

Pilgrim Cluster Catholic Parishes

March 10, 2019 First 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.

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

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
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

WEEKLY BULLETIN ONLINE: Our web site (PilgrimCluster.org)

DIOCESE OF SIOUX CITY WEBSITE: www.scdioocese.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 11 - 17

- Mon (3/11) 6:30 pm @ Alton**
Alvin Full
- Tue (3/12) 8:00 am @ Granville**
Kathryn & Ted Ney Family
- Wed (3/13) 8:00 am @ Hospers**
Patricia Vondrak
- Thurs (3/14) 8:30 am @ Hospers**
Lawrence, Inez & Gary Reichle
- Fri (3/15) 8:00 am @ Granville**
Jim & Peg Beck
- Sat (3/16) 5:00 pm @ Hospers**
Wayne, Jeanette, & Mary Delperdang
- Sun (3/17) 8:00 am @ Alton**
Audrey Hansen
- Sun (3/17) 10:00 am @ Granville**
For the People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

For the weekend of March 16/17:

Lectors

- 5:00 pm Nancy Stoll
8:00 am Mary Ohm
10:00 am Steve Christensen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 5:00 pm Mary Auchstetter
8:00 am Gaylen Schneider
10:00 am Jacki Goebel

Altar Servers

- 5:00 pm Hunter Gloden, Alex Pohlen, Cody Schmit
8:00 am Christopher Holzman, Addison Konz, McKenna Langel
10:00 am Aurora Goebel, Cadence Goebel, Trinity Goebel

Gift Bearers

- 5:00 pm Larry Gloden Family
8:00 am Dan & Kathy Beltman

March Ushers/Greeters

- 5:00 pm Joe Pohlen, Tom Jungers
8:00 am Matt & Christin Konz, Mike & Rhonda Konz
10:00 am Dan & Faye Hunt, Francis & Jan Goebel,
Jeff & Beth Bunkers

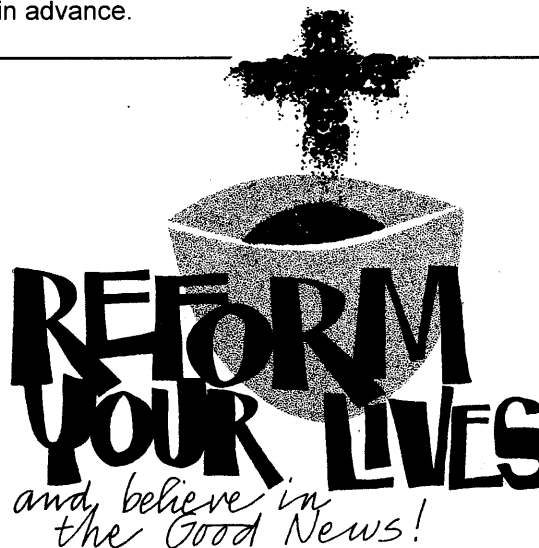
"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them, and their families, for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior."

PILGRIM CLUSTER

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:00 pm at St Mary's, Alton Monday, March 11. Mass will follow stations at 6:30 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: one half hour before Tues - Fri weekend Masses.

The Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation will be used for the Season of Lent at weekend Masses. All of these prayers can be found in the Missal should you want to follow visually.



THE PRIESTS OF TOMORROW are in our midst. They are members of this parish. They are members of our own families. Encourage Vocations, pray for the gift. www.thinkingofpriesthood.org

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence:

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and outreach to alleviate poverty. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccce. Kindly use your envelopes from your packet and place in the normal collection.

Called to Eternal Life... Please remember in your prayers Scott Timothy Leader who passed away recently and Lair Paulsen (brother-in-law of Lois Paulsen) who passed away on Monday, March 4. We extend our sincere sympathy to their family and friends, and we pray for their eternal peace. Grant them a place of light and peace, O Lord.



Lenten Communal Penance services are scheduled as follows: Sunday, March 17 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Granville and at 3 p.m. at Holy Name, Marcus and on Sunday, March 24 at a time to be determined at All Saints, Le Mars. Several priests will be available for individual confession.



