

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.*

(John 15:4a, 5b)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel today tells us about the good and faithful servant. Everyone has been given some gifts by God. What differentiates us is the degree to which we use those gifts so they flourish and become an even greater use to those around us. How do we use our gifts to give thanks to God?

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. There will be one Mass at 9:00 a.m. **and no Mass at 12:00 noon.** The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the holiday. Since St. Benedict's Mission is closed, please do not bring any food to be presented at Mass. I would suggest that you bring something to one of the Catholic shelters or pantries to help the poor since we no longer have the Mission.

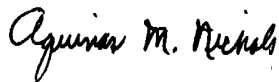
We are still at about 50% of our ADA goal for 2017. There is about \$66,026.41 yet to be paid. Please help us with this obligation. If you have not yet pledged or made a contribution I ask that you do so. This has to be paid one way or the other. Please also keep our elevator project in mind as well as we strive to get this expenditure behind us. We are getting close to our goal.

This weekend there will be a second national collection for The Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Many less fortunate people are helped through the efforts of the Church. Please do what you can to help the less fortunate.

We have surely entered a change of seasons. We are also quickly approaching the holy season of Advent, which will begin in only two weeks. May the Lord, with his grace, also change our hearts, that we may be ever more dedicated to him and to our faith!

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

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 18 TO NOVEMBER 26
TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

SAT 18	4:00PM	+W. E. Lowery	
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass	
SUN 19	8:30AM	Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family	
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors	
MON 20	12:00PM	+All the Saints of the Dinh Family	
TUE 21	12:00PM	+Elizabeth Brien	
WED 22	12:00PM	+Martin Harkin	
THU 23	9:00AM	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> +Rachel Hanian	
FRI 24	12:00PM	+Deery & Robson Families	
SAT 25	9:00AM	+Rachel Hanian	
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Carl & Florence Reelitz	
SUN 26	8:30AM	+ Helen Homan	
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors <i>(Rite of Acceptance)</i>	

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:

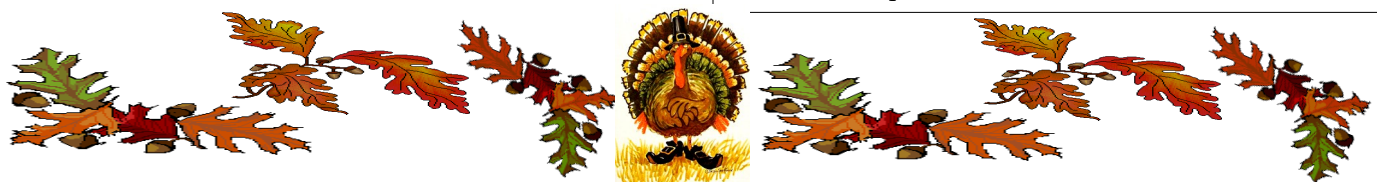
Last week's question:

Who is the Head of this body?

ANSWER: Christ "is the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18). The Church lives from him, in him and for him. Christ and the Church make up the "whole Christ" (Saint Augustine); "Head and members form, as it were, one and the same mystical person" (Saint Thomas Aquinas).



SAVE THE DATE: Altar & Rosary's annual Christmas bazaar is December 2 & 3. For over 30 years this holiday parish fundraiser has been organized and run by the Altar & Rosary Society ... but we rely on parishioners to make it successful. Please plan to bring rummage items (no clothes or shoes) for the second hand or nearly new sale...and bring baked items for the bake sale. On Saturday afternoon from 3-6 pm, there will be beef vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, tamales and maidrite sandwiches to eat in or take out. We also will be selling cinnamon rolls on Sunday and have the food line until 1:30 pm. There will be a quilt raffle and craft tables as well. Invite your family and friends to join us. All proceeds go back to the parish. Questions? Call Chris Killough 279-6774.



