

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

January 14, 2018 – 2nd 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 – (712) 840-1709

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.

OPEN YOUR 
HEARTS to the Word of the Lord

Mass Intentions for January 19-21

Fri. (1/19)	8:00 am @ Granville	Fr. Mervin Hood
Sat. (1/20)	5:00 pm @ Hospers	George S. Allen
Sun. (1/21)	8:00 am @ Alton	For the People
Sun. (1/22)	10:00 am @ Granville	Jennifer Koppie Sells

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of January 20/21:

Lectors

5:00 pm Dan Pohlen
8:00 am Marcel Thoene
10:00 am Julia Schroeder

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Duane Stoll (C) (Deacon Dan)
8:00 am Gaylen Schneider (Deacon Dan)
10:00 am Jacki Goebel (Deacon Dan)

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Justin, Robert & Brian Schmit
8:00 am Thomas, Adam & Nicole Vandermyle
10:00 am Harlie Tesch, Claire Paulsen, Cadence Goebel

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Mike Thompson Family
8:00 am Rod & Cindy Pottebaum

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."

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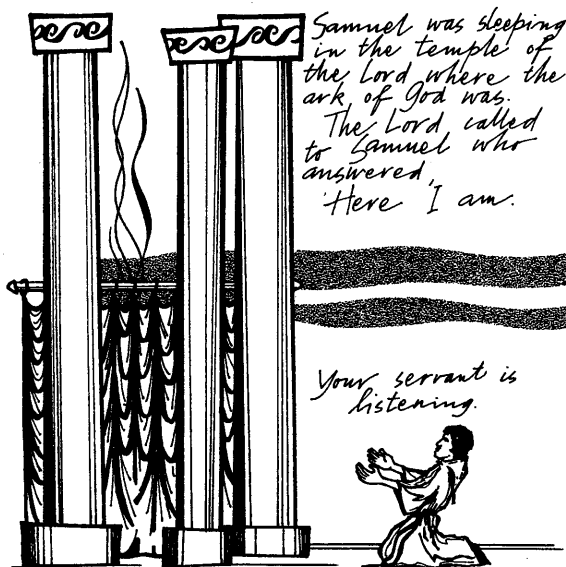
I will be away on a few days retreat this week. Thank you for your prayers. –Fr. Greving

Respect Life: Consider the implications of this fact....when the Word became flesh, God was an embryo...pregnancy is not a disease - an "untreated" pregnancy terminates itself in a baby.

Wedding congrats to Tyler Kanaly and Allison Kellen who were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at St. Joseph, Granville. May the Lord bless you in your future life together.

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

 HOLD TO
HIS
WORDS



Pilgrim Cluster Text \ Email Alerts: The Pilgrim Cluster (St. Marys, Alton, St. Joseph, Granville, and St. Anthony, Hospers) is signed up with the LeMars Sentinel to send out text and email alerts on Mass / Religious Education / parish function cancelations or changes when these should occur. Usually these will be due to threatening weather conditions that would make attendance unreasonable. In order to receive this alert on your cell phone or email, you must go to the following website: www.lemarssentinel.com and scroll down the left hand side of the home page until you see the text alerts box. Click on the box and it will direct you to a page to sign up for the alerts of your choice. Be prepared to give your cellphone number and \ or email that you wish to receive the alert on. Our group name is pilgrim cluster Alton / Granville / Hospers.

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.

In Baptism we are born again into eternal life. This past week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord. Why not take a few moments to rediscover the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism by watching the wonderful study series *Reborn* on Formed.org. **PARISH CODE: ZPMV49**

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY. Only two Thursdays left in our present book, *Resisting Happiness*. On January 25th, we will be covering chapters 31, 32, 33, and 34. Never too late to 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.



STARTING NEW BOOK FOR LENT – ORDER NOW. The Power of the Cross – Applying the Passion of Christ to Your Life by Michael Dubruiel. This is a DAILY devotional. We will be meeting all the Thursdays in Lent.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOTES:

- **STAG NIGHT – Monday, January 15, 2018.**
Adoration at 5:00 PM at St. Joseph Church, Granville, Stag night to follow at The Dug Out.

- **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of January 1, 2018 are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2018 KC Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 1pm in Granville at St Joseph's Parish Center.** Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent via an entry form before participating and will be made available the day of the competition so please come early to complete. Please contact John Heller (402-672-6592) with any questions.

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 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.

COF Annual Fish and Food Sale Matching Funds Event -- The Lenten season is quickly approaching and the Alton Catholic Order of Foresters are sponsoring their annual Fish and Food Sale. This year we will be selling quality food products with a special emphasis on oven ready products. This year's proceeds will be used for new Ambulance equipment for the Alton Fire Department. You can find order forms attached to this week and next weeks' bulletins. You can mail or drop off your orders to Kent Willett (Hospers), Stacey Paulsen (Granville), or Al Willett (Alton). If you should have any questions, please call Kent at 752-8883 or 395-2861. All orders have to be in by February 5 for a February 10 delivery. This is a great opportunity to stock your freezer for the Lenten season!