The Rosary will be prayed before all weekend Masses during the season of Lent.

REP 03/13/2019:

*** Pilgrim Cluster 2019 First Holy Communion Class – Chalice Night – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

- * For 2019 First Holy Communion Candidates and their Parents/Guardians
- * Please have your student(s) wear appropriate clothing for painting.

* REP All other classes meet from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

Looking Ahead:

- * 3/13/2019 – “Best Lent Ever” discussion group will meet at the St. Joseph Parish Center at 7:45 pm in the cafeteria
- * 3/20/2019 – Adoration and Confessions for 10th Grade and the Pilgrim Cluster Youth Group will be from **6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**
- * 3/27/2019 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm is the next Family of Faith Parent Night

The Little Flowers Girls' Club and Little Women Hospitality Club meet again on **Wednesday, March 13 from 4-6 p.m.**, at St. Joseph's rectory.

Little Flowers: try to wear purple!



The Little Flowers Girls' Club and Little Women Hospitality Club is looking for volunteers to help provide a light supper. Please contact Kay Koob 712-541-4360. Thank you!

1st Annual Little Lady/Women's Tea Party on Saturday, May 11th, at 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph Parish Center, Granville, IA. **Free Will Donation!** Please **RSVP** to Alina McIntyre at 712-230-4941 or Jacki Goebel at 712-737-3973 if you would like to attend. Hosted by the Little Flowers Girls' Club and Little Women Hospitality Club. **We are looking for the following:** tea sets, table cloths, round tables and card tables. Please contact Amy Koob at 712-541-7472 if you can loan or gift these items.

Thursday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m.-You are cordially invited to a “**Leave a Legacy Workshop**” at **Spalding Catholic School-Alton Center**, sponsored by the Pilgrim Cluster. During this free seminar, Attorney, Loren Veldhuizen, will answer your questions about planning for your retirement, providing for your family's needs, end-of-life care for you & your loved ones, & much more. Open to anyone! A free meal will be provided. **RSVP by March 14th** by contacting Deacon Dan Goebel at 756-4528.



Next weekend we celebrate the feast day of Saint Patrick, slave, bishop, and missionary to the Ireland. We've all heard something about him driving out snakes from the island but have you heard his story from his own perspective. This week, to prepare for his feast day, listen to the Augustine Institute's Radio Theater production of *The Trials of Saint Patrick* on **FORMED.ORG**.

Would you like to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent? Join our K-6 students who will be leading them on the following Fridays during Lent: **March 15, March 22, March 29 and April 5**. They will take place at 12:20 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. All are welcome to attend!

St. Anthony Parish has rescheduled their first ever Bonco / Potluck Party for Saturday, March 23rd following the 5pm mass. All members of the Cluster are invited! The main dish will be provided and each family attending is asked to bring a dish of your choice. This dish can be a potato, vegetable, salad or dessert. If you have any questions, you can contact the chair of this event - Jane Hauptert at 230-0663.



The Knights of Columbus #3810 will be hosting a fish fry to raise funds for Spalding Catholic as well as the Knights of Columbus. This event will be held on the 2nd Friday of Lent, **March 15 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Alton center gym** with carry outs available. We will also hold a fish fry on the

5th Friday of Lent, **April 5 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph** 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 welcome! **Spread the word!**

St. Anthony Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- March 12 Chloe Otto
- March 16 Jake Walgenbach

St. Joseph Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- March 12 Alan Niichel, Mary Ann Plathe, Jim Schlichte
- March 13 Dean Bunkers, Missy Kellen
- March 14 Kay Schroeder, Derek Von Arb
- March 15 Darrel Hunt
- March 16 Renee Franklin
- March 17 Pat Steffes

St. Mary Birthdays/Anniversaries:

- March 11 Raymond Evans
- March 12 Phillip Pick, Leonard Pottebaum, Renae Recker Scott & Nan Kiel - 36th
- March 13 Kris Full
- March 14 Alexis Mae Heying
- March 15 Liz Kellen, Alina McIntyre
- March 16 Pat Plagge, John Steven, Viola Zenk
- March 17 Pat Zenk



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 3rd and 4th grade students recently put on an “Adjective Fashion Show”. Each student walked the runway with their adjective-inspired outfit. The audience wrote down adjectives describing their runway attire and shared new adjectives with each other. The students will finish this activity by writing a story using the new adjectives to describe characters in his/her story.

