

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

January 28, 2018 – 4th 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.

Mass Intentions for January 30 – February 4

Tues. (1/30)	8:00 am @ Granville	Donna Horkey/Rita Cook, David Fisch
Wed. (1/31)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Lorna Mae Portz
Thurs. (2/01)	8:30 am @ Alton	Nic Hansen, Rose Boyle
Fri. (2/02)	8:00 am @ Alton	Margie Konz Galles
Sat. (2/03)	4:00 pm @ Hospers	Theresa Bullerman
Sun. (2/04)	8:00 am @ Alton	Alvin Full
Sun. (2/04)	10:00 am @ Granville	For the People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of February 4:

Lectors

4:00 pm Nancy Stoll
8:00 am Rose Ann Mulder
10:00 am Jeff Bunkers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Ken Schmit, Karen Freking (c)
8:00 am Bob Goliber, Theresa Goliber
10:00 am Carol Christoffel, Jan Goebel

Altar Servers

4:00 pm Jason Konz, Cody Schmit, Hunter Gloden
8:00 am Luke, Jake & Emma Bogen
10:00 am Sage Goergen, Isaia Lammers, Ian Lammers

Gift Bearers

4:00 pm Dan Pohlen Family
8:00 am Ed & Renae Recker

February Ushers

4:00 pm Jim Pohlen, Mike Jungers
8:00 am Pat & Theresa Probst, Bob & Linda Reichle
10:00 am Curt Christoffel, Francis & Jan Goebel,
Randy & Denice Christoffel

"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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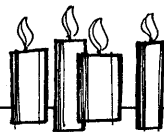
Pastoral \ Finance council meetings are scheduled as follows:

Alton – Thursday, February 1 @ 6:30 pm
Granville – Thursday, February 8 @ 6:30 pm
Hospers – Thursday, February 15 @ 6:30 pm

First Friday Adoration will be at St. Mary's, Alton on February 2 beginning after the 8 am Mass until 8 pm.

Note Well the time of Mass on Saturday, February 3, at Hospers will be at 4 pm. This is the evening of Spalding Catholic Gala.

Best Lent Ever: Don't give up chocolate for Lent. *Instead*, take a 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself. Join our parish for Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Every day you'll get...inspirational videos, practical tips, encouraging stories. Are you ready to have you best Lent ever? Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent



The Words of the Lord
are light for us

The LORD
gives us a new
teaching

in a
spirit of
authority



Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2018 is January 28 to February 3. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Mass and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Presentation of the Lord. On February 2 (Friday this week), the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing of candles is included in today's liturgy. This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast. Candles will be blessed at the 8 am Mass at Alton. **If anyone wishes to have a box of (2) candles for home use, pick up a box at your respective parish. A suggested donation of \$5 can be placed in the collection basket at a time of your convenience to defray the cost of the candles.**

Sacrament of Anointing: In conjunction with our Lady of Lourdes \ World Day of the Sick, the Sacrament of Anointing will be administered at Granville on Sunday, Feb 11 immediately after 10 am Mass. Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper subjects for the sacrament. Confession is always encouraged - if able, prior to anointing. Those who desire to be anointed after Mass, sit in center rows of pews near center aisle beginning at front of church.

Collection on **Briar Cliff Sunday, Jan. 27 and Jan. 28**, to assist with scholarships for Briar Cliff students. Currently, 97% of Briar Cliff students depend on scholarship aid. **Please help these young members of our parishes by contributing to the Briar Cliff Sunday offering!**

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.
- **First Reconciliation:**
 - **Date: 02/07/2018 – Wednesday**
 - **Time: 6:30 p.m.**
 - **Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church, Granville, IA**
(Parents/Guardians – please arrive with your student(s) at 6:15 p.m.)
- **“Act of Contrition”** Please assist your student in “memorizing” the “Act of Contrition”!
- **Photo Release:** Parents/Guardians, please return your photo release form if you have not done so.
- **Baptismal Form:** Baptismal forms were sent to the First Communion Candidate’s parents/guardians who were “not” baptized in one of the Pilgrim Cluster Parishes. Please complete the form and return it to Tami List as soon as possible.



On March 13 Gehlen Catholic School will take a mission team into Honduras. The team has been busy preparing for their mission. However, we cannot do our mission work without your help. You see,



part of our mission is to deliver gift bags full of soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, children’s & prenatal vitamins, Tylenol, flip flops, socks, cloth diapers, hair ties, brushes, school supplies, caps, clothes (especially underwear), and shoes to families that do not have those items. We need YOUR help to collect them. The donated items can be placed in the boxes provided in the church entry way or at Gehlen Catholic School. You may also drop off monetary donations at the church or school office, which will allow team members to purchase the items that are most needed.

