

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

February 3, 2019 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A trinity of people on pilgrimage to nurture, teach, serve, witness, and celebrate, so as to evangelize.

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Bring the LORD'S
 healing love to
 all people

Sacrament of Reconciliation: by appointment any time.

<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 500 Elm Street, PO Box 86, 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)

DIOCESE OF SIOUX CITY WEBSITE: www.scdiocese.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 February 4 - 10

Mon (2/04) 10:30 am @ Prairie Ridge
 Milo Streff

Tue (2/05) 8:00 am @ Granville
 Gene Heying, Rob Linden

Wed (2/06) 8:45 am @ Gehlen

Thu (2/07) 8:30 am @ Alton
 Rita Williams, Lorraine Hatz

Fri (2/08) 8:00 am @ Hospers
 Lorna Mae Portz

Sat (2/09) 5:00 pm @ Hospers
 Regina Portz

Sun (2/10) 8:00 am @ Alton
 Oscar, Rose & Patricia Klein

Sun (2/10) 10:00 am @ Granville
 For the People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of February 9/10:

Lectors

5:00 pm Roleen Walgenbach
 8:00 am Rhonda Heller
 10:00 am Jeff Bunkers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm Ken Schmit, Louise Auchstetter
 8:00 am Dave Suntken, Mary Suntken
 10:00 am Steve & Connie Christensen

Altar Servers

5:00 pm Hunter Gloden, Alex Pohlen, Cody Schmit
 8:00 am Adam Vandermyde, Thomas Vandermye, Nathan Full
 10:00 am Brayden Horkey, Hunter Klein, Noah Fleming

Gift Bearers

5:00 pm Josh Croatt Family
 8:00 am Elmer & Sue Frederes

February Ushers/Greeters

5:00 pm Chris Schmit, Jeremy Sauer
 8:00 am Brian/Sherri Konz, Dale Konz, Justin Konz
 10:00 am Don Kreber, Steve & Marilyn Paulsen,
 Curtis & Katie Christoffel

"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

Pastoral \ Finance council meetings are scheduled as follows:

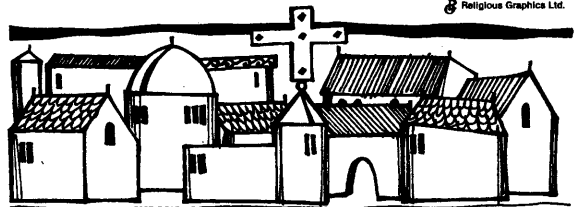
Alton – Thursday, February 7 @ 6:30 pm
 Granville – Tuesday, February 12 @ 6:30 pm
 Hospers – Thursday, February 21 @ 6:30 pm



FOR IT IS | THIS DAY WHO HAVE
 MADE YOU A FORTIFIED CITY
 AND NONE WILL PREVAIL
 OVER YOU..

Jeremiah.

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Sacrament of Anointing: In conjunction with our Lady of Lourdes \ World Day of the Sick, the Sacrament of Anointing will be administered at Granville, St Joseph on Sunday, Feb 10 immediately after 10 am Mass. Those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age are proper for the sacrament. Confession is always encouraged - if able, prior to anointing. Those who desire to be anointed after Mass, sit in center rows of pews near center aisle beginning at front of church.

A Prayer to St. Agatha... O Heavenly Father, who raised Agatha to the dignity of Sainthood, we implore Your Divine Majesty by her intercession to give us health of mind, body and soul.

Paul Miki was born into a wealthy Japanese family. He was educated by the Jesuits in Azuchi and Takatsuki. He joined the Society of Jesus and became a well known and successful preacher – gaining numerous converts to Catholicism. The locals began persecuting Catholics for fear of the Jesuits' influence and intentions, and possibly that of European visitors. Miki was arrested and jailed with his fellow Catholics, who were later forced to march 966 kilometers (600 miles) from Kyoto to Nagasaki, all the while singing the *Te Deum*. On arriving in Nagasaki – which today has the largest Catholic population in Japan – Miki had his chest pierced with a lance while tied to a cross on 5 February 1597. He preached his last sermon from the cross, and it is maintained that he forgave his executioners, stating that he himself was Japanese. Crucified alongside him were Joan Soan (de Gotó) and Santiago Kisai, also of the Society of Jesus; along with twenty-three other clergy and laity, all of whom were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862.

