

The pilgrim Cluster (of St. Mary's of Alton, St. Joseph of Granville and St. Anthony of Hospers) is now signed up with the Le Mars Daily Sentinel to send out text and email alerts on church/mass/breakfast/dinner/Religious Education cancelations or changes when these should occur. Usually these will be due to threatening weather conditions that would make attendance an unreasonable expectation, but could include if there were some other unexpected problems like broken plumbing, electrical/heating failure, an unexpected clergy absence due to illness, a printed mistake in the bulletin/website, or changes due to a funeral in the cluster.

In order to receive this alert on your cell phone or email, you must go to the following website: www.lemarssentinel.com and scroll down the left hand side of the home page until you see the red and blue text alerts box. Click on the box and it will direct you to a page to sign up for the alerts of your choice.

Be prepared to give your cellphone number and/or Email that you wish to receive the alert on.

Our group name is pilgrim cluster - Alton/Granville/Hospers. We will be in the section listing church groups which follows down the page after listing various categories like school districts, counties for weather alerts, sports and other categories.

In previous years, if you were registered through snowcap for our cluster of parishes, we will no longer be using that service. So you will have to register separately for this service by going to: www.lemarssentinel.com

In addition, we will try to get cancelation notices onto TV channels 4 and 9 from Sioux City, but in the past, this has not always worked out in a timely fashion due to the volume of incoming messages overwhelming their switchboard. We will contact the

TV stations only for cancelations of Mass/REP/Breakfasts, and not about changes due funeral arrangements. Perhaps those who have cell phones can contact relatives or neighbors who are not able to use them, or you can help them in getting registered. We thank you and hope this will help to keep everyone updated and informed of sudden schedule changes.

Rev. Terry A. Roder