

## **Confirmation Mass Groupings**

*To begin in Spring 2027*

A plan to consolidate Confirmation Masses was presented to the Presbyteral Council in October 2025, which was met with approval. These groupings are meant to combine resources and give Bishop Keehner more time to visit parishes not based solely on celebrating Confirmation but based on his role as diocesan shepherd making apostolic visits to parishes under ordinary circumstances. The goal has been to have a Confirmation in each grouping that presents at least 40-50 Confirmandi at each Mass, which has been determined with data from previous years. The following are some guidelines in this resource sharing:

- The Pastors and Directors of Religious Education of the groupings will communicate and work together in requesting three Confirmation dates and times, one of which must be a weekday. These will then be submitted to Renee DeMay and the one that best fits Bishop Keehner's calendar will be scheduled.
- It is the assumption that all these liturgies would be special, stand-alone Masses that are not part of the usual Sunday Mass schedule.
- The liturgy will be the responsibility of the hosting parish, but the individual programs will still send in their information separately to the diocese, who will then compile it into one file for the Confirmation.
- Those who are on a semi-annual Confirmation schedule may choose to move to an annual schedule or remain semi-annual, depending on the circumstances of the parish's catechetical program.
- More specific details will be shared as the details for this plan develop, and the Office of Worship is always happy to answer questions sent to [gallea@scdiocese.org](mailto:gallea@scdiocese.org).

### **WEST DEANERY**

**St. Andrew in Sibley [capacity 358] hosting Lyon and Osceola Counties, including Rock Rapids and Sheldon.**

**St. Mary in Alton [capacity 504] hosting Sioux County, including Sioux Center, Hospers, and Granville.**

**Mater Dei (Nativity) [capacity 903] in Sioux City hosting Onawa and Salix.**

**Cathedral in Sioux City [capacity 476] hosting Sacred Heart in Sioux City.**

**Immaculate Conception in Merville [capacity 350] hosting St. Therese of Lisieux.**

**St. Mary in Remsen [capacity 546] hosting Cherokee and Holstein.**

**Stand-Alone Confirmations (unchanged)**

- Holy Cross in Sioux City
- Cathedral in Sioux City (Spanish)
- All Saints in LeMars

**CENTRAL DEANERY**

**Sacred Heart in Spencer [capacity 750] hosting Dickinson County, including Spirit Lake and Milford.**

**St. Mary in Storm Lake [capacity 491] hosting Pocahontas County, including Pocahontas and Fonda.**

**Stand-Alone Confirmations (unchanged)**

- Wall Lake/Sac County
- Denison/Crawford County
- Carroll County

**EAST DEANERY**

**St. Patrick in Estherville [capacity 476] hosting Palo Alto County, including Emmetsburg and Graettinger.**

**Holy Trinity in Ft. Dodge [capacity 910] hosting Humboldt and Calhoun Counties, including Humboldt, Manson, Rockwell City, and Lake City.**

**Sacred Heart in Boone [capacity 400] hosting Jefferson.**

**Stand-Alone Confirmations (unchanged)**

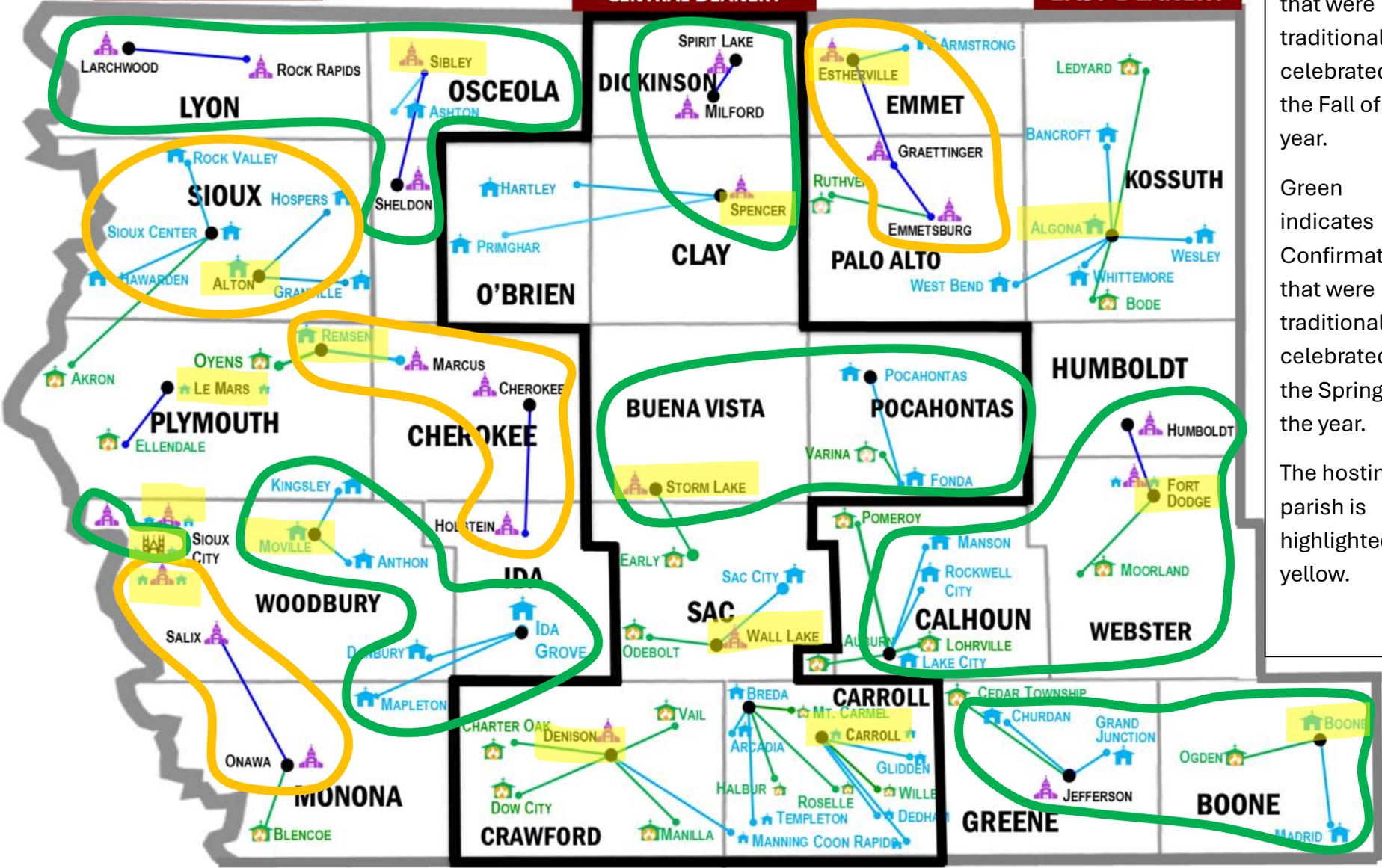
- Algona/Kossuth County

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## CENTRAL DEANERY

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Orange indicates Confirmations that were traditionally celebrated in the Fall of the year.

Green indicates Confirmations that were traditionally celebrated in the Spring of the year.

The hosting parish is highlighted in yellow.