

## Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

February 4, 2018 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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**Blessing of  
the Throats**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment any time. WEEKLY BULLETIN ONLINE: [PilgrimCluster.org](http://PilgrimCluster.org).

St. Mary Parish  
609 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:christec@mtcnet.net)

St. Anthony Parish  
506 Elm Street, Hopers, 51238  
712 (752-8784)  
OFFICE HOURS  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9AM to 1:30 PM  
[stacc@nethtc.net](mailto:stacc@nethtc.net)

WEEKLY BULLETIN ONLINE: Our web site ([PilgrimCluster.org](http://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 February 5 - February 11

Mon. (2\05)	10:30 am Prairie Ridge	Milo Streff
Tues. (2\06)	8:00 am @ Granville	Luella Klein, Gerald, Angeline, Ron, & Tom H. Klein
Wed. (2\07)	8:45 am @ Gehlen	
Thurs. (2\8)	8:00 am @ Alton	Rick Harpenau, Inez Reichle
Fri. (2\09)	8:00 am @ Hopers	Regina Portz
Sat. (2\10)	5:00 pm @ Hopers	Lawrence, Margaret and Albert Klein
Sun. (2\11)	8:00 am @ Alton	For the People
Sun. (2\11)	10:00 am @ Granville	L & D of Herman Ahlers family

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of February 11:

#### Lectors

5:00 pm Mike Thompson  
8:00 am Marcel Thoene  
10:00 am Tom Hansen

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Georgia Becker, Larry Gloden (c)  
8:00 am Gaylen Schneider, Al Willett  
10:00 am Vince Stoll, Jordan Christoffel

#### Altar Servers

5:00 pm John Jungers, Thomas & Alex Pohlen  
8:00 am Corey Buckholtz, Kyle & Cody Hansen  
10:00 am Ben & Andrew Oldenkamp, Mason Kellen

#### Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Eric Pohlen Family  
8:00 am Bob & Linda Reichle

#### February Ushers

5:00 pm Jim Pohlen, Mike Jungers  
8:00 am Gaylen & Julie Schneider, Leon & Nancy Schwebach  
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."

## PILGRIM CLUSTER

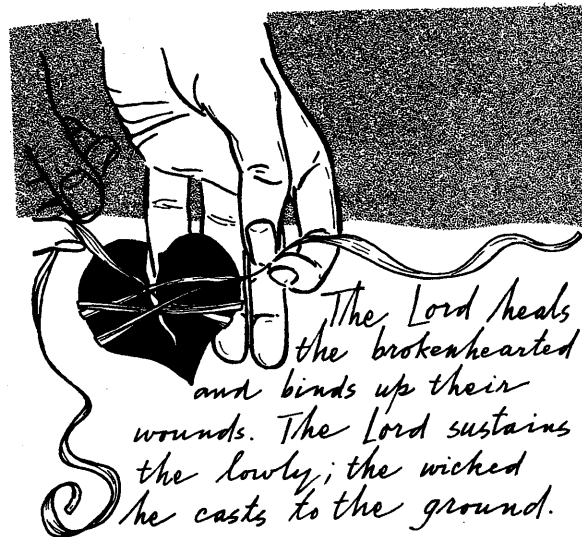
Pastoral \ Finance council meetings are scheduled as follows:

Granville – Thursday, February 8 @ 6:30 pm

Hopers – Thursday, February 15 @ 6:30 pm

**Ash Wednesday is February 14.** Mass times that day: 8 am @ Hopers, 12:05 pm @ Alton, 6:30 pm @ Granville.

**Lenten Reflections:** Pick up a copy of the Magnificat Lenten Companion or Word Among Us at the entrance of the churches for Daily Lenten reflections.




