

Shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life. (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b)

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.


 Pastor

PLEASE NOTE: Along with the changes to the office hours, 8am to 4pm, please note that the church itself opens at 8am and closes promptly at 4pm.

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



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 tith your talent for the Lord! For more information: contact Gail Johll: 641-919-5431.

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

Next weekend there will be a second collection for St. Vincent de Paul special needs fund.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 21 TO OCTOBER 29

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 21	4:00PM	+Phanxica Nguyen Thi Nhiet
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 22	8:30AM	+Dominic Dinh
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 23	12:00PM	+Lynn Ann O'Leary
TUE 24	12:00PM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
WED 25	12:00PM	+Aggie Gavin
THU 26	12:00PM	Deceased Members of Deery & Robson Families
FRI 27	12:00PM	+Edward Binker
SAT 28	9:00AM	+Elizabeth Brien
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Carl & Florence Reelitz
SUN 29	8:30AM	+Ben Homan
	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:

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

ANSWER: The people of God participate in Christ's priestly office insofar as the baptized are consecrated by the Holy Spirit to offer spiritual sacrifices. They share in Christ's prophetic office when with a supernatural sense of faith they adhere unflinchingly to that faith and deepen their understanding and witness to it. The people of God share in his kingly office by means of service, imitating Jesus Christ who as King of the universe made himself the servant of all, especially the poor and the suffering.



The Basilica of St. John
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 23 THRU OCTOBER 29

MON 23	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ RCIA**
TUE 24	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:30PM 6:30PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir Practice+++ Columbus Academy Class** "Mystery of the Bible" Study Series+
WED 25	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **
THU 26	8:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 27	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 28	8:30AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 6:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Carmelites Meeting** Quincenera Class** Columbus Academy "All Saints Party"
SUN 29	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection

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 23, 2017:

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

LIFELINES: Caught on video, a St. Paul, Minnesota **PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTIONIST**, when asked by a pregnant woman what they would do **if the baby being aborted was BORN ALIVE:** "If the baby was to come out still alive and active, most likely **WE WOULD BREAK THE BABY'S NECK.**" --Pro-Life Action Ministries, June 2017



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: October 23-27 is Red Ribbon Week! Many fun activities are planned throughout the week to celebrate drug free living!! There will be a \$1 jeans day on Friday, October 27 to raise money for Red Ribbon Week. All money collected will be donated to the House of Mercy. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform on this day, they must bring \$1 for the fundraiser.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Organ For Pianists: If you are a church pianist, chances are you have been asked to play the organ at some point in time. You may have been brave and crawled up on that organ bench, or said you didn't feel comfortable, and politely declined. One fact remains – while there are many pianists in church music ministry, good, well-trained organists are in short supply. The workshop will be held on November 11 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Des Moines. Special guests include Neil Weston and Dewey Kuhn from The Verdin Organ Company. For more information contact Kim Mandelkow at kmandelkow@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5043.

We Need Snacks! If your group, company or family is looking to do something good this Advent season, consider something as simple as bringing a few snacks to Catholic Charities' homeless shelter. The shelter, (formerly known as St. Joseph's) is always in need of meal providers, as well as yogurt, string cheese, and protein items for night time snack. 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.

Calling All Young Adults: If you're in your 20s or 30s, we invite you to join Novos Young Adults. We're going to celebrate Mass together this Thursday, October 26 at St. Ambrose Cathedral (confessions at 6:30, Mass at 7 p.m.) and then head to El Bait Shop together about 8 p.m. Join us for some or all of the evening! It doesn't matter if you're married or single, we'd like you to join us. For more information, check out our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/NovosDSM](https://www.facebook.com/NovosDSM) or contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org.

Outreach Center Open: Catholic Charities Outreach Center, formerly known as the St. Mary Family Center, is open again after a major renovation this summer. The new facility is a "choice" food pantry and has a conference room plus offices for empowerment services. **Development Director:** The Diocese of Des Moines has an immediate need for a Development Director. Please visit our website for more information dmdiocese.org/diocesan-job-openings.cfm.

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. Questions-Contact Dr. Dan Ryan, President (515)225-3000.

Clothing Needed: Catholic Charities Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, serving hospitals in nine counties in southwest Iowa, needs casual clothes and personal items to give to survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault as they leave the hospital. Sweatpants, sweat shirts or t-shirts, underwear, all from sizes small to extra large are needed. If you'd like to help, contact Martha at 712-256-2059 ext. 103.

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

