

## Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

**November 12, 2017 - Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A trinity of people on pilgrimage to nurture, teach, serve, witness, and celebrate, so as to evangelize.

Rev. Daniel Greving – [dmgreving@hotmail.com](mailto:dmgreving@hotmail.com) – (712) 840-1709

Sr. Patrice Klein, Pastoral Minister – (712) 752-8857

Deacon Dan Goebel – [danpgoebel@gmail.com](mailto:danpgoebel@gmail.com) – (712) 441-0861

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment any time. WEEKLY BULLETIN ONLINE: PilgrimCluster.org.

St. Mary Parish  
609 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Alton, 51003  
(712) 756-4224  
OFFICE HOURS:  
Tue – Fri - 8:00 AM – Noon  
& Tue 1-3 PM; Wed-1-5 PM  
[altonsmc@midlands.net](mailto:altonsmc@midlands.net)

St. Joseph Parish  
528 Elm Street, Granville. 51022  
(712) 727-3551  
OFFICE HOURS:  
Mon – Thu 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
[christec@mtcnet.net](mailto:christec@mtcnet.net)

St. Anthony Parish  
506 Elm Street, Hospers, 51238  
712 (752-8784)  
OFFICE HOURS  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9AM to 1:30 PM  
[stacc@nethtc.net](mailto:stacc@nethtc.net)

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ONLINE: Our web site (PilgrimCluster.org)**

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Make an appointment for baptismal preparation and set a date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** Call priest in the event of a serious illness or medical emergency.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact the pastor nine (9) months in advance.

### MASS INTENTIONS: November 14 thru November 19

Tues. (11/14)	8:00 am @ Granville	Donna Horkey, Rita Cook
Wed. (11/15)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Marvin & Marlys Auchstetter
Thurs. (11/16)	8:30 am @ Alton	Oscar, Rose, Patricia Klein
Fri. (11/17)	8:00 am @ Granville	Marc Schuver
Sat. (11/18)	5:00 pm @ Granville	For the People, Ints. of Gary & Rosie Fluent, Lawrence McDermott, Confirmandi
Sun. (11/19)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Norbert Stoll
Sun. (11/19)	10:00 am @ Alton	Phil Hoffman

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of November 18/November 19

#### Lectors

5:00 pm Carson Tesch, Kassandra Diehl  
8:00 am Karen Freking  
10:00 am Bob Goliber

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Confirmation  
8:00 am Deacon Dan Goebel, Steve Robinet, Ken Schmit  
Choir: Karen Freking  
10:00 am Al Willett, Dan & Betsy Stoll

#### Altar Servers

5:00 pm Andrew Oldenkamp, Harlie Tesch, Alex Pohlen,  
Thomas Pohlen  
8:00 am Justin, Robert & Brian Schmit  
10:00 am Kiera Rogers, Carter & Austin Solsma

#### Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Wyatt Tesch, Christopher Holzman, Nick Full  
8:00 am Linda Block & Diane Gesink  
10:00 am Jerry & Linda Langel

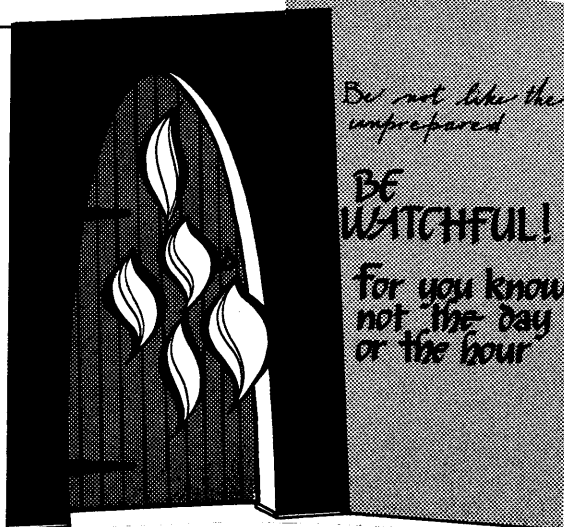
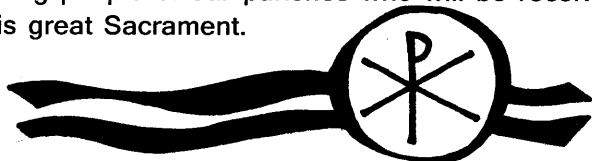
#### Ushers

