

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

November 26, 2017 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

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

St. Mary Parish
 609 10th 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

St. Joseph Parish
 528 Elm Street, Granville, 51022
 (712) 727-3551
 OFFICE HOURS:
 Mon – Thu 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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

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 28 thru December 3

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| Tues. (11/28) | 8:00 am @ Granville | Special Intention (Paula Steffes) |
| Wed. (11/29) | 8:00 am @ Hospers | Lorna Mae Portz |
| Thurs. (11/30) | 8:30 am @ Alton | Harold & Marcie Reichle |
| Fri. (12/01) | 8:00 am @ Hospers | Regina Portz |
| Sat. (12/02) | 5:00 pm @ Granville | Norbert & Eva Budden, Albert Joanning, Phyllis Schroeder, Francis & Marge Murphy |
| Sun. (12/03) | 8:00 am @ Hospers | For the People |
| Sun. (12/03) | 10:00 am @ Alton | Gordon & Jim Holzman |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of December 2/3:

Lectors

5:00 pm Dan Hunt
 8:00 am Dan Pohlen
 10:00 am Mary Ohm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Jordan Christoffel (H) Steve Christensen (W)
 Gina Christoffel (C/H)

8:00 am Mike Jungers, Bea Schmit, Janice Klein
 CHOIR: Susie Jungers

10:00 am Cindy Hansen, Kevin Holzman, Bob & Theresa Goliber

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Noah Fleming, Wyatt Tesch, Carson Tesch
 8:00 am Thomas & Alex Pohlen, Jason Konz
 10:00 am Thomas, Adam & Nicole Vandermyde

Gift Bearers

8:00 am Jerome & Rita Fischer
 10:00 am Mat Konz & Family

Ushers

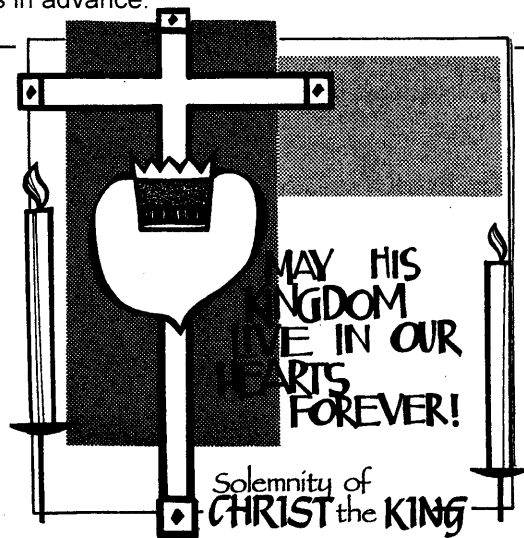
5:00 pm Don & Maretta Budden, Chris Hunt, Dan & Faye Hunt
 8:00 am Dean Otto, Mike Thompson
 10:00 am Roger & Mary Ann Pottebaum, Randy Pottebaum,
 Mike Richter

"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

Advent Booklets: Advent Magnificat Booklets and Word Among Us booklets are available for daily meditations for Advent. Pick up a copy of either one at the church entrances

BEST ADVENT EVER: 'TIS (almost) THE SEASON: Remember getting ready for Christmas when you were a child? From decorating the tree to baking cookies, each moment brought you excitement and joy. Preparing for Christmas can be as joyful as it was then. Don't let this be just another Advent where you get distracted and busy. Rediscover the joy in the season with Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a way that will allow you to have a Christmas as memorable and joyful as when you were a child. You'll receive....short inspirational videos, practical tips, real life stories of hope. Get ready for the best Christmas of your life! SIGN UP AT DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/ADVENT



Missalette Change: Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent which marks the start of a new liturgical year....which means the old Missalettes need to be replaced with the new. Could some folks help with this after the weekday Masses this week. Thanks for whatever you can do.

First Friday Adoration will be December 1 from 8:30 am until 8:00 pm @ Hospers. A time for Confession will be offered from 7 pm until 7:45 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Advent Communal Penance Services are scheduled as follows: Sunday, December 10 at 2 pm @ All Saints (St. Jos. Site); Sunday, December 17 at 1:30 pm @ St. Marys, Alton, and at 3:00 pm @ St. Marys, Remsen. Several priests will be available for individual Confession.

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.

