

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. (Luke 6:23ab)

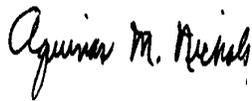
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

St. Luke's account of the Beatitudes, unlike St. Matthew's, balance the "blessed" sayings with others beginning with "woe." The woes of the world, according to Jesus in St. Luke's Gospel, come when we place our trust in that which is not of God. It is said that this teaching of Jesus is the blueprint for our lives. We should meditate upon them and try to put them into practice to the best of our ability.

I would once again like to ask you to keep the benefactors of our new statues and altar candles and crucifix in your prayers. Their generosity has enhanced the beauty of our Basilica, and focuses our attention on the protection of the great Archangels. The response to the additions has been overwhelmingly positive. My thanks to our maintenance director, Rob, for the crafting of the beautiful stands for the statues as well. As I mentioned Sunday at the blessing, the statuary for the church is now complete with these additions.

Keep warm during these cold February days. Lent and Spring will be here before we know it. May the Lord bless you all in every way.

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 2/10/19

Total - \$21,101.90

Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$682,115.87

YTD Need - \$699,536.64

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$166,000.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2018: \$5,556.00

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!

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 24**

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS		
SAT 16	4:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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SUN 17	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Peter J. Lakers & Patricia Lakers
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MON 18	12:00PM	+Art Whipple
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TUE 19	12:00PM	+Fr. Dominic Nguyen Nghia
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WED 20	12:00PM	+Charles Gilmore
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THU 21	12:00PM	Intentions of Charlotte Brien
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FRI 22	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ
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SAT 23	9:00AM	+Bill Tegeler
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	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Art Whipple
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SUN 24	8:30AM	Thanksgiving to God for blessings received-Randy & Cindy Tran
	10:30AM	+Parish & Benefactors

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:

Last week's question: * **How do the lay faithful participate in the priestly office of Christ?***

ANSWER: They participate in it especially in the Eucharist by offering as a spiritual sacrifice "acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5) their own lives with all of their works, their prayers, their apostolic undertakings, their family life, their daily work and hardships borne with patience and even their consolations of spirit and body. In this way, even the laity, dedicated to Christ and consecrated by the Holy Spirit, offer to God the world itself.





The Basilica of St. John
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17th, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK FEBRUARY 18 THRU FEBRUARY 24		
MON 18	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA**
TUE 19	8:00AM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Youth Choir H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Divine Mercy Study+
WED 20	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 6:15PM 7:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Catholic School House** Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **+ St. Jude's R.E.
THU 21	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Catechesis Class** Divine Mercy Study** Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 22	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class** Hispanic Baptism Class**
SAT 23	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Confirmation Retreat-All Day-**,##, +
SUN 24	8:00AM 12:00PM 2:00PM 6:30PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Divine Mercy Meeting+ Oblate Meeting+ Church in use##

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 18, 2019:

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: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49

LIFELINES: The US has lost about 1.2 million soldiers in all of its wars since the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Since 1973, we have killed about 50 times as many pre-born babies. Abortion has cost the US about 120 times as much as all American wars have. Who could have predicted this wide scale slaughter of innocent life? Who would have guessed that abortion would be de-criminalized, protected by governments, proudly promoted & funded by governments & corporations? Who would have thought that churches would remain silent, that school officials can & do send minors for abortions without parental consent? Who would have guessed that the media moguls would despise & oppose all who come to the defense of innocent life? How did we get to this position? How did we become so callous & how can "civilized" people consider their God given children as disposable? Why do we not do more to prevent abortion? Lord, have mercy on us. (Pro-Life Articles)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE- for Lent, this year is March 6, 2019 - April 14, 2019. It's biblical, prayerful and peaceful and meant to bring an end to the crisis that is hurting women, dividing families, and dehumanizing the most innocent among us. The crisis is abortion, which has become the leading cause of death in the entire world, where 42 million unborn children die every year; that's 1.2 million in the US alone. They don't happen in the white house, but in our communities around the corner from our homes, schools and churches. Because of the 3/4 of a million people that have participated in 40 Days for Life, communities have come together and dozens of PP workers have quit, facilities have shut down and babies lives have been saved. You can end abortion right where you live. Join the Basilica at the Army Post location on March 22nd, or the Drake location on March 29th. You can sign up after Mass in the back of the church or text Mary at 515-975-2534. Thank you~~Basilica Pro-life Group

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: Holy Family's annual Math Night will be held Thursday, February 21, 6:00-7:30pm. Families will get to play fun games together. Many fun prizes will be awarded. Bring the whole family for a night full of fun, learning, and prizes! School will dismiss at 1:00pm on February 22. Please be at the school to pick up your child at 1:00pm, or make arrangements with the ACES program so that your children will attend after school childcare.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

Seminary Visits Planned: If you've been thinking about whether you're called to be a priest, take the time to visit a seminary and talk with our seminarians. Father Ross Parker is taking men ages 16-24 to visit St. John Vianney Seminary in Minnesota Feb. 14-16 and Conception Seminary in Missouri April 6- 8. Contact Father Ross at vocations@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5050 and tell him you'd like to come along!

Fanning the Flame: Registration is open for the March 9 retreat Fanning the Flame at St. Thomas More Center, a day of prayer, reflection and fellowship oriented toward identifying the movements of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The retreat will be particularly helpful for 9th & 10th graders preparing for confirmation. Contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org 515-237-5098 for details.



OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?