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- January 15 Mike Jungers
- January 16 Brenda Gloden, Mark & Kristin Konz, 25 yrs.
- January 18 Rita Fischer
- January 19 Ashley Schmit
- January 20 Kristin Konz

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- January 15 Dan Schroeder, Lucille Schumacher
- January 16 Chuck Kreber
- January 17 Karen Pottebaum
- January 18 Kevin Budden, Aurora Goebel, Cadence Goebel, Nikki Heying, Duane Niichel
- January 19 Curt Bunkers, Sharon Schnepf
- January 20 Leo Sells
- January 21 Mary Bunkers

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- January 16 Thomas Holzman
- January 17 Kyle Diehl
- January 19 Maise Kellen, Cathy Langel
- January 20 Logan Paulsen
- January 21 John Heller



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!

* Join the K-6th grade students for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song at 8:30 am Thursday, Jan. 18 at St. Mary's in Alton.

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.gehlencatholic.org for more information on upcoming events.

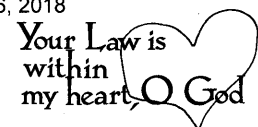
GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

- Monday, January 15
 - Boys' C BB at HOME vs Woodbury Central, 4:30 PM
 - V G/B BB at HOME vs Woodbury Central, 6:00 PM
 - NWICDA 9-12 Honor Choir at Dordt College
- Tuesday, January 16
 - JV B/V G/B BB AT Hinton, 4:30 PM
 - Iowa Lakes Community College Jazz Band Concert
- Thursday, January 18
 - 2 hour early dismissal for Teacher In-Service
 - JH G BB AT Akron-Westfield, 4:00 PM
 - Boys C team/JV B BB AT West Sioux, 6 PM
 - Girls C team/JV G BB vs West Sioux HOME, 6:00 PM
- Friday, January 19
 - JV B/V G/B BB at Trinity Christian, 4:30 PM
 - Mission Honduras Jean Day
- Saturday, January 20
 - JV B BB AT Woodbury Central
 - JH Girls BB AT Hinton, 10:00 AM
 - District Large Group Speech at Sioux City East
- Sunday, January 21
 - Gehlen Catholic Mission Honduras meeting in the Library, 12:30 PM

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship January 6, 2018

- Adult Envelope: \$ 3,055.00
- Adult Loose: \$ 96.00
- Youth Envelope: \$ 5.00
- Total Income: \$ 3,156.00



Bills Paid: MCI, \$19.95, long distance; Gehlen Catholic School, \$3,084.99; Spalding Catholic School, \$8,957.74; Diocese of Sioux City, \$1,137.00, Cathedraicum; City of Hospers, \$45.20, utilities; Carmelite Monastery, \$165.58, altar bread; Diocese of Sioux City, \$415.00, Catholic Charities; MCI, \$18.80, long distance

Annual Giving Statements for 2017 for each parish family are now available in the church lobby. If you have any questions with your statement, please contact Mary at the parish office.

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!

St. Anthony's bible sharing group will meet Wednesday, January 17th at 8:30. We will be discussing the Sunday readings and finishing chapter 4 (pages 79-87) of Scripture and the Rosary, discussing questions 11-17.

2017 Sacramental Moments at St. Anthony Parish:
Those welcomed into the Catholic Faith through baptism:
Landon James Hallett Brooklyn Virginia Schuld

Those welcomed into the Catholic Faith through RCIA:
Jason Lee Smith Abigail Renee Wanninger
Heidi Proehl

Those who made their First Communion:
Halle Walgenbach Kate Solsma

Those who were Confirmed:
Samantha Sauer Cade Walgenbach

St. Anthony Notes Continued:

Those who were united in the sacrament of Marriage:
Lauren Jungers and Joseph Kelling

Those who entered into eternal life, may they rest in peace:
Marvin L. Reuter David J. O'Kane

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:*****

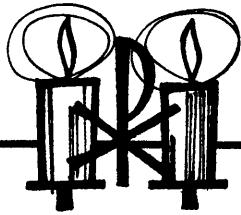
Church Proper Chairlady: Donna Stoll **Committee:** Elizabeth Steven, Mary Kruiuzenga, Janice Klein, Jane Hauptert **West Area and Church Basement Chairlady:** Brandy Willett **Committee:** Arlene Walgenbach, Ruth Konz, Judy Schnurr, Sarah Te Grotenhuis *****Please make sure that the cleaning gets done 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!*****

