

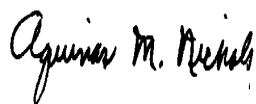
*I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you. (John 13:34)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Someone commented once on today's Gospel: Is Jesus crazy? Love enemies, pray for and do good to those who hurt or hate us? These are not our normal inclinations when we are hurt or hated. But Jesus practiced what he preached to a heroic degree. He did not return spit upon spit, nor curse when cursed, or resist arrest. He reattached the ear of the slave when Peter cut it off. By becoming human he shows us another way to negotiate the real world. While he might be seen as crazy from our perspective, from God's perspective the way of Jesus is the way to salvation. His words reflect how God treats us when we become enemies by rejecting God's ways. His way? "Do unto others as God does unto you!"

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 – 2/17/19**

**Total - \$17,335.34**

**Need - \$21,198.08**

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

**YTD Total - \$699,451.21**

**YTD Need - \$720,734.72**

**REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$165,500.00**

**REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2018: \$2,726.00**

**DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$27,500.00**

**BAPTISM CLASS:** 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 formation. If you are registered parishioner who wishes to have your child baptized at the Basilica and have not previously attended a pre-baptismal class our next event will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00pm. For more details please contact Deacon Mark at [campbell.markh@yahoo.com](mailto:campbell.markh@yahoo.com)



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 23 TO MARCH 3**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT</b>	4:00PM	+Art Whipple
<b>23</b>	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	Thanksgiving to God for blessings received-Randy & Cindy Tran
<b>24</b>	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON</b>	12:00PM	+Deceased Members of Deery/Robson Families
<b>TUE</b>	12:00PM	+Paul & Fan Marasco
<b>WED</b>	12:00PM	+Donna Blaskovich
<b>THU</b>	12:00PM	+Bob Kharouf
<b>FRI</b>	12:00PM	+Marietta Blanchet
<b>SAT</b>	9:00AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Carolyn Brunk
<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>03</b>	10:30AM	+Travis Crouse

**THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:**  
**[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

*Question: How does the laity participate in the prophetic office?*

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

**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 (244-3101, ext.0). Due to inclement weather please call the office before coming to pick it up.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 24th, 2019*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**FEBRUARY 25 THRU MARCH 3**

MON 25	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA**
TUE 26	8:00AM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Youth Choir H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Divine Mercy Study+
WED 27	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 28	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 01	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class** Hispanic Baptism Class**
SAT 02	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 03	8:00AM 9:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Hispanic Marriage Retreat** Confirmation Class**+ Rite of Sending-RCIA##

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 25, 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:** Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in America, is funded in large part by your hard earned tax dollars. In 2012, Planned Parenthood performed 327,166 abortions while collecting well over half a billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers. That is according to its own Annual Report and works out to an average of one abortion every 94 seconds! In addition to Planned Parenthood's abortion business, it uses this money to promote, advertise and market the "benefits" of abortion, including partial birth abortion. Take a stand against Planned Parenthood and this horrible misuse of public funds. Let your voice be heard! Please let your Senator know that you do not want your money spent on the abortion industry. (pro-lifearticle.org)

**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. Abortions happen 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, 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 vestibule or you can text Mary at 515-975-2534. Thank you~~Basilica Pro-life Group

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** An informational meeting will be held for all parents who are interested in their child attending Holy Family School's Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in the 2019-2020 school year. This meeting will be held in the school gym on Thursday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m. Admission procedure, financial aid, immunization requirements, curriculum, and the school mission will be shared at this event. Please call the school at 262-8025 to register for this very important meeting. Friday, March 1, is the next \$1 jeans day fundraiser for the missions. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform that day, they must bring \$1 to donate. Holy Family Catholic School is looking for Substitute Teachers, if you can substitute please call the school to set up a meeting.

**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 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 and more. Seating is limited, so invite a friend and register today! Visit [www.thewelldesmoines.com](http://www.thewelldesmoines.com) for registration information.

**Fried Chicken Dinner:** St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Norwalk is having a chicken dinner with all the fixings on March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 11am – 3pm. Cost is \$10-Adults, \$5-Children 6-12; Free for children 5 & under. All are welcome. Join us at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk, IA 50211.

**"Glorifying God by Your Lives" Iowa Catholic Men's Conference** invites you to their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Conference on March 30, 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi in West Des Moines. This day features National speaker and author, Deacon Harold Burke Sivers, Deacon Randy Kiel, psychotherapist and counselor, and Deacon Tom Bradley, spiritual director and retired Army COL. Bishop Pates will join in a panel discussion with the presenters on "Being Called and Sent". In addition, a Spanish tract features Ambiorix Padilla, an internationally known speaker. Tickets can be purchased on-line. For information and to purchase tickets: [iowacatholicmensconference.com](http://iowacatholicmensconference.com) or [iowacatholicradio.com](http://iowacatholicradio.com).

**Iowans for LIFE:** Get ready for great theater. A Clash of Creeds is a conversation between three historic figures of the 20th Century: Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, Ayn Rand, author of Atlas Shrugged, and St. Teresa of Calcutta, founder of the Missionaries of Charities. To this day, their creeds clash in the public square, houses of worship, and even our families. A Clash of Creeds is presented in their own words, and moderated by one of the 20th Century's great wits and intellects, GK Chesterton. Performances are scheduled for February 24 and March 3. Visit [IowansForLIFE.org](http://IowansForLIFE.org) for specific locations and times.

**CYC Registration:** Open Registration for Catholic Youth Camp is underway. More than 1,400 young people went to CYC last summer to pray, learn about the Catholic faith and have fun in the outdoors. For more information about this weeklong summer camp, go to [stmcenter.com](http://stmcenter.com).