My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the hardest things for us to do is to admit we have been wrong. But when we do, we often open up our lives to much affirmation. The son in the Gospel for today gives us the example of a change of heart. We need to constantly reflect on our behavior and attitudes and make the necessary adjustments.

Beginning this Monday, October 2nd, there will be new office hours for the Basilica. From Monday through Friday the office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Adoration on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please plan your parish needs accordingly.

I will be away this coming week for the annual gathering of the priests of the diocese. This year it will be in Omaha. I will celebrate the Mass intentions as listed. Deacon Luke will conduct a Communion Service for the weekdays. Please keep this gathering in your prayers.

Please keep our ADA campaign for 2017 in mind. It is extremely important that we make our goal to take the burden off of our financial resources. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge now in a spirit of good support for our parish. Blank pledge cards are in the back of the Basilica in the pamphlet racks. We are still at just about 50% of our goal. We need 100% participation if we are to meet our goal. Please help us! Please watch the bulletin to see where we stand in this effort.

We also continue to make our timely payments to our elevator debt. I thank you for your contributions in this regards which keep coming in a little bit every week. We rely greatly on your fulfilling your pledge to the Sharing God’s Gifts Campaign. May God’s grace always grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor

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**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 8**

**TIMES FOR Eucharist and Intentions**

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

www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn

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

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**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** $66,026.41 has been paid on our 2017 assessment of $132,297. We still owe $66, 270.59 or 50% of the goal.

**Elevator Fund**

Current Donations: $668,403.90

Goal: $800,000.00

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**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.

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**Catechism Corner:**

*Question:* What are the characteristics of the people of God?

**Bulletin Deadline:** With the Fall season getting underway, we would like to put out this reminder for bulletin announcements. Please have requests ready to be placed in the bulletin by either writing/typing it out or by emailing it to basilicadm@msn.com. If you want a flyer in the bulletin, please have it proof read and ready to be copied. The deadline for any submission to the bulletin is by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

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My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

(John 10:27)
The Basilica of St. John
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2017

YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 2 THRU OCTOBER 8

MON 02 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
       6:30PM KC Council Meeting+
       7:00PM RCIA**

TUE 03 10:00AM Boy’s Youth Choir++++
       1:00PM Youth Choir Practice+++ 
       4:30PM Columbus Academy Class**
       6:30PM “Mystery of the Bible” Study Series+

WED 04 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
       9:30AM Bible Study+
       6:15PM Religious Ed. **

THU 05 8:00AM Organ Practice
       6:00PM Choir Room in use+++ 
       7:00PM Choir Practice+++

FRI 06 9:00AM Adoration Begins@

SAT 07 8:00AM Hall & Kitchen in use
       8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
       11:00AM Quincenea Class**

SUN 08 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
       10:00AM Confirmation Prep Class+
       12:00PM Pro Life Meeting%

SIGN INDICATORS
+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; *= Rectory
+ = Church Hall; ## = Church; %=Conference Room;
 (N) = (North Hall): (S) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of October 2, 2017:
Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
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Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

LIFELINES: St Paul tells us, “Do not conform yourself to this age…” Since Roe v. Wade, around 60 million innocent children have lost their God-given right to live. An entire class of persons, children in the womb, have been relegated to the status of personal property, who can be disposed of by those more powerful than they. They are subject to abuse and destruction by those with more power, namely the power of the State. They have no voice that can be heard except our own. The killing of innocent children in the womb is the preeminent moral evil of our age. It is for this reason that we must “not conform” to this grave injustice. As St Paul tells us, we must instead stand on the side of truth and justice and "what is good and pleasing to God". We must recognize what both medical science and natural justice tell us: children in the womb are human persons with an inalienable right to life. (pro-lifearticles.org)

ROSARY RALLY: Please join us in saying the rosary on the front steps of the Basilica on Saturday, October 14 at 12 o’clock noon, in honor of Our Lady of Fatima -100 years. Please join us! All are welcome!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Kason Tran and family on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Eva Ayala & Family, Maria & Cesar Morales & Family, Kathryn Udrovich, Elvia & Roberto Rosales Family, Nanette & Scott Ellsbury, Bernarda & Pedro Valdez & Family, Luna Yesenia & Family, Maria & Rodrigo Rojas & Family, Maria Salos & Family.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: There will be no classes September 29 through October 9. Students and staff are on Fall Break. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 10, 8:00 a.m.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Registration began last weekend and will continue until all hours are filled. The Basilica of St. John will take Friday, October 13 at the Drake P.P. location and Friday & Saturday, October 20/21 at the Army Post location. Be prepared to fast, pray, and put yourself in their shoes as you speak out for Life. See you after Mass in the back of the church or text Mary to post location. Be prepared to fast, pray, and put yourself in their shoes as you speak out for life. See you after Mass in the back of the church or text Mary at 515-975-2534, to schedule your hour. Thank you—Basilica Pro-life group.

AROUND THE DIOCESE
Iowa Catholic Radio: Invites all ladies to the next Ladies’ MOSAIC Luncheon on October 12, 12:00-1:00PM, at St. Augustin Church. Engage your faith, meet new friends, and learn about services in your community. This luncheon’s featured speakers are Addie Magruder and Brianna Intrieri of FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, which seeks to inspire and build up students in the faith, sending them out to spread the good news. Lunch is free but seating is limited, so please sign up early. For more information and to register, go to www.iowacatholicradio.com or call Martha at 515-414-5116.

Catholic’s DIVORCE HEALING Program – St. Theresa is pleased to announce their hosting of The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide ministry for men and women who have suffered from divorce: The 12-week program features 30-minute DVDs shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings.

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Drank Choir: On Sunday, October 8, 3:00 p.m., the Drake Choir, Chamber Choir, and Chorale will present “Celebrating Sound,” a concert featuring music by contemporary composers from Lithuania, Estonia, Canada, England, and the US, as well as a coronation anthem by Handel, with chamber orchestra. The concert will take place in Sheslow Auditorium on the Drake University campus. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted.

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