

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

December 3, 2017 – First Sunday of Advent

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

Rev. Daniel Greving – dmgreving@hotmail.com – (712) 840-1709

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

Deacon Dan Goebel – danpgoebel@gmail.com – (712) 441-0861



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: December 4 thru December 10

Mon. (12/04)	10:30 am @ Prairie Ridge	Milo & Craig Koob
Tues. (12/05)	8:00 am @ Granville	Theresa Freking
Wed. (12/06)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Clarence & Catherine Pohlen
Thu. (12/07)	6:30 pm @ Granville	Lawrence McDermott, Marc Schuver
Fri. (12/08)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Keith Mellies
Fri. (12/08)	12:05 pm @ Alton	For the People
Sat. (12/09)	5:00 pm @ Granville	For the People, Gerald, Angeline, Ron & Tom H. Klein
Sun. (12/10)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Theresa Bullermann
Sun. (12/10)	10:00 am @ Alton	Janice Schuetz Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of December 9/10:

Lectors

5:00 pm Mason Kellen, Jordan Von Arb, Derek Von Arb
8:00 am Mike Thompson
10:00 am Mary Ohm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Rosie Penning, Grace List, Carol Christoffel,
Amanda Christoffel
8:00 am Louise Auchstetter, Georgia Becker, Jeanne Jungers
CHOIR: Larry Gloden
10:00 am Rhonda Heller, Ryan & Ronda Pottebaum,
Donna Dreckman

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Mason Kellen, Jordan & Derek Von Arb
8:00 am John Jungers, Thomas & Alex Pohlen
10:00 am Kyle, Cassandra & Kristopher Diehl

Gift Bearers

8:00 am Terry Gloden Family
10:00 am Kevin Langel Family

December Ushers

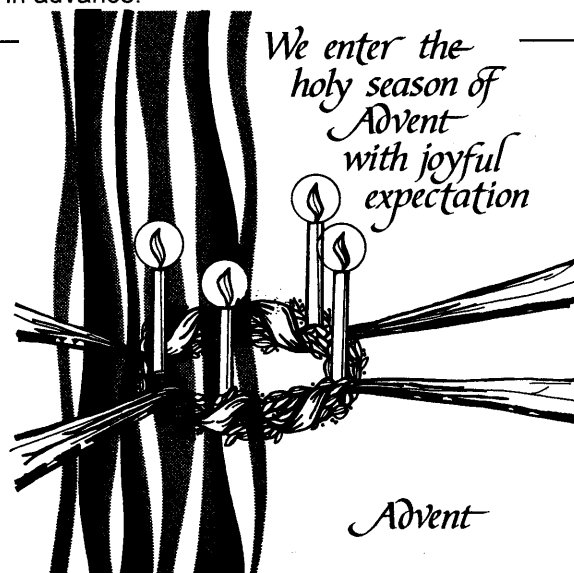
5:00 pm Don & Maretta Budden, Chris Hunt, Dan & Faye Hunt
8:00 am Tom Jungers, Kent Willett
10:00 am Roger & Mary Ann Pottebaum, Randy Pottebaum,
Mike Richter

"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

Wedding congrats to Angela Schroeder and Jonathon Schemmel who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at St. Joseph, Granville. May the Lord bless you in your marriage.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Note the Mass times for this Holy Day...vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7 at Granville @ 6:30 pm; Mass on Friday, December 8 at Hospers @ 8 am and at Alton @ 12:05 pm.



The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, is the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, but God acted upon her soul, keeping it immaculate. The Immaculate Conception is commonly confused with the Virgin Birth of Jesus. Jesus's birth is covered by the Doctrine of Incarnation, while the Immaculate Conception deals with the conception of Mary, not that of her son.

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 entrance of the church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Advent Communal Penance Services are scheduled as follows: Sunday, December 10 at 2 pm @ All Saints (St. James 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas eve) 4:00 pm @ Alton
Sunday, December 24 (Christmas eve) 6:00 pm @ Hospers
Monday, December 25 (Christmas day) 9:00 am @ Granville





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!

