

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

February 11, 2018 – 6th 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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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.

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Mass Intentions for February 13 - February 18

Tues. (2\13)	8:00 am @ Granville	Robert Linden, Albert Joanning
Wed. (2\14)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Ed & Eleanor Schnurr
Wed. (2\14)	12:05 pm @ Alton	Delores Penning
Wed. (2\14)	6:30 pm @ Granville	Marcel & Ann Klein
Thurs. (2\15)	8:00 am @ Alton	Lorraine Hatz, Mitzi Hoffman
Fri. (2\16)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Herbert Portz
Sat. (2\17)	5:00 pm @ Hospers	For the People
Sun. (2\18)	8:00 am @ Alton	Janice Schuetz family
Sun. (2\18)	10:00 am @ Granville	Phyllis Schroeder

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of February 17/18:

Lectors

5:00 pm	Roleen Walgenbach
8:00 am	Joann Vandermyle
10:00 am	Alan Schroeder, Deacon Dan Goebel

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm	(Deacon Dan Goebel) Tom Jungers (c)
8:00 am	Kevin Holzman (Deacon Dan Goebel)
10:00 am	Dennis Friedmann, (Deacon Dan Goebel)

Altar Servers

5:00 pm	Katelyn Willett, Haley Pohlen, Chloe Otto
8:00 am	Kyle, Kristopher & Kassandra Diehl
10:00 am	Cambri Fleming, Lili Fleming, Noah Fleming

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm	Joanne Pohlen
8:00 am	Tim Rogers Family

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 meeting at Hospers on Thursday, February 15 @ 6:30 pm

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.

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

**"If you wish,
you can
make me
clean."**

**"I do will it.
Be made clean."**



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.

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted. January 27, 2018.

St. Joseph, Granville: Prayers and condolence to the family of Caroline Horkey, who died January 31, 2018. Mass of Christian burial February 3, 2018 at St. Joseph, Granville. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. May she rest in peace.



ENTER INTO THE SEASON OF LENT

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.
- **Reminder to Parents/Guardians:** REP students and teachers Will be attending and participating in "Ash Wednesday Mass" on (02/14/2018, 6:30 p.m.), at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mass will be held during REP class time, so, please go directly to the church as the **St. Joseph Parish Center will not be opened** that evening. Your students will be seated in church with their respective teachers and classmates in the middle/front pews of the church. Pews will be marked by class. We encourage our REP parents/guardians to join us as well as other members of your families. We look forward to a spiritual start to our Lenten Season.

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.



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. Starting new book for Lent. The Power of the Cross – Applying the Passion of Christ to Your Life by Michael Dubruiel. This a DAILY devotional which starts Ash Wednesday. We will meet every Thursday in Lent at which time we will read and discuss what is down for that day. The rest of the days will be individual study. You can order book off of Amazon.com or a link on Amy Welborn's website. Please join us at the St Joseph's rectory at (6:45) 7 PM. Questions call Cindy Klein 540-6962 or Tera Oldenkamp 348-3566 for questions.

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.

The Knights of Columbus #3810 will be hosting a fish fry to raise funds for Spalding Catholic as well as the Knights of Columbus. This event will be held on the 2nd Friday of Lent, February 23 from 5-7pm in the Alton center gym with carry outs available. We will also hold a fish fry on the 5th Friday of Lent, March 16 from 5-7pm at St Josephs in Granville with carry outs available. The funds raised from this fish fry will benefit the REP program as well as the Knights of Columbus. The menu will include mouthwatering fish (fried and baked), potatoes, salads, mac and cheese (kids), a roll and several wonderful deserts. Drinks of lemonade, water and coffee will be available. All of this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-12 and FREE for kids under the age of 3. As mentioned, this is a fundraiser so any amount above these prices will be very welcomed! Spread the word!

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- February 12 Mary Hatfield
- February 18 Jim Pohlen

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- February 12 Don Kreber
- February 13 Dan Goergen
- February 14 Mike & Denise Horkey -12th
- February 15 Evelyn Falkena Paul & Pauline Von Arb - 60th

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- February 12 James Bunts, Doris Pottbaum, Rod & Marlys Schwebach-46
- February 14 Maria Buckholtz, Christopher Holzman, Ernesto & Donna Miranda-31, Pete & Betty Stoll-57
- February 15 Nichole Full
- February 16 Leon Schwebach, Daniel Stoll
- February 18 Mark Haselhoff, Rhonda Heller, Sherry Kinney, Amanda Pugh



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...
- View our "A Day in the Life of a Spalding Student" video
- See super-cute pictures of the 1st graders dressed up for 100's Day
- 5th & 6th Grade students went to church to pray the Rosary for those among us who are sick

A BIG Thank You to all who supported our annual Gala this year! A few highlights from the evening include:
- Raising enough funds though a special "reverse auction" to purchase a new van
- Having a near-record number of Auction items
- Raising a new overall record amount for the event

** Save the Date for Preschool Registration and Discover Kindergarten Night **
Monday, March 5th - Registration for Free Universal Preschool from 5 - 6pm
Monday, March 5th - Discover Kindergarten Night from 6:30 - 7:30pm

Please mark your calendars!
What: Live Passion Play presented by K-2 students
Where: St. Mary's Church in Alton
When: Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m.