5:00 pm Curt Christoffel, Francis & Jan Goebel,  
Steve & Marilyn Paulsen  
8:00 am Dean Otto & Mike Thompson  
10:00 am Mike & Julie Pottebaum, Rod & Cindy Pottebaum

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them, and their families, for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

## PILGRIM CLUSTER

Confirmation...Bishop Nickless will be with us Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 PM Mass at Granville to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the 18 young people of our parishes who will be receiving this great Sacrament.



### CONFIRMATION NOTES:

**Confirmation Practice** for the 2017 Candidates and Sponsors will be on:

Date: **Wednesday - 11/15/2017**  
Time: **6:30 p.m.**  
Location: St. Joseph's Church, Granville, IA

**2017 Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors are expected at this practice.** If you have any questions, please contact Tami List, DRE at: 712-548-8375

**Confirmation** for the 2017 Candidates will be:

Date: Saturday – 11/18/2017  
Time: 5 p.m.  
Location: St. Joseph's Church, Granville, IA

Welcome to Fr. Joseph Arackal, from the Vincentian Congregation will be making a missionary appeal this weekend. Thank you for welcoming him and for your generous support. Ushers will be invited to pass the baskets a second time at the time of the announcements after Holy Communion. This appeal is set up by the Missionary Cooperation Plan 2017 via Diocese of Sioux City. The Vincentian Congregation, a missionary sending Religious Congregation, was founded in Kerala, India, on November 20, 1904, modeled after the Congregation of the Mission founded by Saint Vincent de Paul.

**Incline Thine ear, O Lord**, unto our prayers, wherein we humbly pray Thee to show Thy mercy upon the soul of Thy servant, whom Thou hast commanded to pass out of this world, that Thou wouldst place him in the region of peace and light and bid him be a partaker with Thy Saints. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Adult Bible Study:** Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the library of the Granville parish center for a Bible Study focused on the Life and Mission of Jesus Christ. No previous experience required!



Can Faith and Science Co-Exist? Of course! God is the author of both. Celebrate the feast day of Albert the Great, patron of scientists on Wednesday and see for yourself as you watch *Cosmic Origins* on [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG).

**CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY** – We are continuing our book study-RESISTING HAPPINESS by Matthew Kelly, meeting every **OTHER THURSDAY (next gathering 11/16 at 7 PM)** at St. Joseph rectory. We will be starting Chapter 15. As before, we listen to a chapter and then discuss it so you only need to prep if you want to. Know you can come anytime throughout the book. ?? Contact Cindy Klein (540-6962) or Tera Oldenkamp (348-3566).

**Permanent Deacon Inquiry Nights –**

Information sessions on the permanent diaconate and the five-year formation program will be held throughout the diocese during November:

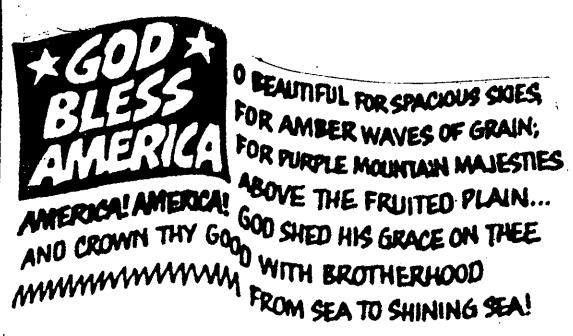
- Wed, 11/15, 7:30 pm, St. Mary's, Storm Lake, in the small conference room of the new parish center
  - Mon, 11/20, 7 pm, Blessed Sacrament location of Holy Cross Parish, Sioux City, in the parish hall
  - Tues, 11/21, 7 pm, St. Lawrence, Carroll, in the Family Room
- Application forms will be available, or can be found on the diocesan website [scdiocese.org](http://scdiocese.org) (under "Vocations," then "Diaconate," and scroll down). Please contact Dcn. Dan Goebel (712-441-0861) or Dcn. David Lopez ([davidl@scdiocese.org](mailto:davidl@scdiocese.org) - 712-233-7512), for more information, or if you are interested but cannot attend any of these sessions.