Do you know a family that would benefit from small class sizes, daily spiritual activities, and caring teachers? Tell them about Spalding Catholic! Refer a new family and receive \$300 if they enroll!!!

Don't forget: **April 1st is the deadline** for applying for Tuition Assistance for the 2019-20 school year! More info can be found at SpaldingCatholic.org



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

GEHLEN CATHOLIC EVENTS:

Sunday, March 10th -- Friends of Gehlen Catholic Ball Calling

Tuesday, March 12th:

- 1:30 p.m. - Mission Honduras send-off, Deb Campbell Gym
- 4-8 p.m. - Junior High Diocesan Speech Contest, Gehlen Catholic

Wednesday, March 13th -- 2-Hour Early Out Dismissal

- ACRE Testing - 11th grade students
- 8:25 a.m. -1:30 p.m. - Great Spalding & Gehlen Catholic 6th Grade Treasure Hunt, Gehlen Catholic School

Friday, March 15th – **No School! Spring Break!**

- **Recommended deadline** – Diocesan Scholarships: all applications must be completely processed by April 1st to save \$1 or more off your child/ren's tuition.

Monday, March 18th: **No School** – **World's Finest Chocolate Drive4URSchool**

Gehlen Catholic has an opening for an Assistant Development Director. This position will assist with fundraising and enrollment management. If interested please contact Jeff Alesch at Gehlen Catholic. 712-546-4181 or jalesch@gehlencatholic.org

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

- **33rd annual Friends of Gehlen Catholic Ball** will take you on "A Magical Getaway," Saturday, April 27th, Le Mars Convention Center. Dinner & spring raffle tickets are on sale now! Call Mrs. Maggie Erdmann or Mrs. Lisa Niebuhr at Gehlen Catholic School, 546-4181 x249 or x237.
- **Joint St. Joseph & Gehlen Catholic, plus Le Mars Community All School Family Reunion** - June 14th at the Plymouth County Fair Grounds. Watch your mail for details!

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

St. Anthony Stewardship March 2, 2019
 Adult Envelope: \$2,685.00
 Adult Loose: \$ 96.00
 Youth Envelope: \$ 3.00
 Total Income: \$ 2,784.00

St. Anthony Money Counters 3/11: Peggy Pohlen and Nancy Stoll
 Please meet at the bank at 9:00am. Thank you!

Bills Paid: St. Mary Church, \$202.87, candle inserts; The Fitzgibbon Co., \$24.88, Liturgical calendar; MCI, \$19.78, long distance; Fitzgibbons, \$17.71; The Globe, \$19.00, unpaid subscription; City of Hospers, \$29.65, utilities; Premier Communications, \$122.88, telephone & internet; Diocese of Sioux City, \$361.00, Cathedralicum; Pilgrim Cluster, \$1,750.00, Diocese of Sioux City, \$553.00 P & L Insurance;

Usher Sign-up Sheet for 2019 is in the church lobby. May through December are in need volunteers. Please sign up for the month of your choice! Thank you.

St. Anthony Updates:

St. Anthony parish has available a home on the church grounds for rent. It is unfurnished but has appliances. It is a three bedroom with three baths upstairs and a half bath in the unfinished basement. Contact Mary Auchstetter at the parish office 752-8784 for further information.

The old St. Anthony school building will be coming down in early April. If you are interested in any items currently in the building, they must be removed promptly. You may contact Mary at the parish office or directors Mike Jungers or Chris Schmit for arrangements.