Due to the increase of cold and flu during the winter months, Holy Communion will be offered only under the form of Sacred Bread. This will go into effect the weekend of December 30/31 and will continue through March 17/18, 2018. On March 24/25 (Palm Sunday), we will resume with Holy Communion under both forms of Sacred Bread and Wine.

Pilgrim Cluster Religious Education Program News:

- The Pilgrim Cluster Religious Education Program meets on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Granville.** If you would like more information, please contact Tami List at Tamara.List.1958@outlook.com or 712.548.8375.
- The Pilgrim Cluster Religious Education Program **December class schedule is:** (Wednesdays - Dec. 6th, 13th, & 20th, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Granville), and then break for Christmas. We will resume classes on Wednesday, January 3rd (2018) at the normal time/location: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Granville.



Prepare the way of the Lord! Today we begin our vigil for the birth of our savior. This time of year is important to spend some extra time preparing our hearts for the Christmas event. **Formed.org** has dozens of resources to help lead you to Christ. Just type in "Advent" in the search bar and begin your journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. **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 12/14 at 7 pm at St Joseph Rectory. We will be studying. Ch. 23, 24, & 25. ??? Contact Cindy Klein 540-6962 or Tera Oldenkamp 348-3566.

By God's grace, Family Crisis Centers helps victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and survivors of homicide and other violent crimes. FCC provides advocacy support and emergency/transitional housing to victims and their children. Last year, FCC supported over 1,000 victims in our communities and answered over 20,000 calls from all over Iowa. FCC is blessed to carry on its mission in this caring, supportive and compassionate community. Consider helping to bring hope to hurting families in our local communities by donating – PO Box 295, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

Cherish House Baby Bottle Campaign...a total of \$2,914.46 was raised in our Cluster!! Thank you for your generosity!

ZESTOS/FUNDRAISER -- The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a meal for The Shepherd's Table Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 pm. Zestos would like to incorporate a fundraiser for the family of Jose Trejo who was a member of Christ the King parish in Sioux Center. He passed away on November 19 leaving behind a wife and four children. Everyone is welcome to come for a free meal and enjoy fellowship with family and friends. Please come and help make everyone feel welcome

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- December 4 Halle Walgenbach, Tim & Laurie Jungers, 35 yrs.
- December 5 Donna Stoll
- December 6 Jon & Helen Dykstra, 43yrs.
- December 10 Lori Pohlen

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- December 8 Kathy Bortscheller, Roger Goergen, Pat Niichel Kelvin & Bridget Tesch - 17th
- December 9 Julie Hunt
- December 10 Florence Ahlers, Shelley Schuver

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- December 4 Dennis Harpenau, Kevin & Pam Plathe-41
- December 5 Ethan Roberts
- December 7 Tony Full
- December 8 Dave Suntken
- December 9 Anna Full, Jim Pottebaum
- December 10 Steve Schwebach

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...

- We posted a video of the students stating a few things they were thankful for this Thanksgiving - check it out!

- The 3rd and 4th graders participated in Demonstration Day. The idea was inspired by the book "Try It!", talking about not being scared of new things. Students presented various things they knew about so others could learn something different.

- Welcome to Bridget, Maeve and Scarlett McIntyre who joined the Spalding family this week!

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.gehlencatholic.org for more information on upcoming events.

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

- Monday, December 4
 - Grades 5-12 - assembly with Aaron Baart – dangers of social media
 - Parents are invited to attend assembly with Aaron Baart, 7 PM, Richter Hall, All Saints Parish, St. Joseph Church
 - The Adult ELL class will meet at 5 PM in the music room
 - JH B BB vs Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn, 4:15 PM: 7th Grade AT Sanborn: 8th Grade HOME
- Tuesday, December 5
 - G/B BB AT Unity Christian, 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 6
 - K-12 Mass at 8:45 AM
 - 5-12 Advent Band Concert, Marvin Langel Memorial Gym, 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 8
 - K-12 Liturgy, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8:45 AM
 - G/B BB, HOME, vs Clay Central Everly MS, 6:00 PM
- Saturday, December 9
 - 7-12 Band Ensemble & 9-12 Choir Ensemble will perform at Pioneer Village at the Plymouth County Fair Grounds, 7:00 PM

