

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

(Mark 9:7)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

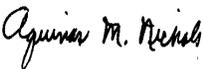
Today we celebrate the feast of the Lord's Baptism and the end of the holy Christmas Season. On Monday we return to Ordinary Time.

This feast reminds us of our new life in Christ. Although Christ had no need of baptism, he showed us the way of entering the kingdom of God, by the washing away of our sins through the waters of baptism. In this New Year let us strive to live our baptismal commitment and strive for true purity and holiness of life.

Once again, I thank you for your generous response to the Christmas appeal. We are still behind somewhat but have made much progress in the financial area of the parish during the past month. Please continue to keep the Basilica's need in mind. We are striving to stay current in all of our obligations.

May the Lord continue to bless you all in this New Year of God's grace. May He bless you in every way!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Pastor 

WEEKLY INCOME – 1/6/19

Total - \$39,802.41

Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

YTD Total - \$601,221.09

YTD Need - \$593,546.24

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$172,500.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2018: \$5,556.00

BIBLE STUDY NEWS: If you love immersing yourself in a variety of Biblical texts, ranging from Genesis to Revelation and various points in between, AND if you'd like to know more about Pope Saint John Paul II's signature teaching -Theology of the Body, AND if you are open to participating in the development of a new Bible Study encompassing all of this: please bring your Bible (NAB or RSV-Catholic Edition, 2nd Edition), Wednesday morning, January 23 at 10:00am, in the Parish Hall. This class is being taught as a pilot by Victoria Carver, as her required project for full Certification by the Theology of the Body Institute. If you are interested in participating, or if you would like more information, please email Victoria Carver at Victoria.domne@gmail.com, or register at the parish office- (515) 244-3101, ext. 204 — leaving your name and phone number. If you have questions, Victoria will call you back.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 12 TO JANUARY 20

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 12	4:00PM +Joseph Dinh Nguyen 6:00PM Spanish Mass
SUN 13	8:30AM +Anthony & Berendene Castilline 10:30AM Deceased Members of Dowd & McDonald Families
MON 14	12:00PM +Sr. Angeline Dal Corso
TUE 15	12:00PM +Corrine Graziano
WED 16	12:00PM +Lucille Molloy
THU 17	12:00PM +Sylvester F. Ryan
FRI 18	12:00PM +Miguel Huezo
SAT 19	9:00AM +Betty Barry
(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Betty Ann Colacino	
SUN 20	8:30AM +Anna Nguyen 10:30AM +Dorothy Castonguay, Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

www.BasilicaofStJohn.org and click on the link...

..... "LIVE TELECAST" tab

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you know someone who is in need of prayer? The Basilica Prayer Chain can help. To request prayers email Deacon Luke Tieskoetter at tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Question: How do the Bishops exercise their function of governing?

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church. (Look for the answer in next weeks bulletin)



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Derrick Mast**, who recently passed away. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Jim Berrens**, who recently passed away. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Carolyn Brunk**, who recently passed away. Please also pray for her family & friends in their time of need.



The Basilica of St. John
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JANUARY 14 THRU JANUARY 20

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 14 4:00PM Organ Practice
 5:30PM Finance Council Meeting%
 6:30PM RCIA**

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 15 10:00AM Youth Choir
 5:00PM H.S. Humanities Class**
 5:00PM Organ Practice+++

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 16 9:00AM Catholic School House**
 10:00 AM Bible Study+
 6:15PM Religious Ed. **+
 7:30PM St. Jude's R.E.

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice
 17 10:00AM Catechesis Class**
 10:30AM Organ Practice+++
 5:45PM Choir Room in use+++
 7:00PM Choir Practice+++

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 18 9:30AM H.S. Humanities Class**

SAT 8:00AM **Diocesan** Marriage Prep. Class+
 19 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 10:00AM Secular Franciscan Meeting**

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 20 12:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting%

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room;
 (N) = (North Hall); (S) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of January 7, 2019:

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

LIFELINES: How Do We Change Our Culture of Death?

First and foremost, we must first recognize God's saving action and saving mission, and then participate in it. This has always been and will always be the Church's role. We love because He loved us first (1 Jn. 4:19), and we spread that love through our testimony to the nations (Acts 1:8). We must try to influence our culture with our words and deeds, realizing that the purpose of evangelization is always to introduce man to the Person of Christ, and the Person of Christ to man, that man might enter into His mystical body, the Church. Thus, through grace attained by turning to Him, the culture of death can indeed be transformed, simply because the Gospel always has the power to transform the hearts of men...even when the culture seems most evil, hopeless and perverse. (pro-lifearticle.org)



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Registration is open to currently enrolled students at Holy Family School through January 29. **All tuition and other school fees must be paid up-to-date in order for registrations to be accepted. Power School Accounts must be updated as well.** Please contact the school office with any questions.

2019 CALENDARS: If you would like to pick up a 2019 calendar they are located in the vestibule of the church and the parish hall, on the stand next to the parish office.

For those who don't already know me, my name is Didier Nsanzimana. For the past few weeks I've been raising money to assist the monks of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. For the last several years, they have been working on finishing their monastery. I am helping them by raising funds before entering into the monastery this February. Thus far I've been able to raise \$2,000 toward my \$5,000 goal. This will help them build the last window for the monastery church. With only 5 weeks left before my entrance day, I am again pleading for your prayers and financial assistance. His Reverence, Father Prior Daniel Mary of the Cross, sends many thanks and the brothers remember each and every one of you in their daily Masses. With much love, Didier

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be a special guest at the 2019 Red Dinner, sponsored by Sacred Heart Cathedral, Diocese of Davenport. The annual dinner/fund-raiser will be held Thursday, February 7, at Rhythm City Convention Center, 7077 Elmore Avenue, Davenport IA 52807. Dinner begins at 7:00 pm with a Social Hour at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$75 per person. To make reservations: <https://shcdavenport.org/red-dinner-reservations>. For more info: 563-324-3257 or davsacredheart@diodav.org.

Christian Experience Weekend: Kick off the new year right by setting a weekend aside for renewal. A women's Christian Experience Weekend is slated for January 18-20 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish in Ankeny. A men's weekend is February 15-17 at the same parish. Contact the parish office at 515-964-3038 for details.

The Vocaciones Hispanas program of the National Catholic Sisters Project is announcing a Vocation Discernment Retreat for Hispanic Women (ages 21-40) in San Antonio, TX, March 7-10, 2019 at the Hilton Airport Hotel. This retreat, **Deep Encounter: Listening with an Open Heart**, is designed for women who are actively involved in vocational discernment, & who feel that God may be calling them to religious life. The retreat helps participants to see how God has invited them to a deep encounter in biblical times, & in today's world, through Scripture, prayer, Liturgy, etc.! Sisters will be present to share their discernment journeys, & to talk with the women. **Deep Encounter** will accommodate both Spanish & English speaking women, interpreters will be present for the entire retreat.

Bishop Drumm Seeks Volunteers: Bishop Drumm Retirement Center is seeking people like you who want to volunteer their time with one or several of our residents. Some volunteer opportunities include assisting in activities and events, office work, or providing treats for residents. Spiritual health is vital to the life of Bishop Drumm, volunteer opportunities also include taking Communion to residents in their room, reading at Mass or leading a rosary. All are invited to an informational meeting Sunday, January 27 at 3:00 pm at McAuley Terrace Apartments for a Volunteer Information Meeting and Orientation. RSVP to April Young, Director of Mission Integration at april.young@chilivingcomm.org or 515-270-1100 ext 145.