



Show us, Lord, your love, and grant us your salvation. *(Psalm 85:8)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This weekend we begin the holy season of Advent, where we will liturgically prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas. Let us make this a holy time, so that we can truly welcome the Lord into our hearts on Christmas Day. Let us not jump the gun too much, celebrating Christmas before we celebrate this great season of preparation.

The Holy Gospel for today calls us to be vigilant in our lives. The Lord warns us to be prepared and not to be caught suddenly in a trap. Our redemption in Christ is near at hand, so be prepared to stand up and to meet him when he comes.

This coming Saturday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of the United States. It is a holyday of obligation. There will be only one Mass for the Solemnity, at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The rest of the weekend Masses are for the Second Sunday of Advent and thus do not fulfill the obligation of the feast.

Next weekend there will be a second national collection for the retired religious for the United States. This collection goes to support the elderly religious and priests who have served the Church so well in the past. Please do what you can to help.

Let us continue our journey towards the heavenly kingdom, trusting in the Lord's mercy and help. May he bless you in every way!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aguinon M. Nichols
Pastor


WEEKLY INCOME – 11/25/18


Total - \$16,720.55
Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$352,060.35
YTD Need - \$466,357.76

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$224,500.00

 **Are you planning to have your child baptized at The Basilica?** The Diocese of Des Moines requires parents or legal guardians to attend a pre-baptismal class. On Sunday, December 16th from 12:30 to 3:00 there will be a class held in the school for registered parishioners who have not previously attended a pre-baptismal class. To sign-up please contact Deacon Mark at campbell.markh@yahoo.com

 **BASILICA OF ST. JOHN RAFFLE:** The drawing for the winners will be after 10:30 Mass **THIS** Sunday, December 2, 2018. Five winners this year: 1st - 25%, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$100, 4th - \$100, 5th - \$100. Need not be present to win, must be 21 or older to participate, winners responsible for any tax liability. **You can purchase a ticket up until the drawing.**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE DECEMBER 1 TO DECEMBER 9 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS		
SAT 01	4:00PM	+Danny Papich
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 02	8:30AM	+Peter Nguyen Hoa
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 03	12:00PM	+Bill Davis
TUE 04	12:00PM	+Cody Henritz
WED 05	12:00PM	+Joseph Dien Nguyen
THU 06	12:00PM	+Corrine Graziano
FRI 07	12:00PM	+Joseph Nguyet
SAT 08	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Basilica Seminarians
(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	+Kay Davis
SUN 09	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ

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: How do the Bishops carry out their mission of teaching?

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



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Advent services will be held each Monday morning at 8:15 in the school gym during the season of Advent. Families are welcome to attend as we prepare for Christmas.

LOST & FOUND: If you recently lost a key & fob, green gloves or a flip cell phone, please check in the parish office to see if it is yours. Please be ready to describe the item.



The Basilica of St. John
First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 3 THRU DECEMBER 9

MON 03	9:00AM 10:00AM 4:00PM 6:00PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Youth Choir+++ Organ Practice Folk Group Practice## RCIA** KC Council Meeting+
TUE 04	8:45AM 4:00PM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+ Church Tour## NO H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Faith Formation Class**
7:00PM Youth Choir Concert & Reception#+		
WED 05	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 06	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Catechesis Class Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ NO Choir Rehearsal+++
FRI 07	9:00AM 9:30AM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class**
SAT 08	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother	
	8:30AM 9:45AM 9:45AM 9:45AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Reception in Parish Hall Adult Faith Class (RCIA Room)** NO Altar & Rosary Meeting
SUN 09	8:00AM 12:00PM 7:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pro Life Meeting+ Church in use##

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of December 3, 2018:

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

LIFELINES: Many former abortionists are now speaking publicly to warn people about the deceit of abortion and what takes place before, during and after abortions. These former abortion providers have seen the error of their ways and are now staunchly pro-life. Their statements are very revealing: "We can see the child moving rather serenely in the uterus. The child senses aggression in its sanctuary. We see the child's mouth wide open in a silent scream", Dr. Bernard Nathanson M.D. Dr. Nathanson was originally the co-founder of NARAL and was a renowned abortionist who killed over 60,000 babies. He performed his last abortion when he watched it on ultrasound. (pro-lifearticle.org)

ADVENT ANGEL TREE: The Advent Angel Tree is in the ramp area of the church. If you take an Angel from the tree, please purchase the gift, wrap it and return it to the parish hall by Wednesday, December 19 so the items can be distributed to the families on Saturday, December 22. If you have questions, please call Jenifer at 515-681-9368. Thank you!



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Saturday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. After the 9:00am Mass everyone is welcome to stop down in the parish hall to enjoy a light breakfast in honor of the Blessed Mother. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken afterward.

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 244-3101 ext. 204.



CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT: The Catholic Youth Choir concert is this Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm. at the Basilica. Join us in honoring Our Blessed Savior with an evening of song!

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: There will not be an Altar & Rosary Society meeting on Saturday, December 8 due to the Immaculate Conception Holy Day. Jeanne Kelley's band will host coffee and donuts on Sunday.

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.

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.

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.

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.