

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

February 18, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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 19 - February 25

Mon. (2/19)	6:30 pm @ Hospers	KCs
Tues. (2/20)	8:00 am @ Granville	Marvin McDermott, Ruth Schnieders
Wed. (2/21)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Wayne, Jeanette and Mary Delperdang
Thurs. (2/22)	6:30 pm @ Alton	Phil Hoffman, Irma Dreckman, Kathleen Richter
Fri. (2/23)	8:00 am @ Granville	Francis & Marge Murphy
Sat. (2/24)	5:00 pm @ Hospers	Marvin Reuter
Sun. (2/25)	8:00 am @ Alton	Marvin & Marge Galles
Sun. (2/25)	10:00 am @ Granville	For the People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of February 24/25:

Lectors

5:00 pm Thomas Pohlen
8:00 am Kris Full
10:00 am Steve Hunt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Joe Pohlen, Susie Jungers (c)
8:00 am John Heller, Dennis Schmit
10:00 am Dan Hunt, Rosie Penning

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Jamie, Cindy & Larissa Pohlen
8:00 am Christopher Holzman, Addison Konz, McKenna Langel
10:00 am Emily Kellen, Ellen Hunt, Jamie Hunt

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Jim & Kathy Pohlen
8:00 am Kyle Ruba 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

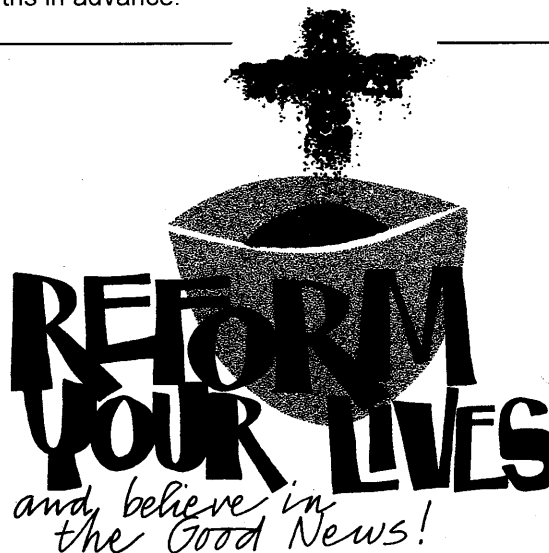
"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them, and their families, for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

PILGRIM CLUSTER

Lenten Day of Prayer....The clergy of the Diocese will be on a Lenten Day of Prayer at Storm Lake on Thursday, February 22. Know of our prayers. Note also the Mass time that day will be 6:30 pm @ Alton, St Marys.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lenten Communal Penance services are scheduled as follows: Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 pm @ St. Joseph, Granville and at 3 pm @ St Marys, Remsen. Several priests will be available for individual Confession.

Stations of the Cross devotion will be prayed at St. Marys, Alton on Friday, February 23 @ 6:30 pm. Have some KC fish and pray the Stations.



The Light is On For You: On Tuesday, March 6, St. Josephs, Granville and most Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Sioux City will have confessions available from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a weekend Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. Learn more at www.scdiocese.org/thelightison.

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.

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.

Our Pilgrim Cluster extends CONGRATULATIONS to those who made their First Reconciliation on February 7, 2018: Delanie Budden, Kenzley Christoffel, Dana Hansen, John Henry Heller, Kody Kellen, Kegan Klein, Scarlett McIntyre, Lindsey Pohlen, Lucas Pohlen, Sandra Arce, Dax Erickson, Piper Erickson, Bryleigh Koob, Manuel Opdahl, Kaden Rogers and Emily Trejo.



ENTER INTO THE
SEASON OF LENT

Adult Scripture Study is still being held in the St. Joseph Parish Center Library on Wednesday nights, beginning at 6:30. The season of Lent is upon us and we will begin 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 upon us. 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.

Spalding grades K-6 will be doing the Stations of the Cross at 10:30 AM in St. Mary's Church on the following Fridays during Lent: February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16 and March 23. All are welcome to attend.

The Pilgrim Cluster will be traveling to St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls on Sunday, February 25th, to attend the 11:00 AM Mass. Following that will be a tour of the Cathedral. If you would like to car pool and travel together, please be at St. Anthony's Church, Hospers, at 9:10 AM or, if you wish to drive up, you may meet them at the Cathedral before Mass. There will be other things to do...see the Falls; visit a museum...please see the flyer in the back of each of our churches for more info.

