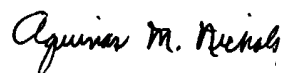


# We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. (John 14:1, 17b)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am enjoying my rest during these days. I keep you all in my prayers as we begin this New Year of the Lord 2018.

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** \$10,030.58 is owed for the ADA. Please help us pay this off!

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 668,403.90  
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**VOCATION MEETING:** Father Ross Parker, the Diocesan Vocation Director, will be covering the parish January 20-21. On Saturday, 20 January, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass, he would like to meet with the altar servers and any other young men who might be interested in the sacred priesthood or religious life. This gathering will take place in the parish hall and supper will be provided. If you can attend, please call Hugh O'Hagan at 537-7829 to let us know who will be attending and how much food to prepare for. I encourage you to come and meet Father and share some good time together. —Father Aquinas

**Automatic withdrawal can be set-up with the Basilica of Saint John at any point. Please call the business office for more help and information if needed. (515) 244-3101, ext. 205. (Remember the Basilica of Saint John in your will).**



**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:** As you may know, our St. Benedict Mission recently closed. We have one combination freezer/refrigerator (side by side) for give away to Basilica of Saint John parishioners. Please call the Basilica and ask for Charles Stastny at (515) 244-3101, ext. 205 to set a time to come and take a look. We only ask that you arrange for moving and pickup. First come, first served. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Knights of Columbus will have their 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser on Sunday, January 21 in the parish hall after 10:30 Mass. All you care to eat, free will donation.



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Registration is open to currently enrolled students at Holy Family School through January 30. **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. There will be no school tomorrow, January 15.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 13 TO JANUARY 21**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

|               |         |                                    |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| <b>SAT 13</b> | 4:00PM  | +Larry Peterson                    |
|               | 6:00PM  | Spanish Mass                       |
| <b>SUN 14</b> | 8:30AM  | Parish & Benefactors               |
|               | 10:30AM | +Lynn O'Leary                      |
| <b>MON 15</b> | 12:00PM | +Martha Binkerd Gass               |
| <b>TUE 16</b> | 12:00PM | +Lucille Molloy                    |
| <b>WED 17</b> | 12:00PM | Intentions of Justin Calvin Comito |
| <b>THU 18</b> | 12:00PM | +Dominic Nguyen                    |
| <b>FRI 19</b> | 12:00PM | +Jose & Ramona Rocha               |
| <b>SAT 20</b> | 9:00AM  | +Rachel Hanian                     |
|               |         | (Vigil Mass)                       |
|               | 4:00PM  | +Gary Kiernan                      |
| <b>SUN 21</b> | 8:30AM  | Parish & Benefactors               |
|               | 10:30AM | +Gerald Castonguay                 |

**THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:**

[www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn](http://www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn)

<http://basilica.churchcastonline.com> (live from your computer)

**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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

Last week's question:

*Why is the Church one?*

**ANSWER:** The Church is one because she has as her source and exemplar the unity of the Trinity of Persons in one God. As her Founder and Head, Jesus Christ re-established the unity of all people in one body. As her soul, the Holy Spirit unites all the faithful in communion with Christ. The Church has but one faith, one sacramental life, one apostolic succession, one common hope, and one and the same charity.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
*January 14, 2018*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 15 THRU JANUARY 21**

|           |   |  |
|-----------|---|--|
| MON<br>15 | 9:00AM<br>7:00PM                                | Adoration@<br>RCIA**   |
| TUE<br>16 | 10:00AM<br>1:00PM<br>4:30PM<br>6:00PM<br>7:00PM | Boy's Youth Choir+++<br>Youth Choir Practice+++<br>Columbus Academy Class**<br>Hispanic Room in use**<br>Bible Study** |
| WED<br>17 | 9:00AM<br>9:30AM<br>6:15PM                      | Adoration Begins@<br>Bible Study+<br>Religious Ed. **  |
| THU<br>18 | 8:00AM<br>5:45PM<br>7:00PM                      | Organ Practice+++<br>Choir room in use+++<br>Choir Practice+   |
| FRI<br>19 | 9:00AM<br>9:00AM                                | Adoration Begins@<br>Columbus Academy Class**  |
| SAT<br>20 | 8:30AM<br>10:00AM<br>5:00PM                     | Chaplet of Divine Mercy###<br>Secular Franciscan Meeting+<br>Vocation Meeting w/Fr. Ross Parker+                       |
| SUN<br>21 | 8:00AM<br>12:00PM                               | Vietnamese Prayer Group+<br>Pastoral Council Meeting%<br><b>Knights of Columbus Chili Dinner<br/>after 10:30 Mass</b>  |