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 26, 2017
 Adult Envelope: \$ 490.00
 Grain Donation: \$ 2,000.00
 Adult Loose: \$ 71.67
 Youth Envelope: \$ 1.00
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$ 95.00
 Total Income: \$ 2,657.67



ST. ANTHONY CONTINUED:

DAA Status:

DAA Donations this week: \$ 25.00

Total number of pledges turned in to date: 55

Total amount of donations to date: \$ 4,545.00

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 \$1,959.00. 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!!

Don't forget about St. Anthony's Parish Chicken Supper held December 3rd! Carry outs start at 5:30 and supper is at 6:00pm. *Home Plate is catering this event.* Come enjoy your meal and plan to stay after for a visit with 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, December 4, 9:00 AM,

St. Joseph rectory: Joe Gaul, Mike McDermott

Stewardship, November 26, 2017:

Adult \$ 1,785.00

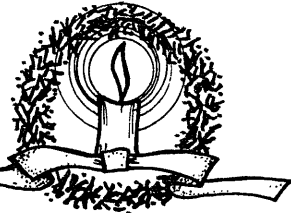
Young 107.97

Grain 2,274.83

Loose Collection 58.00

World Missions 700.00

TOTAL: \$4,925.80



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Ron Budden (toilet part), \$60.48; Diocese of Sioux City-St. Joseph Ed Society, \$235.00; World Mission Sunday, \$1,190.00; One Office Solution (10 reams 8 1/2 X 14 bulletin paper), \$67.89; Dave's Lock & Key (Parish Center key), \$11.34; Jordan Von Arb (cemetery trimming Sept/Oct), \$440.00

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.

If you are interested in dedicating a poinsettia in honor of someone living, or in memory of someone deceased, please place \$14 in an envelope, marking it "Poinsettia at St. Joseph's". Be sure to include the name of the person for whom it is being purchased. A listing will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Donations for Christmas decorations are also being accepted.

ST. JOSEPH GUILD NEWS:

- If you are 70 years and older (or have a health condition that prevents you from serving on the guild) and would like to go on the honorary circle list, please let Nikki Heying know 712-348-3119 or 727-3804
- **We served 766 meals at our Turkey Supper! We would like to thank all who helped make it a great success!**
- **We will have a Guild meeting on Tuesday, December 12th, 5:30 PM, in the St. Joseph Parish Center cafeteria! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

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):

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:

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	

If you are thinking of remembering any of St. Joseph's former pastors, their addresses are listed below:

Rev. Clem Currans, PO Box 322, Emmetsburg IA 50536-0322

Rev. Terry Roder, 5010 Military Rd., Sioux City, Iowa 51103-1564

Rev. Msgr. Ken Seifried, 513 Mueller St., Holstein IA 51025-5104

Rev. Richard Ball, 800 N. Main St., Ida Grove IA 51445-1235

And for those currently serving in our Pilgrim Cluster:

Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless, PO Box 3379, Sioux City IA 51102-3379

Rev. Daniel Greving, 609 10th Street, Alton IA 51003-8512

Deacon Dan Goebel, 114 Frankfort Ave SE, Orange City IA 51041

Sister Patrice Klein, RSM, 506 Elm Street, Hospers IA 51238

ST. MARY PARISH

St. Mary Stewardship

Adult-\$5425.00

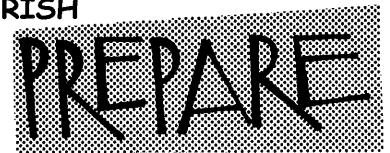
Youth-2.00

Loose Offerings-34.00

Candle Box-31.18

Campaign Human Development-174.54

Total: \$5666.72



St. Mary Bills paid: Spalding Catholic (November investment) \$17,375.33; The Word Among Us (advent books) \$69.60.

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:

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.