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

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

- Monday, Feb. 12:
 - JH Girls BB AT Storm Lake, St. Mary's, 4:00 PM
- Wednesday, Feb. 14:
 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 8:45 AM
 - Singing Valentine's delivered by Choir.
- Thursday, Feb. 15:
 - JH G BB, HOME, vs Remsen, St. Mary's, 4:00 PM
 - School Board meeting; 7 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 16: NO SCHOOL
 - Jazz Band Clinic, 8:45 AM - Noon
- Saturday, Feb. 17:
 - All-State Festival for Large Group Speech Events, Ames, IA



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.



ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship February 3, 2018

Adult Envelope: \$ 1,670.00

Adult Loose: \$ 68.00

Youth Envelope: \$ 4.00

Total Income: \$ 1,742.00

Bills Paid: HTC Communications, \$210.12, telephone, internet; City of Hospers, \$29.65, utilities; MCI, \$18.06, \$16.00, long distance; Diocese of Sioux City, \$2,000, Special Collections

St. Anthony bible study group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 14th following the 8 am Ash Wednesday mass. We will discuss the readings for Sunday and Chapter 2 of The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross.

Stations of the Cross -- We will be saying the Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 16 at 1:30 pm at St. Anthony's.

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. 10th.

Auction Update: Auction Update: Kent and Brandy Willett are the chair of this year's auction. They are still looking for co-chairs. If it has been a while since you have been co-chairs or you have not volunteered in the past, please consider donating your time and talent to helping out the parish. The Auction date is July 21st, the 3rd Saturday of July. Please keep this date marked on your calendar. All parish members are asked to donate, participate, and attend.

*****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, February 12, 10:30 AM—Germaine Konz, Nancy Penning

Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$	1,725.00
ACH		1,265.00
Grain		1,000.01
Young		62.50
Loose Collection		125.00
Briar Cliff		15.00
TOTAL:		\$4,192.51



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Premier Communications, \$283.47; Neal Chase (Parish Center repairs), \$96.05

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: \$8,565

Total Number of Pledges Turned in to Date: 83 out of 174

Total Amount of Donations to Date: \$8,265

DAA 2017 Goal: \$13,713

SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED YOUR DAA

CARDS. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO

(WE HAVE 91 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!

St. Joseph Church Cleaning, Thursday, February 15, at 7:00 PM

Church Cleaning Co-Chair - Hank/Mary Goebel

Circle Members:

Greg/Carol Hansen Vincent Stoll Todd/Diane Joanning
Dan/Carla Goergen Tanner Christoffel Keith/Joyce Kellen
Doug/Krista Klein Mark Kellen Jerry/Heather Niichel

If this time does not work for you, cleaning can be done at any time that week. Please check off jobs completed on the list in the cleaning supply closet. 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.

ST. MARY PARISH

Stewardship:

Adult-\$3745.00

ACH (automatic deposit)-2500.00

Loose Offerings-27.00

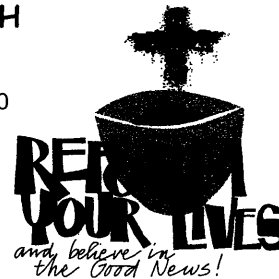
Youth-2.00

Candle Box-24.75

Unrestricted Donation-52.00

Briar Cliff College-20.00

Total-\$6,370.75



Bills paid: OC Sanitation-\$21.63; Sioux City Diocese (property & liability ins.) \$1,026.55; Our Sunday Visitor (Feb. adult envelopes) \$99.22; Alton Municipal Utilities-\$1702.40; Hentges Plumbing & Heating (church stool repairs) \$111.75

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.

The **Alton Catholic Order of Foresters** will have their monthly meeting on **Feb 11 at 5:30 PM** at the Alton Cafeteria. This is the youth basketball shootout and valentine party. Lunch committee is Dan/Kristy Beltman and Pat/Jean Zenk. Youth helpers are Matt/Tami Peterson.

AREA NOTICES:

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.

Hear The Silence . . .

Lord,

quiet my soul that I
may hear the silence of your suffering . . .

and find the courage
through faith
to ask . . .

What can I do?

In the stillness of the cold,
under a blanket of fear,
there are people living in
the silence of poverty.
Let your soul be still and listen.

Listen to the Silence . . .

Hear The Silence Of Loneliness . . .

Hear The Silence Of Fear . . .

Hear The Silence Of Despair . . .

Hear The Silence Of Illiteracy . . .

Hear The Silence of Rejection . . .

Hear The Silence Of Hunger . . .

Hear The Silence Of Pain . . .

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