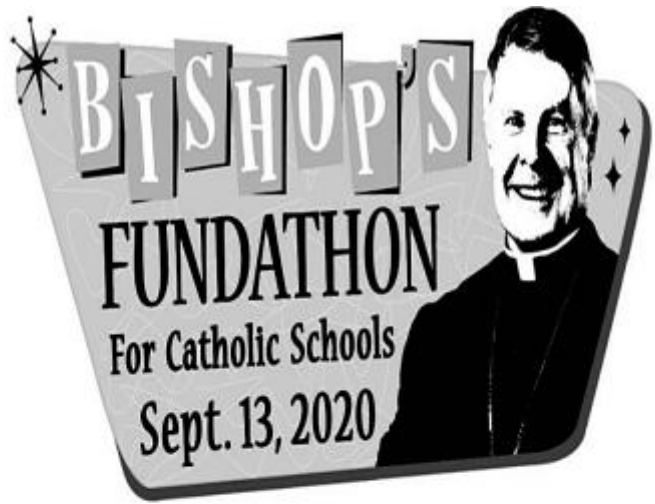
A prayer from St. Alphonsus Liguori

"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."



## Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 13

Ashton Steve Schwebach and Laurence Johannes

### Sunday, June 14

Sheldon/Sibley Marilyn Ulrich, Judy Birzer, and (Español) For The Parishes of the Cluster

### Monday, June 15—No Mass

### Tuesday, June 16

Sibley Family of Kathy Ver Steeg and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

### Wednesday, June 17

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

### Thursday, June 18

Sibley Sherry McErloy

### Friday, June 19

Sheldon Kelly Roth

### Saturday, June 20

Ashton Robert Budden

### Sunday, June 21

Sheldon/Sibley Ray & Delores Portz, Paul & Joan Plehall, For the Parishes of the Cluster & Special Intention (Español)



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

*Mary and the Saints*

Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the Saints?

#### Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF BISHOP WALKER NICKLESS—RACISM AND VIOLENCE

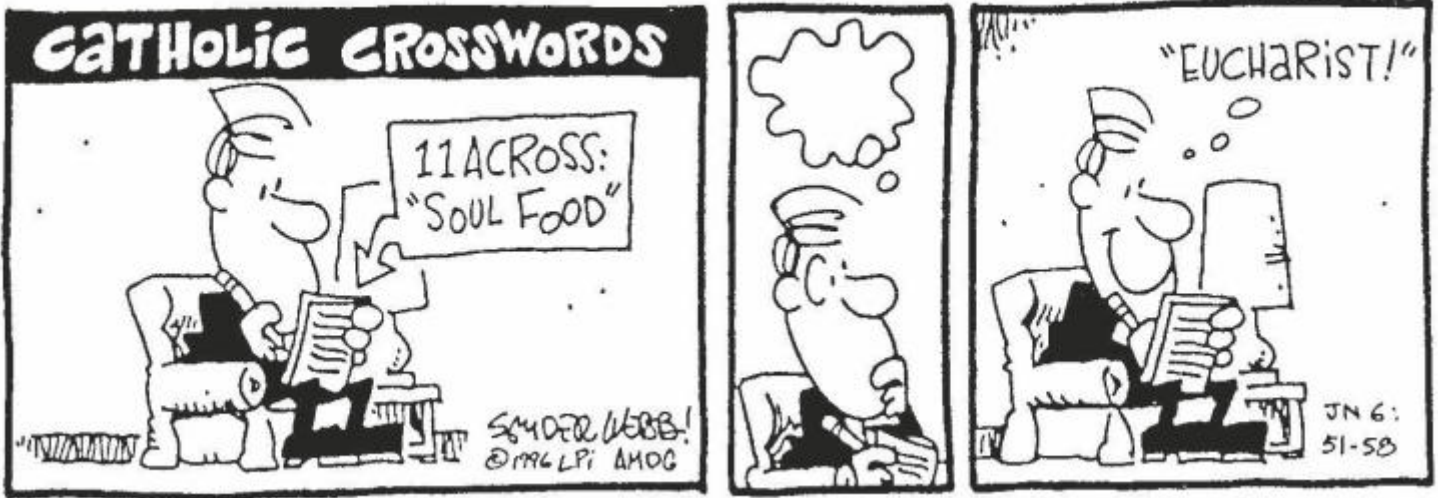
I join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and my brother bishops, and all men and women of good will, in condemning once again the persistent evil of racism. The recent death of George Floyd, unjust and unnecessary as it so patently was, is merely one more example, calling out to God for injustice.

Prejudice based on race assaults the God-given dignity of the person against whom it is directed. It also corrodes the God-imitating capacity to love freely in the hearts of those in whom it lurks. I echo the words of Pope Francis in saying, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.”

Both worldly justice and the salvation of souls require us, not only to denounce this (and every) sin, but also regularly to examine our own conscience, to repent our own faults, and, by God’s grace, to teach and model virtue and justice.

Millions of men and women of good will, of every race and creed, strive to live with each other every day, without either racism or violence, not only in moments of magnified publicity, such as the many laudable and peaceful protests against racism across the country in recent days, but also, and more importantly, in the ordinary affairs of life. May god give us all the grace to grown in this way of goodness, freedom, and charity.





## LITURGICAL LIFE RESPONDING TO THE CALL

### Everyday Stewardship The Heart of Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Weekly Giving

### St. Patrick June 7

Adult	\$3,735.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,735.00</b>
Holy Land	\$ 25.00
Aid to Domestic Church	35.00
Holy Day	\$ 10.00

### Year to Date Income:

2020	\$122,118.64
2019	\$133,296.77
2018	\$116,526.29

### St. Andrew and St. Mary Stewardship June 7

Adult	\$1,735.00
Building Fund	\$ 275.00

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000.00  
Received \$36,862.62

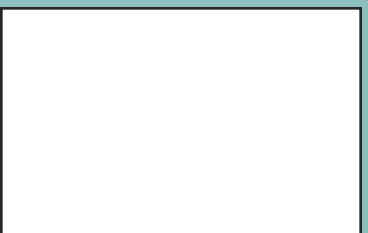
Together As One Goal	\$19,738.00
Pledged	\$18,595.48
Received	\$17,835.48



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