

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

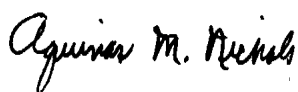
(John 1:14a, 12a)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am away for my annual rest and retreat following Christmas and the New Year celebrations. These have been days of wonderful celebration for us. I pray that the New Year of 2017 may be full of God's blessings and graces for all of you. I will remember you all in my prayers while I am away.

May the Lord continue to bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 564,593.93
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal: We have paid \$90,589.60, 68% of our \$133,220.00 assessment that must be paid. Remaining balance: \$42,630.40.

DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: *Thanks to parishioners' generosity the 2016 debt to the Foundation has been paid off!! The 2017 debt to the Foundation is \$40,000.00.*

YEAR END TITHING LETTERS (tax letters): The year end tax letters will be ready to be picked up in the parish office starting this week, January 16. They will also be available to be picked up after the weekend Masses starting next weekend, January 21/22 in the vestibule of the church.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: The Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, January 28. Students-you are **required** to be here at 8:45am to meet in the parish hall before Mass. All first & second year Confirmation students **MUST ATTEND!**

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please remember to turn in your Baptismal Certificates to your RE teachers. They must be in by February 15th, at the latest. Without these documents your child **will not** be able to make their Sacrament.

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS CAMPAIGN REMINDER: Half of the money collected from our parish by the diocese for the SGG campaign is given back to the Basilica and applied to our Elevator Fund! Please keep this in mind if you have not paid off your pledge. Thank you!

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
JANUARY 14 TO JANUARY 22**

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Anne Elizabeth Swaney
14	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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SUN	8:30AM	+Da Minh Thanh Nguyen
15	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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MON	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
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TUE	12:00PM	+ Jerry Kluesner, & Intentions of Jean Kluesner
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WED	12:00PM	+Anna Suot Bui
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THU	12:00PM	+Thanh Tran
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FRI	12:00PM	+Jack, Mollie & John Leporte
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SAT	9:00AM	+Barb Hans
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(Vigil Mass)		
4:00PM +Giselle Bendig		
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SUN	8:30AM	Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family
22	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:
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 or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

How will the coming of the Lord in Glory happen?

ANSWER: After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the Parousia and the Last Judgment. Thus the Kingdom of God will be realized.





The Basilica of St. John
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JANUARY 16 THRU JANUARY 22

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
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TUE 10:00AM Boy's Youth Choir+++
17 1:00PM Youth Choir+++
6:00PM Organ Practice+++
7:00PM RCIA+

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
18 9:15AM Bible Study+
9:30AM Pre K Religious Ed.**
6:15PM Religious Ed.**

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
19 12:30PM Hall in use
6:00PM Bell Choir+++
7:00PM Choir+++

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
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SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy
21 10:00AM Organ Practice+++

SUN 9:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
22 12:00PM Divine Mercy Meeting+

Knights of Columbus Chili Cook off!

SIGN INDICATORS

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

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of January 16, 2017:

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

LIFELINES: Prayer for Life: O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Registration is open to currently enrolled students at Holy Family School through February 1. **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 16.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Marriage Enrichment Ministry: Did you make a New Year's resolution to strengthen your marriage? Join our new marriage enrichment ministry, The Third Option, which meets the first and third Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Mercy Hospital Conference Rooms, 1111 6th Ave East Tower in Des Moines. The Third Option is an on-going support group for marriages to help struggling couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. For more info visit: <http://www.dmdiocese.org/the-third-option.cfm>

Mass for Life: The annual Mass for Life will be this Sunday, January 15, at 5 p.m. at Ss. John & Paul Church in Altoona. Join the bishops of Iowa in praying for the protection of life. Homilist is Davenport Bishop Martin Amos.

Check out your local Catholic school: 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 held January 29 – February 4. Be sure to attend the open houses and events that will be held during the week.

DYING & DEATH, A Catholic Perspective: Sponsored by Holy Trinity's Respect Life Committee, come join us in a lively panel discussion and Q & A session on Sunday, January 8, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Social Room, 2926 Beaver Ave., DSM, 50310. Our three speakers, Dr. Matt Halbach of the St. Joseph Ed. Center, Tom Chapman, director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, and Marsha Szymczuk, a retired Hospice nurse will discuss the issues, the danger of legalized euthanasia, and how it is not the compassionate choice. For questions call 255-3162.

Beginning Experience: What if the worst thing you think could happen does and you are widowed, separated, or divorced? What if life changes in the blink of an eye? How do you cope? How do you deal with the grief, loss and pain? Beginning Experience can help, you do not have to suffer alone. We know how you feel, we have gone through the same things you are going through. Contact Dana Reed at 515-975-3745 or Mike Losee at 515-360-8268.

Bilingual Andrew Dinner: Families are invited to learn more about the vocations of priesthood and religious life at a great evening of prayer, good food, and fun with priests from the Des Moines diocese and Bishop Richard Pates. Join us at St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines on Tuesday, February 21, 5-8 p.m. Please RSVP for dinner by emailing vocations@dmdiocese.org or call Jessica at 515-237-5051.

Silent Directed Retreat: Ready for some quiet, rest, and an opportunity to draw closer to God? Emmaus House Spirituality Center is offering a three-day silent directed retreat March 9-12 at Creighton Retreat Center where we can take the time to step outside of our everyday life to rest in God's love, to understand more deeply who we are, and who God is calling us to be. Includes daily private conversations with a spiritual director and daily Eucharist. The retreat fee of \$350 includes nine meals, accommodations for three nights and daily spiritual direction. The retreat is limited to 25 participants. To register, go to TheEmmausHouse.org and reserve your spot.