

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

January 7, 2018 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

LORD, ACCEPT ALSO OUR OFFERINGS

Mass Intentions for January 8 - 14

Mon. (1/08) 10:30 am @ Prairie Ridge Jerry Bird
Tues. (1/09) 8:00 am @ Granville Mary Ellen Stoll, Marc Schuver
Wed. (1/10) 8:45 am @ Gehlen Mass
Thu. (1/11) 8:30 am @ Alton Frances Hansen, Audrey Hansen
Fri. (1/12) 8:00 am @ Hospers Ed & Eleanor Schnurr
Sat. (1/13) 5:00 pm @ Hospers Wayne, Jeanette & Mary
Delperdang
Sun. (1/14) 8:00 am @ Alton Bill Schnee
Sun. (1/14) 10:00 am @ Granville For the People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of January 13/14:

Lectors

5:00 pm Jeanne Jungers
8:00 am Rose Ann Mulder
10:00 am Mark Klein

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Louise Auchstetter CHOIR: Mary Auchstetter
8:00 am Bob Goliber, Theresa Goliber
10:00 am Gina Christoffel, Mary Ann Plathe

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Samantha & Kimberly Sauer, Haley Pohlen
8:00 am Carter & Payton Peterson, Nathan Full
10:00 am Hunter Klein, Derek Von Arb, Jordan Von Arb

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Tom & Jeanne Jungers
8:00 am Kevin Langel Family

January Ushers

5:00 pm Jon Dykstra, Tom Konz
8:00 am Pat & Theresa Probst, Bob & Linda Reichle
10:00 am Jeff & Beth Bunkers, Joe Konz, Don Kreber

"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

Epiphany Proclamation 2018: Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the **fourteenth** day of **February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the **first** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **thirteenth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **twentieth** day of **May**, the feast of Pentecost. On the **third** day of **June** the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the **second** day of **December**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

New address for Sr. Patrice Klein effective January 7, 2018: 5555 McAuley Drive, Ypsilanti, MI 48197-1010



Vocation View: Rejoice, never cease praying. Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life (1 Thes. 5:16-24)

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.List1958@outlook.com or 712.548.8375.

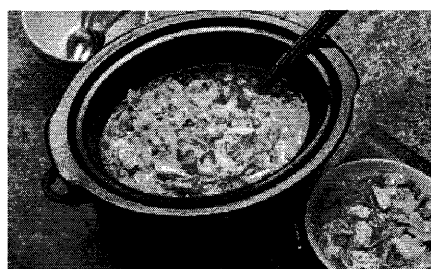
New Year's Resolution 2018: Grow closer to the Word of God by studying the Bible. Join us Wednesday night's at 6:30 in the St. Joseph Parish Center Library for an Adult Bible Study and work toward checking this resolution off of your list.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Jesus is revealed as LORD to the nations! Happy Feast of the Epiphany! Have you ever wondered who the Wise Men from the East were and why they would seek out a newborn King of the Jews? Listen to *Prepare the Way of the King* by Dr. Scott Hahn on FORMED.org and meet these men who bore such precious gifts to our Lord to celebrate His Incarnation. **PARISH CODE: ZPMV49**

Building Friendships, Building Community...



Christian Women Book Study ladies are hosting a soup lunch: **January 7, 2018 following 10:00 Mass in Granville, St. Joseph Parish Center Lunchroom** Soup and place settings will be provided along

with drinks and crackers. Our goal is to bring families together to socialize.

CHRISTAIN BOOK STUDY. Welcome to the New Year. We will be continuing with our present book, Resisting Happiness until Lent. On Jan 11 we will be covering chapters 28, 29, 30. Please join us at St Joseph's Rectory at (6:45) 7 pm. Questions - call Cindy Klein 540-6962 or Tera Oldenkamp 348-3566. Please join us.

Mark your calendars, the Alton Catholic Order of Foresters will be serving Coffee & Rolls after Sunday morning mass in Alton on January 21st. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut or home baked cinnamon. Great time to visit with friends and maybe meet someone new in the parish. This is a free event but if you are so inclined you can leave a free will offering. Hope to see you then.

Looking for volunteers to go along to the Soup Kitchen in Sioux City on January 23 and February 13. We meet in Alton at the Spalding School at 4:00 and car pool to Sioux City. This is a great way to serve individuals that are less fortunate. If you are interested in either date, give Al Willett a call at 756-4083 or 395-0043. May God Bless you for helping.

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

January 10 Katelyn Willett
 January 12 Ken Schmit
 January 13 Ken Jungers

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

January 8 Lisa Bunkers
 January 9 Lori Schuver
 January 11 Rosalie Plathe, Bernice Schneider
 January 14 Donald Budden, Gerald Goebel, Brenda Recker, Harlie Tesch

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

January 8 Michael Diehl, Anne Von Arb
 January 9 Dylan Langel, Scott Pomrenke
 January 10 Zachary Kinney
 January 12 Nan Kiel
 January 13 Jerry Kinney, Aaron Salazar, Jr.



