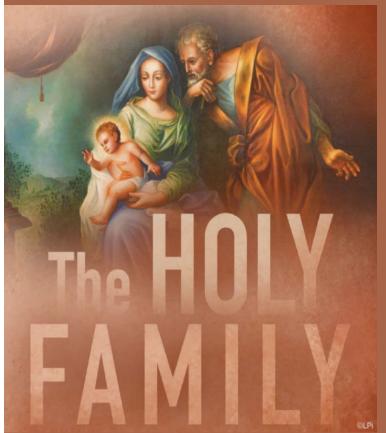
## December 26, 2021



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.—Lk 2:51-52

## 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**

Sibley: Each Tuesday before evening Mass 4:30—5:30 p.m.

## Saint Patrick

310 10th St.
Sheldon, IA 51201-1530
bksheldon@scdiocese.org
Phone 712-324-0160
Adm. Secretary Amy Strouth
DRE Paulette Karolczak
712-348-3132

## Saint Patrick School

1020 4th Ave.
Sheldon, IA 51201-1520
Pkarolczak@stpatrickssheldon.org
Phone 712-324-3181
Principal: Mrs. Jessica Schmalen

#### Father Siby Punnoose, Pastor



Phone: 712-730-6480 Email: punnooses@scdiocese.org Website: hwy60catholiccluster.org Website: stpatssheldon.org

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Adm. Secretary Christy Funk

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DRE/Adm. Secretary Christy Funk

## St. Patrick, St. Mary and St. Andrew

## Cluster Connection announcements from around the cluster

### St. Patrick's School News

St. Patrick School is on holiday break through January 2nd. Classes resume on January 3rd. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Scrip will not be sold December 27-31 while the school is on holiday break.

Support our School! It will resume being sold on

Sunday, January 2nd.

Thank you to all who used our School SCRIP program to do their Christmas shopping!

St. Patrick's Religious Education is on holiday break December 29. Classes resume Wednesday, January 5th.





The St. Pat's Soup and Pie supper was a wonderful success.

So a BIG THANK YOU to all who pitched in to work or donate items!!! It could not have happened without YOU!!

#### The end of the year is coming fast.

All donations for the 2021 calendar year need to be in the office by December 30th or postmarked by December 31st. If you place your 2021 donation in the January 1/2 weekend collection, that donation will be applied towards the 2022 donation calendar year, no matter the date on the check or envelope. This is an IRS requirement.

If you need to know where you stand on your donations for the year, please contact Sheldon at 712-324-0160 and Sibley at 712-754-2739.



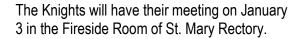
#### **Sheldon Knights of Columbus**

The Knights will be hosting their Annual Stag/Membership Night meeting on January 3 in the St Patrick's Church base-

ment. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm with a brief meeting to follow.

The Knights will be serving a breakfast in the church basement following the January 9, 8:30 am Mass. Proceeds will go for Sheldon Knights of Columbus Youth Projects.

#### **Ashton Knights of Columbus**







St. Andrew Religious Education Classes will resume on January 5th.



Mass Intentions. If you would like to have a mass said for your loved ones please write or call the office. The cost is 10.00 per Mass. If you have a specific date in mind please include that with the letter or call informing us of the intentions (the person and date you wish to have it said). Not all requests can be fulfilled, but we will do our best to accommodate requested dates. Thank you

MASS INTENTIONS ARE SCHEDULED 2 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.



#### 100 Day Raffle Results Sheldon Knights of Columbus

Drawing #	Date	Prize	Winner	From
78	12/6/21	50	Joe Heimann	Sheldon ,lowa
79	12/7/21	50	Kris Schoo	Ashton ,lowa
80	12/8/21	50	Bill Nilles	Sheldon ,Iowa
81	12/9/21	50	Brandon Winkel	Sheldon ,Iowa
82	12/10/21	50	Jim Konz	Hospers ,lowa
83	12/11/21	200	Evan Ascherl	Commerce City ,Colorado

Raffle Proceeds to benefit Sheldon St. Patrick's School general fund. Drawing Ends December 31, 2021.

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



#### St. Patrick 6th Grade Catechist needed in January

- We will need a new 6th grade Catechist starting January 19th. This is a class of 3 youth, so a great way to get your feet wet if you are new to teaching! Call Paulette to volunteer asap at #712 -348-3132!



