

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

(Mark 11:9, 10)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate today the great Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In today's readings, Jesus turns the view of kingship upside down. We see royalty in today's Solemnity in the least and lowly and pay honor by giving aid to them. We are, by virtue of our baptism a royal people, incorporated into the new life of Christ, our King. Let us live this life to the fullest, being faithful and fervent subjects of Christ the King.

Next weekend begins the holy season of Advent. Let us use the coming weeks in fruitful preparation to celebrate the Lord's birth with great solemnity.

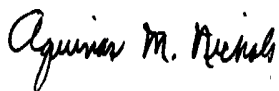
We are still at about 50% of our ADA goal for 2017. There is about \$66,270.59 yet to be paid. Please help us with this obligation. If you have not yet pledged or made a contribution I ask that you do so. This has to be paid one way or the other. Please also keep our elevator project in mind as well as we strive to get this expenditure behind us. We are getting close to our goal.

Soon you will be receiving my annual Christmas appeal giving you a summary of our present financial situation. We are facing a few hurdles at this time of the year and I ask that you be as generous as possible to help us in our present financial challenges

As we approach the holy season of Advent, I wish you many graces and blessings from the Lord. 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



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 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.

***Ladies of the parish and men too: Our Bazaar bake sale needs your goodies! Please plan to bring them on Friday, December 1 during office hours and mark "for Altar & Rosary", put in the kitchen or bring them Saturday to the Rosary Society's Bake Sale Table. Thank you. We appreciate your support!**



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 3

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 25	4:00PM	+Carl & Florence Reelitz
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 26	8:30AM	+Helen Homan
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 27	12:00PM	+All the Saints of the Do Family
TUE 28	12:00PM	Intentions of the Comito Family
WED 29	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ
THU 30	12:00PM	+Lynn Ann O'Leary
FRI 01	12:00PM	+Joan, Jasmine, Jordan Linder
SAT 02	9:00AM	+Millie Deery

		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Danny Papich
SUN 03		First Sunday of Advent
	8:30AM	+ Hoa Nguyen (Peter)
	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: **Why is the Church called the "Bride of Christ"?***

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





The Basilica of St. John
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 26, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 27 THRU DECEMBER 3		
MON 27	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ RCIA**
TUE 28	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:30PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir Practice+++ Columbus Academy Class**
WED 29	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **
THU 30	8:00AM 4:30PM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Kitchen in use-Confirmation Class+ Choir room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 01	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class** <i>Hall set up for Altar & Rosary Christmas Bazaar</i>
SAT 02	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## <i>3-6pm: Altar & Rosary Christmas Bazaar</i>
SUN 03	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ <i>3am-2pm: Altar & Rosary Christmas Bazaar</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 November 27, 2017:		
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4	
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11	
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19	
Thursday	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22	
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33	
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36	
Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37	

LIFELINES: A "Difficult Choice"—Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a "difficult choice." Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother's womb. So, of course, it is "difficult". Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a "difficult choice". If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end his or her life? Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionists to disguise the "difficult choice" that is being made. The baby is made to appear like an invading "blob of tissue". Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being than a precious baby boy or girl inside his/her mother's womb? (Pro-lifearticles.org)



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



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Liam Nguyen, Nicholas Reed, Daleyza Delgado, Jose Cazares Jr., Hailey Ortiz, Francisco Rivera-Alaniz, and Anselme Abumagisha and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Nallely & Raymundo Ascencion & Family, and Kichochi Abdallah & Mwale Mtamba & Family.



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: Advent services will be held each Monday morning at 8:30 in the school gym beginning December 4. Families are welcome to attend as we prepare for Christmas.

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Calling All Young Adults: Novos Young Adults – for young Catholics in their 20s and 30s, married or single -- is gathering this Thursday, November 30 for prayer and socializing. Join us at St. Ambrose Cathedral: confessions at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7 p.m., and a social follows at 8 p.m. Need more details? Contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdioocese.org.

Strengthen Your Marriage: If your marriage is hurting, or if you just want to make a good thing better, check out The Third Option. This is an ongoing support group for couples who are working on a set of tools to help with better understanding, sensitivity and trust. We meet the first and third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Mercy Medical Center's conference rooms in the East Tower.

Faith Resources: Are you looking for faith resources as a source of motivation? Inspiration? Check out the St. Joseph Educational Center at sjeciowa.org. There are blogs, books, articles, videos and more at sjeciowa.org.

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!