**News from Sr. Patrice --**

*To fulfill an advance notice clause in my contract, on Nov. 2, I submitted a letter of resignation to Fr. Greving effective Nov. 30, 2017. I will be leaving in early January to start a new ministry in Michigan. The St. Anthony Parish Directors, on behalf of the parish, along with Father, graciously agreed to let me stay at the Parish House until I move. I need some time to organize the move, to visit my Iowa family members, and maybe even get some rest. This has not been an easy decision. As much as I love my family and my Sisters, the people of the Pilgrim Cluster have literally been my life for over 15 years and parting from you will be very difficult. Still, I have prayed hard about this and need to trust that God has plans for me in my next ministry, just as I prayed when I first came here in 2002. I remember praying alone in St. Anthony's Church in my earliest days here. (I still like to pray there.) I sat next to the big statue of St. Anthony and with confidence that he is known to find things, I asked him to "find" me some new friends. Indeed, St. Anthony is good at what he does! I need to tell you too, that over the last month, I intended to personally share this news as I went about my visiting rounds. But somehow I just couldn't bring myself to do it and we chatted as usual about what is happening in your lives. So here you are having to read about it instead. For further comments, please read the paper attached to this bulletin.*

**Happy Veterans Day!** Thank you veterans and blessings for your selfless service to our country! ... God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Amen



**Wedding congrats** to Mindy Newborg & Justin Plathe who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at St. Marys, Alton. May the Lord bless you in your future life together.

**Cherish House Baby Bottle Campaign** in all three churches was successful. There are still about 60 bottles out. PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOTTLES TO YOUR PARISH SECRETARY ASAP, FILLED OR EMPTY. It is costly to replace them as they are used more than once. Thanks for your support to this most worthy cause!

The Alton Catholic Order of Foresters will meet on Nov 12 at the St Mary's cafeteria at 5:30 PM. This is the monthly meeting and the Thanksgiving party for the youth. Lunch committee is Kent/Brandy Willett & Scott/Stacey Paulsen Youth helpers are Dennis/Deb Schmit.

**St. Joseph Parish Turkey Supper,  
St. Joseph Parish Center  
Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Serving from, 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM.  
COME! ENJOY GREAT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

- November 16 Janet Richter
- November 17 Hailey Steven
- November 18 Joey Pohlen, Brian Schmit
- November 19 LeAnn Grave

**St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

- November 14 Emily Kellen Alan & Laurie Schroeder - 36<sup>th</sup>
- November 15 Emily Fleming, Randy Plathe
- November 16 Tom Pottebaum Matt & Amy Jungers - 21<sup>st</sup>
- November 17 Lorraine Fischer Cliff & Dolly Schlichte - 61<sup>st</sup>
- November 18 Tim Schmidt
- November 19 Joe Konz Don & Marci Kreber - 40<sup>th</sup>

**St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:**

- November 13 Kyle Ruba; Tony & Kris Full-35
- November 14 Renee Rupp
- November 15 LuAnn Croghan, Elmer Frederes, Andrew Heying, Robert Soll
- November 18 John Kennedy, Kevin Langel

**NOTE: Paula Steffes is being transferred to: Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals, Room 104, 17500 Burke Street, Omaha, NE 68118. She would love to hear from you!**



To instill a belief in God and self and provide excellence in learning through Mutual support, service and Catholic leadership.

*Our Lady of Lourdes, patron of Spalding, please pray for us!*

Like our Facebook page, "Spalding Catholic School, Prek-6" to see what our students are experiencing...

