

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

In a way, it would be simpler to live out the rest of our lives if we knew precisely when all would come to an end. In today's Holy Gospel, Jesus calls us to something more difficult: living that way even if we don't know. We should always be prepared to meet the Lord whenever that will be.

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.

This week there is a second diocesan collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. There will be one Mass at 9:00 a.m. and no Mass at 12:00 noon. The office will be closed Thursday and Friday.

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

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aguinon M. Nichols

Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 11/11/18


Total - \$11,662.25
Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$308,049.58
YTD Need - \$434,961.60

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$231,290.00

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.

 **CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:** The Catholic Youth Choir is off to a great start this year. For those who are interested, they sing at the noon Mass every First Friday of the month here at the Basilica from September through May. The next one is December 7. Please come and pray with us!

SAVE THE DATE: The Catholic Youth Choir Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 pm. Join us for a Festive evening of Song!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 25 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS		
SAT 17	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families Spanish Mass
SUN 18	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Kathryn Mauro Parish & Benefactors
MON 19	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
TUE 20	12:00PM	+Rachel Hanian
WED 21	12:00PM	+Leland Harris
THU 22	9:00AM	<u>Happy Thanksgiving!!</u> +Anna Mae Cropp
FRI 23	12:00PM	+Corrine Graziano
SAT 24	9:00AM	+Gerald Castonguay
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Stella Rose Marasco
SUN 25	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors +Helen Homan




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:

Question: What is the Competence of the College of Bishops?

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

 **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Parents, please mark on your calendar that there will be no school on November 21, 22, and 23 for Thanksgiving break. Also, there will be no A.C.E.S. childcare on these dates, as well. Friday, November 30, is the next \$1 jeans day fundraiser for the missions. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform that day, they must bring \$1 to donate.

Happy Thanksgiving!





The Basilica of St. John
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 19 THRU NOVEMBER 25		
MON 19	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA** Choir+++ Choir Rehearsal+++
TUE 20	8:45AM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+ Youth Choir+++ H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Faith Formation Class**
WED 21	8:00AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 6:15PM	Catholic School House Classes** Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ NO Religious Ed. **+NO St. Jude's R.E.
THU 22	10:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!!</i> NO Catechesis Class NO Organ Practice+++ NO Choir
FRI 23	9:00AM 9:00AM 6:00PM	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> NO Adoration NO H.S. Humanities Class** Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 24	8:30AM 1:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Scarpinato & Flattery Wedding
SUN 25	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Divine Mercy Meeting+
Daily Scripture Readings for the week of November 19, 2018: Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40 Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37		



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
Dinner in December: Join Iowa Catholic Radio on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Embassy Suites, 101 East Locust, Des Moines for a "Dinner in December". 6:30pm-Cocktail hour, 7:15pm-Dinner, 8:00 pm-Keynote speaker: Dr. Ray Guarendi of EWTN's "The Doctor is in." Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 per table of 8. Please RSVP online at IowaCatholicRadio.com/events or by calling 515-223-1150.

St. Catherine's Take-Home Retreat & Reconciliation Service: On Thursday, November 29, 6:30pm, St. Catherine of Siena Parish is offering "Yearning for Incarnation: An Advent Take-Home Retreat & Reconciliation Service." Deb Richards, faith formation director at St. Mary of Nazareth, will lead us in reflection and offer materials to help us continue on our own, during Advent. Her presentation will be followed by an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Registration deadline is Sunday, November 25. Sign up in person or by calling the Office at 271-4747.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: The holidays are coming! Give your spouse the perfect gift, the gift of quality time with you for an entire weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends allow couples private time to focus on their relationship and rediscover the one they fell in love with. Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below, Upcoming dates: March 8-10 LaCrosse, WI; April 12-14 Ankeny, IA; May 3-5 Dubuque, IA. For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 or email jljwwme08@gmail.com.

Drake University's Christmas Madrigal Dinners: Saturday, December 1 (7:00 pm) and Sunday, December 2 (5:00 pm). Drake's Madrigal Dinners are the perfect way to launch your holiday celebrations. Share an evening of great food, music, and laughter with other congenial guests who want to take time away from the holiday bustle to enjoy the essential meaning of the season. Tickets are \$55 per person and include a six-course meal. Tickets are on sale until November 27 and can be purchased online (www.drake.edu/madrigaldinners/) or at the Drake Fine Arts Box Office (515.271.3841). Prepare to be transported to a glorious place and time!

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

LIFELINES: "America you are beautiful and blessed. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life". - Pope John Paul II. • America was founded upon the "self-evident truth" that all humans are endowed with the unalienable right to LIFE. Yet a baby is aborted every 23 seconds in the U.S. Over 4,000 babies are aborted every day. About 60 million babies have been aborted since the decision of Roe v Wade in January 1973. Abortion is truly "America's holocaust". • As a result of Roe v Wade and sister case, Doe v Bolton, America has some of the most liberal laws on abortion in the world, effectively allowing abortion on demand throughout the whole nine months of pregnancy.
 (pro-lifearticle.org)

