

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

March 4, 2018 – 3rd 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.

Mass Intentions for March 5 - 11

Mon. (3\05)	10:30 am @ Prairie Ridge	Milo Streff
Tues. (3\06))	8:00 am @ Granville	Daniel Paulsen, Marc Schuver
Wed. (3\07)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Lorna Mae Portz
Thurs. (3\08)	8:30 am @ Alton	Bob Alesch, Helen Dehner
Fri. (3\09)	8:00 am @ Granville	Norbert & Eva Budden
Sat. (3\10)	5:00 pm @ Hospers	For the People
Sun. (3\11)	8:00 am @ Alton	Arnold & Ron Kreber
Sun. (3\11)	10:00 am @ Granville	Mary Ellen Stoll

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of March 10/11:

Lectors

5:00 pm Thomas Pohlen
8:00 am Tim Bindner
10:00 am Cindy Klein

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Rita Fischer, Ken Schmit (c)
8:00 am Dale & Cindy Hansen
10:00 am Kathy Bortscheller, Amanda Christoffel

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Ashton & Olivia Budden, Chloe Otto
8:00 am Addison Konz, McKenna Langel, Nathan Full
10:00 am Jordan Von Arb, Derek Von Arb, Hunter Klein

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Jim & Kris Pottebaum
8:00 am Tony Schmidt Family

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lenten Communal Penance service scheduled Sunday, March 4 at 2 pm @ All Saints, LeMars (St. Joseph worship site). Several priests will be available for individual Confession.

Next week, our parish will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Place your envelopes with the normal collection.



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.scdio-cese.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



HASTEN TO THAT
EASTER JOY * * * *

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: The Pilgrim Cluster First Communicants' ChaliceNight is coming up:

When: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

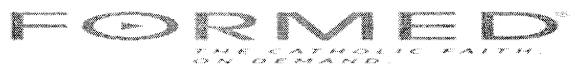
Where: St. Joseph Parish Center Cafeteria, Granville

Please Bring: "Old" bath towel for your child's chalice to rest on while they are working on it.

We will have information on proper attire for First Communion and other pertinent information this evening.

* Pilgrim Cluster REP Families, please refer to the Pilgrim Cluster Website for our REP newsletters, calendar, and memos pertaining to our program. Please log on to: <https://pilgrimcluster.org/> Choose "Faith Formation" on the tab. Then, choose "Religious Education Program". The documents will be listed on our REP page.

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.



As Lent approaches its halfway point, how are you doing with your Lenten commitment? Have you been able to sacrifice a little more? Pray a little more? Give a little more to those in need? Have you stopped to reflect on the reason we do these things during Lent? Plug in to Formed.org to assist you on your Lenten journey. **Parish Code: ZPMV49**

Study - A Lent to Remember

Study - Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession

Listen - Stations of the Cross

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY. Continuing our Lenten book. The Power of the Cross – Applying the Passion of Christ to Your Life by Michael Dubruiel. This is a DAILY devotional which started Ash Wednesday and ends Easter. We meet every Thursday in Lent at which time we read and discuss what is down for that day and highlights from week. The rest of the days are for individual study. If you do not have a book there is a download 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 9, March 16 and March 23. All are welcome to attend.

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!

Pilgrim Cluster Squires are hosting a dodge ball tournament March 18 in the St. Joseph Parish Center, Granville, starting at 1:00. All boys in the Pilgrim Cluster, age 8 to 17, are invited. This is a father/son event so bring your dad along also. Fathers you do not have to be there, your son can still participate, but I hope you decide to attend and enjoy a fun afternoon. Any questions contact Kelvin Tesch 727-3022 or Kevin Holzman 756-8988.

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

March 5 Cindy Pohlen
March 6 Olivia Budden, Joell Walgenbach
March 10 Jerry Den Hartog, Kent Willett

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

March 6 Michelle Evans, Lili Fleming, Scott Paulsen
March 7 Jack Ney
March 9 Linda Linden
March 10 Clare Pottebaum

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

March 5 Alexyss Leader
March 7 Elijah Hoey, Judy Meis, Tony Newman, Caitlin Plathe, Jesse Plathe
March 8 Linda Langel, Lyle Lenz
March 10 Randy Klein, Al Willett
March 11 Raymond Evans



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 gave presentations on famous Americans. They dressed up like that person and presented facts whenever viewers pushed their "button" to talk.
- The 1st graders led Stations of the Cross last week and the Kindergartners led this past week. A wonderful devotion for Lent that also gives students the opportunity to speak in front of others.
- Thank you to the great group of supporters who came to support Spalding through the KC Fish Fry!