The 3rd through 6th graders went on a "Tour of the Saints" in St. Mary's church on All Saints Day. They learned about the many saints represented in the various windows, statues and pictures.

K-6th grade students gathered for Adoration and to sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Tuesday. They remembered specifically to pray for Vocations, those who support our school and their deceased loved ones during this month of Holy Souls.

Spalding Catholic students will be selling World's Finest Chocolates/World's Best Dish Cloths starting Nov. 2 through Dec. 5. Thank you for your support.



Please log on to [www.gehlencatholic.org](http://www.gehlencatholic.org) for more information on upcoming events.

#### GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

Monday, November 13

- JH B BB at RSM, 4 PM

Wednesday, November 15

- 2 Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher In-service

Thursday, November 16

- JH B BB, HOME, vs Akron-Westfield, 4 PM
- OPUS Honor Choir Concert in Ames

#### GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS CONTINUED:

Friday, November 17

- JVV G BB, HOME, vs River Valley, 6 PM
- High School Choir Pastry Puffin Sale until November 28<sup>th</sup>
- JH B BB, HOME, vs MMC-RU, 4 PM
- IHSMA All-State Music Festival

Saturday, November 18

- IHSMA All-State Music Festival



### ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship November 5, 2017

Adult Envelope: \$ 2,700.00

Adult Loose: \$ 122.00

Youth Envelope: \$ 10.00

St. Joseph Education Society: \$ 485.00

Total Income: \$ 3,317.00

**Bills Paid:** Bayard, \$58.78, Sunday Missal; MCI, \$18.86 and \$18.80 long distance; City of Hoppers, \$45.28, utilities;

#### DAA Status:

DAA Donations this week: \$ 120.00

Total number of pledges turned in to date: 47

Total amount of donations to date: \$ 3,265.00

DAA 2017 Goal: \$ 6,504.00

The Diocese will bill the parish for the balance if we do not make the goal. To date, we will owe \$3,239.00. Please get your pledges and money turned in! Thank you for your participation!!

#### Scripture

Scripture Sharing will meet on November 15 from 8:30 – 10:00 AM at the St. Anthony Room at Church. We will discuss the second half of Chapter 3 of Scripture and the Rosary, (Lesson 3: Questions 10-18), along with the Sunday readings. We will also continue to pray for the deceased members of the parish.

The next Finance Board / Parish Council meetings will take place on Thursday, November 16. Agenda and Minutes will be available the weekend of Nov. 11. Please remember to pick up your minutes and to notify Mary if you have a conflict with the date.

St. Anthony's Parish Chicken Supper will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup> with carry outs starting at 5:30 and supper at 6:00pm. The tickets will be \$9.25 for adults and carry outs, and \$5.50 for ages 5-10 dine-in only, and children 4 and under are free. A committee member will be contacting you for tickets. Santa will also be arriving after supper.

#### \*\*\*\*\*Ladies Guild Information\*\*\*\*\*

Chicken Supper: Chairlady – Diane Gesink; Co-Chair – Peggy Pohlen, Committee – Joan Schmit, Debbie Wanderscheid, Linda Block, Therese Jungers, Carol Jungers, Brandy Willett, Kyla Barnes, Janet Klein, Elizabeth Steven, Karla Robinet, Roleen Walgenbach

#### \*\*\*Church Cleaning for month of November 2017:\*\*\*

**Church Proper Chairlady:** Joan Schmit **Committee:** Janet Richter, Helen Stoll, Joell Walgenbach, Laurie Jungers **West Area and Church Basement Chairlady:** Mary Konz **Committee:** Kris Pottebaum, Marlene Schwartz, Karen Freking.

