

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

(Matthew 11:25)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

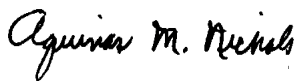
Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scriptures, who challenges us to grow in wisdom and grace. The love and grace of God are eternal, but now are embodied in Christ in new ways. The Gospel of Jesus is a Gospel of grace. The new law which Jesus gives is not a written code, but is the Holy Spirit who works within us to transform us into God's children, adopted into God's family not because of our own merits, but rather out of God's abundant love. This does not mean that the Gospel of Jesus places no demands on us. As today's Gospel reading makes clear, if anything the new law of Christ is more stringent in its demands than the Law of Moses. It calls us to not simply outward conformity, but rather for an inward transformation of the heart in which we are conformed to God's Spirit, who, as St. Paul says in the second reading, scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

We have had to borrow from our Foundation yet again to pay off all of our various obligations to the diocese and stay current with our creditors. Please help us lower the debt to the Foundation. It is listed in the bulletin each week. At least we owe ourselves at this point and not much outside of the parish, except for the continuing elevator payments. These payments are about \$9,000.00 per month. Your continued sacrifices to pay off this debt is also greatly appreciated. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission to be present and to lead others to Christ.

The Finance Council will meet today after the 10:30 a.m. Mass down in the parish conference room.

Let us pray for peace in our world and harmony among all peoples. May the Lord be with you all and bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 581,188.43
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal: ADA for 2016, less outstanding pledges, was paid off by a loan from our Foundation.

DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: \$30,869.00.
Please help us reduce this!

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: This Wednesday, February 15 is the deadline for turning in your Baptismal Certificates. Please turn them into the parish office or bring them to your class on Wednesday. Without these documents your child **will not** be able to make their Sacrament.



SEMINARIAN BOXES: Dear Benefactors I have been remiss in getting this information out to you. Two boxes have been sent to our Seminarians one in September and one in December. Mark McGearry sent a thank you card stating that he is very grateful for your support and prayers. Our Seminarian Robert has returned to El Salvador so we now have three, Mark, Charles and Nicholas. Thank you for your generosity toward these young men and your continuing prayers for them. Your Seminarian Coordinator

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 11 TO FEBRUARY 19

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	Intentions of Ian & Tamara Steward
11	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN	8:30AM	+Peter & Mary Sa Dinh
12	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON		
13	12:00PM	+Anna Suot Bui
TUE		
14	12:00PM	+Donna Blaskovich
WED		
15	12:00PM	+Thanh Tran
THU		
16	12:00PM	Intentions of Steve Risdal
FRI		
17	12:00PM	+Jerry Kluesner & Intentions of Jean Kluesner
SAT		
18	9:00AM	+For all the Saints in the Nguyen Family
	1:00PM	Gibbons/Moellering Wedding
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+ Mel Coppi
SUN		
19	8:30AM	+Anna & Dominic Nguyen
	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:

*What does the Church mean when she confesses:
"I believe in the Holy Spirit?"*

ANSWER: To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third person of the Most Holy Trinity, who proceeds from the Father and the Son and "is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son." The Spirit is "sent... into our hearts" (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God.





The Basilica of St. John
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 13 THRU FEBRUARY 19

MON 13	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ KC 4th Degree Meeting+
TUE 14	10:00AM 1:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir+++ Organ Practice+++ RCIA+
WED 15	9:00AM 9:15AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Pre K Religious Ed.** Religious Ed.**
THU 16	8:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Bell Choir+++ Choir+++
FRI 17	9:00AM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Wedding Rehearsal##
SAT 18	8:30AM 9:00AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy Conference Room in use% Wedding Pictures in the church##
SUN 19	9:00AM 12:00PM 1:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pastoral Council Meeting+ Organ Practice+

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 February 13, 2017:

Monday Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

LIFELINES: Iowa Right to Life: **Senate File 2** passed the Iowa Senate in a vote of 30-20!!! This bill ensures that our tax-dollars will be redirected away from the abortion industry and sent to qualified medical clinics. **Senate File 2** is now expected to move very soon through the **Iowa House!** Let your State Representative know **TODAY** how important it is that they support **Senate File 2** as **more Iowa women will have access to more comprehensive health care choices.** Go to iowa@iowartl.org to find out how to contact your State Representative.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Registration for the 2017-18 school year opens to new Catholic families in the five participating parishes on Thursday, February 23. Please contact the school office for more information. St. Valentine's Day will be celebrated with a party in each classroom on Friday, February 17.



FOUNDATION NOTES: We all have a place in our house or car where we throw loose change. It could go in a cup, a jar, or a tray. Why not take that collection of pennies, dimes, or quarters & give them to St. Benedict's mission or to the Basilica of St. John Foundation?

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Christ the King Retreat: Christ the King is hosting a healing retreat for any couple who has experienced any type of pregnancy or infant loss on Saturday, March 11, 2017. The retreat will run from 9am-4pm (a light breakfast and lunch are provided) and is located in the Parish Pastoral Center, 820 Porter Ave, Des Moines. Childcare is available! There is no cost for the retreat. To register contact Deacon Joel Schmidt at schmidt.joel@gmail.com.

Bilingual Andrew Dinner: Families are invited to learn more about the vocations of priesthood and religious life at a great evening of prayer, good food, and fun with priests from the Des Moines diocese and Bishop Richard Pates. Join us at St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines on Tuesday, February 21 from 5-8 p.m. Please RSVP for dinner by emailing vocations@dmdioocese.org or calling Jessica at 515-237-5051.

The DSM Serra Club: Supports our men and women pursuing a Catholic Vocation, and prays for more Vocations. Learn more about your local Serra Club by attending a dinner with Bishop Pates on Sunday evening February 26th at Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 5:30pm. There is NO COST to attend! Contact Jerry Murphy for details and to RSVP at: 249-6176; wdmurphy5@gmail.com.

Catholic Women's Conference, The Promise of My Father: Register now for the 2017 Catholic Women's Conference being held **Saturday, February 25th** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The program begins at 9:00am, preceded by Mass, and Rosary at 7:00am. Don't miss this all-day event focused on the Holy Spirit. Three amazing speakers; keynote speaker Father Cedric, world renowned speaker Barbara Heil, and Andy LaValee who will give a talk on prayer and fasting. The cost is \$30 per person and it includes lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith and to invite a friend. Consider buying a ticket for someone else! Register Now at IowaCatholicRadio.com, visit us on Facebook or call (515) 223-1150.

Catholic Men's Conference, Faith for the Journey: Register now for "Faith for the Journey," the 2017 Catholic Men's Conference being held on **Saturday, March 25** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Registration starts at 7:00am, program at 8:00am, and Mass at 8:30am. Don't miss this all-day event. Four exciting speakers are lined up; Karlo Broussard, Matt Halbach, Jon Leonetti and Father Rick Wendell. For more information and registration go to IowaCatholicRadio.com, visit us on Facebook or call (515) 223-1150. The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith. Be sure to invite a friend!

