

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

April 15, 2018 – Third Sunday of Easter

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.

<p>St. Mary Parish 609 10th Street, Alton, 51003 (712) 756-4224 OFFICE HOURS: Tue & Wed - 8 AM – Noon & 1 – 3 PM Thu & Fri - 8 AM - Noon altonsmc@midlands.net</p>	<p>St. Joseph Parish 528 Elm Street, Granville, 51022 (712) 727-3551 OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thu 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM christec@mtcnet.net</p>	<p>St. Anthony Parish 506 Elm Street, Hospers, 51238 712 (752-8784) OFFICE HOURS Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 AM to 1:30 PM stacc@nethtc.net</p>
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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 April 16 thru April 22

Mon. (4\16)	7:00 pm @ Alton	KCs
Tues. (4\17)	8:00 am @ Granville	JD Hunt, Rob Linden, Lucille Greving
Wed. (4\18)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Lawrence, Margaret & Albert Klein
Thurs. (4\19)	8:00 am @ Alton	Ken Konz, Rita Williams, Rose Boyle
Fri. (4\20)	8:00 am @ Hospers	Ed & Eleanor Schnurr
Sat. (4\21)	5:00 pm @ Hospers	For the People
Sun. (4\22)	8:00 am @ Alton	Kathleen Richter
Sun. (4\22)	10:00 am @ Granville	Jennifer Koppie Sells

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of April 21/22:

Lectors

5:00 pm Nancy Stoll
 8:00 am Denis Schmit
 10:00 am Carson Tesch, Ellen Hunt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Duane Stoll, Rita Fischer, Ken Schmit Larry Gloden (c)
 8:00 am Al Willett, Gaylen Schneider, Donna Dreckman, Chris Yaw
 10:00 am Carol Christoffel (H) Jordan Christoffel (C/H)
 (Deacon Dan Goebel, Kelvin Tesch (PB))

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Chloe Otto, Katelyn Willett, Cody Schmit
 8:00 am Carter & Payton Peterson, Tyler Zenk
 10:00 am Jacob Koob, Kyle Hansen, Olivia Budden

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Jim Schmit Family
 8:00 pm Dan & Betsy Stoll

April Ushers

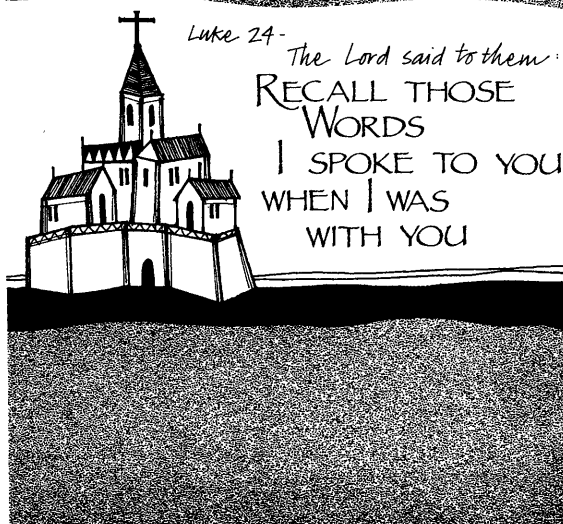
8:00 pm Dan Pohlen, Paul Stoll
 8:00 am Dave & Mary Suntken, Frank Van Es, James Von Drak
 10:00 am Jeff & Beth Bunkers, Chris Hunt, Tim Schmidt

"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

The Clergy of the Diocese will gather for a Clergy Day at Storm Lake on Thursday, April 19. The topics for the day: Physician Assisted Suicide Developments in Iowa and the Latest in Hospice Care and Active Shooter Scenario Training. Mass time that day will be at 8am at Alton.

Looking ahead....Note that beginning the weekend of May 5 \ 6, we will switch to the following weekend Mass schedule: 5:00 pm @ Alton; 8:00 am @ Granville; 10:00 am @ Hospers. This schedule will remain in place through and including the weekend of August 25 \ 26, 2018.



Let's pray in a special way for the little ones (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) who will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday.