\*\*\*Please make sure that the cleaning gets done during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month. *List of cleaning duties and cleaning supplies are in the south basement closet.* \*\*\* If you have questions, contact Mary Auchstetter or Susie Jungers. Thank you for your service!\*\*\*

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Money Counters, Monday, November 13, 9:00 AM,  
St. Joseph rectory: Denis Schilmoeller, Pat Steffes

#### Stewardship, November 4:

Adult	\$	1,720.00
Adult - ACH		1,265.00
Young		7.00
Loose Collection		80.00
Unspecified Donation		500.00
Buildings/Grounds		220.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$3,792.00</b>

St. Joseph Education Fund \$195.00



**ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID:** Diocese of Sioux City (Disaster Relief), \$50.00; Propagation of the Faith (World Mission), \$225.00; Culligan (water softener), \$19.26; Gehlen Catholic (November), \$5,072.93; Spalding Catholic, \$17,118.90

*We wish to thank those parishioners who have so generously continued to support our parish with the stewardship of their time, talent and treasure! May God's blessings be upon you.*

#### DAA STATUS:

DAA Donations: \$7,535

Total Number of Pledges Turned in to Date: 70 out of 174

Total Amount of Donations to Date: \$7,235

DAA 2017 Goal: \$13,713

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED YOUR DAA CARDS. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO (WE HAVE 104 FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT) PLEASE RETURN YOUR DAA CARD ASAP! THIS WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

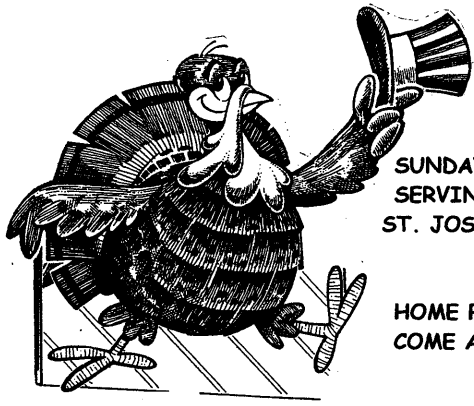
We will be taking applications from those wishing to rent the Edward Penning land that was given to St. Joseph Parish. We extend our thanks to the Penning family for their most generous gift to our parish. We also extend special thanks to Dan Hunt, Steve Hunt and Chris Hunt who have been farming this land. They have done an excellent job of caring for the land and St. Joseph Parish. May the Good Lord continue to bless you as you do so much for others.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:

- Term of the lease will be six (6) years
- There is 41 tillable acres.
- Rent will be paid in two (2) installments:  
    ½ by March 1st and ½ by October 1st.
- St. Joseph's retains all CRP payments.
- St. Joseph Church will pay for, and have the farm soil sampled in 2 ½ acre grids, every four years. The tenant will apply, and pay for, the quantities of fertilizer and /or lime based on the soil test recommendations. No crop residue will be removed from the farm.
- ONLY St. Joseph Parish members who are active and in good standing with the parish, shall be eligible. (*Active and in good standing* is defined as: "regular attendees of masses and involved in parish activities. Active envelope holder should provide a reasonable amount of church support and be in the top 75% of givers".) The applicant must be actively AND currently engaged in row crop farming. Applicant should have paid for input costs (fertilizer, seed, etc) and sold grain in their name in previous crop years. Simply borrowing equipment from a family member or neighbor or having it custom farmed does not qualify. The lease holder must remain a member of St. Joseph's Parish for the term of the lease. Eligibility determined by Lay Directors and the Pastor.
- If the tenant dies while the lease is in effect, the lease will be completed for the current crop year.

Please contact the parish office (727-3551) by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. No applications will be accepted after that time. Drawing will be held (in the gathering space in the back of church) on Saturday, November 18, following the 5:00 PM Confirmation Mass at St. Joseph -. If the person whose name is drawn decides not to take it, the second name drawn will have a chance to rent the land.

St. Joseph Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council will meet on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 6:30 PM, at the parish rectory. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!



COME TO  
ST. JOSEPH  
PARISH  
TURKEY SUPPER,  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19  
SERVING 3:30-6:30 PM,  
ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER  
GRANVILLE  
CATERED BY  
HOME PLATE CATERING.  
COME AND ENJOY!!!

