

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

February 25, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

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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.

This is my beloved Son

HEAR HIM

Mass Intentions for February 26 - March 4

Tues. (2/27)	8:00 am @ Granville	Emil, Saverna, David Fisch
Wed. (2/28)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Magnus & Honey Konz
Thurs. (3/1)	8:30 am @ Alton	Lawrence, Inez, & Gary
		Reichle, Clarice Mousel
Fri. (3/2)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Clarence & Catherine Pohlen
Sat. (3/3)	5:00 pm @ Hospers	Marvin & Marlys Auchstetter
Sun. (3/4)	8:00 am @ Alton	For the People
Sun. (3/4)	10:00 am @ Granville	Dale Gergen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of March 3/4:

Lectors

5:00 pm Jeanne Jungers
8:00 am Dawn Bogen
10:00 am Kathy Bortscheller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Tom Jungers, Mary Auchstetter (c)
8:00 am Marlys Schwebach, Jim Vondrak
10:00 am Steve Christensen, Connie Christensen

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Justin, Robert & Brian Schmit
8:00 am Carter & Payton Peterson, Max Opdahl
10:00 am Sage Goergen, Jamie Hunt, Claire Paulsen

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Joe Pohlen Family
8:00 am Tom & Renee Rupp

March Ushers

5:00 pm Eric Pohlen, Duane Stoll
8:00 am Walt & Jo Schwebach, John & Linda Steven
10:00 am Don & Maretta Budden, Dan & Faye Hunt,
Steve & Marilyn Paulsen

"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

First Friday Adoration will be at Hospers on Friday, March 2 after the morning Mass until 8 pm. There will be an opportunity for Confession from 7 pm until the time of Benediction.

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; Sunday, March 4 at 2 pm @ All Saints, LeMars (St. Joseph worship site). Several priests will be available for individual Confession.



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.

From the YouCat (Youth Catechism): #227 Who instituted the sacrament of Penance? Jesus himself instituted the sacrament of Penance when he showed himself to his apostles on Easter day and commanded them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. *Nowhere did Jesus express more beautifully what happens in the sacrament of Penance than in the parable of the Prodigal Son: We go astray, we are lost and can no longer cope. Yet our Father waits for us with great, indeed, infinite longing; he forgives us when we come back; he takes us in again, forgives our sins. Jesus himself forgave the sins of many individuals; it was more important to him than working miracles. He regarded this as a great sign of the dawning of the kingdom of God, in which all wounds are healed and all tears are wiped away. Jesus forgave sins in the power of the Holy Spirit, and he handed that power on to his Apostles. We fall into the arms of our heavenly Father when we go to a priest and confess.*

Please keep our Pilgrim Cluster children in prayer who are preparing to receive their First Communion:
Sandra Arce, Delanie Budden, Kenzley Christoffel,
Dax Erickson, Piper Erickson, Dana Hansen,
John Henry Heller, Kody Kellen, Kegan Klein, Bryleigh Koob,
Scarlett McIntyre, Manuel Opdahl, Lindsey Pohlen,
Lucas Pohlen, Kaden Rogers, Emily Trejo

St. Marys, Alton: Prayers and condolence to the family of James 'J.D.' Hunt, who died February 16, 2018. Funeral Mass February 20, 2018 at St. Marys, Alton. God of faithfulness, release him from the bonds of sin, and welcome him into your presence, so that he may enjoy eternal light and peace and be raised up in glory with all your saints.

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.

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.

Ladies of the Christian Book Study group will be hosting a cluster tavern supper following the 5 pm mass at St Anthony's church hall on March 10th. Games and socializing to follow the meal. Everyone welcome to attend!

Spalding grades K-6 will be doing the Stations of the Cross at 12:30 PM in St. Mary's Church on the following Fridays during Lent: 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 on the 5th Friday of Lent, March 16 from 5-7pm at St Joseph's Parish Center 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 desserts. 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 26 Larissa Pohlen
March 2 Terry & Carol Jungers, 44 yrs.
March 3 Ashley Konz

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

February 26 Paul Schmidt
February 27 Catherine Evans, Danielle Tesch
March 2 Jacki Goebel
March 3 Carol Christoffel, Kristopher Falkena
Hank & Mary Goebel - 45th

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

February 28 Joe Bohr, Dale Steichen
March 1 Mary Ann Pottebaum
March 3 Jane Horkey
March 4 Dale Mouse!