The Basilica of St. John
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
NOVEMBER 20 THRU NOVEMBER 26

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 20 5:45PM Choir room in use+++
 7:00PM Choir Practice+
 7:00PM RCIA**

TUE 10:00AM Boy's Youth Choir+++
 21 1:00PM Youth Choir Practice+++
 4:30PM Columbus Academy Class**

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 22 9:30AM Bible Study+
 6:15PM NO Religious Ed. **

THU *Happy Thanksgiving!!*
 23 *Parish Office Closed*
 8:00AM Hall in use



FRI *Parish Office Closed*
 24 9:00AM NO Adoration
 9:00AM Columbus Academy Class**

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
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SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 26 12:00PM Divine Mercy Meeting+

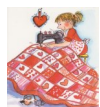
SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room;
 (N) = (North Hall); (S) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of November 20, 2017:

Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

LIFELINES: On November 1 at a Congressional hearing on banning abortions after the baby's heart starts beating, Rep. Steve King showed an ultrasound of a 4 1/2 month preborn baby with a strong heartbeat and moving vigorously in the womb. Everyone in the hearing room **watched the baby on the ultrasound...except the ABORTION activists, who turned their heads and looked away!** —Lifenews, Nov. 1, 2017



QUILT RAFFLE: Thanks to parishioner Sharon Perkins for donating this year's quilt to the Christmas Bazaar. Tickets are available after the Masses in the vestibule or downstairs at coffee and donuts.



The **Required Confirmation Retreat** for second year Confirmation Students will be the weekend of February 23-25 2018. We will be having a fundraising bake sale during the Christmas Bazaar to help cover the cost of the trip. All second year students must participate. We are asking the students and families to donate and prepare baked goods for the sale from 4:30pm- 8:00pm on November 30, in the church kitchen. The students will also need to run the table at the Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, from 3pm-6pm and Sunday after Masses until 1:30pm. If you have questions call Maria Walters at 515-953-9188.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Have you ordered your Christmas wreath yet? You still have time! You may order by calling Holy Family School at 262-8025. Wreaths are \$22 and garland (25 foot) is \$28. Parents, please mark on your calendar that there will be no school this coming Wednesday thru Friday, November 22, 23, & 24 for Thanksgiving break. There will be no A.C.E.S. childcare on these dates, as well.

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Dinner in December: Join Iowa Catholic Radio on December 8 at The Tea Room, 713 Walnut St., Downtown Des Moines, for an evening of fellowship and thanksgiving as we continue in our work of helping people *Encounter Jesus*. Keynote speaker, Dr. David Anders is a Catholic catechist, speaker, and writer living in Alabama, where he hosts EWTN Radio's "Called to Communion" program, which airs 1-2pm weekdays on Iowa Catholic Radio. Social hour begins at 6:30pm; dinner- 7:15pm, Speaker: 8:00pm. Individual tickets-\$50, tables-\$500 (table of 10). Purchase tickets by November 30 at IowaCatholicRadio.com or call 515-223-1150. Reserve your table today!

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Mass: You are invited to the diocese's annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Memorial Mass on November 28 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Church. Bishop Pates will preside at the Mass, which is offered for all families and individuals who have suffered from the loss of a child. A reception will follow the Mass, where resources offering healing and education will be provided. For more information contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life 515-237-5056.

Praying Advent: A four-week Ignatian prayer experience is available during Advent to help notice and connect again with our desires and longing to enter more deeply into our relationship with God. For more information, go to TheEmmausHouse.org. This year we are able to offer this prayer experience both at Emmaus House Spirituality center and "on the road" at four local parishes.

Advent Morning of Reflection: Join us at Emmaus House on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to noon for a morning of prayer and reflection to explore how this Advent season can be a time of "Preparing Our Home for a New Birth" and deepening our relationship with Jesus. Go to TheEmmausHouse.org for details.

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 interested, contact Ashley Raske, Shelter Coordinator, at 515-282-1235 to schedule a night to provide a meal, donate, or sponsor a meal.