## ST. MARY PARISH

### St. Mary Stewardship

Adult-5460.00  
Youth-2.00  
Loose Offerings-69.00  
Candle Box-31.00  
World Mission Sunday-35.00  
St. Joseph Education-355.00  
Total: \$5952.00

**Bills paid:** Bills paid: Carey's Electronics (install speaker) \$660.02; Alton Municipal Utilities-\$338.02; Hentges Plumbing-\$183.88; Iowa Division of Labor (boiler inspection) \$120.00; Our Sunday Visitor (adult & children envelopes) \$135.59; Sioux City Diocese (online focus) \$12.00; Neal Chase Lumber (gerkin handle for door at rectory) \$139.68; Noteboom Electric (42 watt fluorescent twister lamp) \$262.71; Sioux City Diocese (World Mission Sunday) \$530.00; Sioux City Diocese (property & liability ins.) \$2,053.14.

**DAA Donations:** 5918.00  
**Total number of pledges turned in to date:** 94  
**Total amount of donations to date:** 5918.00  
**DAA 2017 Goal:** \$9236.00

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If you are 65 years and older and would like to go on the honorary circle please let Sherry Kinney know. Sherry's number is 712-756-8938.

St. Mary's Guild is in need of a Vice-President for the year 2018. Please contact LeAnn Kleinhesselink at 756-8946.

### AREA NOTICES:

**Attention Married Couples:** "God reveals Himself through the Love of a couple" **Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** For information and to register go to [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org) or call 563-608-3305 or email: [JLJwwme08@Gmail.com](mailto:JLJwwme08@Gmail.com)

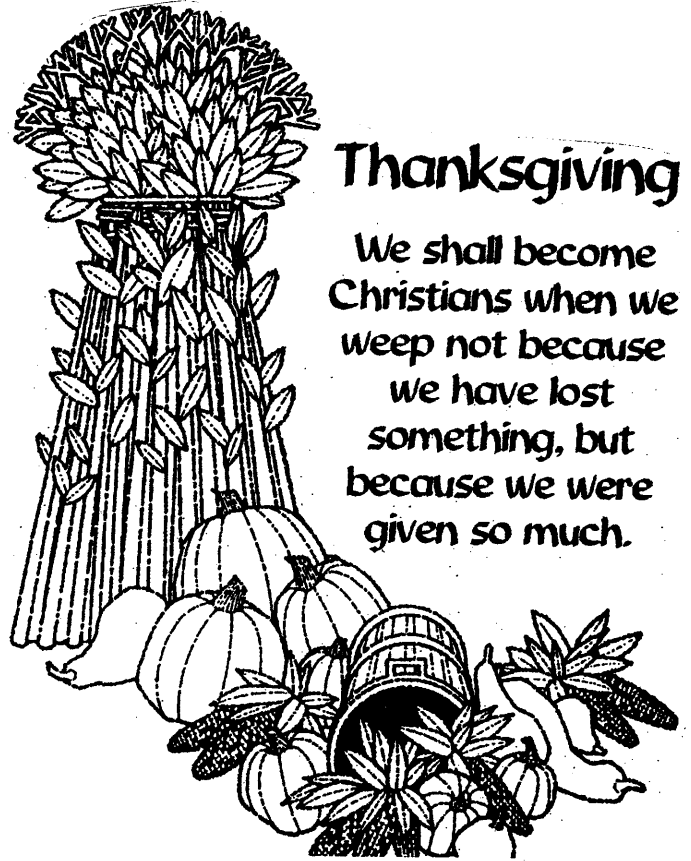
**Help us to support the Church's Initiative on marriage!** Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) offered through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills. They will be taking applications through April 30 2018. Please call your local outreach office for an appointment to apply for LiHEAP: Sioux County 712.722.3611. See the bulletin for more information.

The Deacons of First Presbyterian in Paullina will be hosting another Food Bank of Iowa Mobile Food Pantry for people in O'Brien County on November 20, 2017. It will be located at First Presbyterian Church, Paullina, Corner of Main & Groesbeck, 4-7 PM. Please use the front door.