#### Attention Winter Flannel & Frost Fun Party

All Ladies of St. Andrew and St. Mary Parish are invited on Sunday, January 9, 2022 right after 10:30 mass. Please make your reservation by Friday, December 31, 2021

to Betty Wessels 712-754-3796. We look forward to having you join us. Snow date will be on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

## Weekly Giving

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St. Patrick, December 19TBA			St. Andrew and St. Mary December 19—TBA		
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Loose	\$		Cemetery \$		
Cemetery	\$		VBS \$		
Online Giving \$			Christmas Flowers\$		
Holy Days \$			Catholic Charities \$		
Altar Flowers	\$		St. Joseph Ed \$		
Religious Ed	\$		Aid to Dom Chrch \$		
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2019 \$			•	75,000	
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Pledged \$14,365.00			Pledged	\$ 9,344.00	
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  - Locations in Sioux City, Algona, Carroll/ Storm Lake, Fort Dodge and Spencer, but a resource for anyone in our Diocese no matter where they live made easier by the option of telehealth.

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### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Around Christmas and New Years** 

Bulletin items for the January 2 bulletin are due by **9 p.m. December 26.** 

## **CLUSTER EVENTS**

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

#### Sunday, December 26

- Sheldon—after Mass—Scrip is sold
- Sibley—10 a.m. Rosary, Church

BULLETIN ITEMS FOR JANUARY 2 ARE DUE BY 9 P.M.

Tuesday, December 28

• Sibley—9 a.m. Rosary Wednesday, December 29

- Sheldon—No Religious Education Classes
- Sibley—No Religious Education Classes

Friday, December 30

• **Ashton**—9 a.m. Prayer Gathering

Sunday, January 2

- Sheldon—after Mass—Scrip is sold
- Sibley—10 a.m. Rosary, Church

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-

10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-

52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8

[7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13

[11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal

4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Observances for the Week

**Sunday:** The Holy Family

**Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

**Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother

of God; World Day of Peace

## **Liturgical Assignments**

## Saturday, Jan. 1, 4:30 p.m.—Ashton

Karen DeVries Lector **EME** Lee & Sherry Nilles

Servers Norb Strouth, Hailey Gacke

**Greeters/Gifts** Bob & Kris Schoo

Merlyn Johnson. Wayne Krogman. Ushers

Leon Marnach, Loren Marnach

### Sunday, Jan. 2, 8:30 a.m.—Sheldon

Communion Cindy Barwick, Geri Bunkers,

**Barb Nilles** 

Karen Pottebaum Lector Kevin Miller Cantor

Servers Addison Dobbins & Brooke Jonas

Gifts John Bunkers Family

Ushers Matt Ascherl, Mike & Jody Olson,

Ryan Dobbins, Ryan Francis,

Cody Flscher

**Organist** Toni Bart

Children's Lit Meredith Jonas, Claire Jonas

## Sunday, Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m.—Sibley

**EME** Tom or Becky Block Lector Carole Hensch

Servers Tyler Marco, Allison Wedge

Gifts Tom & Becky Block

**Ushers** Bruce Osterman. Donald Thole

Steve Thole, Joseph Jansers

Sacristan Carol Harper Children's Lit Amanda Thole

NH Communion

Home/HWH Communion Jodi Nasers





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## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Jim Dempsey

10:30 a.m. Sibley Donald & Elizabeth Hatting,

Dan Wessels, Jack Kellen

and Mike Wilson

12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) Myles Sweeney

4:30 p.m. Ashton Robert Budden

Sunday, December 26

8:30 a.m. Sheldon Ray & Helen Gunter

10:30 a.m. Sibley Dallas Poss and Parishes of

the Cluster

12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) Ray & Delores

Portz

Monday, December 27-NO MASS Tuesday, December 28—NO MASS

Wednesday, December 29

8 a.m. Ashton Eloise Kuiper and For the

Poor Souls in Purgatory and

Special Intention

Al & Marjorie Roder

Thursday, December 30

8 a.m. Sibley Barbara Nasers

Friday, December 31

8:45 a.m. Sheldon Ome Klein

Saturday, January 1

Earl & Beverly Klosterman

4:30 p.m. Ashton

Sunday, January 2

10:30 a.m. Sibley Helen Heiman

12:30 p.m. Sheldon (Español) Parishes of the

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