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME AND HAVE A GREAT DAY!

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 20 Brandy Willett
February 22 Georgia Becker
February 24 Helen Dykstra, Mark Konz
February 25 Jim Pottebaum

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

February 20 Carolyn Gergen
February 22 Alan Kreber
February 23 Darrel & Pat Steffes - 55th
J J & Stephanie Wagenaar - 5th
February 24 Jeanne Hansen, Vince Stoll
February 25 Keith Kellen, Jerry Niichel
Dave & Nikki Heying - 23rd



St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

February 20 Marian Holzman, Madison Pottebaum, Ed Recker, Jr., Dave Ruden
February 21 William Konz
February 22 Michael Konz
February 23 LeAnn McMillen
February 24 Kathryn Langel, Kate Solsma
February 25 Steve Zenor Dan & Betsy Stoll-34



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 Kindergarten students are learning how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle with some neat hands-on experiments.
- Spalding Boosters hosted a Parent/Child Dinner and Dance last weekend, which had the gym hoppin'!
- Fr. Doug Klein recently attended the ordination Mass of a seminarian friend, Fr. Mark Spalding, who just became Bishop of Nashville. It was discovered that Bishop Mark is a relative of Archbishop John Lancaster Spalding, whom our school was named in honor of.
- **Thank you** to all who supported our 27th annual Gala - Spalding Winter Olympics 2018. Your generosity helped us raise a new record of over \$91,000!

** 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.



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

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

- Monday, Feb. 19:
- No School – President's Day
 - JH Girls BB vs. Akron-Westfield, HOME, 4 p.m.
 - NWIBA Jazz Band Festival at Le Mars Community School; Gehlen performs at 9:30 a.m. in the Little Theatre
- Wednesday, Feb. 21:
- Reconciliation; 8:45-11:45 a.m.
 - 2 Hour early dismissal for Teacher In-Service
 - 7-12 parent-teacher conferences; 4-6 p.m.
 - High school orientation and registration for 8th graders in the library; 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 22:
- TK/K Parent meeting; Noon or 7 p.m.
 - JH Girls BB, HOME, vs. Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn; 4:15 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 23:
- Mission Honduras Jean Day
- Saturday, Feb. 24:
- District Individual Speech
 - BVU Honor Band

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship February 10, 2018
Adult Envelope: \$ 2,227.00
Adult Loose: \$ 103.00
Youth Envelope: \$ 4.00
Total Income: \$ 2,334.00



Bills Paid: Spalding Catholic School, \$8,857.74; Gehlen Catholic School \$3,084.99; Pilgrim Cluster, \$2,043.00; MidAmerican Energy, \$880.33; U.S. Postal Service, \$100.00, stamps;

St. Anthony notes continued:

St. Anthony's bible study group will meet Wednesday, February 21st at 8:30. We will discuss the Sun day readings and Chapter 3 of The Seven Last Words of Christ.

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 19, 9:00 AM—*Germaine Konz, Nancy Penning*
Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$ 1,585.00
Grain	3,998.64
Young	6.20
Loose Collection	98.00
Building & Grounds	<u>1,760.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$7,447.84

We have been marked with the cross of Repentance 

ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Culligan (water softener rental), \$19.26; Access Systems (copier service contract), \$135.05; D & L Plbg & Htg (parish center boiler repairs), \$38.54; City of Granville (water/sewer), \$114.90; MLS (December/January snow removal), \$875.00; MidAmerican Energy, \$3,273.21; Gehlen Catholic (February), \$5,072.93; Spalding, \$17,118.90

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 Finance Committee/Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, February 27th, 6:30 PM, in the Parish rectory.

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 for St. Mary
Adult-\$2235.00
Youth-2.00
Loose Offering-62.00
Candle Box-45.00
Refunds-Alceco-184.82
Total: \$2528.82



Bills paid: WesTel Systems-\$177.06; Sioux City Diocese (Online Foccus) \$12.00; Sioux City Diocese (Briar Cliff) \$120.00.

Thank you to Elizabeth (Liz) Kellen for her many years of service as parish director, and to Al Willet who will serve as the new parish director. May God reward each of you for your service.

AREA NOTICES:

Kelly's Catering, Hospers IA, offers Senior (60+) Buffet (\$6) on Tuesday at the American Reformed Church in Orange City, at 11:30 am. Menu for each week can be found in the Advisor. If it is your first time attending please call Kelly at 712-752-8741 or 712-548-7320.



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.



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.

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

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>