02/06/2019 - REP:

- * REP First Communion Class meets 6 pm – 7:30 pm
- * REP All other classes meet 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- * Pilgrim Cluster Youth Group meets 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- * REP Valentine Lollipop sales continue. THANK YOU for supporting our program!



Feb 2/3

The Mass is the highest form of worship for a Catholic. In the Mass, we are mystically transported to the saving event of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. It is in the re-presentation of this sacrifice in the Mass that our salvation is being poured out upon us. Still, how often do we misunderstand or approach the Mass with apathy? If you would like to learn more about this miraculous event, watch one of the newest additions on *Formed.org*,
Study: Elements of the Catholic Mass



The Little Flowers next meeting is **Wednesday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m.** at the St. Joseph Rectory. Little Flowers: wear bright blue. There will be a guest speaker to talk about piety and St. Cecilia.

In January, the Little Flowers studied the virtue of obedience. They talked about Mary's perfect obedience and then asked for her intercession to help them be more obedient while putting white carnations in a vase on our Blessed Mother's Altar. The group talked about the Ten Commandments and how if we set our goal on loving God, it will be easier to follow His commandments. Obedience in a family is very important as it helps

the family grow in love, joy, and holiness. The girls learned about St. Joan of Arc and made a flag similar to the one she carried into battle with the words "Jesu et Maria" (Jesus and Mary). The meeting ended with a light supper provide by Kay Koob. Thank you, Mrs. Koob!

The topic for the January meeting of the Little Women's Hospitality Club was the skill of preparing a room for a guest. They contemplated the nativity story of Joseph and Mary preparing a place for Jesus' birth. They learned how one may show hospitality to others by tidying up bedrooms, organizing closets and drawers for a guest to have space in your home. A bed made nicely with clean bedding shows guests that they are welcome in your home. The girls practiced stripping and making beds, even learning the art of hospital corners. Then they made little notes of kindness to give to someone special as a symbol of hospitality. They discussed sorting through clothing and toys to find donations for charity, and helping with laundry. The session ended with a prayer to the Holy Family and an assignment to volunteer to strip beds, wash bedding and make beds at home.

- Leave a Legacy Workshop - Thursday, March 21 (Save the date - more info. coming) Attend this free workshop to ask questions and learn more about: - Planning for retirement - Providing for your family's needs - End-of-life care for loved ones - And much more... **Sponsored by the Pilgrim Cluster**

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY – We will be starting a new book Feb 21 - 7 Secrets of Confession by Vinny Flynn. This book is inviting us on an exciting personal journey to healing and holiness. It promises that you will never look at confession the same way again. Order this book, and its Study Guide, on Amazon.com. If you have questions call Cindy Klein 712-540-6962.

2019 CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES: Please write your child's name on the outside of the envelope. If you are attending Mass in one of the other Cluster parishes, please place your home parish on the outside also. Thanks!!

Free coffee and rolls on Sunday, February 17 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters. Please come join us for fellowship with other parishioners. This is a great time to meet our new parishioners. All are welcome!

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:
February 10 Brian Sauer

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:
February 7 Leon Klein
February 8 Tom Budden, Zachary Kellen
February 9 Janice Brooks, Ron Budden, Jacob Koob

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:
February 4 Marie Klein
February 7 Cyril Hauptert, Edna Hauptert, Mikayla Heller
February 8 Lori Beth Croghan, Denise Murphy, Jeanne Van Es
February 9 Michael & Rhonda Konz - 28th

Great news, the Alton Catholic Order of Foresters is sponsoring their annual Fish & Food Sale through Feb 22. Again we will be offering great products as we have in the past and the opportunity to stock your freezer for the upcoming Lenten Season or just your year around favorites. If you should have any questions, please contact Al Willett. This year again the Home Office of the Foresters will match our efforts up to a possible \$1500. **Just an FYI for everyone the pickup locations will be the same as the past but the date and time has changed to Friday March 1st @5pm.** Thanks for your support.

