

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

(Luke 4:18)

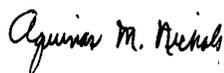
My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am away for a couple weeks of rest and for my annual retreat. December was a very busy month.

Let us thank Msgr. Beeson for his generous service in my absence. It is a privilege to have him doing his priestly ministry here at the Basilica during these days. Please pray for him and for all priests that we may have the strength to carry on our priestly burdens for your sake and the sake of the Church.

May the Lord continue to bless you!

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 1/20/19

Total - \$17,339.61

Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$627,649.40

YTD Need - \$635,942.40

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$173,000.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2018: \$5,556.00

BAPTISM CLASS: Are you planning to have your child baptized at The Basilica? The Diocese of Des Moines requires parents or legal guardians to attend a pre-baptismal class. On Sunday, February 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00 there will be a class held in the school for registered parishioners who have not previously attended a pre-baptismal class. To sign-up please contact Deacon Mark at campbell.markh@yahoo.com

BASILICA FUNDRAISER: Iowa Cubs Fundraiser - Volunteers Needed! Calling all Basilica parishioners to help staff the concession stands at Iowa Cubs home baseball games. We will be helping out at 8 games, April through September. Looking for commitments of 1-2 games. Must be 16 years of age or older. Contact Seth Sojka at seth.sojka@gmail.com or 515-402-9480 if you are interested. All proceeds go to the Basilica of St. John!

END OF YEAR TITHING LETTERS: The 2018 tithing letters (for tax purposes) are available to be picked up in the parish office. Hours are 8am-4pm. If you would like it mailed to you please call and let us know (515-244-3101, ext. 0).

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 3

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 26	4:00PM +Tien Nhan 6:00PM Spanish Mass
SUN 27	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM +Christopher Skelton
MON 28	12:00PM +Betty Barry
TUE 29	12:00PM +Travis Crouse
WED 30	12:00PM +Stella Marasco
THU 31	12:00PM +Donna Blaskovich
FRI 01	12:00PM +Deceased Members of McDonald & Dowd Families
SAT 02	9:00AM +Gerald Castonguay (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Sharon Mahoney
SUN 03	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM +Clarence Galecki

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: *What is the vocation of the lay faithful?*

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

BIBLE STUDY NEWS: If you would like to learn 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 please join us and bring your Bible (NAB or RSV-Catholic Edition, 2nd Edition), *Wednesday morning, January 30 at 10:00am, in the Parish Hall.* 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, leave your name and phone number. If you have questions, Victoria will call you back.



The Basilica of St. John
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JANUARY 21 THRU JANUARY 27

MON 28	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA**
TUE 29	8:00AM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Youth Choir H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++
WED 30	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 6:15PM 7:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Catholic School House** Bible Study+ Religious Ed. *** St. Jude's R.E.
THU 31	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Catechesis Class** Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 01	9:00AM 9:30AM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class**
SAT 02	8:30AM 6:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Hall in use-Hispanic Community+
SUN 03	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Vietnamese New Year

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of January 28, 2019:

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

LIFELINES: I was saddened when I read a letter which appeared to justify abortion because "it does away with the unwanted and unloved." What a callous, selfish and inhumane mentality! Are we to value life only if it is "productive" or "useful" to us, or happens to be "in favor" at any given time? What about children who become "unwanted" after birth? Should we allow mothers or fathers to murder such children, just because they are considered a "burden"? What makes the crime any different had the mother been eight months pregnant and aborted the child because it was a burden? Presumably, ardent pro-abortionists would have applauded her for making a sensible, morally-correct decision based on her own best interests. The truth is that there is no justice in a system that allows innocent people to be harmed at the whim of others. Just as government has the responsibility and the right to prevent armed robbery, slavery and rape, it has the same responsibility and right to prevent the killing of innocent human beings, including those waiting to be born. (pro-lifearticle.org)



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: We are offering a free breakfast at Holy Family School for potential new families to come see and hear about our school and the 2019 school year. We welcome parents with school-age children to come and hear about our programs for **kindergarten through 8th grade**, and especially our **new free Pre-K program for students who are 4 years old before September 15th**. Sunday, January 27, 2019, 10:00am-2:30pm at Holy Family Catholic School - 1265 E. 9th St. Des Moines, Iowa 50316. After Mass bring your child to have breakfast and discover Holy Family's educational opportunities for your children. There is no charge for this event.

BENEDICTINE OBLATES: Would you like to learn more about Benedictine spirituality? Oblates of Conception Abbey meet monthly in Des Moines to study the Rule of St. Benedict as a means of fostering their own spiritual growth. Fr. Daniel Petsche, OSB (our Oblate Director) will be presenting the Oblate program. We will meet from 2:30-5:00 p.m., **TODAY** January 27 in the parish hall. We will have a potluck meal, discussion, and close with Vespers. Come join us. Bring a dish to share. Questions —call Pamela or David Meis at 515-285-7703, or email: MeisIsMe@live.com

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: The Knights of Columbus at St. John's, Council #644 are organizing a Baby Bottle Campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Their mission is to empower women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. **THIS** weekend, January 26/27, you'll find baby bottles in the vestibule; please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks and return it on the weekend of February 2/3. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan at 515-280-4706. To learn more about the life-affirming work of InnerVisions HealthCare, visit www.ivhcare.org

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Celebrate Valentine's Day Early: On February 8th there will be a social and presentation from Dr. Sheryl Overmyer, Associate Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University, on how *Charity Changes Everything: How Christian love takes shape in marriage and singleness*. The event will be held at the Sherwood Forest Event Center, 7400 Hickman Road, Windsor Heights. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the event starts at 7pm. Drinks will be available with purchase. Parish childcare is available with RSVP. Contact Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or astorey@dm-diocese.org to register for childcare.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Register today! Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates: March 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; April 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email jljwwme08@gmail.com

The Well: 2019 Pre-Lenten Gathering- Searching for and Maintaining Peace. The Well women's ministry invites women of all ages to our 2019 pre-Lenten morning of reflection on Saturday, March 2 at the Pastoral Center in Downtown Des Moines. Join women from across the Diocese and beyond as we spiritually prepare for the Lenten season. Included with registration is Mass, breakfast, praise & worship music, inspirational witnesses by local women, a keynote talk by Katie Patrizio – a nationally esteemed Catholic speaker, and more. Seating is limited, so invite a friend and register today! Visit www.thewelldesmoines.com for registration information.