"In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world." St John Paul II

In an effort to assist parents and concerned adults, you are encouraged to view the video "[A Safe Haven Begins at Home](#)", which has been produced by *Catholic Mutual Insurance* in conjunction with *Covenant Eyes* internet filtering services. This 18 minutes video addresses the dangers of early exposure to porn and other unhealthy internet usages, suggests how to set realistic computer and internet guidelines, and educates how to establish open communication with young people regarding these dangers. The link to the video can be found on the diocesan webpage (address on front of bulletin) under Safe Environment heading at the top of the webpage. Look for the title "[Protecting Children from Pornography](#)". Studies show that the majority of children and teens spend over 70% of their free time on-line via a computer or mobile device. These figures are staggering. There are other resources available. Go to www.dads.org for information for Catholic men seeking help with pornography addiction.

Good Shepherd Sunday (April 22) Novena Prayer for Vocations: God our Father, we beg You for an increase in religious vocations. Help our people offer their lives in service to You. Let them hear Your Spirit's invitation, and awaken in their hearts a desire to respond with courage, generosity, and joy. Raise up from our families faithful leaders who will serve as deacons, priests, and consecrated religious, as we entrust to Your care all who seek to do Your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.
- **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.**
- **We are planning for the 2018-2019 Pilgrim Cluster Religious Education Program year. We are looking for volunteers to teach, team teach, and substitute teach. If you are interested, please contact Tami List @ 712-548-8375 or a REP Board Member: Kelly Schmidt, Deb Harpenau, or Brenda Recker. It is a very rewarding experience.**
- **We will have REP Registration for the 2018-2019 year on 04/18/2018 and 04/25/2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during REP. Any questions, please contact Tamara List @ Tamara.List.1958@outlook.com or 712-548-8375.**
- **First Holy Communion "PRACTICE" for Parents/Guardians and all First Communion Candidates:**
 - **Date:** Wednesday evening 04/18/2018
 - **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
 - **Location:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, Granville
- **The "Sacrament" of First Holy Communion:**
 - **Date:** Sunday (Good Shepherd Sunday) 04/22/2018
 - **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
 - **Location:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, Granville

Adult Scripture Study: Discover the Saints! During the next few weeks of our scripture study we will be looking at the lives and writings of holy men and women throughout the last 2000 years of our Church's history. Come be inspired by their example and aspire to be the holy men and women that our society so greatly needs. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the library of the St. Joseph Parish Center.



Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to St. Bernadette 160 years ago. Since then, thousands of pilgrims have gone to see this holy site and dozens of miracles have been attributed to her intercession. On Monday, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Bernadette. Celebrate in your home by watching or listening to one of the following options on FORMED. **Parish Code: ZPMV49**
Watch Bernadette
Watch The Passion of Bernadette
Watch Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes
Listen St. Bernadette of Lourdes



CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY We will be starting a new book - 7 Secrets of the Eucharist and it's Study Guide by Vinny Flynn starting April 19 at (6:45) 7 PM at St Joseph Rectory. We will be meeting every other week. Prepare ahead if you can but it is not necessary.

Be Still a book study. Slow Down....Grow in Faith....Build Community. This book study will be completed June thru August with bi-weekly diocesan wide book discussions. The book we will be discussing is "Who Does He Say You Are?" by Colleen C. Mitchell. How can you participate? Join the *Be Still* book study for Catholic women on Facebook or email LinseyH@scdiocese.org. Sign up today!!

Join the K-6 Spalding students for the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song** on **Thursday, April 19 at 8:45am at St. Mary's church in Alton.** If you have never experienced this before, you won't want to miss it!

**** Exciting news for existing and any new families attending Spalding! ****
For the 2018-19 school year: No family will pay more than \$1,000 per child for tuition! Give us a try and you will see why families love it here!

Looking for volunteers to go along to the Soup Kitchen in Sioux City on the following dates, April 24 and May 15. This is a marvelous activity sharing your talents and serving God's people. We meet at 4:00pm at Spalding School in Alton and travel to Sioux City from there. If there are high school students that are in need of service hours we welcome them to go along. If you are able to join us, please contact Al Willett at 756-4083 or 396-0043. Hope you are able to join us.

During the month of April, we will be collecting for the **Food Pantry**. Boxes are located in the back of church. Nonperishable food, cleaning and personal hygiene items are needed. Cash donations are also welcome. Thank you for your generosity!

Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, April 16th, following the 7:00 PM Mass at St. Mary, Alton.

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

April 19 Doug Budden, Carrie Pohlen
April 22 Jim & Joan Schmit, 23 yrs.

