

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him. (Matthew 17:5)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

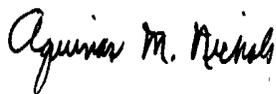
This Second Sunday of Lent focuses our attention on the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus is transfigured before a few of his disciples, to strengthen their faith that they might persevere through his trial and death, and behold the glory of the resurrection of the Lord. We too are called to persevere through the trials and tribulations of life, trusting that what the Lord has promised will also be brought to fulfillment for us. During this Lenten Season let us turn our attention more and more to the things of the Lord and pay less attention to the distractions of this world.

Please keep in mind our Building Fund and the on-going payments for our elevator debt. Both need attention to keep us financially secure. There are many constant repairs and projects which we need to attend to keep our buildings in good condition. Also, we have a debt to our Foundation that needs to be paid back. Our weekly collection has not been meeting our expenses and so we had to borrow from our Foundation to keep current with our obligations. During the holy Lenten Season let us sacrifice for the sake of the Lord and His Church and for the good of the parish.

Remember our Fish Fry suppers on Friday, followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction. These are wonderful opportunities to both support the parish and to grow closer to the Lord.

May God's grace always grow in your hearts! May the Lord grant you a Lent full of His grace and peace so that we may celebrate Easter with great joy!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 736,646.93
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION:
\$15, 529.00. Please help us pay this off!**



ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS: Our Lenten fish fry dinners are from 4:45pm – 6:45pm, every Friday through March 23.

LENTEN MEDITATION IN SONG: Please join us Friday, March 9 after the Stations of the Cross for a prayerful Seven Last Words Meditation in song. This will be presented by the Seraphic Singers and Bosco Boys, two of the Catholic Youth Choir ensembles. It will last approximately one half hour from 7:40-8:10 pm.

ALTAR & ROSARY MARCH MEETING UPDATE: Altar & Rosary will **NOT** meet on Saturday, March 10th for Bingo or other business due to Communal Penance taking place that day. Band #2 will host coffee and donuts on March 11.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 24 TO MARCH 4

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 24	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 25	8:30AM	+Kathryn Mauro
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 26	12:00PM	+Mary Dorsett
TUE 27	12:00PM	+Bob Kharouf
WED 28	12:00PM	Intentions of Dien Nguyen
THU 01	12:00PM	+Rich Hutton
FRI 02	12:00PM	+Lynn A. O'Leary
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT 03	9:00AM	+Rachel Hanian

	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Carl & Florence Reelitz
SUN 04	8:30AM	+W.E. Lowery
	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:

Last week's question:

****How does one commit oneself to work for the unity of Christians?****

ANSWER: The desire to restore the unity of all Christians is a gift from Christ and a call of the Spirit. This desire involves the entire Church and it is pursued by conversion of heart, prayer, fraternal knowledge of each other and theological dialogue.





The Basilica of St. John
Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 26 THRU MARCH 4

MON 26	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration@ RCIA**
TUE 27	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:30PM 6:00PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir Practice+++ Columbus Academy Class** Hispanic Room in use**
WED 28	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **
THU 01	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 02	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:30AM 4:45PM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class** Church Tour Lenten Fish Fry until 6:45pm
SAT 03	8:30AM 11:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Quincenara Class
SUN 04	8:00AM 10:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Confirmation Class+

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 26, 2018:

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 or Year A for the First Scrutiny at 10:30 Mass: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

LIFELINES: "Protecting Human Life is the Cornerstone of Catholic Social Teaching." "The abortion conflict has never simply been about repealing Roe v. Wade. And the many pro-lifers I know live a much deeper kind of discipleship than "single issue" politics. But they do understand that the cornerstone of Catholic social teaching is protecting human life from conception to natural death. They do understand that every other human right depends on the right to life. They did not and do not and will not give up – and they won't be lied to." Archbishop Charles J. Chaput O.F.M (pro-lifearticles.org)

FOUNDATION NOTES: An endowment (foundation) consists of funds or property that is donated to an institution for a source of perpetual income. The assets of the Basilica of St. John Foundation (now near \$700,000) are not intended to be touched, but rather, the interest and dividends of the assets are to be used to support future on-going financial needs. Please consider a gift to the Basilica of St. John Foundation.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Holy Family students and staff attend weekly Lenten Services each Monday in the school gym at 8:15 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Would like to extend a huge thank you to the parish for your participation in the InnerVisions Baby Bottle Campaign! The final tally is in and we raised over \$3700.00 here at the Basilica for the InnerVisions HealthCare! This will go a long way in helping the women and babies who are served by the compassionate medical staff at InnerVisions HealthCare on a daily basis. God bless you and your generosity! *If you still have a baby bottle at home you may drop it off at the parish office.*

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Shroud Encounter: Experience the mystery of the Shroud of Turin – the possible burial cloth of Jesus – and view a life-size replica at St. Mary of Nazareth on Saturday, March 3 at 7pm. Free admission, but tickets are required due to limited seating. Get tickets and more information at www.stmarysdsdm.org.

Faith Resources: Are you looking for faith resources as a source of motivation? Inspiration? Check out the St. Joseph Educational Center at sjeciowa.org. There are blogs, books, articles, videos and more at sjeciowa.org.

Part Time Director of Music: Assumption of the BVM Parish in Granger is seeking a part time Director of Music and Liturgy. The ideal candidate has extensive knowledge of and passion for Catholic music and liturgy, along with a desire to continue to learn and grow in his/her faith. BA in Music and experience in choral directing preferred, but will consider candidates with equivalent experience. This position requires regular weekend and evening work, approximately 10 hours per week. Interested applicants should send their resume to Rev. Fr. Dominic Assim at dominic.assim@assumptiongranger.org.

Save the Date: Are you are responsible for the care of another person? If so, you are invited to the St. Joseph Educational Center's spring event on Saturday, April 14th from 8:00am-12:00pm at St. Boniface Church in Waukee. *Keeping Your Own Cup Full: Self-care for Caregivers* will be a workshop focused on the importance of self-care and how it helps you provide better care for others. This FREE workshop will include two keynote speakers, choice of one breakout session, light refreshments and a comedian. To register, visit sjeciowa.org and click on EVENTS.

The Drake Choir and Chamber Choir: Invite you to their pre-tour concert on Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., in Sheslow Auditorium on Drake's campus. The concert, on the eve of the choir's tour of Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana, will feature music by contemporary American, Korean, and Lithuanian composers, as well as works by Rheinberger, Handel, and Finzi. There is no admission charge.

Job Opportunity- At St. Mary of Nazareth: We are seeking an individual to work approximately 20 hours per week. Must be able to take initiative, communicate effectively, and work independently. Job responsibilities: Routine cleaning of the church building, offices, and parish hall. Deep cleaning, as needed, in all buildings. General set-up for meetings, Faith Formation classes, and weekend/daily Masses. To apply, resumes may be sent to the parish office. For information please call the parish office at 515-276-4042, stmarysdsdm.org