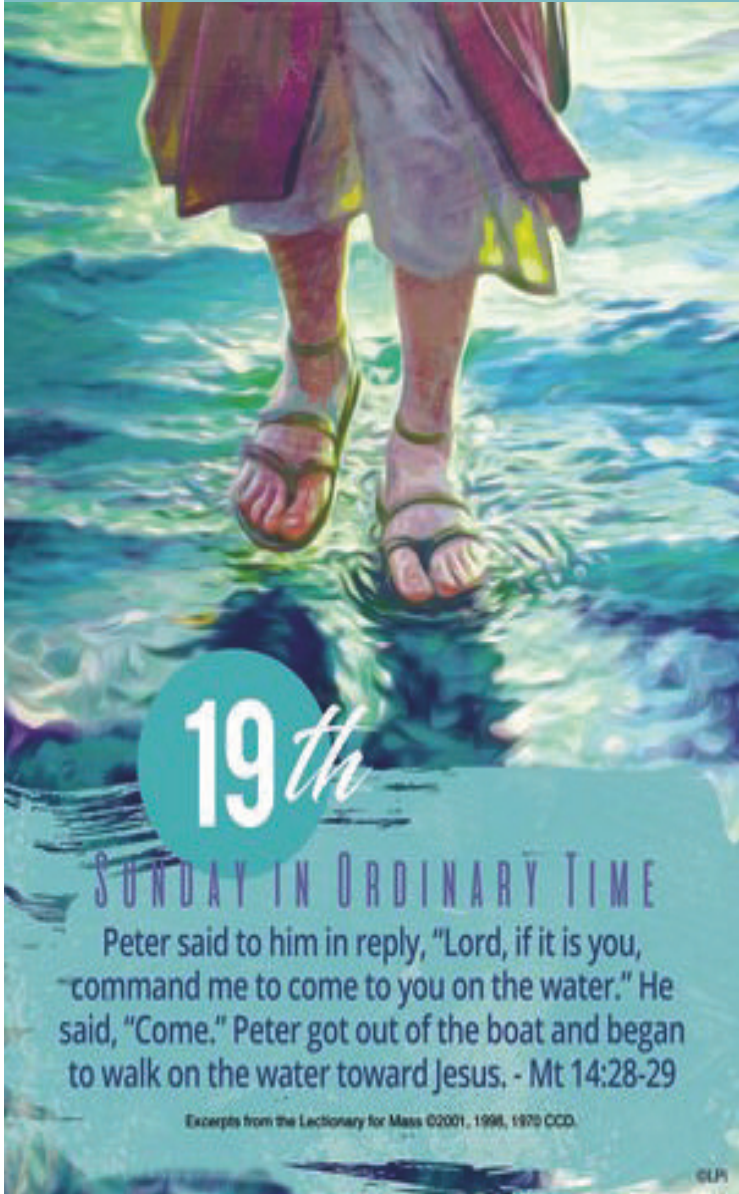


August 2, 2020

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

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.

Love INC is hosting a fundraiser meal **DRIVE THRU STYLE!** Monday, August 10 from 5:30-6:30, First Christian Reformed Church, 901 9th St., Sheldon. Please enter the driveway on the East side of the church from 9th Street and we will deliver to your car! We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, and sweet corn! Freewill donation.

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:pkarolczak@stpatrickssheldon.org) to volunteer!

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.

Free Food Available: The Food Bank of Iowa mobile pantry will be distributing food on Tuesday, August 11 from 4-6 p.m. at the Sibley Christian Reformed Church at 115 Maple Dr., Sibley. This month the food will be boxed ahead of time and people will be asked to drive under the car port, stay in their cars, and the food will be loaded for them. If you or anyone you know could use some help with food, please come.

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

First Communion will be held Wednesday, August 12 at St. Andrew Church.

BLESSINGS go out to

Karter Marco, son of Justin and Becky Marco
Presley Marco, daughter of Nathan and Heather Marco,

Blaine Mattea, son of Eric Mattea and Jackie Iedema,

Rita Ruano, daughter of Jose Ruano and Alicia Valverde,

Zoey Sanchez, daughter of Mary Sanchez,

Jackson Weber, son of John and April Weber,

Lexi Wedge, daughter of Mike and Kate Wedge



Congratulations to Terry and Bonnie Gregg, celebrating 50 years of marriage.

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
- Markers
- Glue bottles
- **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 will be going out this week 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

Marian Feasts

Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).



One night the disciples were caught in a storm, out in the middle of a lake. The winds were strong. The waves crashed against their boat. But Jesus was so powerful, he walked on that stormy lake. Then he completely stopped the storm. No problem you have is ever too big for Jesus. He can do anything. Put all your trust in him.

PRAYER

Jesus, I thank you for showing me how powerful you are.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When you are afraid, ask Jesus for help. Remember how powerful he is.

Weekly Readings

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
- Monday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8

4:30 p.m. Ashton Earl & Beverly Klosterman

Sunday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Mary Alice Campbell
10:30 a.m. Sibley Glen & Teresa Nasers
12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español)For the Parishes of the Cluster

Monday, August 10—No Mass

Tuesday, August 11

Sibley Fr. Tim Schott

Wednesday, August 12

8 a.m. Ashton Lowell & Darlene Van Briesen

Thursday, August 13

8 a.m. Sibley Helen Heiman and For the Poor Souls in Purgatory and Special Intention

Friday, August 14

8 a.m. Sheldon Ray & Delores Portz

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



Laughing in Heaven

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING TO THE CALL



Q. How can you make God laugh?

A. Tell him your plans.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognizing God in Your Ordinary Moments
Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Weekly Giving

St. Patrick August 2

Adult	\$3,560.00
Spanish	\$ 253.05
Loose	\$
TOTAL	\$3,813.05
Infirm Priest/Nuns	\$ 25.00

Year to Date Income:

2020	\$151,281.80
2019	\$173,953.52
2018	\$156,236.63

St. Andrew and St. Mary August 2

Adult	\$1,095.00
Children	\$ 0
Sibley Loose	\$ 10.00
Ashton Loose	\$ 45.00
Religious Ed	\$ 50.00
Building	\$

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