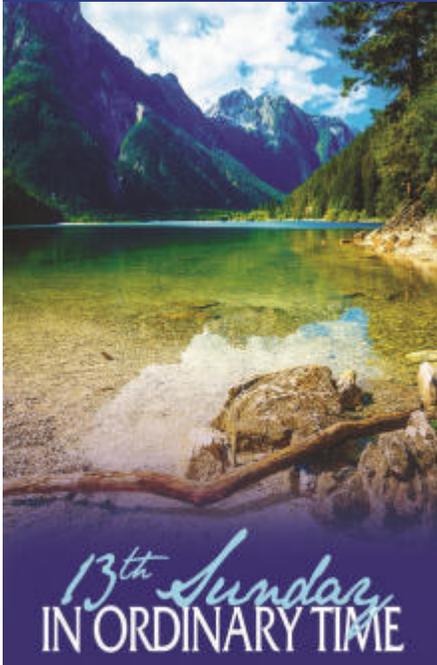


*June 28, 2020*

*Highway 60 Catholic Cluster*



“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”  
Mt 10:42

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*

By appointment only

### *Baptism*

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

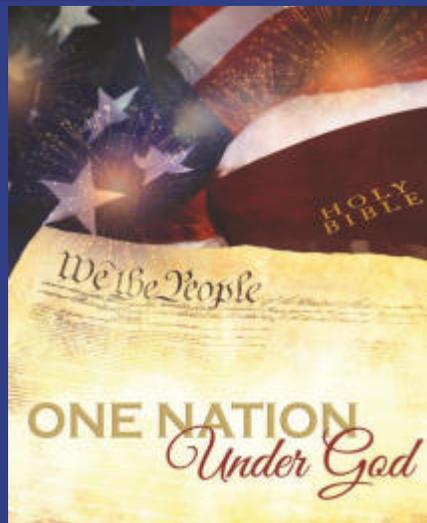
### *Holy Matrimony*

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

### *Adoration*

You will be notified when adoration resumes.

*Happy  
4th of  
July*



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

## Cluster Connection ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE CLUSTER

### St. Patrick's School News

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS** - 10 a.m.—2 p.m.  
Monday through Friday til August 3.

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St. Andrew's Catholic Daughters Court # 1540 would like to thank everyone who purchased a carnation for our mothers and father's day fund raiser. They were beautiful on the altar. Thank you for your generosity for this court fund raiser.

All are invited to enjoy a GRAB-n-GO meal on Sunday, June 28, sponsored by ATLAS of Osceola County. Just drive by the ATLAS office at 955 2nd Avenue, Sibley, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to grab a delicious sack lunch of a grilled hamburger or hot dog, chips, a cookie and small drink. Your freewill donation will help support the mission of ATLAS. Please enter from the west end of 10th Street to pick up your meal. Together touching lives for Christ.

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.**



"St. Andrew Catholic Daughters will lead a PATRIOTIC ROSARY for the consecration of our nation on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. at the Osceola County Freedom Rock in Ashton. Please bring a lawn chair & umbrella (for rain or sun). We will practice social distancing so try to maintain distance from others. There is sufficient space to spread out. We will have a sound system, so hopefully, everyone will be able to hear. Please wear a mask if you are comfortable doing that, but, It is not mandatory. Our country is in need of prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend! "



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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.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do Catholics cross their head, lips and heart at Mass?

### Answer:

During Mass, we make a little cross on our head, lips, and heart, because these outward gestures made with our bodies are pointing to an inward prayer that is happening in our hearts.

When the Gospel is about to be read, the priest says: 'A Reading from the Gospel according to St\_\_\_\_.' The congregation then responds, 'Glory to You Oh Lord,' making a small cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and chest.

Remember, the cross itself is a sign of redemption in and through Jesus Christ. When we make this sign of the cross, in any form, it's an outward act to profess our inward faith in the Trinity. This sign declares that, through our baptism, we belong to God.

The reason for making a cross during this period of the Mass is to highlight the importance of the Word of God we are about to hear. St. Paul taught us, 'For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart' (Hebrews 4:12).

In the outward sign of crossing our forehead, lips, and heart, we are asking that the Word of God to pierce our mind, lips, and hearts. We cross our forehead so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. And we cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. All of this is so that we might know, proclaim, and love Jesus Christ all the more.

So next time you're at mass and the Gospel is about to be proclaimed pray that 'The word of God be ever in my mind, proclaimed by my lips, and pierce my heart leading me to deeper communion with you, Jesus.'

## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

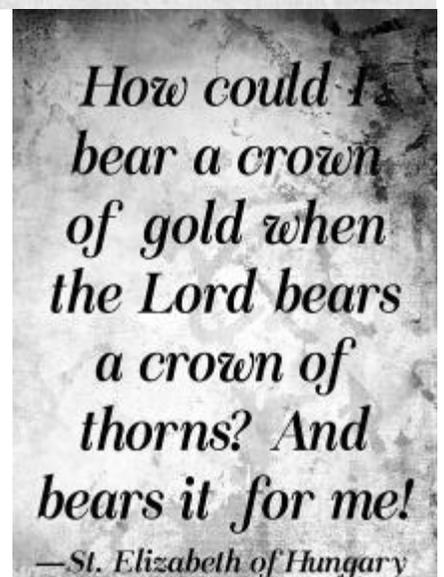
We hear how the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi repaid the Shunammite woman for her generous hospitality. When have you shown excessive generosity to another?

### SECOND READING

Paul taught the Roman Christians that through Baptism, believers fully participate in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. How should this impact one's day-to-day living?

### GOSPEL READING

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?



# LIVING THE LITURGY

## Inspiration for the Week

**“Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the “small deaths” and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self-focused and closed.**

**ATTENTION  
PLEASE**

All bulletin items for the July 5th bulletin need to be submitted no later than Sunday, June 28, by 3 p.m. Please send your bulletin items by email to [standrewsibley@premieronline.net](mailto:standrewsibley@premieronline.net).

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

**Monday:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-3

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 27

4:30 p.m. Ashton Esther Adkins

### Sunday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Tolentino Family  
10:30 a.m. Sibley The Parishes of the Cluster  
12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)Myles Sweeney Family

### Monday, June 29—No Mass

### Tuesday, June 30

Sibley Helen Heiman and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

### Wednesday, July 1

Ashton Earl Klosterman

### Thursday, July 2

Sibley Joanne Pohlen and Clarence & Catherine Pohlen

### Friday, July 3

Sheldon Ascherl Family

### Saturday, July 4

4:30 p.m. Ashton Betsy Einch

### Sunday, July 5

8:30 a.m. Sheldon “Ome” Klein  
10:30 a.m. Sibley Ray Nasers  
12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)For the Parishes of the Cluster

As we prepare to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence this July 4th, let us take a few moments for silence and appreciation for all we have in our lives, and for those who came before us who fought so that we may live in an independent country.

## Prayer for Independence Day (July 4)

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we defend liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.



## LITURGICAL LIFE RESPONDING TO THE CALL

### Everyday Stewardship

#### God is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his finance and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to use. We speak wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs; the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself—he shared the very One who created love.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Weekly Giving

### St. Patrick June 21

Adult	\$1,225.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,235.00</b>

### Year to Date Income:

2020	\$125,560.64
2019	\$141,363.53
2018	\$125,643.29

### St. Andrew and St. Mary Stewardship June 21

Adult	\$1,995.00
Children	\$ 20.00
Cemetery	\$ 30.00
Youth Camp/Mission	\$ 30.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 70.00

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