The Sheldon Lions Club is sponsoring an omelet supper on Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm in the Sheldon Community Services Center. Cost of the supper is \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 11 and under. Proceeds will be donated to the Sheldon Historical Society. Omelets will be individually prepared with your choice of ingredients.

*Hope Haven International presents "Rejoice! The Gift of Mobility" featuring Nashville recording artist Jill Miller on Tuesday, December 19 at 7pm. Tickets are \$15. A limited amount of VIP tickets are also available for \$25 and include a meet and greet and premier seating. Tickets are on sale Friday, November 3 at the Washington Pavilion Box Office or through [www.washingtonpavilion.org](http://www.washingtonpavilion.org). The Christmas concert will also feature the Sioux Falls Christian School hand bell choir. Proceeds will go towards funding wheelchair sponsorships for an upcoming distribution trip to Vietnam in 2018.*



## Thanksgiving

We shall become  
Christians when we  
weep not because  
we have lost  
something, but  
because we were  
given so much.

### Springtime in Poland and Eastern Europe

12 days, April 30-May 11, 2018.  
Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz, Budapest, Prague, Vienna hosted by veteran tour leader John Vakulskas. \$3749 from Omaha, \$3699 from Chicago. Price includes r/t air, First Class Hotels, most meals, daily Mass, tours, portorage and admission fees, transfers as well as all government taxes and fuel surcharges. First come first served. For more information: 712.490.8047 [johnvakulskas@gmail.com](mailto:johnvakulskas@gmail.com)

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**To the members of St. Anthony Hospers, St. Joseph Granville, and St. Mary Alton regarding my (Sr. Patrice Klein) resignation effective November 30, 2017.**

This has been a very difficult decision for me. I have very much enjoyed over 15 years of ministry in this cluster. For most of those years, I wore a number of "hats." Over the last couple of years, I have been mentoring and encouraging some people to take over some of the programs in our cluster that I led for many years. I did this for a number of reasons: to encourage new leadership in the cluster (which was clearly bubbling up in eager new volunteers), to have more time for pastoral ministry, to move toward some reduction in my responsibilities, and with some thought to eventually move on.

To be honest, the ministry I am going to take on was offered to me in July 2016 and I turned it down. I was intent on completing the transition of program leadership that I had started and at that time, it was still in process. I was also eager to have more time to do pastoral visiting and thought it was possible that it would be a viable ministry for me for some time. But, I have prayed hard and at this time, I think it is time to move on. I feel that the REP, RCIA, and adult education programs I used to run are in good hands with the new leaders. Our new priest is also inclined to do pastoral visits, and my presence is less needed. I am very proud of the long-standing St. Anthony's Bible Study that has grown and thrived all these years, but even that group has evolved to the point of being self-sustaining.

Although I know the people of St. Anthony's the best, I have enjoyed interacting with folks in all three parishes. I have coordinated sacramental preparation and witnessed children making 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, only to catch up with them later getting confirmed, and some have even gotten married. I have welcomed new Catholics at the end of RCIA, and watched many REP and Spalding students mature in their faith. The folks I was privileged to walk with along the way, especially the sick and elderly, are too numerous to name. I have worked with six dedicated priests and personally encouraged Deacon Dan to pursue the diaconate several years ago.

My new ministry will be at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I will be fortunate to live with three other Sisters of Mercy. The ministry is with the Spiritual Care Department. It will be new for me to be solely in hospital ministry, but those of you who know me well, know that I have always had some interest in health care ministry. It will likely be my last ministry before I eventually retire. (Incidentally, most Sisters do not hang up their hats just because of age, and I am no exception.) I am hoping to continue to minister as long as my health allows.

Please pray for me and know that although I will need to shift my energies to some brand new folks, I will carry many wonderful memories of my time with all of you.

Blessings,

Sr. Patrice Klein, RSM

PS When I was a teacher, I used to tell my students before summer break, "If I see your name in the paper, it had better be for something good." Same for you. I will want to hear about all the new Sisters, priests, and deacons coming from the Pilgrim Cluster, too. Certainly, I invited many (for sure all the new babies) to consider such vocations.