

You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ. (Matthew 23:9b, 10b)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel message for today is rather simple: Practice what you preach. Though this saying has been around a long time, we still often have trouble putting it into practice. It is often so much easier to tell others what to do rather than to do it ourselves. Today's Holy Gospel exhorts us to humility so that we may truly do what is expected of us and give good example to others.

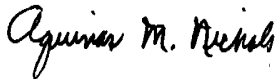
Deacon Joel has been re-assigned by Bishop Pates to St. Pius X Parish. We are grateful for Deacon Joel's time with us and for the faithful service he provided while he was assigned to the Basilica. Jenifer Parsons will now coordinate baptism preparation. Those requiring baptism classes should contact her in the parish office.

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 as soon as possible. Please also keep our elevator project in mind as we strive to get this expenditure behind us.

We have surely entered a change of seasons. 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



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

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: Will be next Saturday, November 11 following the 9:00am Mass. Band # 4 headed by Pam Last (formerly Constance Davitt's band) will host. Please join us for socializing, praying the rosary and planning the Christmas Bazaar. Cooks will be in the kitchen following the meeting to make chicken soup! Questions ...call Chris Killough 279-6774.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: It's time for Holy Family's annual wreath and garland sale! Make sure to order your wreath, garland, and swag from any Holy Family student after Mass. Orders for these items are due November 17. Or call the school at 262-8025 to place your order. The Holy Family school board will meet Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m. at the school.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 4 TO NOVEMBER 12

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 04	4:00PM	+All Saints of the Nguyen Family
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 05	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 06	12:00PM	+Elizabeth Brien
TUE 07	12:00PM	+Jim Brookhart, Jr.
WED 08	12:00PM	+Carl & Florence Reelitz
THU 09	12:00PM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
FRI 10	12:00PM	+Renney Perry
SAT 11	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar Rosary Society, Basilica Seminarians

		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	Intentions of Dan & Marilyn Bradley
SUN 12	8:30AM	+Kathryn Mauro
	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:

In what way is the Church the body of Christ?

ANSWER: The risen Christ unites his faithful people to himself in an intimate way by means of the Holy Spirit. In this way, those who believe in Christ, in as much as they are close to him especially in the Eucharist, are united among themselves in charity. They form one body, the Church, whose unity is experienced in the diversity of its members and its functions.



The Basilica of St. John
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 5, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 6 THRU NOVEMBER 12		
MON 06	9:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ KC Council Meeting+ RCIA**
TUE 07	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:30PM 6:30PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir Practice+++ Columbus Academy Class** "Mystery of the Bible" Study Series+
WED 08	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:00PM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Andrew Dinner+ Religious Ed. **
THU 09	8:00AM 10:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Kitchen in use+ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 10	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 11	8:30AM 9:45AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Altar & Rosary Meeting+
SUN 12	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pro Life 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 6, 2017:		
Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14	
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24	
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33	
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22	
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8	
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15	
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13	



Tickets for our annual 50/50 raffle will be on sale this weekend until the drawing, which takes place after the 10:30 Mass. They are \$10.00 each. You can purchase tickets from Fr. Aquinas or a pastoral council member. The winner receives half of what is collected. You need not be present to win.

ADOPT A PEW: Look at the conditions of our pews—scratched, dull and peeling. We are going to fix that with your help! Please call Larry Chicchelly (515-729-2100), Chuck Ill (515-360-5889) or the parish office (515-244-3101, ext 0) to volunteer your time and talent to God. See the bulletin next week for more details.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Ladies' MOSAIC Luncheon: Thursday, November 9, St. Piux X Church, Urbandale. Lunch is on us! This last in the fall series of our popular women's luncheon will feature **Marilyn Jerome** of Kaplan University presenting "From the Star to the Cross," her personal journey from Judaism to Catholicism. For details go to IowaCatholicRadio.com.

Drake University's Cavalcade of Choirs Concert on Sunday, November 19, 3:00 p.m., will feature all four Drake choruses (showcasing more than 250 singers). The ensembles will perform music in a wide variety of musical styles. The concert will take place in Sheslow Auditorium on the Drake University campus. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted.

Volunteer Opportunity: St. Vincent de Paul is in need of people to help adults improve their reading and math skills. Background in teaching is helpful but not required. Classes are held at our downtown office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00–7:30pm and on the south side on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30–noon. Please call **Andrew Gross at (515) 480-3583** for more information. Our goal is to get them ready for the DMACC HiSET (formerly GED) class.

St. Theresa Church Ladies Annual STARS BAZAAR!: The Annual Altar & Rosary Society Church Ladies Bazaar will be Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00am-3:30pm. There will be over 20 vendors, Cookie Walk, and lunch available. This year should be a great event for everyone - shoppers and vendors alike. Back by popular demand will be "Breakfast with Santa". We will have two seating times of 9:00 am and 10:00 am. Children will have a small breakfast, participate in an activity, and some time with Santa. Photos will be taken. Seating is limited, so please make reservations by calling 515-255-2876. Come shop and bring all your friends.

Prayer & Spirituality: Preparing for Advent Thursday, November 30, 7-9 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Parish Hall. Participate in an evening of learning and prayer with Cindy Shaw, Director of the Emmaus House in Des Moines, as we prepare for the joyful season of Advent. Cindy will share practical ways to grow in your prayer life, as well as provide time for personal reflection. Register at saintfrancischurch.org/adultfaith or call 515-440-1030.

LIFELINES: Raising Pro-Life Children (cont'd): Also, we need to teach children that being pro-life does not only mean opposing abortion. Sometimes, children are born with disease, Down syndrome or some other health issue---and these children are nevertheless all precious gifts from God and are extremely valuable, no matter what. Teaching children to have a pro-life attitude is the indispensable antidote to today's selfish, "me-first" society, with many people more concerned about pleasure or money than the inherent value and dignity of every human life. "A person's a person, no matter how small." Horton Hears a Who! Dr. Seuss. (October-pro-lifearticles.org)