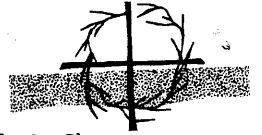


Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

March 11, 2018 – 4th 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
 Deacon Dan Goebel – danpgoebel@gmail.com – (712) 441-0861



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 13 - March 18

Tues. (3/13)	8:00 am @ Granville	Teresa Freking, Urban Ahlers
Wed. (3/14)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Lorna Mae Portz
Thurs. (3/15)	8:30 am @ Alton	Harry & Dan Schaa, Lori Steven
Fri. (3/16)	8:00 am @ Alton	Jim Krogman, Frances Hansen
Sat. (3/17)	5:00 pm @ Hospers	Special Intention
Sun. (3/18)	8:00 am @ Alton	For the People
Sun. (3/18)	10:00 am @ Granville	L&D of Kathryn & Ted Ney family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of March 17/18:

Lectors

5:00 pm Nancy Stoll
 8:00 am Bob Goliber
 10:00 am Lauri Sells

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Louise Auchstetter Steve Robinet (c)
 8:00 am Bob & Lori Stoll
 10:00 am Nancy Penning, Julia Schroeder

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Samantha & Kimberly Sauer, Kaitlyn Van Den Top
 8:00 am Thomas, Adam & Nicole Vandermyde
 10:00 am Leo Sells, Brett Evans, Anthony Sells

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Steve & Karla Robinet
 8:00 am Dennis & Deb Schmit

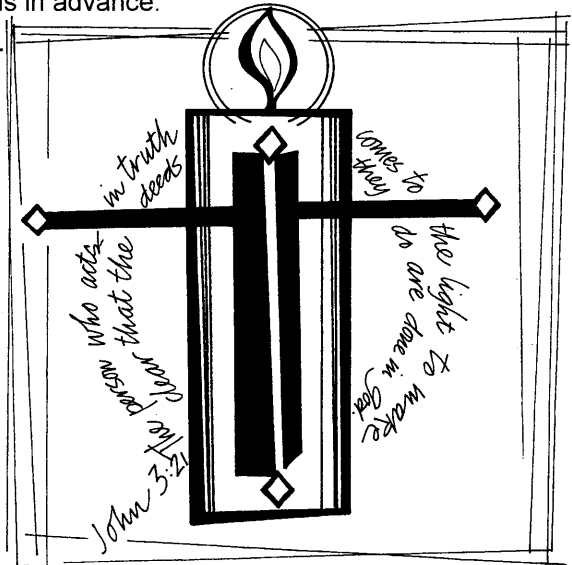
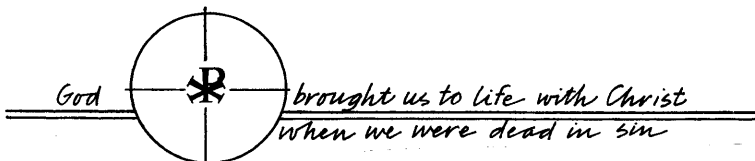
March Ushers

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

St. Patrick: May the Irish hills caress you. May her lakes and rivers bless you. May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you. St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time - a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic. If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God so as to teach these peoples; even though some of them still look down on me. If I be worthy, I live for my God to teach the heathen, even though they may despise me. Oh! St. Patrick was a gentleman Who came of decent people; He built a church in Dublin town, And on it put a steeple.



This week, we are taking up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Place your envelope in the normal collection.

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

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@out-look.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.



On Tuesday we will mark the 5th anniversary of the election of Francis to the office of Pope. Who is this man? What powers does he have as pope? Why is the pope so important in the Catholic Church? This week, learn more about this man and his office. **Parish Code: ZPMV49**

Watch - Francis: The People's Pope

Watch - Conclave: How a Pope is Elected

Listen - Answering Common Objections: The Pope

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.

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 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.

The Knights of Columbus Council # 3810 Scholarship and Frank Spieler Memorial Scholarship applications are now available. Applicants for the KC scholarship must be a member of the Pilgrim Cluster and applicants for the Spieler scholarship must be St. Joseph parish members. Both are due April 10. **The applications can be found on the Pilgrim Cluster website at: www.PilgrimCluster.org/schools**

The Catholic Order of Foresters will be hosting Coffee & Rolls after 8am mass on March 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:

March 12 Chloe Otto
March 16 Jacob Walgenbach

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

March 12 Alan Niichel, Mary Ann Plathe, Jim Schlichte
March 13 Dean Bunkers, Missy Kellen
March 14 Derek Von Arb
March 15 Helen Auchstetter, Darrel Hunt
March 16 Donna Ascherl, Renee Franklin
March 17 Pat Steffes
March 18 Claire Sells

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

March 12 Phillip Pick, Leonard Pottebaum, Renae Recker
March 13 Kris Full
March 14 Alexis Mae Heying
March 15 Liz Kellen, Joseph Kellen, Alina McIntyre
March 16 Pat Plagge, John Steven, Viola Zenk
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March 18 John Schmidt



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...

- Fr. Dan visited the 1st graders to show them and talk about a little container used to hold and sprinkle holy water. He also showed them a stole. One of the students even got to try it on!
- Thanks to the great group of supporters who came in for Rockin' Readers!
- The 2nd graders led Stations of the Cross this week.