** 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.

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 9, March 16 and March 23. All are welcome to attend.



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

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

Monday, March 5:

- Mandatory Junior Class parent prom meeting in Mrs. Schmitt's room, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 6:

- Junior Class registration meeting in the library, 3:00 PM
- Diocesan JH speech contest at Remsen St. Mary's, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, March 7:

- K-12 Mass, 8:45 AM
- Enrollment Management Committee meeting, 5:30 PM

Thursday, March 8:

- Sophomore Class registration meeting in Mrs. Schmitt's room, 3:00 PM

Friday, March 9:

- Registration deadline for April ACT Exam
- Freshmen Class registration meeting in Mrs. Schmitt's room, 3:00 PM

Sunday, March 11:

- Gehlen Mission Honduras packing day in back gym, 12:45 PM

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ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship February 24, 2018
 Adult Envelope: \$ 1,018.00
 Adult Loose: \$ 92.45
 Youth Envelope: \$ 5.00
 Grain Donation: \$ 7,200.08
 Special Collections: \$1,200.00
 Bunkers Rebate: \$ 89.58
 Black and Indian Mission: \$ 25.00
 Total Income: \$ 9,630.11



Thank you for exceeding our budgeted weekly income!

Bills Paid: Otis Elevator, \$149.20, service contract; Fitzgibbons, \$21.04, liturgical desk calendars; Diocese of Sioux City, Risk Management, \$526.00, Prop/Liab insurance

Church Cleaning -- Our Annual Church Cleaning will be taking place on Monday, March 26 from 3pm to 8pm and again on Tuesday, March 27, if necessary beginning at 6pm. There will be no meal served, but bars and cookies are appreciated. You will find a sign up sheet later in the month for those. Please plan on coming in and helping out, even if just for an hour or so. Our parish depends on everyone's participation.

St. Anthony's bible study group will meet Wed. Mar. 7 at 8:30. We will be discussing the Sunday readings and Chapter 5 of The Seven Last Words of Christ.

Stations of the Cross: We will be saying the stations of the cross at St. Anthony's on Friday, March 9 at 1:30 pm.

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. MARY PARISH

Stewardship
 Adult-\$2000.00
 ACH-\$125.00
 Loose Offerings-\$39.00
 Black & Indian Mission-\$5.00
 Total: \$2169.00

The Fitzgibbon Co., (2019 Liturgical desk calendars) \$45.76; Salaries & Taxes-\$1297.96; Spalding Catholic (February Investment) \$17,375.33.

ST. MARY GUILD NEWS:

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

The Alton Catholic Order of Foresters will meet on **March 11** at 5:30 pm at the Alton Cafeteria for the adult meeting and the youth Easter party. **Lunch committee will be Matt/Kristin Konz and Brian/Sheri Konz.**

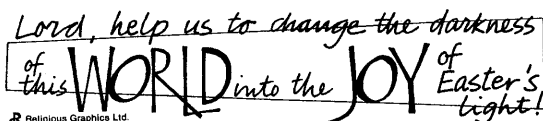
AREA NOTICES:

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.lifesevebloodcenter.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.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Mar. 9-11 @ La Crosse, Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com

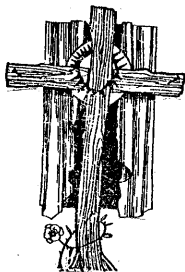
The Osceola County Ministerial Association invites you to attend the 33 anniversary production of Good Friday Passion Play. There will be three performances at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium, Sibley, IA. Free tickets are available and may be reserved by calling 712-754-2945 or email ocmapassionplay@gmail.com.



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Money Counters, St. Joseph rectory:
 Tuesday, March 5, 9:00 AM - Joe Gaul, Mike McDermott
 Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$	1,960.00
Grain		452.55
Young		.00
Loose Collection		127.00
Cafeteria rental		40.00
Votive		12.00
Building & Grounds		740.00
TOTAL:		\$3,331.55



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Altar cloth dry cleaning, \$37.18

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 Parish would like to thank Maro Plathe for all of the work he has done, not only in our parish rectory and church, but in our Parish Center. He has spent many hours fixing and repairing, helping to make the building safe. We appreciate you, Maro, and are so thankful for all the caring things you do for all of us!



With Appreciation
 May the Good Lord bless you as you continue to do so much for us.

