

July 12, 2020

Highway 60 Catholic Cluster



15th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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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

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.

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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 - The St. Patrick School Office is open 10-2 Monday through Thursday during July. Scrip gift cards can be purchased during these times. Remember to pay local bills through Scrip and purchase birthday and vacation gift cards to support our Catholic School and Church!



St. Patrick School Fundraiser

The Pizza Ranch is generously offering 10% of their Buffet Sales July 20-24 to go towards St. Patrick School's technology needs! Plan to

treat your family out for lunch 11 -1:30 pm or supper 5-8 pm!



St. Patrick—The new Living Faith Devotions booklets (July-August-September) are available. They are in a baggie on a table outside Colleen Perry's residence at 701 26th Avenue. Please feel free to stop by and pick one (or more) up anytime. Please do not take them into church with you however. Thank you!

St. Andrew—The new Living Faith Devotions booklets (July-August-September) are available in the main entrance at the St. Andrew Faith Center. You stop in Monday—Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. We ask that you do not take them to church with you. Thank you.

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.

On Saturday August 8th, St. Pat's will be hosting our 21st Annual 4 Person Best Ball Tournament for tuition assistance. Anyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Following the tournament, there will be a Rubber Duck Regatta. You can purchase 1 duck for \$30 or 4 for \$100. The winner will receive 30% of the pot.

For more information about either of these events or to sign up, please call the school at 324-3181 or send an email to raiseyourhat4stpats@gmail.com.



deliver a difference if you can help.

St. Andrew's is responsible for Meals on Wheels August 3rd thru 7th and 10th thru 14th. Volunteers are needed to help deliver the meals. Please contact Melanie Seivert at 605-212-5289

VOLUNTEER for Shop With a Cop ministry through Love INC - Volunteers help selected children buy back to school clothes with money raised by the Sheldon Police Force. The two shopping dates are Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 22. The evenings will begin at 5:00. If you have any questions or can volunteer, please call Jessica or Kristi at the Love INC office (324-9707).

Daily Mass starts next week, July 15, 16 & 17

- Wednesday July 15, 8 a.m., St. Mary Ashton
- Thursday July 16, 8 a.m., St. Andrew Sibley
- Friday July 17, 8 a.m., St. Patrick Sheldon
 - You are required to wear a mask to enter the church.
 - Social distancing guidelines will need to be followed.
 - **Cleansing and sanitizing** protocols will be followed after daily Mass.

Daily Mass will continue on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday schedule until notified.

As always, please contact the office if you have any questions.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do Catholics baptize babies?

Answer:

For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who “do nothing” — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God’s initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life’s journey. Salvation isn’t something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1250-1252 and 1262-1270).

REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah assured the captive Israelites exiled in Babylon that God’s word is reliable and purposeful. Does this bring you comfort or distress?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of a spiritual connection and yearning for freedom (redemption) shared between us and creation itself. What do you think a redeemed creation looks like?

GOSPEL READING

Why do you think Jesus explains the parable of the sower to his disciples but not to the crowds?





The farmer is God. The seed is God's Word. That makes the soil your heart. If your heart is angry or stubborn, God's Word can't sink in. If your heart is shallow, God's Word can't take root. Instead you will worry about getting power or riches. If your heart is discouraged by people who hate God, your faith will choke. If your heart is soft, God's Word will change your life, and it will show.

PRAYER

God, help my heart be soft. Help your Word to change my life.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Visit someone who has a garden or planted a field. Learn why plants need good soil to grow.

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34-11:1
- Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11

4:30 p.m. Ashton Gerald & Rosella Croatt

Sunday, July 12

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Christine Sauer
10:30 a.m. Sibley Joanne Bender
12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)For the Parishes of the Cluster

Monday, July 13—No Mass

Tuesday, July 14

Sibley Carl & Donna Liechty

Wednesday, July 15

8 a.m. Ashton Jim Strouth and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

Thursday, July 16

8 a.m. Sibley Deceased Members of the Kennedy Family

Friday, July 17

8 a.m. Sheldon Dean Seivert

Saturday, July 18

4:30 p.m. Ashton Vincent & Sally Marnach

Sunday, July 19

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Ed & Eleanor Thole
10:30 a.m. Sibley For the Parishes of the Cluster
12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)Orville & Betty Gloden

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LITURGICAL LIFE RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments
FOCUS ON THE GOOD

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Weekly Giving

St. Patrick June 28

Adult	\$2,920.00
Spanish	\$ 763.00
Loose	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$3,723.00

Year to Date Income:

2020	\$129,276.64
2019	\$147,435.76
2018	\$132,803.23

St. Andrew and St. Mary June 28 and July 5

Adult	\$7,067.00
Children	\$ 1.00
Sibley Loose	\$ 65.00
Ashton Loose	\$ 41.00
Cemetery	\$ 200.00
Camp/Mission Trip	\$ 35.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 215.00
Aid to Domestic Church	\$ 100.00
Building	\$ 20.00

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