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 2nd graders have been learning about shadows and doing different experiments with light. They also worked with the Extension Office at the Library to invent new objects. They then made changes to their objects to improve it.

- Students are making a caterpillar grow in the hallway! Each day a Lenten idea is added to the caterpillar as a way to help the students in their Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting and Alms-giving.

**** 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.gehlencatholic.org for more information on upcoming events.

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 27:

- JH Speech Contest at Gehlen Catholic, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 28:

- 7-12 Retreat Day
- K-6 Mass, 8:45 AM

Thursday, March 1:

- TK/K Round-Up, 9 – 11 AM or 1 – 3 PM

Saturday, March 3:

- First Holy Eucharist Sacramental Stations at Richter Hall, 8 AM – 3:30 PM



ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship February 17, 2018
Adult Envelope: \$ 1,115.00
Adult Loose: \$ 74.00
Youth Envelope: \$ 9.00
Central and Eastern Europe: \$38.00
Black and Indian Mission: \$80.00
Total Income: \$ 1,316.00



Bills Paid: Carey's Electronics, \$513.55, earset microphone;

The St. Anthony's bible study group will meet Wed. Feb. 28th at 8:30. We will be discussing the Sunday readings and Chapter 4 of the Seven Last Words of Christ.

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 March 2017:

Church Proper Chairlady: Diane Gesink
Committee: Therese Jungers, Carrie Pohlen, Linda Block, Helen Dykstra **West Area and Church Basement Chairlady:** Carol Jungers
Committee: Sheryl Reuter, Deanna Stoll, Brenda A. Gloden, Karla Robinet

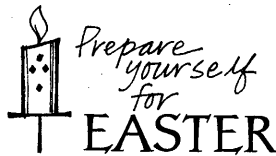
***Please make sure that the cleaning gets done during the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. List of cleaning duties and cleaning supplies are in the south basement closet. ***
If you have questions, contact Mary Auchstetter or Susie Jungers. Thank you for your service!***

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Money Counters, St. Joseph rectory:

Tuesday, February 27, 9:00 AM - Joe Gaul, Mike McDermott
Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$	3,030.00
Grain		6,000.75
Young		11.00
Loose Collection		118.00
Farm Rental		5,535.00
Sale of Beans		13,100.47
Special Collections		50.00
Building & Grounds		120.00
TOTAL:		\$27,965.22



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Diocese of Sioux City (property/liability monthly payment), \$1,598.00; Plains Boiler (Parish Center), \$898.50; Our Sunday Visitor (March adult/March & April Young Adult), \$138.89

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. MARY PARISH

Stewardship for St. Mary
Adult-\$2585.00
ACH Deposits-1130.00
Loose Offering-31.00
Black & Indian Mission-35.00
Aid to World Wide Churches-25.00
Total: \$3806.00

Bills paid: Carey's Electronics (Microphone & microphone cable) \$288.69; Gehlen Catholic (February Investment) \$4899.68.

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.

ST. MARY GUILD NEWS:

- *We are still looking for a Guild Vice President.
- *FRIENDLY REMINDER: \$25 donation to replace spring meal.

AREA NOTICES:

Daffodils are the first flower of spring and the bright symbol of hope. To the American Cancer Society, the daffodil symbolizes the hope we all share for of cure where cancer no longer threatens those we love. Daffodil Days has empowered people to make a difference in the fight against cancer by raising funds and awareness to help beat the disease. CANCER has touched us all in some way. Together, we are fighting cancer on all fronts. Together, we can make a difference. To order your daffodils for \$10 a bunch, please contact April's Floral Boutique, Orange City (712-707-9800) by March 1. Daffodils will be available to be picked up the week of March 13-15. THANK YOU for helping to save lives and create a world with more birthdays!

Save local lives...Granville Community Blood Drive Monday, March 5th, 4:30 – 7:00 PM, at the Granville Community Fire Hall Bloodmobile, 617 Broad Street. YOU make a difference in YOUR community. Giving local matters. Your support matters. SCHEDULE YOUR LIFESAVING APPOINTMENT ONLINE AT www.lifesevrbloodcenter.org or call 1-800-287-4903. This blood drive is sponsored by Granville Community. Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your donor ID card or driver's license.

Kelly's Catering, Hopers 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.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make me an instrument of your peace

**Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is darkness, light
and where there is sadness, Joy.**

**O Divine Master grant that I may
not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved as to love. For it is in
giving that we receive, it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.**