

December 31, 2023

Highway 60 Catholic Cluster



THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."

- Lk 2:30-31

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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

During Adoration and by appointment

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.

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St. Patrick, St. Mary and St. Andrew

Cluster Connection ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE CLUSTER

School Mass on Friday, January 5 at 8:45 am will be led by the teachers.

Christmas Break There will be no school December 25-January 2 for Christmas Break. Classes will resume on January 3.

Baby Girl Items Available If you or someone you know is in need of baby girl items, our school has collected a few things that a new baby girl might need. Please call the school office at (712) 324-3181.

MLTF Donations If you are interested in donating to MLTF, please contact the school for more information. The deadline to donate to MLTF is Dec. 31st. This is an excellent way to earn Iowa tax credits and support St. Patrick's School.



Holy Moments Now that Advent is over, we will be going back to focusing on Holy Moments. Make sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page to learn how our students are making holy moments happen throughout each day. Pictures are also posted on the bulletin board in the alley entrance of the church. This week's prompt is: Surprise someone with a thoughtful note.

Vehicle Raffle The Sioux City Diocese will be selling raffle tickets through St. Pat's for a \$50,000 vehicle voucher to Rick Collins Toyota or Knoepfler Chevrolet. Tickets are \$100 each. Proceeds will help Catholic schools and students in our diocese through enhancement grants. Drawing will be held on February 2, 2024. Winner need not be present to win. Individuals over the age of 18 and Iowa businesses are eligible. Please call the school for additional information and to purchase tickets.

Mark Your Calendars The Pot O' Gold will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024.



The Sheldon Knights of Columbus will be hosting an initiation exemplification for new members on January 7 after the 8:30 Mass. The ceremony will take place in the St. Patrick's Catholic Church sanctuary. All family members of incoming Knights are invited, as are members of congregation.

The Sheldon Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast after the 8:30 Mass on January 7. Proceeds will be going toward our Youth Projects.

The offices of St. Andrew and St. Patrick are closed Monday January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 for the holidays. If there is an emergency, please contact Amy or Christy by cell-phone.



SCRIP PROGRAM

St. Pat's Scrip would like to thank all those who have used our scrip program this past year. PLEASE consider using the scrip program in 2024 especially for your gas and groceries. This program does not cost you anything the discount is given by the retailer. If more people used the program, scrip could give more money to the parish and school for expenses. If you have questions, please call the school. Again thank you for using the scrip program.



2024 Calendars are available in the south entrance of St. Mary, communication center of St. Andrew and information center at St. Patrick

Sheldon's Court Bernadette #189 thanks you for your donation of warm mittens and hats for the St. Pat's kids for this winter season. Though it doesn't seem like they are needed right now, we all know that snow and cold will arrive! Our CDA Court wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and we thank you for supporting our Court throughout the year. Warm wishes for a healthy new year and we would welcome any woman in the parish that is 18 years and older to join our CDA Court. Contact Karen at 348-4845 for more information. Our next meeting will be in February. God Bless!

Weekly Giving

St. Patrick, December 17, 24/25TBA		St. Andrew and St. Mary December 17, 24 & 25	
Adult	\$4,970.00	Adult	\$12056.00
Children	\$ 5.00	Children	\$ 118.00
Spanish	\$ 378.75	Sibley Loose	\$ 241.00
Loose	\$ 171.00	Ashton Loose	\$ 997.05
Religious Ed	\$ 31.00	On-Line	\$ 255.00
Cemetery	\$ 35.00	Religious Ed	\$
Holy Days	\$ 70.00	Youth Camp	\$ 123.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 649.70	Cemetery	\$ 121.00
IRA Dist.	\$2,000.00	Building Fund	\$ 120.00
Total	\$8,310.45	Catholic Char.	\$ 1016.06
Catholic Char.	\$ 10.00	Sol. Of Mary	\$ 120.00
		Christmas	\$ 1140.00
		Flowers	\$
Year to Date Income:		TAO Goal	\$18,000.00
2023	281,432.80	TAO Received	\$ 6,511.50
2022	288,723.91		
TAO Goal	\$16,000.00		
TAO Received	\$10,617.00		

Liturgical Assignments

Saturday, January 6, 4:30 p.m.—Ashton

Lector	Doyle Trei
EME	Karen DeVries, Nancy Marnach, Stephanie Krogman
Servers	Stan Krogman, Ryker Gacke
Greeters/Gifts	Lee & Sherry Nilles
Ushers	Wayne Krogman, Leon Marnach, Loren Marnach, Lee Nilles

Sunday, January 7, 8:30 a.m.—Sheldon

Organist	Laura Wagner
Cantor	Tyler Youngers/Small Group
Lector	Karen Pottebaum
Communion	Cindy Barwick, Geri Bunkers, Barb Nilles
Cup	Doug & Doris Heiliger
Ushers	Matt Ascherl, Mike & Jody Olson, Ryan Dobbins, Ryan Francis, Coby Fischer
Servers	Hailey Steven, Darren Vollink
Gifts	John Bunkers Family
Childrens Liturgy	Katie Morgan, Claire Nilles

Sunday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.—Sibley

Communion	Carole Hensch
Cup	Jeni Sarringar, Bonnie Gregg
Lector	Catherine Nasers
Servers	Paige Weber, Lexi Wedge
Gifts	Arthur Eddy Family
Ushers	Susan Truckenmiller, Mark Wiersma, Tom & Becky Block
Rosary Leader	Jan Walton
Sacristan	Carol Harper
NH Communion	Julie Schroder
Home/HWH Communion	Jodi Nasers
Children's Liturgy	Macy Pohlen
Greeters	Jordi Acevedo, Giovanni Garcia, Alan Mejia, Carver Rud



St. Andrew parishioners would like to offer their sympathy to Lorraine Poss and her family on the loss of her sister Marguerite Nath. Marguerite passed on December 15, 2023.