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

April 16 Amy Jungers, Bryleigh Koob, Debra Schmidt
Steve & Connie Christensen - 41st
Scott & Stacey Paulsen - 24th
April 17 Tom Ahlers, Paula Means John & Norma Krantz - 47th
April 18 Genevieve Franklin, Isaia Lammers, Ron Plathe
April 19 Rhonda Budden, Tom Roder
April 20 Ruth Ricke Steve & Marilyn Paulsen - 44th
April 21 Karl Kellen, Bridget Tesch Doug & Shelley Schuver - 39th

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

April 16 Dave & Ann Ruden-52
April 17 Arleen Salazar
April 18 Linda Plathe
April 20 Kelly Full, Pat Probst
April 22 Terry & Beth Oolman-12



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...

- * Check out a video featuring the 5th & 6th graders singing an improv song about Lent.
- * Thanks to all the supporters who came in to read with our students during this month's Rockin' Readers.
- * The 3rd/4th graders are working on another reader's theater presentation.

Thank you to all who have been dropping off cans (marked "Spalding Catholic") at Orange City Can Redemption (801 5th Street SE). We recently received a check for \$124.60 for the ones dropped off in March!

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

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

- Monday, April 16
- Golf Meet, HOME, vs Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn, 4:30 PM
 - Girls' Track Meet AT Sheldon, 4:30 PM
 - Boys' Track Meet AT Unity, 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 17:
- NW ICDA 5-6-7 Grade Honor Choir
 - Golf Meet, HOME, vs Remsen St. Mary's, 4:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 18 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- Thursday, April 19:
- Golf Meet, HOME, vs South O'Brien, 4:30 PM
 - Girls' Track Meet AT West Sioux, 4:30 PM
 - Boys' Track Meet AT Hinton, 5:00 PM
- Friday, April 20:
- LCHS Golf Tournament, NOON
- Saturday, April 21 - Friends of Gehlen Ball



ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship April 7, 2018
 Adult Envelope: \$ 1,630.00
 Adult Loose: \$ 45.00
 Youth Envelope: \$
 Holy Land: \$ 45.00
 Retired and Infirm Priests: \$ 175.00
 Easter Flowers: \$ 15.00
 Total Income: \$ 1,910.00



St. Anthony Money Counters 4/16:
 Nancy Thompson and Karen Freking

Bills Paid: Diocese of Sioux City, \$1,137.00, Cathedralium; Gehlen Catholic School, \$3,084.99; Aprils Floral, \$166.39. Easter flowers; Diocese of Sioux City, \$175.00, Retired and Infirm Priests, \$45.00, Holy Land;

Auction Update: Save the Date- July 21st is our annual parish auction. Make sure to note it on your calendar and be thinking about your donations! We will soon be reviewing workers schedules- if anyone wants to change from their normal work area, please give Kent/Brandy Willett a call. We are also still in need of Co-chairs. Please consider donating a little extra time to the church. The lunch stand has some new chairs- a big thanks to Nancy Thompson and Lori Pohlen for volunteering to help Pam Schmit. We also have a new chair helping Paul Stoll with the auction clerking- a big thanks to Kris Konz for volunteering. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated in making for another successful auction and picnic.

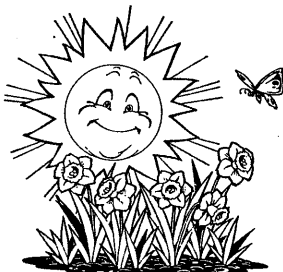
*****Church Cleaning for month of April 2017:*****
Church Proper Chairlady: Tricia Van Den Top **Committee:** Carole List, Ruth Ann Schmit, Roleen Walgenbach, Pam Schmit
West Area and Church Basement Chairlady: Sandy Sauer **Committee:** Kristin Konz, Brenda J. Gloden, Pam Falkena *****Please make sure 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, April 16, 9:00 AM - Germaine Konz, Nancy Penning.

