

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

(Mark 1:15)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In both testaments of the Bible, there are struggles to understand how divine authority comes into the world. If we remain connected to the mission and message of Jesus, we have the authority to live as a disciple. The Gospel today shows us that Jesus has real authority, even over unclean spirits. We must remember that He is always with us, helping us to combat the evil that surrounds us.

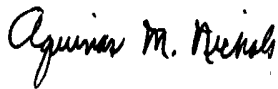
I ask you, PLEASE! Do not leave Mass early unless it is an emergency. We should be willing to give the Lord this time each week. The Mass ends after the recessional hymn. Especially at the Saturday evening Mass, a mass exodus right after Holy Communion has been taking place for some time. This is not a reverent way to give thanks to God right after receiving his Body and Blood, and then walking out the door. Please! Let us break this unacceptable custom that has been growing in the past year! It gives scandal to our young people and our visitors.

Today there will be a second collection for Project Hope: Help Our Parents Educate. This helps needy families whose students attend either Catholic elementary or secondary schools. Please do what you can to help.

I had a good rest these past two weeks with my classmate, Father Schneider. My thanks to the good priests who covered for me while I was away.

May God's grace always grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours 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).

 **ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS: SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual fish fry dinners will begin on Friday, February 16, from 4:45pm - 6:45pm. Watch for future bulletins for flyers with more information.

 **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Catholic Schools Week is this week! An all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at Dowling with the Dowling Catholic students. Wednesday, **School will be dismissed at 12:00pm.** Student Appreciation Day is Thursday; and Friday is Parent Appreciation Day. Friday night will conclude the week of festivities with an Open House, Family Potluck and Bingo Night held at the school from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 4

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 27 4:00PM +Carl & Florence Reelitz
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 28 8:30AM +W.E. Lowery
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 29 12:00PM +Edmund Rivera & Lucille Garcia

TUE 30 12:00PM +Joseph Nguyen

WED 31 12:00PM +Susan Swehla

THU 01 12:00PM +Jim Reihsen

FRI 02 12:00PM +Sr. Angeline Dal Corso

SAT 03 9:00AM +Marguerite Claerhout

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families

SUN 04 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Lynn A. O'Leary

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:

Last week's question:

Where does the one Church of Christ subsist?

ANSWER: The one Church of Christ, as a society constituted and organized in the world, subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the Successor of Peter and the bishops in communion with him. Only through this Church can one obtain the fullness of the means of salvation since the Lord has entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant to the apostolic college alone whose head is Peter.





The Basilica of St. John
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JANUARY 29 THRU FEBRUARY 4

MON 29	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration@ RCIA**
TUE 30	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 31	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **
THU 01	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 02	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 03	8:30AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Columbus Acad. Vocation Reception+
SUN 04	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ RCIA Practice ##

SIGN INDICATORS

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

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of January 29, 2018:

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

LIFELINES: Three Times In Modern History The Word "Person" Has Been Redefined: **1857: The U.S. Supreme Court declares that African Americans are not legal persons. They are the "property" of their owners. **1936: The German Supreme Court, the Reichsgericht, refuses to recognize Jews living in Germany as persons. Genocide becomes legal. **1973: The U.S. Supreme Court rules that the unborn are not persons in the legal sense; they have no civil or human rights. The unborn are the "property" of the mother, who can "choose" to abort them up to the day of delivery. "The word person as used in the 14th Amendment does not include the unborn." Justice Henry Blackmon in Roe v. Wade. (pro-lifearticles.org)

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

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

Bishop Pates issues "Call" to the Diaconate: "Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you are. BELIEVE what you read, TEACH what you believe and PRACTICE what you teach." (From the Rite of Ordination). Any Catholic man who is interested in the vocation of deacon, is invited to attend one of the information nights being held throughout the diocese: January 29, 2018, 7pm at St. Francis in West Des Moines; February 1, 2018, 7pm at St. Patrick parish in Council Bluffs; February 5, 2018, 7pm at St. Bernard in Osceola; February 8, 2018, 7pm at All Saints in Stuart. If the man is married, his wife is also invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

Sacred Heart is hosting Emmitt Cahill, Irish Tenor from Celtic Thunder who is currently on his first solo tour. The concert is in our church at 7pm on February 25. As Sacred Heart is the only location in Iowa to host Emmitt Cahill, we would like to extend the invitation to as many fans as possible. Tickets can also be purchased at Sacred Heart Church or on our website www.sacredheartwdm.org/concert

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Has something in it for every married couple. The Weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on February 9-11 in Ankeny, March 9-11 in La Crosse, April 20-22 in Dubuque. Early registration is highly recommended. For information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwme08@gmail.com.

Italy in the Footsteps of St. Benedict: Immerse yourself in the spirituality of St. Benedict by participating in a spiritual retreat and pilgrimage led by Fr. Cassian, including Divine Office and Holy Mass with the Monks of Norcia, September 18 - 28, 2018. Pilgrimage highlights include: Monasteries of Subiaco & Monte Cassino; Assisi, birthplace of SS. Francis & Clare; Cascia, the home of St. Rita; Rome & Vatican with a Papal audience. A portion of the profits of this pilgrimage will be donated to the Monks of Norcia. For more information visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com/tours or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com

SUPPORTIVE CARE IOWA: The Iowa bishops' "Supportive Care Iowa" project is available to help people seeking guidance on making decisions about end-of-life health care that is aligned with Catholic values. Often we cannot foresee situations that will arise in regard to our health. Therefore it may be important, in advance, to choose a person who knows us and can speak on our behalf if we are not capable of doing so. There are now trained volunteers, called "Catholic Advanced Care Planning Consultants," that can help individuals with the completion of documents that designate another person with power of attorney for health care in the event of incapacity. It is our parish's goal to help Catholics have these faith-filled discussions with friends and family in advance of a crisis and to provide guidance in completing advance directive forms in alignment with Catholic moral principles. This service is available without charge. Please contact the parish office (515-244-3101, ext 0) if you are interested in this service.