

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

(John 14:23)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you to the priests who covered for me while I was away!

This week we celebrate All Saints day on Wednesday, November 1 (a Holy Day of Obligation) and All Souls Day on Thursday, November 2. Both Masses are 12 noon and 7pm. Please join us! On All Souls day there will be a reception after the 7pm Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome.

May the Lord bless you.

Aquinas M. Nichols

Pastor

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

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 NEXT SUNDAY** after the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

ADORERS ARE NEEDED: We are in need of additional adores 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.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Students and staff at Holy Family will be celebrating All Saints Day, November 1, with Mass at Our Lady of the Americas Parish. Mass will begin at 8:15 a.m. and all parents and families are welcome to join us on this Holy Day of obligation.

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



DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ends next Sunday, November 5th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 28 TO NOVEMBER 5

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 28	4:00PM	+Carl & Florence Reelitz
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 29	8:30AM	+Ben Homan
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 30	12:00PM	+Deceased Members of the Dorsett and Dal Corso Families
TUE 31	12:00PM	+Lynn Ann O'Leary
WED 01	12:00PM	<i>All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation</i> +Fr. Jim Kiernan
	7:00PM	Maria Lan Nguyen Family
THU 02	12:00PM	<i>All Souls Day</i> +Charles Duffy
	7:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
FRI 03	12:00PM	+Jose & Ramona Rocha
SAT 04	9:00AM	+Alice M. Ryan
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +All Saints of the Nguyen Family
SUN 05	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
	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:

Question: In what way is the Church the body of Christ?

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





The Basilica of St. John
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 30 THRU NOVEMBER 5

MON 30	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ RCIA**
TUE 31	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 01	<i>All Saints Day—Parish Office Closed</i> 9:00AM NO Adoration 9:30AM Bible Study+ 6:15PM NO Religious Ed. **	
THU 02	<i>All Souls Day</i> 8:00AM Organ Practice 6:00PM Choir Room in use+++ 7:00PM <u>NO</u> Choir Practice+++ 8:00PM All Souls Reception +	
FRI 03	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 04	8:00AM 8:30AM	Hispanic Committee Mtg** Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 05	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ <i>Hurricane Maria Second Collection</i>

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 30, 2017:

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

LIFELINES: Raising Pro-Life Children: It often takes many decades to correct social injustices and human rights' problems. For example, it took many decades to abolish slavery. Our generation might not see an end to the injustice of abortion. However, the younger generation is becoming increasingly pro-life and it is vitally important that we raise pro-life children. If so, they will one day see our nation becoming one of liberty and justice not just for some, but for all human beings. A baby and, indeed, life itself, is nothing short of a miracle. As faithful Catholics, we should be teaching our children---at every opportunity---that all human beings, at all stages of development, should be cherished, respected, loved and protected at all times. (October pro-lifearticles.org)

CONGRATULATIONS: To Annie Johll the winner of this year's "March for Life" Essay Contest sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee at the Basilica. Annie and her chaperone will travel with "Iowans for Life" to Washington DC for the annual March in January. Thank you to all the students that entered the contest. Many loving insights were shared in the essays on Mercy. Registration is still available for anyone interested in attending the March. Cost and information is found at the Iowans for Life website: <http://www.iowansforlife.org/march-for-life/>.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Went smoothly with lots of positive comments and reactions. There were several conversations that ended on a positive note as well. Thanks to all who participated in this fall campaign. —Basilica Pro-life.

THANK YOU: A huge thanks goes out to the Music Folks for the terrific Pasta Dinner last weekend! Great food and quality entertainment! And an appreciative and humble thank you to all in attendance! We raised \$2700 for the upkeep of the Basilica organ!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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!

Man-Up November "sAint Me?!": Men of central Iowa are invited to the next Man-Up event to be held on Monday, November 6, at Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines. St. Francis of Assisi Parishioner, Scott Froyen will conduct a workshop to help us plan to become a saint. In just an hour, you'll determine where you are as a saint today, and take home an ongoing system for tracking your daily progress. Read up on the book and plan at Froyen's website, saintbuilder.com. Agenda: 5:10-Rosary, 5:30-Mass; 6:10-Food, Drink, Social; 6:45-Program/Discussion. Register today at iowacatholicradio.com 515.223.1150

Ladies' MOSAIC Luncheon: Thursday, November 9, St. Pius X Church, Urbandale. Lunch is on us! This last in the fall series of our popular women's luncheon will feature Marilyn Jerome of Kaplan University presenting "From the Star to the Cross," her personal journey from Judaism to Catholicism. For details go to IowaCatholicRadio.com.

Dinner in December: Friday, December 8, The Tea Room, Downtown Des Moines. Join us for an evening of fellowship and thanksgiving as we continue in our work of helping people *Encounter Jesus*. Preceding the event, all are invited to the 5:30pm Mass at St. Ambrose Cathedral for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, to be celebrated by Bishop Pates. For details go to IowaCatholicRadio.com.

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@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5043.