*The Lord heals  
the brokenhearted  
and binds up their  
wounds. The Lord sustains  
the lowly; the wicked  
he casts to the ground.*

**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](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent)

**Our Lady of Lourdes** is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honor of the Marian apparitions that reportedly occurred in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes in France. The first of these is the apparition of 11 February 1858, when 14-year old Bernadette Soubirous told her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. Similar apparitions of the alleged "Lady" were reported on seventeen occasions that year, until the climax revelation of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception took place. In 18 January 1862, Pope Pius IX authorized Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Laurence to permit the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. On 3 July 1876, the same Pontiff officially granted a Canonical Coronation to the image that used to be in the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica. The image of Our Lady of Lourdes has been widely copied and reproduced in shrines and homes, often in garden landscapes. Soubirous was later canonized as a Catholic saint.

**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 wish to be anointed after Mass, sit in center rows of pews near center aisle beginning at front of church.

JESUS IS LORD! 

Prayers and condolence to Mike and Rhonda Konz and family on the death of Rhonda's mother, Betty Schelling. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. May she rest in peace.

Prayers and condolence to the family of Gerald Croatt, who died on January 27, 2018. Mass of Christian burial at St. Anthonys, Hospers, on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May he rest in peace.

#### 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Adult Scripture Study is still being held in the St. Joseph Parish Center Library on Wednesday nights, beginning at 6:30.** With the season of Lent approaching, we will be beginning to focus on Christ's final days of earthly ministry as well as looking more in depth at the Mass. Please feel free to join us, even if you haven't been coming at all.

**FORMED**  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH - ON DEMAND.

The season of Lent is fast approaching. Traditionally, Lent is a time for additional prayers, fasting, and almsgiving. We journey with Christ as he fasts in the desert to prepare for his Holy Passion. As you walk with Christ this Lent, take a few moments to meditate on the journey of our Lord by listening to *My Beloved Son* by Bishop Robert Barron or *Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross* by Msgr. James Shea along with dozens of other Lenten meditations available on Formed.org.  
**Parish Code: ZPMV49**

**CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY.** On February 8, we will be finishing our present book, *Resisting Happiness*. Please join us at St. Joseph's Rectory at (6:45) 7 pm. Questions - call Cindy Klein 540-6962 or Tera Oldenkamp 348-3566,

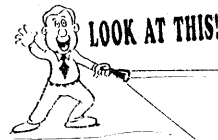
**STARTING NEW BOOK FOR LENT ON FEB 15. *The Power of the Cross – Applying the Passion of Christ to Your Life* by Michael Dubruiel.**

This is a DAILY devotional. We will be meeting all the Thursdays in Lent where we will cover each Thursday of Lent...same time, same place.

Granville Improvement club is hosting the annual wild game and pulled pork sandwich fund raiser at the Granville Community Center on Saturday, February 10, 2018, starting at 6 pm and serving until gone. Drawing for gun raffle will be held after the meal. Meal is a free will donation with proceeds going to the Granville improvement club. Thanks



**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.



The Squires will be having a spaghetti supper on February 17th in Hospers. Serving will start at 5:30 and will end at 7:00. Proceeds will be used to help cover expenses for the trip to the Steubenville 2018 retreat for young adult members of our cluster. All are welcome! Please come and support this great cause!

The Catholic Order of Foresters will be hosting Coffee & Rolls after 8am mass on Feb 18. Stop over at the school cafeteria after mass for a hot cup of coffee, freshly baked cinnamon roll or donut along with some great fellowship. The coffee is free but if you feel inclined you may leave a free will offering. This is a great time to visit with friends, people you don't get the opportunity to visit with very often. Also if you are new at St Mary's, we would really encourage you to come as it is a great opportunity to meet people from the parish and for the parishioners to meet you. Hope to see you there.

#### St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

February 10 Brian Sauer

#### St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

February 6 Bob Fischer  
February 7 Leon Klein  
February 8 Tom Budden, Zachary Kellen  
February 9 Janice Brooks, Ron Budden, Jacob Koob

#### St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

February 7 Edna Hauptert, Cyril Hauptert, Mikayla Heller  
February 8 Lori Beth Croghan, Denise Murphy, Jeanne Van Es  
February 9 Michael & Rhonda Konz-27  
February 11 Dale Konz, McKenna Langel



To instill a belief in God and self  
and provide excellence in learning through  
Mutual support, service and Catholic leadership.  
[www.SpaldingCatholic.org](http://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...