The Annual General Church Cleaning will take place on Monday, March 25 beginning at 2pm and continue until 9pm or when work list is accomplished. If we are unable to complete the work on Monday, then we will begin again on Tuesday, March 26th at 5pm and finish up. All able bodied parish members are asked to help. No meal is being provided, but bars and cookies will be available. A sign-up sheet for bars is in the church lobby. Thank you for your help and dedication to our church!

St. Anthony's Auction Update: Auction date has been set for **Saturday, July 20, 2019. Chairman and Co-chairman are still needed.** Work has begun - so please consider chairing this important job for our parish! There will be a few changes this year. Auction Work Schedule is being updated. Please contact Mary at the parish office if you would like to change your committee assignment, or no longer wish to contact businesses or parish families.

Church Cleaning for month of March 2019:

Church Proper Chairlady: Linda Block **Committee:** Diane Gesink, Therese Jungers, Carrie Pohlen

West Area and Church Basement Chairlady: Deanna Stoll **Committee:** Carol Jungers, Brenda A. Gloden (Terry), Karla Robinet, Connie Cook

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!

We have been marked with the SIGN of repentance

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

St. Joseph Money Counters, St. Joseph rectory:
 Monday, March 11, 9 AM - Germaine Konz, Nancy Penning

Stewardship February 24:		March 3:
Adult	\$ 1,507.00	1,955.00
Loose Collection	60.00	195.00
Young Adult	2.00	3.00
Farm Rental	5,535.00	10.00 Centennial Book
Building & Grounds	620.00	620.00
TOTAL:	\$7,724.00	\$2,783.00
Votive Candles:	\$31.50	

St. Joseph Bills Paid: FitzGibbon (Lit Desk calendars), \$46.41; Maro Plathe (February), \$300.00; Salaries, \$1,670.66;

St. Joseph DAA Donations to date: \$8,858.56
 2018 Goal: \$13,227.00

Remaining Balance: \$4,368.44

Special thanks to those who have returned their cards: 102
 That leaves 72 families who HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR DAA CARD....PLEASE RETURN IT ASAP! Thank you!

St. Joseph Parish extends their deepest thanks to Denis Schilmoeller as he retires from his many years on the St. Joseph Cemetery Committee. May the Good Lord bless you for all you have given to our parish. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!!! Please take the time to extend your personal thanks to Denis!



Current members of the St. Joseph Parish Cemetery Committee are: Steve Christensen (712.540.3754); Chris Hunt (712.202-4010) and Jeff Murphy (712.348.0914).

ST. MARY PARISH

St. Mary's Stewardship, March 3:

Adult: \$2,320.00
 ACH: \$2,380.00
 Junior: \$3.00
 Loose: \$89.00
 Air Conditioning: \$5,723.22
 Grain: \$851.46
 Total: \$11,366.68



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

2018 Goal: \$9,135.00

Remaining Balance: \$366.00

Thank you for your participation!

Bill Paid:

Salaries & Taxes, \$2,710.73; IA Dept. of Inspection & Appeals - 90-day Gambling License for Raffle, \$40.00; Diocese of Sioux City - Property & Liability Insurance, \$1,156.00

SPRING FUNDRAISER The no-event spring fundraiser was such a success last year we are going to do it again this year! \$25 donation & no one has to work! Drop it in the collection basket at mass or mail it to the rectory. The \$20 guild dues can be included on the same check. Thanks everyone for your support!

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

AREA NOTICES:

Rock Valley: The Knights of Columbus are hosting the following "All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry" Lenten dinners at St. Mary's Church Basement, as follows: Friday, March 15 & Friday, April 12. They will be serving from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The menu also includes French fries, fresh greens, cole-slaw and beverages. The cost is \$9.00 per plate.



FOODBANK
 OF IOWA

Mobile Pantry Program - Available to you, free of charge! March 18th, 4 - 6 PM - 3rd Monday every other month. First Presbyterian Church, 103 W Groesbeck St., Paullina, Iowa 51046. Bring bags, boxes or Laundry baskets to carry your food. ? Call 515-564-0330. If you would like to volunteer to help at the church on the day of the food pantry please call John Funkhouser at 712-229-7374 to register.