Baptism: Congratulations to Brooklyn Ann Jaspers, daughter of Joshua and Ashley (Fischer) Jaspers, who was baptized November 12 at St. Mary's, Alton.

Welcome to the Parish Cluster Chad and Alina McIntyre and their 3 children, Bridget, Maeve, Scarlett to St. Marys Parish.

As you are all aware, Sr. Patrice Klein will be leaving her job as Pastoral Minister of our Cluster as of Nov. 30, 2017. In the near future, she be moving to Michigan and taking on a new ministry. The Cluster is sponsoring a Farewell Reception/Card Shower for her on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1-3 pm at St. Anthony Hospers Church Hall. You are invited to come and wish her well!



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!



The LORD is King! Let the earth rejoice! Is Jesus Christ King of your heart? What does His kingship mean? Watch *Symbolon: Session 5: Who is Jesus* on **Formed.org** and discover more about the God-Man we call King. **PARISH CODE: ZPMV49**

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY: We will continue through the Holidays on every other Thursday evenings with our Christian Book Study, Resisting Happiness by Matthew Kelly. Come if you can. You are welcome any time and can jump in at any time! Next gathering is 11/30 at 7 pm at St Joseph Rectory. We will be studying Ch. 20, 21, 22. Contact Cindy Klein 540-6962 or Tera Oldenkamp 348-3566 for questions

November Alton COF Youth Activity: Movie Matinee Sunday, November 26th, Orange City
Please RSVPs for this on the Facebook page:
Catholic Order of Foresters St. Mary's Court #2286



St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

November 30 Thomas Pohlen, Roger & LeAnn Grave, 32 yrs.
December 2 Lauren Pottebaum

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

November 27 Denny Koob Jim & Rhonda Budden - 35th
Dan & Carla Goergen - 24th
Jeff & Joyce Murphy - 35th
November 28 Isabel Lammers, Josie Schroeder
Ivan & Clare Pottebaum - 61st
November 30 Beth (Jeff) Bunkers
Wayne & Paula Means - 32nd
December 1 Kenzley Christoffel, Diane Joanning,
Kevin Nilles, Paisley Tesch
Fran & Jan Goebel - 33rd
December 2 Mary Budden
December 3 Beth (Curt) Bunkers, Franny Goebel,
Emily Steffes

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

November 27 Collin Oolman, Gary & Linda Hansen-30
November 28 Kevin Holzman
November 30 Dawn Bogen, Dakota Hansen, Jocelyn Ruba,
Clarence Willett
December 1 Theresa Probst

Granville Hometown Christmas, Sunday, December 3, 2017, from 4:00 – 6:30 PM, at the Community Center, Granville Fire Station. There will be a Festival of Trees; Soup Supper; Kids' Christmas Shopping (gifts will be wrapped); horse/carriage rides and Santa will be here!! **FREE WILL OFFERING.** Proceeds go towards Granville Fire & EMS Association. The fun time is sponsored by the Granville Fire & EMS, The Dugout, and the Granville Chamber. All are invited to come and enjoy.



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

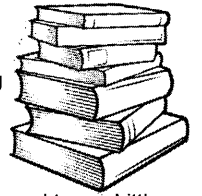
Our Lady of Lourdes, patron of Spalding, please pray for us!

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



- First graders were geologists last week in science class! They observed and sorted rocks according to different properties. They also had fun getting their hands dirty with molding clay into bricks.

- The Kindergarten students have been working on sequencing. They read, acted out, and made a book to go along with the story *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Leaves* by Lucille Colandro. Check out the video they created!



Rockin' Readers

WHO: Parents, Grandparents, Friends of Spalding
WHAT: Reading Rocks with Special Friends
WHERE: Spalding Catholic Gym - Alton
WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 29th 2:45 – 3:10 pm
WHY: Help kids get excited about reading!!
Please bring your favorite Christmas story book to read to our Little Spartans (K-2nd grade). Books will also be available for you to read.

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.

SAVE THE DATE -- Spalding Catholic is excited to announce our Gala theme this year will be: **Spalding Winter Olympics 2018!** The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Stay tuned for more details



Please log on to www.gehencatholic.org for more information on upcoming events.