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; \*\* = School; @ = Chapel; \* = Rectory  
 + = Church Hall; ### = Church; % = Conference Room;

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of January 15, 2018:**

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21  
**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**LIFELINES:** The Most Unjust Situation- Critics of the pro-life movement often say that pro-lifers are too concerned with one social issue. Similarly, political commentators complain that pro-lifers are obsessed with just one political issue. However, as Catholics, we must never forget three vitally important facts: (1) All human beings are born "in the image and likeness of Christ" and therefore have innate and invaluable human dignity. (2) Every child created by God is a tremendous gift from God. Moreover, God has a purpose for each and every one of us...and He does not make mistakes! (3) The scale of the abortion issue is simply overwhelming. Each day in America, around 3,500 innocent babies are deprived of their right to life. Pope John Paul II best summed up why abortion is so wrong when he said, "It is difficult to imagine a more unjust situation and it is very difficult to speak of obsession where we are dealing with a fundamental imperative of every good conscience--the defense of the right to life of an innocent and defenseless human being. ([pro-lifearticles.org](http://pro-lifearticles.org))

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** While Fr. Aquinas is on vacation, through January 23, if the weather turns bad with icy or blizzard like conditions, the **weekday Masses** will be cancelled. This is for the safety of our visiting priests and for those who are traveling here. If the Des Moines public schools are closed then the Basilica will be closed. You may also check the tv station's scrolls at the bottom of the tv screens for the information.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ART CONTEST:** Catholic Daughters Des Moines Court is seeking entries for the annual art contest which must be submitted by February 8. Yes not much time. This is for school children elementary thru high school. Contact Chris Killough 279-6774 for details.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** The respect Life Committee at the Basilica of St. John is organizing a Baby Bottle Campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Their mission is to empower women in vulnerable and desperate situations to embrace their womanhood and motherhood and choose life. In the vestibule, please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks and return it on January 27/28. If you have any questions or to learn more about the life-affirming work of InnerVisions HealthCare, please contact Mary Nell Carpenter at 515-440-2273 or visit [www.ivhcare.org](http://www.ivhcare.org).



The **Required Confirmation Retreat** for second year Confirmation Students will be the weekend of February 23-25, 2018. Students will be responsible for raising the funds. All second year students must participate. If you have questions call Maria Walters at 515-953-9188.



**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**National Catholic Schools Week:** Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines offer a Christ-centered, safe, nurturing environment "Where Christ is the Principle." Students learn about our Catholic faith, live out their faith by serving others in need, and receive top academic training. Iowa Assessments and ACT scores are consistently higher than the state and national averages. Catholic Schools Week will be January 28 - February 2. Be sure to attend the open houses and events that will be held during the week.

**The Gift of a Catholic Education:** A special collection for Project HOPE will be held during the weekend of January 27-28. Project HOPE gives children the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic education by providing scholarships to families in need. Please help provide the gift of a Catholic education and consider giving to Project HOPE. You can drop your gift in your parish collection basket the weekend of January 27-28. Thank you.

**Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO):** Is accepting pledges for 2018 for those interested in receiving the 65% Iowa tax credits. Last year, the supply of tax credits were all allocated by mid-October. For those interested in pledging, please go online to [CTOIowa.org](http://CTOIowa.org) or call Jeanne at 515-237-5010.

**Fanning the Flame:** Registration is open for the February 10 retreat, Fanning the Flame, a day of prayer, reflection and fellowship oriented toward identifying the movements of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The retreat will be particularly helpful for 9th and 10th graders preparing for confirmation. Contact Justin White at [jwhite@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jwhite@dmdiocese.org) 515-237-5098 for details.

**Seminary Visits:** If you've been thinking about whether you're called to be a priest, take the time to visit a seminary and talk with our seminarians. Father Ross Parker is taking men ages 16-24 to visit St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque February 2-4, St. John Vianney Seminary in Minnesota February 8-10 and Conception Seminary in Missouri, April 14-16. Contact Father Ross at [vocations@dmdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdiocese.org) or 515-237-5050 and tell him you'd like to come along!