

Come after me and I will make you fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Holy Gospel for this Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time recalls the calling of some disciples on the part of Jesus. It is good for us to remember that He calls all of us, and all of us are members of His Body. Thus, it is our responsibility to proclaim to the world what Jesus has imparted to us. We must stand for the truth and be willing to defend our faith.

Here is our monthly report on our financial status:

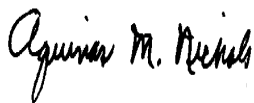
Elevator: Debt of \$166,500.00. This is what remains on our loan.
Foundation: Debt of \$38,500.00 borrowed in January to get caught up with the schools and most of the 2018 ADA.

The 2019 ADA will begin in March. Please plan ahead for this and please pledge as much as you are able to, so we can meet our assessment this year. More on this as we get underway with that assessment in March. We had to pay off \$45,000.00 from last year's ADA which was not pledged. Thus the bulk of the present debt to the Foundation.

It is extremely important that we watch the weekly summary in the bulletin to meet our weekly obligations. Our bills have to be paid in a timely manner. Roughly \$15,000.00 a month must go the schools and also to pay our insurance. The bulletin clearly states what is needed each week in order to stay current with everything. I thank you for your fiscal contributions. It is the responsibility of all of us to keep the parish financially sound.

Let us continue to go forth with faith and trust as we meet the daily challenges of this world, confident that the Lord is always with us.

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 2/3/19

Total - \$23,564.53

Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$660,933.97

YTD Need - \$678,338.56

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$166,500.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2018: \$5,556.00

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 9 TO FEBRUARY 17
TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

SAT 09 4:00PM +Bev Mahon
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 10 8:30AM +Evelyn Bentley
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 11 12:00PM +Ralph & Theresa Marasco

TUE 12 12:00PM +Donna Blaskovich

WED 13 12:00PM +Travis Crouse

THU 14 12:00PM Intentions of Ian & Tamara Steward

FRI 15 12:00PM +Marietta Blanchet

SAT 16 9:00AM +Lucille Molloy

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +Kathryn Mauro

SUN 17 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Peter J. Lakers & Patricia Lakers

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 lay faithful participate in the priestly office of Christ?

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





The Basilica of St. John
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10th, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 11 THRU FEBRUARY 17

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 11 4:00PM Organ Practice
 5:30PM Finance Council Meeting%
 6:30PM RCIA**
 7:00PM 4th Degree KC Meeting+

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 12 10:00AM Youth Choir
 5:00PM H.S. Humanities Class**
 5:00PM Organ Practice+++
 5:30PM Evangelization Meeting+
 6:30PM Divine Mercy Study+

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 13 9:00AM Catholic School House**
 10:00 AM Bible Study+
 6:15PM Religious Ed. **+
 7:30PM St. Jude's R.E.

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice
 14 10:00AM Catechesis Class**
 10:00AM Divine Mercy Study**
 10:30AM Organ Practice+++
 5:45PM Choir Room in use+++
 7:00PM Choir Practice+++

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 15 9:30AM H.S. Humanities Class**

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 16 10:00AM Secular Franciscan Meeting**

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 17 12:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting+

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 10, 2019:

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

LIFELINES: "Life is a Gift From God. The Church's teaching on the dignity of human life is clear. "Human life" states the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." *Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013.* ~~~ "You are called to stand up for life!...You are called to work and pray against abortion."
 ~ John Paul II ~ (pro-lifearicle.org)

BASILICA FUNDRAISER: Iowa Cubs Fundraiser - Volunteers Needed!: Calling all Basilica parishioners to help staff the concession stands at Iowa Cubs home baseball games. We will be helping out at 8 games, April through September. Looking for commitments of 1-2 games. Must be 16 years of age or older. Contact Seth Sojka at seth.sojka@gmail.com or 515-402-9480 if you are interested. All proceeds go to the Basilica of St. John!

END OF YEAR TITHING LETTERS: The 2018 tithing letters (for tax purposes) are available to be picked up in the parish office. Hours are 8am-4pm. If you would like it mailed to you please call and let us know (515-244-3101, ext. 0). *Due to inclement weather please call the office before coming to pick it up.*



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated in each classroom with a party on Friday, February 14. **MATH NIGHT- February 21st - 6:00-7:30pm.** Come and join us for a family fun game night at Holy Family Catholic School's annual Math Night!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Catholic Charities St. Patrick's Gala: Prepare yourself for a unique evening of Irish fun on March 9, 2019, 6-10pm, in support of our community members in need. It will be held at the Ron Pearson Center, 5820 Westown Pkwy, West Des Moines. Plan to show off your finest green threads while courting through themed food stations filled with traditional favors. Specialty drinks, entertainment, and music will conclude your festive experience! This year's Charities Champion honoree is our Emerald Sponsor, Mercy Medical Center. Did you know Mercy was started by the Sisters of Mercy from Ireland?! As Mercy celebrates their 125th Anniversary in Des Moines, we want to show our appreciation for their enduring legacy and support of Catholic Charities! For information, contact Beth Gibbins at bgibbins@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

"Glorify the Lord by Your Lives": Join us on March 30, for the Iowa Catholic Men's Conference. Registration is from 7:30-9:30am, Rosary- 7:30am; Mass- 8:00am; Conference to follow Mass. Adults: \$25, Students: \$15, Seminarians: \$10. At St. Francis of Assisi Church, West Des Moines. Keynote speakers: Deacon Harold Burke Sivers, Deacon Tom Bradley, and Deacon Randy Kiel. Register at IOWACATHOLICRADIO.COM or 515-223-1150.

The Well: 2019 Pre-Lenten Gathering, Searching For and Maintaining Peace: The Well women's ministry invites women of all ages to our 2019 pre-Lenten morning of reflection on Saturday, March 2 at the Diocese of Des Moines Pastoral Center in Downtown Des Moines, Iowa. Join women from across the Diocese and beyond as we spiritually prepare for the Lenten season. Included with registration is Mass, breakfast, praise & worship music, inspirational witnesses by local women, a keynote talk by Katie Patrizio – a nationally esteemed Catholic speaker, and more. Seating is limited, so invite a friend and register today! Visit www.thewelldesmoines.com for registration information.

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 in 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 dmidiose.org/ycl. Email Justin White at jwhite@dmidiose.org with any questions or concerns."