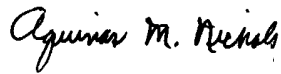


The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. (Mark 1:15)

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

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) and two upright freezers 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.

CHILI COOK OFF: The Knights of Columbus will have their 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser TODAY, 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 a registrations to be accepted. Power School Accounts must be updated, as well.** Please contact the school office with any questions. **An informational meeting will be held for all parents who are interested in their child attending Holy Family School's Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in the 2018-2019 school year. This meeting will be held in the school gym on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:00 p.m. Admission procedure, financial aid, immunization requirements, curriculum, and the school mission will be shared at this event.**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 20 TO JANUARY 28

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 20	4:00PM +Gary Kiernan 6:00PM Spanish Mass
SUN 21	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM +Gerald Castonguay
MON 22	12:00PM Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
TUE 23	12:00PM +Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
WED 24	12:00PM +Bill Tegeler
THU 25	12:00PM +Tom & Tim Dorsett
FRI 26	12:00PM +Rachel Hanian
SAT 27	9:00AM +Whipple & Gabriel Families (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Carl & Florence Reelitz
SUN 28	8:30AM +W.E. Lowery 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:

Question: *Where does the one Church of Christ subsist?*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

CALENDARS: There are still a few of the 2018 Calendars available in the parish hall, outside of the parish office. Please take one!



The Basilica of St. John
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JANUARY 22 THRU JANUARY 28

MON 22	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration@ RCIA**
TUE 23	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:30PM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir Practice+++ Columbus Academy Class** Hispanic Room in use** Bible Study**
WED 24	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **
THU 25	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 26	9:00AM 9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class** Hispanic Baptism Class**
SAT 27	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 28	8:00AM 12:00PM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pastoral Council Meeting% Divine Mercy Meeting+

SIGN INDICATORS

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

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of January 22, 2018:

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

LIFELINES: Resolution for New Year: Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies. Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us? As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life. Let us do more to change our culture of death. (pro-lifearticles.org)

To view the bulletin online go to: basilicaofstjohn.org, click on home, click on the current week's bulletin.

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.



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

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@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5050 and tell him you'd like to come along!

"Building Missionary Disciples" Iowa Catholic Men's Conference is thrilled to invite you to the 6th annual Iowa Catholic Men's Conference March 10, 2018 at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. National speakers and authors, Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic, and Trent Horn of Catholic Answers will witness to the universal call to be "missionary disciples". You don't want to miss this event. Tickets are discounted 30% to \$20 for the holidays, and can be purchased on-line. See our website for information and to purchase tickets at iowacatholicmensconference.com or Iowa Catholic Radio.

Take 24-Young Adult Retreats: Repent and Believe in the Good News is this year's three-part series of retreats for young adults. Repent will happen in Lent (Feb. 24-25), and will focus on the human need for God's healing and renewal. For questions or registration information, please contact Justin White, director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, (515) 237-5098

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 or call Jeanne at 515-237-5010.