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 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 12:

- Gehlen Mission Honduras send-off in the Marvin Langel Memorial gym, 1:30 PM
- High School G/B Indoor Track Meet at Dordt College, 5:00 PM

Tuesday, March 13:

- Preschool parent meeting, NOON and 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 14:

- Aaron Thomas Assembly for H. S. students in the LCHS gym, 1:10 PM

Friday, March 16 – end of 3rd Quarter

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship March 5, 2018

Adult Envelope: \$ 2,385.00

Adult Loose: \$ 86.00

Youth Envelope: \$ 3.00

Grain Donation: \$ 7,063.62

Total Income: \$ 9,557.62



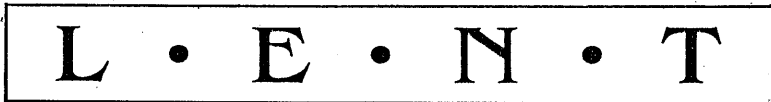
Thank you for exceeding our budgeted weekly income!

Bills Paid: HTC Communications, \$95.95, telephone, internet; City of Hospers, \$29.65, utilities; MCI, \$20.02, long distance; Diocese of Sioux City, \$205.00, Black and Indian Missions, \$38.00, Churches in Central and Eastern Europe;

St. Anthony's bible study group will meet Wednesday, March 14 at 8:30. We will discuss the Sunday readings and Chapter 6 of The Seven Last Words of Christ.

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

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.



St. Anthony's *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:

Monday, March 12, 9:00 AM - Faye Hunt, Mary Ellen Heying

Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$	715.00
Young		6.50
Bunkers' Rebate		108.05
Loose Collection		192.00
Catholic Charities		25.00
Building & Grounds		440.00

TOTAL: \$1,486.55

Cross Catholic Outreach, \$658.65



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: February Salaries, \$1,820.34; Cross Catholic Outreach, \$658.65

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 will be hosting the Priests' Deanery meeting here on Tuesday, March 13th. Those who have been asked to bring food, please drop it off at the Parish Center cafeteria before 3:00 PM. The door opens at noon. Questions? Please call Pam List at 712.548.6783.

St. Joseph Church Cleaning for Thursday, March 15 at 7:00
Church Cleaning Co-Chair - Kelvin/Bridget Tesch

Circle Members:

Mike/Paula Steffes	Madonna Thelen
Leon/Loren Klein	Teresa/Duane Penning
John/Jan Brooks	Jim/Rhonda Budden
Jeff Fleming	Kevin/Jan Budden
Bonnie Ricke	

*****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!

If you would like to make a donation towards our Easter flowers, please place your donation in an envelope, marking it "Easter Flowers." If you wish to give an Easter lily for someone, living or deceased, please include a donation of \$15, along with the name of the person you want to remember. You may place it in the collection basket, drop at the parish office, or mail it to PO Box 127, Granville, Iowa 51022. All dedications will be published in the Easter bulletin.

ST. MARY PARISH

Stewardship
Adult-\$4725.00
ACH-\$2500.00
Youth-3.00
Loose Offerings-\$30.00
Black & Indian Mission-\$25.00
Aid to World Wide Churches-125.00
Total: \$7408.00



Bills paid: Sioux City Diocese (Aid to world wide churches and Black & Indian Missions) \$215.00; Sioux City Diocese (property & liability ins.) \$1026.55; Orange City Sanitation-\$23.13; Alton Municipal Utilities-\$1348.22; Hentges Plumbing & Heating (fix faucet) \$99.51.

ST. MARY GUILD NEWS:

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

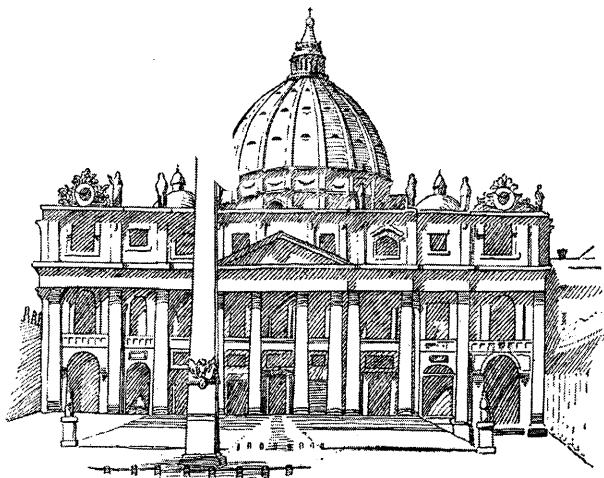
The **Alton Catholic Order of Foresters** will meet on **March 11** at 5:30 pm at the Alton Cafeteria for the adult meeting and the youth Easter party. **Lunch committee will be Matt/Kristin Konz and Brian/Sheri Konz.**

Sponsor a lily or a mum to beautify the Easter altar. Envelopes for this are in the lobby. The flowers are \$15.00. On the envelope is the opportunity to dedicate this flower in honor of someone living or in memory of someone deceased. All dedications will be published in the Easter bulletin. Drop off in the collection, parish office or mail. Orders should be in by March 20th.

AREA NOTICES:

Help sponsor the Vocations Pilgrimage to Rome!

This summer, 23 seminarians and discerning candidates will embark on pilgrimage to Rome to visit the tombs of St. Peter & St. Paul. They will also visit Ars, France to visit the tomb of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, who we pray will be their intercessor as they discern their vocations. Anyone interested in helping to offset the seminarians' travel costs, please contact Fr. Shane Derman in the Vocations Office at 1821 Jackson Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51105. Checks can be payable to The Diocese of Sioux City.



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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 ocmapassion-play@gmail.com

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



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.