

*May the Father of our lord Jesus Christ enlighten  
the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know  
what is the hope that belongs to our call. (Ephesians 1:17-18)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am away for a little break. Please be good to the priests who will be covering for me, especially Msgr. Beeson, who will take most of the Masses during my absence. I will be back for the weekend of the 28th and 29th. May the Lord bless you.

*Aquino M. Nichols*

Pastor

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

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 668,403.90  
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**THANK YOU:** Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the cards, prayers and kindness extended to me during my recent illness. It was greatly appreciated. The support of your family is so important. THANKS!  
Margi Florence, ofs



Tickets are still available for our annual 50/50 raffle. They are \$10.00 each. You can purchase tickets from Fr. Aquinas, a pastoral council member, or in the parish office (M-F, 8-4pm). The winner receives half of what is collected. You need not be present to win. The drawing will be held after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

**ADORERS ARE NEEDED:** We are in need of additional adorers to spend one hour praying before the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 11am to 12pm. Please call Jenifer at 244-3101 ext. 204 if you are able to help.

**BASILICA MUSIC MINISTRY:** Is still open for more participation!!! Basilica Choir meets on Thursday nights, 7:00-8:30 pm. New Members are welcome. Basilica Bell Choir will meet Thursdays from 5:45-7:00 pm. We will begin rehearsing soon, but need more members! Ringers need some experience with reading notes. Instrumentalists: Flutes, trumpets, strings, etc. We need you for special liturgies. Please contact me to tithe your talent for the Lord! For more information: contact Gail Johll: 641-919-5431.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER 14 TO OCTOBER 22**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 14</b>	4:00PM	+Elizabeth Brien
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 15</b>	8:30AM	+Kathryn Mauro
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 16</b>	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
<b>TUE 17</b>	12:00PM	+Robert Moshe Yousef
<b>WED 18</b>	12:00PM	+James D. Brien
<b>THU 19</b>	12:00PM	+Jose & Ramona Rocha
<b>FRI 20</b>	12:00PM	Deceased Relatives of the Dorsett & Dal Corso Families
<b>SAT 21</b>	9:00AM	+Deborah Ulrich
	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Phanxica Nguyen Thi Nhiet
<b>SUN 22</b>	8:30AM	+Dominic Dinh
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

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

[www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

*Question: In what way does the people of God  
share in the three functions of Christ as  
Priest, Prophet and King?*

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

**Next weekend there will be a diocesan  
second collection for the World Missions.**



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*October 15, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 16 THRU OCTOBER 21**

MON 16	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ RCIA**
TUE 17	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:30PM 6:30PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir Practice+++ NO Columbus Academy Class** "Mystery of the Bible" Study Series+
WED 18	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **
THU 19	8:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 20	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ NO Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 21	8:00AM 8:30AM 10:00AM 11:00AM	Diocesan Marriage Prep. Class+ Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Secular Franciscans Meeting** Quincenara Class**
SUN 22	8:00AM 12:00PM 4:45PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Divine Mercy Meeting+ <b>Pasta For Pipes Social Hour, Dinner &amp; Variety Show+</b>

**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 16, 2017:**

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 4:1-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12  
**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

**LIFELINES: Regret and Abortion:** There are thousands of support groups across America helping women overcome the emotional toll of abortion. However, many pro-abortion advocates still claim that women do not regret their abortions. This flies in the face of both the facts and common sense. But even if their claim were true, it does not make abortion defensible. Lack of regret goes to the conscience of the person, not to the rightness or morality of the action. If we really want to know the role regret plays in the abortion issue, we need to consider how abortion-minded mothers later felt about the decision they made. What we would find is that for every woman who might say that she regretted giving birth to her child; thousands would say that they regret aborting their babies. *(October pro-lifearticles.org)*



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** There will be no school on Monday, October 16, due to a professional development day for our teachers. Friday, October 20, is the next out of uniform day at Holy Family. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform this day, he/she must bring \$1 to school to donate to the missions.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Dowling Catholic High School:** Is seeking a 12-month, full-time President's Office Administrative Assistant. This position works 7:30a.m.-3:30p.m. Excellent benefits, student discounts available. For more info. visit [dowlingcatholic.org](http://dowlingcatholic.org). Questions-Contact Dr. Dan Ryan, President (515)225-3000.

**Memorial Mass:** You are invited to the diocese's annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. at Christ the King Church, 5711 SW 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50315. His Excellency, Bishop Pates will preside at the Mass, which is offered for all families and individuals who have suffered from the loss of a child. A reception will follow the Mass, where resources offering healing and education will be provided. For more information contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life 515.237.5056.

**Annual Turkey Dinner:** St. Boniface Church in Waukee, will hold their Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Boniface parish hall, 1200 Warrior Lane, Waukee. Menu includes turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll, pie and beverage. Cost: \$10/adults, \$5/children ages 3-12, free/age 2 and under. Information, call the parish office at 515-987-4597.

**Save The Date:** Dowling Catholic High School is hosting it's annual Open House for Prospective Students on Sunday, November 5th from 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Families can take a tour of the school, meet the teachers, moderators, and coaches and learn about financial aid opportunities. There are prizes to win and games to play! It's a fun day for the whole family!

**Ask A Priest:** Our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Mirror, has brought back the Q&A that so many readers missed. Send your questions for the "Ask a Priest" column to [mirror@dmdiocese.org](mailto:mirror@dmdiocese.org) or mail to "Ask a Priest," Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

**Sponsor A Meal:** Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter needs help providing meals or snacks to those who are in the shelter. They could use yogurt, string cheese, and protein items for nighttime snacks. If you are interested, contact Ashley Raske, Shelter Coordinator, at 515-282-1235 to schedule a night to provide a meal, donate, or sponsor a meal.

**Survey Open For Youth & Young Adults:** The bishops are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. In preparation for this major synod on youth, Pope Francis wants to gather input from youth and young adults whether they are practicing the faith or not. The diocese has made available a survey questionnaire. All are invited and encouraged to participate by going here: [dmdiocese.org/survey-youth-and-young-adult-vocationaldiscernmente.cfm](http://dmdiocese.org/survey-youth-and-young-adult-vocationaldiscernmente.cfm).