Just a reminder that the bank will no longer accept checks made out to St. Mary. St. Mary is no longer an official business with an EIN.

ST. Patrick's Missionary ladies still have a few quilts left to sell. If you are interested in looking at them, they range from baby to Queen size. They would love to close the books by the end of the year. All the money raised from this will go to help with church projects.

Please contact Amy Strouth in the office to view them.



TAO "Together as One Campaign" was mailed and launched in September. We do this every year and it helps to raise funds for our church and the diocese for the Faith Formation and other programs that we support. It has been brought to our attention that some of you did not receive the first mailing. Not sure what happened however, the diocese will be sending another mailing out in December. Please, if you **DO NOT** receive the second mailing, please let the office know and I will get you a copy of the slip and mail it for you to the diocese. Thank you for your understanding and for letting us know about this issue.

Amy Strouth St. Patrick's Secretary

Good deeds create good will which creates an opportunity to share the Good News." There are several people in Osceola County who lack the transportation resources needed to attend important out-of-town medical appointments. If you have availability to provide rides as a ministry to people in need, please contact Linda at Love INC: 712-324-9707.

CLUSTER EVENTS

Ashton = St. Mary Sibley = St. Andrew
Sheldon = St. Patrick School = St. Patrick School

Sunday, December 31

- **Sheldon**—after Mass—Scrip sold
- **Sheldon**—after Mass—Sunday Bible Study
- **Sibley**—10 a.m. Rosary, Church

Tuesday—January 2

- **Sibley**—after Mass—CDofA Rosary
- **Sheldon**—10:30 a.m. Fieldcrest Rosary

Wednesday—January 3

- **School**—Classes resume
- **Sibley**—10 a.m. Coffee and Conversation Bible Study at the Faith Center
- **Sheldon**—5:45 p.m. Religious Education Classes
- **Sibley**—6 p.m. Religious Education Classes, all grades including Confirmation
- **Sheldon**—7 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday—January 4

- **Sheldon**—3 p.m. Coffee Connection

Friday—January 5

- **Ashton**—9 a.m. Prayer Gathering

Sunday, January 7

- **Sheldon**—after Mass—Scrip sold
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What To Think When Children Cry During Mass – Fr. Ryan Erlenbush

"But Father," you say, "the kids cry so loud, I can't stand it!" I reply: There are several things one can consider when we hear children crying. They are the future of our parish. Their noisy cries call to mind the inaudible lament of the souls in purgatory, for whom we ought to pray. Such noises teach us patience. And so forth. But I will show you a yet greater way.

Mary wept at the foot of the Cross

When you hear a child crying during Mass, let the sound of those tears call to mind the mystery of the Cross. The Holy Mass is, of course, one with the true sacrifice offered by Christ once for all upon the Cross at Golgotha. The Mass is a sacrifice, it is the Cross." – Read More Of Fr. Ryan Erlenbush's Article at <https://newtheologicalmovement.blogspot.com/2012/04/crying-children-call-to-mind-mystery-of.html>.

Matthew 19:14 but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Sheldon Knights of Columbus

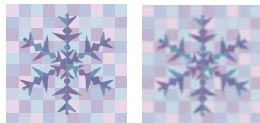
100 day Raffle Results

Raffle proceeds go to the St. Patrick's Cemetery Fund.
Raffle ends December 30, 2023.

Drawing #	Date	Prize	Name
95	12/25/2023	\$ 300	Randy Schott
96	12/26/2023	\$ 50	Dr. Anthony Bart
97	12/27/2023	\$ 50	Ben Huss
98	12/28/2023	\$ 50	Norman Freking
99	12/29/2023	\$ 50	Sherri Mullin
100	12/30/2023	\$ 200	Ken Schmit



It's coming.....



St. Andrew's CDA will host the Women's Winter Party

When: Saturday, January 20, 2024

Where: The Lantern Coffeehouse – Sibley

Time: 9:30 a.m. for BRUNCH!!

All women of St. Andrew's (Sibley & Ashton) are invited

And welcome.....you may bring a friend.

Please make your reservation (\$5 fee) before or after Masses the weekends of January 6&7....January 13&14

Or call – Bonnie Gregg @ 754-4812 or 461-1134 (call or text)

Or Lila Hatting @ 461-1684 (call or text)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30

4:30 p.m. Ashton

Jerry Roetzel, Nancy Roetzel,
David Roetzel

Sunday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Sheldon

Carol McCarty

10:30 a.m. Sibley

Parishes of the Cluster

12:30 p.m. Sheldon

Marc Muhlbauer

Monday, January 1—NO MASS

Tuesday, January 2—NO Mass

Wednesday, January 3

8 a.m. Ashton

Angeline Thom

Thursday, January 4

8 a.m. Sibley

Mary Wick—CDofA

Friday, January 5

8:45 a.m. Sheldon

Steve Schwebach

Saturday, January 6

4:30 p.m. Ashton

Marlyn & Joyce Lonneman

Sunday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Sheldon

Jim Jungers

10:30 a.m. Sibley

Colleen Koehne

12:30 p.m. Sheldon

Parishes of the Cluster



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's SANCTUARY LAMP
is offered in remembrance of

St. Mary Ashton—Special Intentions

St. Patrick Sheldon—Merlin & Paula Schwebach

St. Andrew Sibley—Family of Kathy VerSteeg

May the Lord be Merciful and Grant
Eternal Rest to those that have passed.



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