

*I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will remain.*

(John 15:16)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord tells us the parable of the vineyard owner in today's Holy Gospel. The son who is killed, is of course, the Lord. If we do not believe in what Christ has taught, then the kingdom will be taken from us and given to others. Let us strive to deepen our faith and grow closer and closer to the Lord.

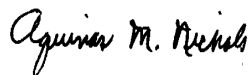
Tickets for our 50/50 raffle are on sale until the drawing in November. The lucky winner will get half of all of the money collected. Thank you for your support of this annual fundraiser.

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 and take some of the financial burden off of our budget. 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

**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:** Many thanks for all the prayers and cards during my total knee replacement surgery and recovery!

Deacon Luke Tieskoetter.



Tickets are on sale this weekend (in the vestibule) for our annual 50/50 raffle. They are \$10.00 each. You can also 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.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER 7 TO OCTOBER 15**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 07</b>	4:00PM	Intentions of the Little Sisters of the Poor
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 08</b>	8:30AM	Intentions of the Maria Nguyen Family
	10:30AM	+Louis Arellano, Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 09</b>	12:00PM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
<b>TUE 10</b>	12:00PM	+Carl & Florence Reelitz
<b>WED 11</b>	12:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
<b>THU 12</b>	12:00PM	+W. E. Lowery
<b>FRI 13</b>	12:00PM	Special Intention
<b>SAT 14</b>	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society, Basilica Seminarians
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Elizabeth Brien
<b>SUN 15</b>	8:30AM	+ Kathryn Mauro
	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:**

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

**ANSWER:** One becomes a member of this people through faith in Christ and Baptism. This people has for its *origin* God the Father; for its *head* Jesus Christ; for its *hallmark* the dignity and freedom of the sons of God; for its *law* the new commandment of love; for its *mission* to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; and for its *destiny* the Kingdom of God, already begun on earth.





*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*October 8, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**OCTOBER 9 THRU OCTOBER 15**

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 09 6:00PM Choir Room in use+++  
 7:00PM Choir Practice+++  
 7:00PM KC 4th Degree Meeting+

TUE 10:00AM Boy's Youth Choir+++  
 10 1:00PM Youth Choir Practice+++  
 4:30PM Columbus Academy Class\*\*  
 6:30PM "Mystery of the Bible" Study Series+

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 11 9:30AM Bible Study+  
 6:15PM Religious Ed. \*\*

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice  
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FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 13 9:00AM Columbus Academy Class\*\*

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##  
 14 9:45AM Altar & Rosary Meeting+  
 11:00AM Quincenera Class\*\*

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+  
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**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 10, 2017:**

**Monday** Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**LIFELINES:** Pro Life Quotes: "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself." ~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~; "A person is a person no matter how small." ~ Dr. Seuss; "Abortion is legal because babies can't vote." ~ Joseph Bonkowski; "All that is required for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing." ~ Edmund Burke.  
 (October 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!

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Altar & Rosary Society will meet after the 9:00am Mass on October 14, in the parish hall. Sue Jansen's band will host. We will discuss plans for the Christmas bazaar in December. If you plan to renew your membership, please do so before October 15 so your name will be included in the membership directory. Any questions or comments, call Chris at 279-6774.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Save The Date:** Dowling Catholic High School is hosting its annual Open House for Prospective Students on Sunday, November 5th from 11:00am-2:00pm. 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!

**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](http://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 DVD 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. **The program will begin at St Catherine of Siena on November 7th.** Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email [moorefamilysm@gmail.com](mailto:moorefamilysm@gmail.com). For more info. visit [www.catholicdivorce.com](http://www.catholicdivorce.com)

**Catholic Youth:** It's DYC time Catholic youth from around the diocese will gather October 22 at the Iowa Events Center to hear internationally known speaker and professor Chris Padgett, worship music and more. Contact your local youth ministry coordinator of Justin White at [jwhite@dmdioocese.org](mailto:jwhite@dmdioocese.org) for details.

**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.

**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@dmdioocese.org](mailto:mirror@dmdioocese.org) or mail to "Ask a Priest," Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.