Stewardship this week:

Adult	\$	650.50
ACH		1,315.00
Young		51.30
Loose Collection		99.00
Retired/Infirm Priests		95.00
Building & Grounds		925.00
TOTAL:	\$	3,135.80



ST JOSEPH BILLS PAID: Salaries, \$1,992.93; Visa (postage/flags), \$207.00; Premier Communications, \$282.05; Town & Country Disposal, \$36.00; Maro Plathe (Parish Center repairs), \$465.00; Culligan Water Conditioning, \$19.26; Gehlen Catholic (April), \$5,072.93; Grandma's Garden (Easter Flowers), \$381.19; City of Granville (water/sewer), \$155.70

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 Church Cleaning for Thursday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m.
 Church Cleaning Co-Chair - Jim & Laurie Gebauer

Circle Members:

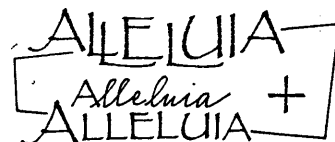
Tom/Jeanne Hansen	Dan/Faye Hunt
Jack/Norma Krantz	Joe/Tami Hunt
Tim/Mary Ann Plathe	Ron/Cheryl Paulsen
Gary/Carol Christoffel	Renee Clark
Wayne/Paula Means	Scott/Stacey Paulsen
Steve/Marilyn Paulsen	

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 country Store is in need of your talents and abilities to make items for the Picnic. We are interested in handmade items whether it be food, canning, craft items, handmade things or baskets. If you feel you are not creative and would like the Committee to put something together for you, feel free to make a cash donation and an item can be made in your name.

ST. MARY PARISH

St. Mary's Stewardship:
 Adult-\$3368.00
 ACH-\$2360.00
 Youth-4.00
 Loose Offerings-59.00
 Candle Box-94.00
 Holy Land-Good Friday-60.00
 Retired Priest & Infirm-855.00
 Total: \$6800.00



Bills paid: Orange City Sanitation-\$23.13; Alton Municipal utilities-\$904.71; Access Systems (contract on copy machine) \$211.75; Aprils Floral Boutique (Easter lilies & mums) \$424.47.

The Catholic Order of Foresters will be hosting Coffee & Rolls after 8am April 15th. 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.

AREA NOTICES:

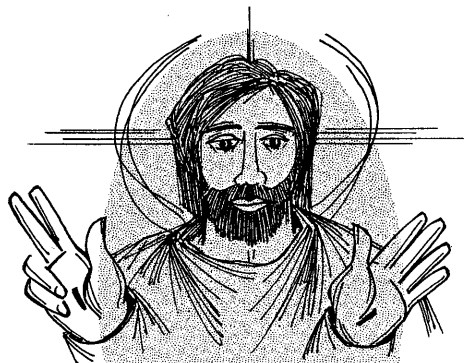
Thank you to all who donated to the Men's Lenten Breakfast this year. We received cash donations of \$930.00 from the breakfast and business donations of \$630.00. Local businesses also donated the breakfast sausage and the egg mix. Thank you for the Men of Jubilat Praise who sang again this year.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend one of the upcoming Weekends on Apr. 20-22 @ Dubuque, Sep 7-9 Cedar Falls, Oct 19-21 Marathon, WI, Nov 2-4 Coralville. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: to iowa-wwwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwwme08@Gmail.com

Justice for All is looking for a new office manager. The highest qualification for the person filling this position would be someone who loves the Lord, loves serving others, especially those JFA ministry is called to serve, and is knowledgeable or willing to learn about Christian Community Development. This is a part-time position of 20 hours per week. The hours are flexible, and we are looking for help during the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM. We are looking for a detailed oriented, service minded, and hard working individual to work with our team. If you are interested, please contact Joe Vander Zee at JFA, 712-476-2804 or joevz@ifa-nwiowa.org

Save the date! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Holm, will perform Haydn's *Mass in Time of War* on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Also known as the *Paukenmesse* for its dramatic use of timpani, the piece is sung in Latin and features four professional soloists, choir, and orchestra. At times, the music reflects the fears and instability of war-torn Europe and makes references to battle, but the mass as a whole maintains the joyful, lyric quality and vitality for which Haydn is known. Make plans today to attend! Tickets for adults are \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at Northwestern's music office in Orange City, the Dordt music office in Sioux Center, and in Sheldon at Touch of Hope.

Please consider being a volunteer and/or sharing the invitation with those who may be interested in participating in the Sister Water Project (SWP) Service Trip to Honduras August 17-25, 2018. For more information about the service trip and its application, see www.osfdbq.org and click on the SWP tab.



Jesus stood in their midst and said
 "Why are you troubled?
 And why do questions arise
 in your hearts?
 Look at my hands and my feet,
 and see that it is I myself."