

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. (Luke 4:18)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us thank Msgr. Beeson for his generous service in my absence. It is a privilege to have him doing his priestly ministry here at the Basilica during these days. Please pray for him and for all priests that we may have the strength to carry on our priestly burdens for your sake and the sake of the Church.

May the Lord continue to bless you!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Pastor 

WEEKLY INCOME – 1/27/19

Total - \$ 9,720.04

Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$637,369.44

YTD Need - \$657,140.48

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$173,000.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2018: \$5,556.00

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 class. On Sunday, February 3rd from 1:00 to 4:00 there will be a class held in the school for registered parishioners who have not previously attended a pre-baptismal class. To sign-up please contact Deacon Mark at campbell.markh@yahoo.com

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.*

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 2 TO FEBRUARY 10**

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 02 4:00PM +Sharon Mahoney

6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 03

8:30AM Parish & Benefactors

10:30AM +Clarence Galecki

MON 04

12:00PM Special Intention

TUE 05

12:00PM +Sr. Ramona Ewen, O.S.B.

WED 06

12:00PM +W.E. Lowery

THU 07

12:00PM +Jim Colosimo

FRI 08

12:00PM +Marguerite Claerhout

SAT 09

9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary & for the Basilica Seminarians

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM +Bev Mahon

SUN 10

8:30AM +Evelyn Bentley

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: ***What is the vocation of the lay faithful?***

ANSWER: The lay faithful have as their own vocation to seek the Kingdom of God by illuminating and ordering temporal affairs according to the plan of God. They carry out in this way their call to holiness and to the apostolate, a call given to all the baptized.





The Basilica of St. John
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3rd, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 4 THRU FEBRUARY 10

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 04 4:00PM Organ Practice
 6:30PM RCIA**
 6:30PM KC Council Meeting+

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 05 10:00AM Youth Choir
 5:00PM H.S. Humanities Class**
 5:00PM Organ Practice+++
 6:30PM Divine Mercy Study+

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 06 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
 07 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@
 08 9:30AM H.S. Humanities Class**

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 09 9:45AM Altar & Rosary Meeting+
 10:00AM Carmelite Meeting**
 5:00PM Hall in use-Columbus Academy+

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 10 12:00PM Pro Life Meeting+

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 4, 2019:

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

LIFELINES: Dr. Bernard Nathanson on Why He Stopped Doing Abortions-- "I ran the largest abortion clinic in the world for 2 years. I had no conflicts whatsoever at the time I was doing the abortions. I changed my mind because the new scientific data which we were getting from advanced technology persuaded me that we could not indiscriminately continue to slaughter what was demonstrably a human being." Interview with Bernard Nathanson, M.D., 1986 (the most infamous abortionist in history). (pro-lifearticle.org)

DIVINE MERCY: The "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told" study, begins this week. The Tuesday evening session begins February 5 at 6:30pm until 8:00pm. This session will be held in the parish hall. The Thursday morning session begins February 7 at 10:00am until 11:30am and will be held in the RCIA room in the school. Guidebooks can be paid for at the first class. Cost is \$20.00. If you would like to sign up, there is still time prior to the start of each session. If you have questions, please call Jenifer at 244-3101 ext. 204.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Registration for the 2019-20 school year opens to new Catholic families in the five participating parishes on February 13. Contact the school office for more information.

ALTAR & ROSARY FEBRUARY MEETING: The Altar & Rosary Society will meet Saturday, February 9 following the 9:00am Mass. The meeting and coffee and donuts will be hosted by Band #4 (Linda Murphy, Band Leader). We will have our bag/purse exchange this month since we were snowed out last month! Questions? Call Chris 279-6774.

COME AND PRAY--the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Every Sunday Before 10:30 Mass. Shortly before the outbreak of World War II, a simple, uneducated young Polish nun received a special call. Jesus tells her He is sending her with His mercy to the people of the whole world, "tell the world about My mercy and My love." (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, #1074). We will be praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Sunday at 10:00(before the 10:30 Mass) until Divine Mercy Sunday on April 28. Come and pray this Chaplet for God's mercy "on us and on the whole world".

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Celebrate Valentine's Day Early: On February 8th there will be a social and presentation from Dr. Sheryl Overmyer, Associate Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University, on how *Charity Changes Everything: How Christian love takes shape in marriage and singleness*. The event will be held at the Sherwood Forest Event Center, 7400 Hickman Road, Windsor Heights. Doors will open at 6:30pm and the event starts at 7pm. Drinks will be available with purchase. Parish childcare is available with RSVP. Contact Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or astorey@dmdiocese.org to register for childcare.

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

Victim Assistance Advocate The diocese encourages anyone with allegations of abuse by clergy to contact their local police department or diocesan Victim Assistance Advocate Sam Porter at advocate@dmdiocese.org, Sam.Porter@polkcountyiowa.gov or call 515-286-2015. He can assist the person with making a complaint, and with receiving support and counseling services.

Drake Choir: Invites you to a benefit concert on February 16 (7:30 pm) in support of their May 2019 international tour. The concert in Sheslow Auditorium will feature individual performances of vocal jazz, Broadway tunes, opera, pop, and folk music, as well as a variety of choral works. Tickets are \$25 for non-students and \$5 for students of any age and can be obtained at drake.edu/choralperformances or at the door. For further information, email aimee.beckmann-collier@drake.edu.