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

- Monday, November 27
 - JV V B BB AT Lawton-Bronson, 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 28
 - JV B BB vs Trinity Christian, HOME, 4:30 PM
 - V G/B BB vs Trinity Christian, HOME, 6:00 PM
 - JH B BB vs MMCRU AT Remsen, 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 29
 - **K-12 Mass, 8:45 AM**
- Thursday, November 30
 - Iowa High School State Dance Competition in Des Moines.
Good luck to the Gehlen Catholic Dance Team!
 - JH B BB vs West Sioux; 7th Grade, HOME, 4:00 PM; 8th Grade plays AT West Sioux, 4:15 PM
 - Freshmen C-G/B vs Sioux Center, HOME, 6:00 PM
- Friday, December 1 – Mid Term
 - Gehlen Mission Honduras Jean Day
 - First Friday Adoration
 - V G/B BB HOME vs MMC-RU, 6:00 PM
- Saturday, December 2
 - Confirmation practice/reconciliation at All Saints Parish, St. Joseph Church, 10:00 AM – Noon
 - JH B BB vs Hinton, 10:00 AM; 7th grade HOME; 8th grade AT Hinton
 - Freshman G/B basketball AT Hinton
 - Le Mars Chamber Lighted Christmas parade, 6:00 PM
 - Volleyball banquet in the cafeteria, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 3
 - **Confirmation at All Saints Parish, St. Joseph Church, 2:00 PM**

The HS Choir is selling pastry puffs now until Nov. 28th. Please contact a choir student or call the office (546-4181) if you are interested. We appreciate your support of our choir!

All Saints Parish, Le Mars, Candy Walk -- Saturday, December 9th, 8:00 – NOON -- Richter Hall, St. Joseph site

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship November 19, 2017

Adult Envelope: \$ 2,685.00
Grain Donation: \$ 2,520.67
Adult Loose: \$ 63.00
Youth Envelope: \$ 1.00
Hurricane Donation: \$ 100.00
Total Income: \$ 5,369.67

Thank you for exceeding our budgeted weekly income!

DAA Status:

DAA Donations this week: \$ 200.00
Total number of pledges turned in to date: 54
Total amount of donations to date: \$ 4,520.00
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 \$1,984.00. As in years past, the Parish Council and Finance Council board members will be making phone calls to all who have not turned in their cards and donations. You should be getting a call in the very near future. Please get your pledge card and money turned in! Thank you for your participation!!

St. Anthony Continued:

Scripture

Scripture Sharing will meet on November 29 from 8:30 – 10:00 AM at the St. Anthony Room at Church. We will discuss the WORD among us article "Do you see what God sees?" (p.4-9) along with the Sunday readings.

St. Anthony's Parish Chicken Supper will be held December 3rd with carry outs starting at 5:30 and supper at 6:00pm. If you have not been contacted, call Diane Gesink for tickets. Home Plate is catering this event. Stay after the supper for Santa and Bingo!

*******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

Hospers Area Announcements: First Reformed Church of Hospers is doing an initial feasibility study to determine if there's enough interest for a preschool in Hospers. If you have children/grandchildren between 3-5 years old who you would consider enrolling for this upcoming fall, please email hospersfrcpreschool@gmail.com. We welcome your feedback!

*****Church Cleaning for month of December 2017:*****

Church Proper Chairlady: Debbie Wanderscheid **Committee:** De Atsma, Susie Jungers, Nancy Stoll, Mary Auchstetter **West Area and Church Basement Chairlady:** Nancy Thompson **Committee:** Susie Budden, Sarah Otto, Angela Solsma, Louise Auchstetter, Peggy Pohlen *****Please make sure that the cleaning gets done during the 1st and 3rd 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 27, 9:00 AM,

St. Joseph rectory: Germaine Konz, Nancy Penning

Stewardship, November 19, 2017:

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| Adult | \$ 1,243.00 |
| Young | 44.25 |
| Loose Collection | 209.38 |
| St. Joseph Education Fund | 20.00 |
| Missionary Co-Op | 20.00 |
| Bunkers' Rebate | 66.12 |
| Buildings/Grounds | 120.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$1,722.75 |

*The Lord is my shepherd
there is nothing I shall want.*

ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Our Sunday Visitor (December adults), \$85.72; Diocese of Sioux City (monthly property/liability insurance), \$1,598.00

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 Pledges: \$7,555
Total Number of Pledges Turned in to Date: 73 out of 174
Total Amount of Donations to Date: \$7,255
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.