Alton Saint Mary's Catholic Order of Foresters will have their annual basketball shootout and meeting on **Sunday, February 10, 2019.** Meeting time will be 5:00. Lunch committee is Scott/Stacey Paulsen and Kent/Brandy Willett. Youth helpers are Matt/Christian Konz.

UPCOMING: Bread Making 101 – Come to this class to learn how to make your own bread and cinnamon rolls from scratch. You will be able to mix the dough and then knead it to get the bread and rolls ready to bake. By the time you finish the class, you will leave with freshly baked bread and cinnamon rolls...a great treat for your family! Laurie has extensive bread making experience for her family and has baked many years for Spalding Catholic School in Granville. **Instructor: Laurie Schroeder.** One session on **Tuesday, February 26, 2019, from 6-9 PM,** St. Joseph Parish Center. **FEE: \$39.00 To register, call Northwest Iowa Community College at 712-324-5061 or 800-352-4907 and ask for Continuing Education or register online at <https://nwicc.edu/continuing-education/continuing-education-courses/>.**

Become a Cake Decorator! Does the art of cake decorating fascinate you? This hands-on class will cover the fundamentals so you will be able to decorate your own cake masterpieces! Information will also be shared with you on the types of frostings and cakes. You will learn writing techniques, how to make different types of flowers, piping borders, and how to properly frost a cake. **Students will need to take to class: Wilton Decorating Tips #4, #12, #18, #104 and #352 and 10" Wilton reusable decorating bag.** Karla Ven Huizen has loved to bake and cook for many years and has been decorating cakes for the past 15 years. Karla lives in Sheldon with her college sweetheart husband and her two children. **INSTRUCTOR: Karla Ven Huizen. 3 sessions on Monday, April 1, 8, and 15 from 7-9 pm. FEE: \$59.00**

Many 'Thanks' dear Pilgrim Cluster Parishioners for your prayers and kindnesses extended to all of us. Special thanks to Father Dan for his prayer-filled visits and bringing the Holy Eucharist to Gary, for the Scripture Service and the Celebration of Gary's funeral Mass, to Deacon Dan for his assistance, to Tim Bindner, Lector, to Chris and Kyle Diehl Mass Servers, Leeanne McMillan and Chris Yaw, Eucharistic Ministers, Kris and Rosalie Falkena for providing beautiful music. And for all the people who brought food and served Gary's funeral luncheon. God Bless Each of You The Family of Gary Ohm



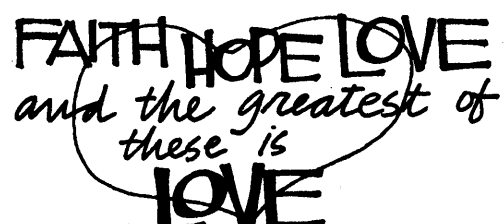
To instill a belief in God and self and provide excellence in learning through Mutual support, service and Catholic leadership.
www.SpaldingCatholic.org

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...

Catholic Schools Weeks pictures and highlights can be found on our Facebook page! Thank you for helping to make it a special week!!

THANK YOU to all who supported our annual Gala with donating an auction item, purchasing a ticket, bidding on items, donating a ticket to a teacher, volunteering time and manpower and all the other behind-the-scenes work!





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

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

Wednesday, February 6

- 8:45 AM Mass – All Saints
- Jazz 1 – Morningside College Jazz Festival

Saturday, February 9

- ACT Test Day

We invite you to "Make Tracks" to Gehlen Catholic School for:

- Student & parent meetings for the current 8th graders on Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Kolker Library & Media Center. Call Mrs. Christina Kellen at 546-4181 ext. 222 for details.