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

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 Spalding Catholic Marketing committee is excited to announce Spalding Wall Calendars are now available! Thanks to the generosity of multiple businesses, the calendars have been completely underwritten and are free to everyone. They will be placed in the back of our 3 parishes. Enjoy!

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. Tickets are now available and can be purchased from one of our committee members: Kevin & Kathryn Langel - 541-9015 / John & Rhonda Heller – 433-6473 Curt & Katie Christoffel - 540-7460 / Karl & Melissa Kellen – 727-3515 Paul & Deanna Stoll – 752-8640 / Joe & Lori Pohlen – 752-8262 or the Development Office at 756-4528.



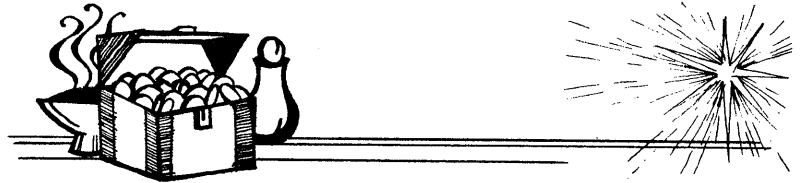
Please log on to www.gehencatholic.org for more information on upcoming events.

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

- Monday, January 8
 - G/B C teams at HOME vs LCHS, 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 9
 - Mandatory Junior Parent Prom meeting in the library, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 11
 - Grades 7-12 Semester tests with 1:00 dismissal; odd day schedule
 - School Board meeting, 6:00 PM
- Friday, January 12
 - Grades 7-12 Semester tests with 1:00 dismissal; even day schedule
 - JV B, V G/B vs Remsen St. Mary's at HOME, 4:30 PM
 - Gehlen Mission Honduras Tailgate in the cafeteria, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
 - Snoball Dance, 9:30 PM

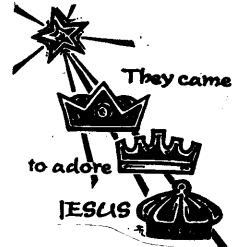
Snoball Dance, 9:30 PM

Please join us for a soup supper on Friday, January 12, serving 5-8 PM in the Gehlen cafeteria. The Gehlen Mission Honduras 2018 missionaries will be serving chili, chicken noodle soup, ham sandwiches, bars, and ice cream treats for a free will donation. All money raised will help the missionaries with their mission projects.



ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship December 23 and 24, 2017
 Adult Envelope: \$ 3,975.00
 Adult Loose: \$ 459.00
 Youth Envelope: \$ 9.00
 Christmas Flowers: \$ 50.00
 Bunkers Rebates: \$ 195.98
 Catholic Charities: \$ 315.00
 Total Income: \$ 5,003.98



St. Anthony Stewardship December 30, 2017
 Adult Envelope: \$ 245.00
 Adult Loose: \$ 14.00
 Youth Envelope: \$ 5.00
 Total Income: \$ 264.00

DAA Payback from Diocese: \$2,711.00

Bills Paid: HTC Communications, \$263.21, telephone, internet; Santa Maria Winery, \$131.57, wine; Payroll and taxes, \$850.96; Diocese of Sioux City, \$379.00, Cathedralium; Diocese of Sioux City, \$526.00, Prop and Liab insurance; Cluster payment \$2,990.00

DAA Status:

DAA Donations this week: \$ 1,000.00
 Total number of pledges turned in to date: 66
 Total amount of donations to date: \$ 6,990.00
 DAA 2017 Goal: \$ 6,504.00
 Thank you for your participation!!

The St. Anthony's bible study group will meet **Wednesday, Jan. 10** at 8:30. We will be discussing the Sunday readings and Chapter 4, Questions 1-10 of Scripture and the Rosary.

St. Anthony Announcements:

The Christmas Season comes to a close after the Baptism of the Lord, January 8. We will be taking down the Christmas décor after mass on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Please come help with that if you can! We really appreciate all the help we can get!

Youth Envelopes for 2018 are available in the church lobby. Please pick up your new envelopes. Also note – there is a new number for each person this year – make sure you are using the correct envelopes. Thank you!

Note: Monthly Schedule for January is available in the church lobby. Please find a replacement if you are unable to work the mass you are scheduled for. Thank you!

Any donations you can make toward the purchase of Christmas flowers is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Auction Update: Co-chairs are needed for the upcoming Church Auction. Kent and Brandy Willett are the chair couple this year. Please consider this worthwhile contribution to our parish and give Kent and Brandy a call.