This year, St. Joseph's will again have a "giving tree" for clients at the Mental Health Institute in Cherokee. Please place unwrapped items in the box by the tree in the back of church. Last date to donate is December 16th; items will be picked up on the 17th and delivered to Cherokee Dec. 18th.

ADULTS (There are more male clients than female):

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| Puzzles (500 pcs or less) | Toothpaste/toothbrush | Gum |
| Stationary/envelopes | Conditioner | Ink Pens |
| Small (4oz) can of nuts | Candy Bars | Socks |
| Body Wash | Hard Candy | Pencils |
| Little Debbie Snacks | Hand Lotion | Deodorant |
| Bars of Soap (men) | Deck of Cards | Gloves (men) |
| Stocking Hats (men) | Puzzle Books (Search A Word, etc.) | |
| Shampoo | Sweatshirts/Sweatpants - Larger Sizes | |
| Hair Mousse or Gel | Fingernail polish and remover (women) | |
| Journal Books without wire spirals | | |

CHILDREN/ADOLESCENTS:

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| Colored Pencils | Playing Cards | Socks | Games |
| Fuzzy Posters | Stuffed Animals | Lotion | Candy |
| Gloves/Mittens | Stoking Hats | Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Candy Bars | Deodorant | Body Wash | Toothpaste |
| Puzzles (100-250) | Magic Marker | Non Sharp Craft Items | |

Raffle Winners at St. Joseph Turkey Supper:

- Fall Table Runner - Janice Te Grootenhuis
- Wooden Truck - Donna Ascherl
- Tastefully Simple Basket - Chris & Christine Hunt
- Fall Pillow/Christmas Decoration - Susan Von Arb
- Lighted/Musical Christmas Tree - Kevin Budden
- Smoked Loin - Jennifer Kreber
- Santa - Bert Gergen
- Glass Angel - John Schuver

ST. MARY PARISH

St. Mary Stewardship

Adult-3695.00
Adult Grain-2680.93
Loose Offerings-102.00
Candle Box-35.00
World Mission Sunday-300.00
Total: \$6812.93



St. Mary Bills paid: Gehlen Catholic (November investment) \$4899.68; Sioux City Diocese (property & liability Ins.) \$2,053.14; Propagation of the Faith-\$300.00.

DAA Donations: 6785.00

Total number of pledges turned in to date: 107

Total amount of donations to date: 6785.00

DAA 2017 Goal: \$9236.00

Please return your DAA cards in ASAP! This would be very much appreciated! Thank you.

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 notes:

- Our Guild is in need of a Vice-President for the year 2018. Please contact LeAnn Kleinhesselink at 756-8946.
- St Mary's Guild mtg on December 2nd, at 10:30am at the Alton Public library. All are welcome! We will be discussing this years fundraisers, and the upcoming fundraisers for 2018.

The Giving Tree will be in church on **Saturday, November 25.**

If you would like to give a gift to a child in need, take an ornament and record your name & info on the sign up sheet. Please bring your gifts (wrapped or in a gift bag) with the attached ornament to the church by **Sunday, December 17.** Thank you for your generosity!! Questions: Contact Theresa McCarty - #737-8902

AREA NOTICES:

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Feb. 9-11 @ Ankeny, Mar. 9-11 @ La Crosse, Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLwwme08@gmail.com

The Village Treasure Chest say, THANK YOU for your continued support We sincerely appreciate the generous support we've received throughout the past year, through donations, purchases, and countless hours of volunteer service. Your donations of clothing (in good condition), home décor items, furniture, books, toys, sporting goods, etc. are always welcome & appreciated.

Memory Loss Support Group -- Please join us for the next Memory Loss Support Open House on Thursday, November 30th from 4-5pm at Sanford Sheldon Senior Care. We will have dementia resources available along with educational material. We want to encourage family and friends of people with dementia to attend. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions or need additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact (712) 324-6467 or (712) 324-6470.

The Sheldon Recreational Trails Committee is sponsoring a Belgian Waffle Supper on Monday, Dec. 11, from 5 – 7 pm in the Sheldon Community Services Center. Cost of advance tickets for the supper that will be served by Dad's Belgian Waffles is \$7 for youth and adults. Tickets are available at the four Sheldon banks or from a Trail member. Cost at the door will be \$8. Children ages 5 and younger are free. Proceeds will go towards the Sheldon Trail.

*The Lord is our Shepherd,
our Good Shepherd!*