

July 26, 2020

Highway 60 Catholic Cluster



**17th SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Mt 13:44

***Saint Patrick***

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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!

For the period of Jan. 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 \$115,534.00 was sold in the scrip program. Rebate amount realized was \$3539.66 which is an average of 3% to be used for church and school expenses. Of this amount there were 10 school families that raised \$772.61 towards their tuition. This money raised DID NOT COST THE FAMILIES ANYTHING AS THE REBATES WERE GIVEN BY THE BUSINESS to encourage us to shop at their business. What a great way for ALL OF US TO HELP OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL. We have approximately 40 families that use scrip regularly. Scrip could have more families using this program. Contact the school or Jane Cain or Paula Schwabach and we will be very happy to help you get started in this program. Sinclair gas gift cards are available to be ordered from our national retailer.

How to access the bulletin online:

- St. Patrick and St. Andrew post the bulletin on the websites
  - St. Patrick website—<http://sheldonstpats.org/>
  - St. Andrew/St. Mary website—<http://hwy60catholiccluster.org/>
- You can use the bulletin button on the MyParish app. Go to your app store and search for myparish app and select the one from Diocesan Publications. For our church, choose Hwy60 Catholic Cluster. Create an account with your email and birthdate.
- You can also receive the bulletin by email as soon as it is published from Ipi. On your computer go to <https://parishesonline.com/find/saint-andrew-church-saint-mary-church>. Choose the St. Andrew and St. Mary church, Sibley Iowa, create an account to receive the bulletin by email.

If you need help with any of these options, please contact your church office.



*Congratulations to  
Mr. & Mrs. Locke.  
Marvin Locke & Janet Gustafson  
were married  
July 25 at St. Andrew.*

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](mailto:raiseyourhat4stpats@gmail.com).



deliver a difference

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 if you can help.

Parishioners of St. Patrick would like to offer their sympathy to the family of Lois Hewitt, sister of Coleen Ahlers, who passed away July 19 in Colorado.



Parishioners of St. Mary and St. Andrew would like to offer their sympathy to the family of Lynn Roder who died July 21.



Our churches will be open starting Monday, July 27.  
Ashton—use the East door. 7 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Sibley—use the Northwest door 7 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Sheldon—use the West door 6:30 a.m.—4 p.m.

You will need to wear a mask and sanitize your hands on entry into the church.

There will be a spray bottle of sanitizing cleaner and a rag at the churches. We are asking any person that comes into the church, to take time and spray and wipe down the area in which you sat.



# CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

## Lighting Candles in Church

### Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

### Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

St. Andrew Religious Education Program needs your help. With all of the requirements due to COVID19, there are many needs to be met.

Because items are not to be shared, we are going to need more items in the classroom and for at-home activities for each family. The following is a list of items we are hoping to have donated:

- Pencils and Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue bottles and Glue sticks
- Small Scissors
- Quart and Gallon Ziploc bags

As always, donations of money are greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase these items.

We are also asking for your prayers for the Students, Catechists, Teachers and Families as we move to returning to the classroom this fall.

**The St. Patrick's school marketing committee would like to know if you would send your child/children to St. Patrick's if transportation was available?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **yes.**      \_\_\_\_\_ **no**

**Ages of children** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_



Daily and Weekend Masses will be held as scheduled.

**WEEKEND AND DAILY  
MASSES WILL ONLY BE  
CANCELED IF THERE IS AN  
EXTREME INCREASE OF  
CASES IN OUR AREAS.**





Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.

## PRAYER

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.

## MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Put God and Jesus first in your life. Say a prayer every day thanking God for what you have. Take time to read a Bible story every day.

## Mass Intentions

## Weekly Readings

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
<b>Monday:</b>	Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Thursday:</b>	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
<b>Friday:</b>	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

### Friday, July 24

8 a.m. Sheldon Edna Finn

### Saturday, July 25

4:30 p.m. Ashton David Imhoff and Donna Imhoff

### Sunday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Gerald Croatt  
10:30 a.m. Sibley For the Parishes of the Cluster  
12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)Myles Sweeny Family

### Monday, July 27—No Mass

### Tuesday, July 28

Sibley Dallas Poss

### Wednesday, July 29

8 a.m. Ashton Helen Kreber

### Thursday, July 30

8 a.m. Sibley Family of Kathy Ver Steeg

### Friday, July 31

8 a.m. Sheldon Jeremy Kuiper and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

### Saturday, August 1

4:30 p.m. Ashton Steve Schwebach

### Sunday, August 2

8:30 a.m. Sheldon John Cain  
10:30 a.m. Sibley Gerald & Margaret Klein and Special Intention for Marriage (Español)For the Parishes of the Cluster  
12:30 p.m. Sheldon



# Prayer for Ordinary Time

*God of Eternity,*

As I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present ~

in the comings and goings of family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances;

in the sounds of summer and the beauty of your magnificent creation;

in the daily routines and responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days.

Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your presence.

*Amen.*

## LITURGICAL LIFE RESPONDING TO THE CALL

### Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments

#### WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF YOU?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Weekly Giving

### St. Patrick July 19

Adult	\$2,770.00
Spanish	\$
Loose	\$ 2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,772.00</b>

#### Year to Date Income:

2020	\$140,840.75
2019	\$162,278.69
2018	\$147,282.04

### St. Andrew and St. Mary July 19

Adult	\$3,605.00
Children	\$ 20.00
Sibley Loose	\$ 0
Ashton Loose	\$ 0
Youth Camp/Trip	\$ 10.00
Religious Ed	\$ 30.00
Cemetery	\$ 40.00
Building	\$ 140.00

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000.00  
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