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

Church Proper Chairlady: Donna Stoll **Committee:** Elizabeth Steven, Mary Kruizenga, Janice Klein, Jane Hauptert **West Area and Church Basement Chairlady:** Brandy Willett **Committee:** Arlene Walgenbach, Ruth Konz, Judy Schnurr, Sarah Te Grotenhuis *****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!*****

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Money Counters, St. Joseph rectory:
Monday, January 8, 9:00 AM, Denis Schilmoeller, Pat Steffes

Stewardship, December 31, 2017:

Adult	\$ 18,890.00
Grain	6,582.08
Young	17.66
Loose Collection	607.00
Bunkers Rebate	292.28
Catholic Charities	200.00
Renovations	200.00
Donations	950.00
Memorial	5.00
Building/Grounds	<u>1,290.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$29,034.02
DAA Payback	\$3,462.00



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: JCL Solutions (redo gym floor), \$1,748.00; Wigman Company (water heater - Parish Center), \$501.24; Plains Boiler Service (Parish Center repairs), \$51.50; Our Sunday Visitor (Jan Adults; Jan/Feb YA), \$137.74; Dan's Electric (church furnace breaker), \$14.14; Plains Boiler Service (Parish Center), \$265.00; Diocese of Sioux City (Diocesan Assessment), \$515.00; The Pilgrim Cluster, \$2,990.00; Diocese of Sioux City (Special Collections), \$1,823.00; Visser Brothers (Parish Center), \$145.52; Maro Plathe (Parish Center), \$3,078.75; Salaries, \$1,808.81

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.

St Joseph 2018 Guild rosters are in the back of church to pick up. Circle #5 is the next circle up for a funeral or event. Thank you

DAA STATUS:

DAA Pledges: \$7,670
Total Number of Pledges Turned in to Date: 76 out of 174
Total Amount of Donations to Date: \$7,370
DAA 2017 Goal: \$13,713

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED YOUR DAA CARDS. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO (WE HAVE 98 FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT) PLEASE RETURN YOUR DAA CARD ASAP! Thank you!!

"Just want to say thank you for your hospitality during this year's RAGBRAI. We enjoyed the music, air conditioning, and clean bathrooms. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Paul & Robin"

Fisch Funeral Home Calendars...due to a printer error, we will not receive our yearly calendars from Fisch Funeral Home. They express their deepest apology but it was beyond their control. They WILL BE here next year!!

2017 Sacramental Moments at St. Joseph Church...
Those who were welcomed into the Catholic Church thru Baptism...

Josie Renee Schroeder Eleanor Jules Schemmel
Jared Anders Grinde

Those who joined our Catholic Church thru RCIA . . .

Those who made their First Communion...

Chase Christoffel Catherine Evans
Ashton Koob Jaya Paulsen
Morgan Paulsen

Those who were Confirmed...

Jacob Koob Isaia Lammers
Anthony Sells Claire Sells
Carson Tesch Wyatt Tesch

Those who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage ...

Andrew Song Parthum and Caitlin Theresa Ascherl
Tyler James Konz and Sara Ann Means
Zachary Scott Kellen and Kelsey Lynn Nilles
Kyle George Heronimus and Anna Rose Schroeder
Jason Dean Vaith and Megan Nicole Hauptert
Mitchell Lawrence Maiers and Alexandra Renee Schuver
Justin Christopher Hunt and Heidi Sue Proehl
Jonathan Schemmel and Angela Schroeder
Tyler Kanaly and Allison Kellen

Those who entered into eternal life. May they rest in peace...
Joe Sauer, Jr. Donald Schwarz Jim Beck

The gym floor has been refinished and is ready for use.

St. Joseph Parishioners who would like to use it may do so on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Rules will be posted in the gym...these MUST BE FOLLOWED. Prior to usage, a diocesan Adult Hold Harmless/Indemnity Agreement (which are available thru Jeff Bunkers, Steve Christensen or the parish office) must be signed before use. Anyone under the age of 19 MUST HAVE PARENTAL/ADULT SUPERVISION. There is also a sign in/sign out sheet that must be filled out when using the gym.

ST. MARY PARISH

Stewardship for Dec. 31, 2017	December 24, 2017
Adult-\$5980.00	Adult-6880.00
Loose Offerings-\$55.54	Loose Offering-268.00
Solemnity of Mary-25.00	Christmas Offering-415.00
Candle Box-31.00	Candle Box-33.00
Catholic Charities-75.00	Unrestricted Donation-110.00
Total-\$6166.54	DAA Payback-4488.00
	CCHD-50.00
	Catholic Charities-967.00
	Bunkers Rebate-185.00
	TOTAL-13,396.22



Bills paid: Sioux City Diocese (CHD) \$50.00; Salaries & Taxes-\$1734.54; Spalding (Dec. Investment) \$17,375.33; Sioux City Diocese (property Ins.) \$1026.55; Our Sunday Visitor (adult envelopes-\$88.93-childrens envelopes-\$38.40).

DAA Donations: 6810.00

Total number of pledges turned in to date: 108

Total amount of donations to date: 6810.00

DAA 2017 Goal: \$9236.00

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

Door and Bowls, St. Marys, Alton: A couple of 'housekeeping' items...the east walk in door on the north side of church is open from 7 am to 7 pm. The door has a tendency to stick a bit, so one must pull hard to open. Also, the bowls left in the confessional from past parish functions have been carried to the rectory garage. If not picked up they will be passed on to Good Will.

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-wwwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Chapel of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9. Please note the changes in place and date. For information call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Springtime in Poland and Eastern Europe

12 days, April 30-May 11, 2018. Warsaw, Krakow, Auschwitz, Budapest, Prague, Vienna hosted by veteran tour leader Father John Vakulskas. \$3749 from Omaha, \$3699 from Chicago. Price includes r/t air, First Class Hotels, most meals, daily Mass, tours, portage 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.