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Money Counters, St. Joseph rectory:
Tuesday, January 16, 9:00 AM: Faye Hunt, Mary Ellen Heying

Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$	10,865.00
Grain		8,526.66
Young		66.00
Loose Collection		105.00
Catholic Charities		1,000.00
Donations		600.00
Building/Grounds		120.00
TOTAL:		\$21,282.66



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Visser Brothers Plbg & Htg (heating coil - Parish Center), \$225.00; One Office Solution (box of envelopes), \$47.71; Dave's Lock & Key (Lock change/keys), \$169.96; Wigman Company (parish center repair), \$46.13; D & L Plumbing & Heating, Inc. (parish Center repair), \$49.80; City of Granville (water/sewer), \$128.00; Santa Maria Vineyard & Winery (altar wine), \$131.57; Carmelite Monastery (hosts), \$165.58; Wolbrink Electric (Parish Center Repairs) \$75.00

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: \$7,670
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!!

St. Joseph Church Cleaning for Thursday, January 18 at 7:00:

Church Cleaning Co Chair - Bill/Nancy Penning
Circle Members:

- Randy/Jeri Plathe Alan/Laurie Schroeder
- Justin/Mindy Plathe Randy Schroeder
- Jim/Jeanne Schlichte Dave/Jane List
- Wes/Theresa Budden Jordan/Amanda Christoffel
- Tom/Kathy Bortscheller

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:
Adult-\$5135.00
Grain Donation-4000.00
Loose Offerings-\$19.00
Youth-8.00
Total-\$9162.00



Bills paid: Sioux City Diocese (Online Foccus) \$12.00; Sioux City Diocese (Catholic Charities) \$1042.00; Orange City

Sanitation-\$23.13; Alton Municipal Utilities-\$790.45; April's Floral Boutique (poinsettia) \$367.49.

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.

If you donated towards our Christmas poinsettias, please feel free to take one any time!

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 passed on to Good Will.

AREA NOTICES:

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, 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.

REMINDER: Sioux County Oratorio Chorus rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30pm in the choir room of DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern College's campus, and all are welcome! Our season will culminate in a performance of Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* in Northwestern's Christ Chapel on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30pm. Please join us Tuesday nights 7:30-9:15 for music making and fellowship!

FrAnCISCAn Common Venture

Franciscan Common Venture (FCV), sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa, is a volunteer program, which provides the opportunity for persons to contribute their talents, time and commitment in service among people who are poor. Together, the sisters and volunteers strive to give expression to Franciscan values of conversion, prayer, poverty, minority and community.

For more information contact: Franciscan Common Venture Office, Sisters of St. Francis 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque, Iowa 52001
Email: commonventure@osfdbq.org Phone: (563) 583-9786
Web: <http://www.osfdbq.org/commonventure>

Some opportunities for service:

One each in June, July, August Cost: Volunteers are asked to contribute \$30 to help cover food and other costs. There will be some shared reflection after service is given. Please note: overnight accommodations are not provided; commuters only. **See their website for more opportunities and to apply.**

June 9, 2018 2-4 Volunteers • Women and men • Age 20+ due date to apply is May 11.

Do you want to show your care for creation? Here is your chance. Volunteers from the Dubuque area will help the Sisters of St. Francis' Canticle of Creation Center with tasks to keep the prairie healthy and other creation-care needs.

July 14, 2018 Clare guest house – Sioux City, Iowa, 2-4 Women volunteers • Age 20+ due date to apply is June 15.

Do you want to support work that promotes peace and nonviolence? Volunteers from the Sioux City area will learn about the Clare Guest House ministry and help with yard work, cleaning, minor repairs and providing the evening meal for the guests.

August 11, 2018 St. Francis Catholic Worker house, Waterloo, Iowa 2-4 Volunteers • Women and men • Age 20+ due date to apply is July 13.

Do you want to be in solidarity with those who are poor? Volunteers from the Waterloo metro area will learn about the Catholic Worker movement and help with cleaning, yard work, and other tasks as needed.

June 3-9, 2018 Dubuque, Iowa Rescue Mission and New Hope Catholic worker Farm 2-4 Volunteers • Women and men • Age 20+ due date to apply is May 6. Cost:

Volunteers are asked to contribute \$115/per person to help cover food, housing, and other costs. **Service:** New Hope Catholic Worker Farm offers an experience of gardening, service to the poor, creation care, justice, reflection, and community building. The Dubuque Rescue Mission offers the opportunity to participate in positive solutions to homelessness. Come see the life-giving interconnections!

Community: Some meals will be with the staff and clients, others are prepared by the FCV volunteers. Accommodations are at a local retreat house. Arrival is on Sunday with departure on Saturday.

For further information: <http://dbqrescue.org>