

*August 16, 2020*

*Highway 60 Catholic Cluster*



THEN JESUS SAID TO HER IN REPLY, "O WOMAN,  
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! LET IT BE DONE FOR YOU  
AS YOU WISH." —MT 15:28

20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

**NEW SCHOOL HOURS** - Starting August 3rd the school office will be open from 8:00 am-3:30 pm Monday through Friday.

**SCRIP - Did you know** that Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles & friends can buy SCRIP and designate the savings to a St. Pat's School Family? Our SCRIP program does a wonderful job of helping to reduce the tuition costs for our children. Let the office know also if you want your SCRIP donations to go towards a confidential family needing extra tuition assistance.

**St. Patrick School Registration** - *Your children are the FUTURE of OUR WORLD and St. Patrick's School is excited to help them learn and grow during this new school year!* Begin your registration online at <https://stpatrickscatholic.onlinejmc.com>. Then stop in the school office to finalize your registration process.

**Immunizations for 2mn-18 yr olds** - O'Brien County Health want to remind parents of the importance of protecting your children's health. Please call #712-957-0105 NOW to set up an appointment for vaccine updates.

**St. Patrick's Golf Tournament** - A big thank you to all who made our annual Golf Tournament a success! Congratulations to Brent Richter for winning the 50/50 Raffle and to Lori Gross for winning the Duck Regatta! Profits going toward St. Pat's School tuition assistance will be shared in the near future.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CATECHISTS NEEDED** - We are certainly hoping to have RE Classes start up as usual in September! Things will look a little different & precautions will be taken, but with a strong partnership with parents, it will hopefully be a faith-filled year ahead! **We'd love to get our Catechist team on board so that some extra planning can take place in August. We will be in need of teachers for 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade and 8th Grade.** Please call or email Paulette at #324-3181 or [pka-rolczak@stpatrickssheldon.org](mailto:pka-rolczak@stpatrickssheldon.org) to volunteer!

### FREE SHELDON AREA UNITY MEAL

Monday, August 17, at Living Water Community Church Parking Lot. This will be a drive thru pick up meal to reheat at home. Enter the south driveway of the parking lot. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**St. Andrew Guild meeting is Monday, August 17, 6 p.m. at the St. Andrew Faith Center.**

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.**



An online event to support our 16 Catholic school systems!  
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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:

- Pens
- Markers—thin and thick
- **Color Pencil packs**
- **Buttons—all sizes**

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.

ST. ANDREW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will start in September. Changes are being made to the 2020/2021 year to accommodate Catechists and social distancing.

If you would be interested in helping in the classroom, with prayers or in other areas of our program, please contact Christy. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Text messages and phone calls have gone out for registration and to make arrangements to come to the office to discuss changes and requirements.

If you have a child in kindergarten and are interested in joining the Religious Education Program, please contact Christy at 712-754-2739.



## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### The Giving of Treasure

#### Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

#### Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).



Jesus met a woman who had amazing faith. She was brave. She was not loud. She did not care what anybody else thought. Jesus was the Savior, and she knew he could heal her daughter. Jesus can help you with any problem you have, too. Be brave. Keep asking Jesus for help. God is strong. He can do anything.

### PRAYER

Jesus, help me to be brave. I know you can do anything.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If you know someone who is sick, be brave and pray about it. Jesus can do anything.

## Mass Intentions

### Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
- Monday:** Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21  
[cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-  
28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-  
30
- Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
[1]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,  
18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-  
9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-  
12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8  
[8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

### Saturday, August 15

4:30 p.m. Ashton Robert Budden

### Sunday, August 16

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Steven Schwebach

10:30 a.m. Sibley For the Parishes of the Cluster

12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)Orville & Betty Gloden

### Monday, August 17—No Mass

### Tuesday, August 18

Sibley Fr. Tim Schott

### Wednesday, August 19

8 a.m. Ashton Esther Adkins

### Thursday, August 20

8 a.m. Sibley Tony Luneckas

### Friday, August 21

8 a.m. Sheldon “Ome” Klein and For the Poor  
Souls in Purgatory and Special  
Intention

### Saturday, August 22

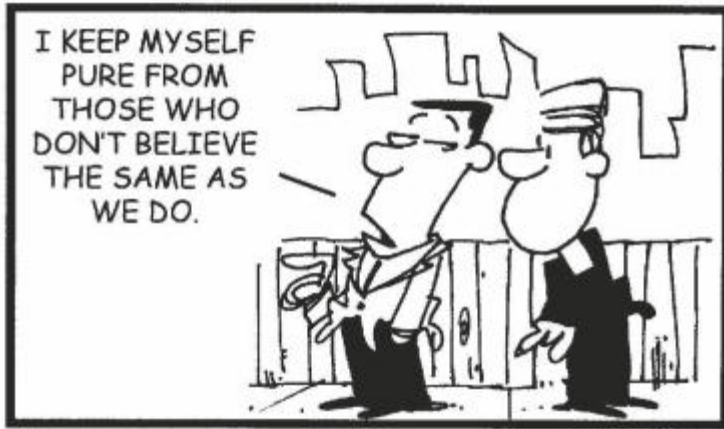
4:30 p.m. Ashton Joanne Bender

### Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Janet Wepler

10:30 a.m. Sibley For the Parishes of the Cluster

12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)Special Intention



## LITURGICAL LIFE

### RESPONDING TO THE CALL

### Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments  
Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Weekly Giving

### St. Patrick August 9

Adult	\$5,255.00
Spanish	\$ 248.85
Loose	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,503.85</b>
Infirm Priest/Nuns	\$ 24.00
Holy Day	\$ 50.00

### Year to Date Income:

2020	\$156,859.65
2019	\$178,686.70
2018	\$160,625.63

### St. Andrew and St. Mary August 9

Adult	\$2,309.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Sibley Loose	\$ 30.00
Ashton Loose	\$ 40.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 128.00
Building	\$ 75.00

Building Fund Drive Goal \$75,000.00  
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