- Students decorated the hallway for 100's Day with 100 reasons why they love Spalding
- Second graders tested their communication skills with a set of cup phones
- Students participated in Spalding Olympics activities after our Catholic Schools Week Family Meal
- Staff and students conducted a "Sock it to Winter" sock drive for the Warming Shelter in Sioux City

Thank you to all who joined us for various Catholic Schools Week activities this past week!





Please log on to [www.gehlencatholic.org](http://www.gehlencatholic.org) for more information on upcoming events.

**GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:**

- Monday, Feb. 5:
  - JH Girls BB AT MCRU in Remsen; 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 6:
  - Freshmen boys/Varsity G/B vs. Akron-Westfield at home; 4:30 p.m.
  - JH Girls vs. Storm Lake St. Mary's at home; 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 7:
  - Morningside Jazz Festival
  - K-12 Liturgy; 8:45 a.m.
  - Book Fair; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 8:
  - Book Fair Open House; 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
  - School Board meeting; 7 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 9:
  - Book Fair; 8 a.m.-Noon
  - Gehlen Mission Honduras Tailgate; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - Freshmen Boys/JV Boys/Varsity G/B vs. South O'Brien at home; 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 10:
  - Dance Showcase in Marvin Langel Memorial gym; 2 p.m.

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH**

St. Anthony Stewardship January 27, 2018

- Adult Envelope: \$ 672.00
- Adult Loose: \$ 96.10
- Youth Envelope: \$ 5.00
- Grain Donation: \$ 2,225.18
- Petty Cash: \$ 64.00
- Briar Cliff Collection: \$65.00
- Total Income: \$ 3,127.28

**PROCLAIM**  
the Good News  
to all nations

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 St. Anthony's bible study group will meet Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. We will discuss next Sunday's readings and Chapter 1 of The Last Seven Words of Christ on the Cross.

St. Anthony Parish Council -- The next Finance/Council meeting will take place on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30pm. Minutes will be available on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!\*\*\*

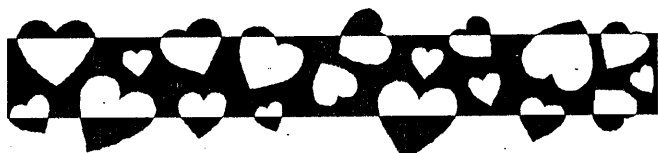
**ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

St. Joseph Money Counters, St. Joseph rectory:

Monday, February 5, 9:00 AM: Denis Schilmoeller, Pat Steffes

**Stewardship this week:**

Adult	\$	1,995.00
Young		7.80
Loose Collection		118.00
Postage		28.00
Building/Grounds		120.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$2,348.80</b>



**ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID:** Loose Leaf Lectionary (two years), \$159.90; Our Sunday Visitor (Feb Adult), \$90.51; Spalding Catholic \$17,118.90; Gehlen Catholic (January), \$5,072.93; Plains Boiler Service (parish center), \$610.00; Marcus Lumber (repair boys' urinal-Parish Center), \$107.00; Diocese of Sioux City (Catholic Charities), \$1,200.00; Salaries, \$2,070.14

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 last 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.

Our Finance/Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, February 8, 6:30 PM. Agendas were given out this past 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!!**

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

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-\$2472.00
- Loose Offerings-28.00
- Youth-3.00
- Candle Box-22.00
- Briar Cliff College-100.00
- Total-\$2,625.00

Bring the LORD'S healing love to all people

**Bills paid:** Spalding Catholic (January Investment) \$17,375.33; Salaries & Taxes-\$1721.55

**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:**

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For more information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

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.

If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 4 years old you could qualify for a free preschool program through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Head Start. For more information, contact 1-800-859-2025. Give your child a "Head Start" in education.

Attention: Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Celebrating World Marriage Day on Sunday Feb. 11, 2018. Mass at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 627 W. 4th St. Waterloo, Iowa. The mass will meet Sunday obligation and feature music provided by Agnus Dei. A special blessing for couples will be offered and a reception will follow. Married couples and families of any faith are invited to attend. For more information contact: Dan and Shirley O'Connell (319) 232-6030.