

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Two widows figure prominently in today's readings. The first offers her last bit of sustenance to a foreigner, a stranger; the second offers an enormous portion of her small worldly wealth to God. They are good examples to us of service to neighbor and of not being attached to the wealth of this world.

The drawing for our 50/50 Raffle will now be on Sunday 02 December after the 10:30 Mass. We need time to sell more tickets. If you have not returned your tickets that were handed out, please do so. You can drop them in the collection basket at Mass or return them to the office. They will also be on sale after the Masses up to that weekend.

The bathrooms in the school are now completed. My thanks to the Selgrade Company for their wonderful work in bringing this project to a happy conclusion. Our thanks also go out to our maintenance engineer Rob and to Larry Chicchelly, who did a lot of work on this project as well.

Our Wine and Cheese Fundraiser last Sunday was a very enjoyable event for all who attended. My thanks for your generosity in supporting this fundraiser, and to Kate Asjes and her crew for putting on such a lovely event.

Let us stay close to the Lord, striving to grow in holiness and helpfulness to those around us.

Devotedly in the Lord,

Agustin M. Neri

Pastor

Basilica of St. John WEEKLY INCOME from: 11/4/18

Total - \$25,192.36

Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

YTD Total - \$296,387.33

YTD Need - \$402,763.52

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$234,000.00

ADORERS ARE NEEDED: We are in need of faith-filled people who would like to share their time with the Lord. Adoration is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. If you would like to sign up to spend an hour with Our Lord, contact Jenifer at 515-244-3101 ext. 204.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: It's time for Holy Family's annual wreath and garland sale! Order your wreath, garland, and swag from any Holy Family student after Mass today. Orders for these items are due November 16. Or call the school at 262-8025 to place your order. This month's donation date for food and paper products is November 14. All students are asked to participate by bringing a canned or boxed food item, and/or a paper product such as toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, diapers, etc. All donations help people in our community who are in need, through the St. Benedict House.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 10 TO NOVEMBER 18
TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

SAT 10 4:00PM +Renney Perry
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 11 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Bill Tegeler

MON 12 12:00PM +Cody Henritz

TUE 13 12:00PM +Tim Raftis

WED 14 12:00PM +Maria Tru

THU 15 12:00PM +Mitchell Kalpakgian

FRI 16 12:00PM +Lucille Molloy

SAT 17 9:00AM +Daminh Khan

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families

SUN 18 8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

**THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:
www.BasilicaofStJohn.org and click on the link...
..... "LIVE TELECAST" tab**

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:

Last week's question: **** What is the mission of the Pope? ****

ANSWER: The Pope, Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Saint Peter, is the perpetual, visible source and foundation of the unity of the Church. He is the vicar of Christ, the head of the College of Bishops and pastor of the universal Church over which he has by divine institution full, supreme, immediate, and universal power.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Joseph Meyer**, who recently passed away. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.



The Basilica of St. John
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 11, 2018

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 12 THRU NOVEMBER 18		
MON 12	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA**
TUE 13	8:45AM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+ Youth Choir+++ H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Faith Formation Class**
WED 14	8:00AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 6:15PM 7:30PM	Catholic School House Classes** Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **+ St. Jude's R.E. **+
THU 15	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Rehearsal+++
FRI 16	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class**
SAT 17	8:30AM 9:00AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Hall in use-All Day Secular Franciscan Meeting**
SUN 18	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pastoral Council Meeting+
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Diocesan Second Collection		
Daily Scripture Readings for the week of November 12, 2018:		
Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6		
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10		
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19		
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25		
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37		
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8		
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32		



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY DECEMBER BAKE SALE:

Bake sale December 1 and 2 after each Mass. Altar and Rosary Society is hosting an all parish bake sale and they are asking for **donations from all parishioners**. Please leave them in the kitchen before the bake sale on Saturday, December 1. Contact Sue at 279-1843 with questions.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DIVORCED? *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide* 12-week group begins December 13th at St. Augustin Parish, 545 42nd St. Des Moines, IA 50312. Meetings are from 6-8 p.m. Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. 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. For information: www.catholicsdivorce.com.

St. Theresa Church Ladies Annual STARS Bazaar: Will be Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. There will be over 20 vendors, Cookie Walk, and lunch available. We will have two seatings for "Breakfast with Santa" at 9:00 am and 10:00 am. Children will have a small breakfast, participate in an activity, and some time with Santa. Seating is limited, so make reservations by calling Mary at 255-2876

Save The Date: Catholic Charities annual "No Room at the Inn" holiday reception is December 7. Join us at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave., in support of the emergency family shelter. For info.: CatholicCharitiesDM.org.

Take24 Young Adult Advent Retreat: All young adults throughout the diocese are invited to Take24 hours away from the hectic nature of their lives to prepare for Advent with a weekend of prayer and discernment at the St. Thomas More Center. Taking place from noon to noon on December 1st and 2nd, the retreat costs \$100. Go to: dmdiocese.org/ministries-and-faith-formation/youth-and-young-adults/young-adult-ministry/take24-retreats-resources

Young Catholic Leaders: "Looking for a way to dive into leadership in the Church? Or for service hours and/or a college application booster? Come be a Young Catholic Leader! YCL will challenge, empower, and accompany teen Catholics in the Diocese of Des Moines to live into the call of Jesus for them to be messengers of the Gospel to their peers. YCL will meet on a handful of Saturdays throughout the calendar year, and will focus on empowering teens to be the change they wish to see in the world. Registration for the year is \$60, and can be found at www.dmdiocese.org/ycl. Email Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org with any questions or concerns."

Contemplative Prayer at Emmaus House: Will have a new day and time. We now meet every Wednesday from noon to 12:45 p.m. We will begin with a Scripture reading, followed by 20 minutes of contemplative prayer. We will continue with spoken intentions, both personal and for the mission of Emmaus House. We will finish by 12:45 p.m. We look forward to having you join us for this time of prayer.

Remember Our Smallest Clients: Catholic Charities is always in need of diapers (size 3-6) and baby wipes at the Outreach Center. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday between 8:30a.m.-4:15p.m. at 1815 Hubbell Ave. in Des Moines. Financial gifts can be made online at CatholicCharitiesDM.org. Call 515-262-7290 if you have questions.

LIFELINES: British Member of Parliament William Wilberforce toiled for many decades to end the scourge of slavery in Britain in the 18th & 19th centuries. He was one of just a few voices to speak out. But after years of dedication, he helped pass a ban on the slave trade. We can take a lesson from Wilberforce. He knew the institutions that supported slavery were strong – Parliament, the commercial sectors. He knew that many people made huge profits from slavery, just as many do today with abortion. He also knew that determination and hard work would educate ordinary people and this movement would grow as a voice for the voiceless...and eventually win. Our struggle in the U.S. to end another injustice has gone on for more than four decades. Polls show many more Americans consider themselves pro-life, especially strong among the young. Just as Wilberforce could not give up after his first major victories, we cannot possibly give up now. As Wilberforce showed, one person can make an enormous difference! We can also do the same. (pro-lifearticle.org)