

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly!

(Colossians 3:15a, 16a)

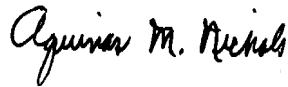
My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

They are the model for us of family life. They lived together in peace, harmony and love. They remain our examples, especially today when the family unit is under attack and attempting to be re-defined according to the dictates of the local culture. Let us strive to preserve our families in the way of life that God intended us to be. Let us pray for our families, especially our children, that our faith may remain strong and pure in the eyes of God.

Let us bask in the glory of this holy season, entering into the great mysteries and joy that the Lord has provided for us.

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME from – 12/16/18

Total - \$62,346.32

Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total rec'd - \$457,424.13

YTD Needed - \$529,952.00

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$197,000.00

2019 CALENDARS: If you would like to pick up a 2019 calendar they are located in the parish hall, on the stand next to the parish office. Please take one per household to ensure everyone has a chance of getting one.




LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, DECEMBER 29 THRU JANUARY 6 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 29 6:00PM Spanish Mass
4:00PM +Maria Caterina Raymond

SUN 30 8:30AM +Maria Nguyen Family
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 31 12:00PM +Clarence Galecki

TUE 01 12:00PM +Christopher Skelton

WED 02 12:00PM +For All Souls

THU 03 12:00PM +Corrine Graziano

FRI 04 12:00PM Special Intention

SAT 05 9:00AM +Elizabeth A. Brien

4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families

SUN 06 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:

Question: *How do Bishops exercise their ministry of sanctification?*

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



SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection **THIS** weekend, **December 29/30**, for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society, Basilica of St. John Conference**. Please donate as you are able for this worthy ministry.



The Basilica of St. John
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 30, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 31 THRU JANUARY 6

MON Parish Office Closed		
31	9:00AM	NO Adoration
	6:30PM	NO RCIA**
TUE Parish Office Closed		
01	No Scheduled Activities	
WED 8:00AM NO Catholic School House Classes**		
02	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
	10:00 AM	Bible Study+
	6:15PM	NO Religious Ed. ***
	7:30PM	NO St. Jude's R.E. ***
THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++		
03	10:00AM	Catechesis of Good Shepherd**
	10:30AM	Organ Practice+++
	5:45PM	Choir Room in use+++
	7:00PM	Choir Rehearsal+++
FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@		
04	9:00AM	H.S. Humanities Class**
SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy###		
05		
SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group%		
06	4:00PM	School of Mary (H)
	5:00PM	Pastor's Open House until 8pm

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory; + = Fr. Mulvihill Hall;
 ## = Church; % = Conference Room; (NH) = (North Hall); (SH) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of December 31, 2018:

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

LIFELINES: How Do We Change Our Culture of Death? Pope John Paul II noted that the structure of man's sin is characterized or manifest on a universal scale in our Culture of Death. He pointed out that the powerful are easily able to manhandle the weak (e.g. abortion and euthanasia). The culture of death is not the result of philosophy or decrepit ethics, or political theory. The culture of death is a result of sin committed freely by persons. Thus it is fundamentally a personal problem, not a political one. So, the battle will not be won solely by a political action or movement, because the battle is not against human beings or arid philosophies, but is a battle against sin: "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens" (Eph. 6:12). (Pro-lifearticles.org)



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Matthew & Stephanie Graham, Sanjuanita & Alberto Marquez, Pamela Black, Laura & Jose Jaime, Marco Rosas.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Finnian Kilcawley and Vanessa Pacheco and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



CONGRATULATIONS: To the following couples who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage: Elizabeth Wadle & Anthony Battani, November 3, 2018; Victoria Scarpinato & Tim Flattery, November 24, 2018; Gregory Reising and Kristina Martell, December 15, 2018.



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.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: School is back in session Thursday, January 3. Classes begin at 8:15 a.m. Welcome back!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Young Catholic Leaders: "Looking for a way to dive into leadership in the Church? Or for service hours and/or a college application booster? Come be a Young Catholic Leader! YCL will challenge, empower, and accompany teen Catholics in the Diocese of Des Moines to live into the call of Jesus; for them to be messengers of the Gospel to their peers. YCL will meet on a handful of Saturdays throughout the calendar year, and will focus on empowering teens to be the change they wish to see in the world. Registration for the year is \$60, and can be found at dmdiocese.org/ycl. Email Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org with any questions."

Bishop Drumm Seeks Volunteers: Bishop Drumm Retirement Center is seeking people like you who want to volunteer their time with one or several of our residents. Some volunteer opportunities include assisting in activities and events, office work, or providing treats for residents. Spiritual health is vital to the life of Bishop Drumm. Volunteer opportunities also include taking Communion to residents in their room, reading at Mass or leading a rosary. All are invited to an informational meeting Sunday, January 27 at 3:00 pm at McAuley Terrace Apartments for a Volunteer Information Meeting and Orientation. RSVP to April Young, Director of Mission Integration at april.young@chilivingcomm.org or 515-270-1100 ext 145.