Student & parent meetings for the current 6th graders – to be announced.

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship January 26, 2019

Adult Envelope: \$ 935.00

Adult Loose: \$ 97.75

Youth Envelope: \$ 32.00

Briar Cliff College: \$ 55.00

Total Income: \$ 1,119.75



St. Anthony Money Counters 1/7: Donna Stoll and Steve Robinet
Please meet at the bank at 9:30am. Thank you!

Usher Sign-Up Sheet for 2019 is in the church lobby. January through April are filled. The remaining months need volunteers. Please sign up for the month of your choice!

There are still some Youth Envelopes for calendar year 2019 in the church lobby. Please pick up those belonging to your family. Thank you for setting our youth on the path of supporting our church!

Bible Study -- St. Anthony's bible study group will meet Wed. Feb. 6th at 8:30 in the St. Anthony room. We will discuss the readings for Sun. Feb.10 and Chapter 9 of Behold the Mystery.

St. Anthony's Auction Update: Chairman and Co-chairman for 2019 auction are needed. Work needs to be started for this summer's auction. Any ideas on what else we can do??? Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile and important job for our parish!

*****Church Cleaning for month of February 2019:*****

Church Proper Chairlady: Joanne Pohlen **Committee:**

Jeanne Jungers, Mary Hatfield, Lori Budden

West Area and Church Basement Chairlady: Ashley Croatt

Committee: Lori Pohlen, Leann Grave, Kathy Pohlen

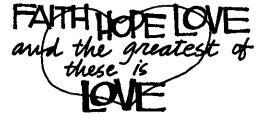
*****Please make sure that the cleaning gets done during the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. List of cleaning duties and cleaning supplies are in the south basement closet. *** If you have questions, contact Mary Auchstetter or Susie Jungers. Thank you for your service!*****

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Money Counters, St. Joseph rectory:
Monday, February 4, 9 AM – Joe Gaul, Mike McDermott

Stewardship January 27:

Adult	\$	1,295.00
Grain		1,000.45
Loose Collection		96.00
Young Adult		54.04
Building & Grounds		<u>725.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$3,170.49



St. Joseph Bills Paid: Church Budget (December), \$79.78; Maro Plathe (January), \$420.00; Visa (5 rolls stamps), \$250.00

St. Joseph DAA Donations to date: \$8,848.56

2018 Goal: \$13,227.00

Remaining Balance: \$4,378.44

Special thanks to those who have returned their cards: 101 That leaves 73 families who HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR DAA CARD....PLEASE RETURN IT ASAP! Thank you!

2018 Statements of Giving were mailed out this week. If you find any discrepancies, please contact the parish office. We extend our deepest thanks to those who have been so generous with their time, talent and treasure! God Bless!

ST. MARY PARISH

St. Mary's Stewardship, January 27:

Adult: \$2,095.00

ACH: \$1,505.00

Loose: \$33.00

Briar Cliff: \$25.00

Air Conditioning: \$855.00

Candle: \$25.00

Guild: \$45.00

Total: \$4,583.00



DAA Donations: (\$8,769.00 to date)

2018 Goal: \$9,135.00

Remaining Balance: \$366.00

Thank you for your participation!

Bills Paid: Catholic Charities: \$25.00; Propagation of the Faith: \$30.00; Church Budget Envelopes: \$69.98 **Total Bills: \$124.98**

Anyone who wants to take their poinsettia home may do so.

AREA NOTICES:

11 Days, Best of Europe and Passion Play (Oberammergau)
July 31 - August 10, 2020 with veteran Pilgrimage Leader, Father John Vakulskas. Since this is once every 10 years it sells out fast. First Come First Served. Also Rhine Valley, Heidelberg, Rothenburg, Munich, Lucerne, Paris...Includes air, first class hotels, daily Mass, most meals, daily tours and a Category 1, First Class Ticket to the Passion Play \$4599 from Chicago or \$4759 from Omaha – Double Occupancy
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