Gehlen Catholic will be hosting a Mission Honduras Tailgate on Friday, February 9th, at the HOME basketball game between Gehlen Jays and South O’Brien. Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, coleslaw and homemade bars will be served in the Gehlen cafeteria from 5:00 – 7:30 PM. **FREE WILL OFFERING** with the proceeds used for supplies needed for all projects during the 2018 Student Mission Trip to Honduras.

On **Briar Cliff Sunday, Jan. 27 and Jan. 28**, there will be a special offering to assist with scholarships for Briar Cliff students. Currently, 97% of Briar Cliff students depend on scholarship aid to make it possible for them to attend the only Catholic University in the Sioux City Diocese. **Please help these young members of our parishes by contributing to the Briar Cliff Sunday offering!**

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



Peter writes to us in scripture, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." In other words, always be ready to answer the question, "Why do you believe in Jesus Christ?" St. Thomas Aquinas was a master at explaining our faith. In honor of his feast day on Sunday, challenge yourself to learn something new about what you believe and be ready to give a reason for your hope in Christ. Visit formed.org. Parish Code: ZPMV49

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY. Only one Thursday left in our present book, Resisting Happiness. On February 8, we will be covering the last chapters. Please join us at St. Joseph’s Rectory at (6:45) 7 pm. Questions - call Cindy Klein 540-6962 or Tera Oldenkamp 348-3566,

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 where we will cover each Thursday of Lent.

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.

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. 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 30 Ashley Croatt
- February 1 Susie Jungers
- February 3 Barb Reuter, Chris Schmit
- February 4 Elizabeth Steven

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- January 31 Dennis Friedmann, Lori Hansen
- February 1 Fran Koob
- February 2 Jerry Roder

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- January 30 Wayne Horkey, Andrew & Amanda Heying-8
- February 1 Ann Lundberg
- February 2 Addison Babcock, Natalia Roberts
- February 3 Theresa Goliber, Mark Meis
- February 4 Marie Klein



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...

As we enter into Catholic Schools Week, we give thanks for our many wonderful supporters and we invite you to join us for the following activities:

Tuesday, Jan. 30

- 8:00 am - First ever National online Day of Giving for Spalding (24 hours only)
- 11:30 am - PreK-6th grade Family Meal in the gym. RSVP’s are needed by Friday, Jan. 24. Please contact the school office (756-4532) to RSVP.
- 12:00 pm(ish) - Spalding Olympic games/4th-6th grade Geography Bee

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- 8:00 am - National online Day of Giving for Spalding ends

Thursday, Feb. 1

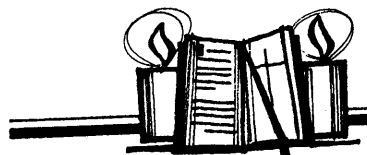
- 8:30 am - Mass with K-6 grade students
- 9:10 - 9:40 am - Open House Coffee and Rolls for Community in the cafeteria. Optional classroom visits afterwards.



Many Gifts, One Nation
A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

As noted above, Spalding will be participating in it’s first ever National Day of Giving campaign. It is being offered through NCEA’s National Day of Giving for Catholic Schools. The link will be available soon and people have 24 hours (from 8am on Jan. 30 through 8am on Jan. 31) to contribute online.

Spalding Gala - Spalding Winter Olympics 2018 --The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. **** We are looking for items to be included in our Auction. If you have something that would make a nice addition, please contact one of the committee members or Development Office. Some ideas include: homemade goodies, sports team items, gift baskets, home decor, etc.** Tickets are still 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 29
 - Catholic Schools Week liturgy, 8:45 AM
 - Adult ELL class meets at 5 PM in the music room
 - Freshmen/JV B BB AT South O'Brien, 6 PM
 - Freshmen/JV G BB, HOME, vs South O'Brien, 6 PM
- Tuesday, January 30
 - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day – lunch and casual dress
 - JV G/V G/B BB AT Remsen St. Mary's, 4:30 PM
- Wednesday, January 31
 - Le Mars Chamber Coffee in the library, 9:30 AM
 - Peter & Catherine Gehlen Society luncheon in the library – noon
 - "Your Wishes – Planning for Your Financial, Legal & Medical Future" at All Saints Parish – Richter Hall, 5:00 PM
 - Sister Edith Mary Hart to address your Spiritual & Ethical Concerns at All Saints Parish – Richter Hall, 6:00 PM
 - "Who Will Care for Our Children?" (Open to parents) at All Saints Parish – Richter Hall, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 1
 - 16th Annual Family Picnic in both gyms and cafeteria, noon
 - JH G BB AT West Sioux, 4:30 PM
- Friday, February 2 – Student Appreciation Day with Free Jean Day
 - Student Blessing in the gym, 8:45 AM
 - Dining With Dads in the cafeteria, 11 AM – 12:40 PM
 - JH G BB vs Hinton, HOME, 4 PM
 - JV B/V G/B BB, HOME, vs HMS, 4:30 PM
- Saturday, February 3
 - State Large Group Speech Contest at Le Mars Comm. High School

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship January 21, 2018
 Adult Envelope: \$ 7,205.00
 Adult Loose: \$ 111.00
 Youth Envelope: \$ 5.00
 Grain Donation: \$ 5,109.94
 Special Collections: \$ 2,000.00
 Total Income: \$ 14,430.94

Thank you for exceeding our budgeted weekly income.

Bills Paid: St. Mary's, \$51.72, candles; Granville Shopper, \$535.50, bulletin printing; Our Sunday Visitor, \$72.00, Feb/Mar adult envelopes;

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!

The next Finance/Council meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30pm. Minutes will be available on Feb. 10th.

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 February 2017.*****

Church Proper Chairlady: Jeanne Jungers
Committee: Maxine Feekes, Joanne Pohlen, Mary Hatfield, Lori Budden **West Area and Church Basement Chairlady:** Lori Pohlen
Committee: LeAnn Grave, Ashley Croatt, Kathy 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, St. Joseph rectory:
Monday, January 29, 9:00 AM: Denis Schilmoeller, Pat Steffes

Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$	2,930.00
Young		12.66
Loose Collection		123.00
Parish Center Rental		40.00
Donations		10.00
Building/Grounds		720.00
TOTAL:		\$3,835.66



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Diocese of Sioux City monthly assessment, \$515.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$19.26; Parish Center Light Bulbs, \$68.73; Interstate Mechanical Crop (actuators for radiators – parish center), \$238.29; Mid American Energy, \$3,414.15; The Pilgrim Cluster (January), \$2,043.00; Diocese of Sioux City (monthly property/liability insurance payment), \$1,598.00; LeLous Diversified (open drain lines at Parish Center), \$325.50; Wheelchair Dynamics, Inc. (keys for parish center elevator), \$106.14; St. Mary's (Candlemas candles), \$51.72; The Granville Shopper (two years printing bulletin), \$776.22; Propagation of the Faith, \$500.00; Diocese of Sioux City (2018 special collections), \$2877.95

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 2017 Statements of Giving were mailed out this week. If your statement is incorrect or you did not receive one, please contact the parish office. Enclosed also is a listing of church donations to our parish during the 2017 calendar year. This allows you to see where your contribution is located. Also included is a financial statement for the first six months of our 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Agendas for our Finance/Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday, February 8, 6:30 PM, will be available next week.

DAA STATUS:

DAA Pledges: \$8,465
 Total Number of Pledges Turned in to Date: 82 out of 174
 Total Amount of Donations to Date: \$8,165
 DAA 2017 Goal: \$13,713

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED YOUR DAA CARDS. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO (WE HAVE 93 FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT) PLEASE RETURN YOUR DAA CARD ASAP! Thank you!!

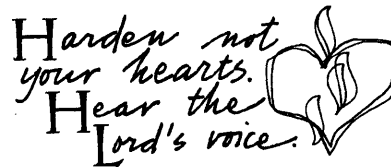
The gym floor has been refinished and is ready for use.

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.

If you made a donation towards St. Joseph's Christmas flowers/poinsettias, please feel free to take one!

ST. MARY PARISH

Stewardship:
 Adult-\$3645.00
 Loose Offerings-50.00
 Youth-2.00
 Candle Box-69.00
 Total-\$3,766.00



Bills paid: Gehlen Catholic (January Investment) \$4899.68; Sioux City Diocese (Cathedraticum) \$852.00; Granville Shopper (printed bulletins for years 2016 & 2017-each year-\$455.43)

DAA Donations: 6860.00
Total number of pledges turned in to date: 108
Total amount of donations to date: 6860.00
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!

AREA NOTICES:

St. Mary's Soup and Sandwich supper, January 30, 2018, 430-8 pm, St Mays high School Cafeteria, during basketball game against Gehlen Catholic. Cost is free will donation Please come and join us for warm soup and sandwiches and some exciting game entertainment

Come join us at the annual Remsen St. Mary's Activity Club Fish Supper on Friday, February 16, at St. Mary's High School Cafeteria. The menu includes homemade salads and desserts, as well as fried and baked fish, corn, and cheesy potatoes. Serving will be from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. Carry outs & deliveries are available. This is an all you can eat fish supper.