

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases. (Matthew 8:17)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The trials of Job led him to an even deeper insight into the ways and wisdom of God. When life presents us with difficulties, we can also step back in faith, and search more deeply into God's will. The Holy Gospel today shows us the power of Jesus, and his willingness to use that power for the good of others as He went about curing the sickness and struggles of afflicted individuals. What do we do to help those who are struggling with various crosses in their lives?

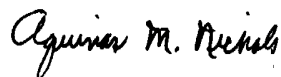
I ask you, PLEASE! Do not leave Mass early unless it is an emergency. We should be willing to give the Lord this time each week. The Mass ends after the recessional hymn. Especially at the Saturday evening Mass, a mass exodus right after Holy Communion has been taking place for some time. This is not a reverent way to give thanks to God right after receiving his Body and Blood, and then walking out the door. Please! Let us break this unacceptable custom that has been growing in the past year! It gives scandal to our young people and our visitors.

Please also 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.

As we approach the holy season of Lent, plan ahead for your Lenten penances, and also for our Fish Fry suppers, followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction. These are wonderful opportunities to grow closer to the Lord.

May God's grace always grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$10,030.58 is owed for the ADA. Please help us pay this off!

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 668,403.90
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

Automatic withdrawal can be set-up with the Basilica of Saint John at any point. Please call the business office for more help and information if needed. (515) 244-3101, ext. 205. (Remember the Basilica of Saint John in your will).



ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS: Our annual fish fry dinners will begin on Friday, February 16, from 4:45pm – 6:45pm.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Registration for the 2018-19 school year opens to new Catholic families in the five participating parishes on Wednesday, February 7. Please contact the school office for more information.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 11

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 03	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 04	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Lynn A. O'Leary
MON 05	12:00PM	Intentions of Ryan & Katie Welch
TUE 06	12:00PM	+Martha Binkerd Gass
WED 07	12:00PM	+Maria Nguyen
THU 08	12:00PM	+Cody Henritz
FRI 09	12:00PM	+Jeff Castner
SAT 10	9:00AM	+Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary; Basilica Seminarians
	----- (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Gary Kiernan	
SUN 11	8:30AM	+Mary Sang Dinh
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn

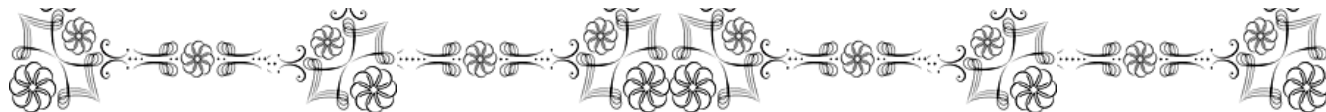
<http://basilica.churchcastonline.com> *(live from your computer)*

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:

*Question: **How are non-Catholic Christians to be considered?***

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.





The Basilica of St. John
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 5 THRU FEBRUARY 11

MON 05	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration@ RCIA**
TUE 06	10:00AM 1:00PM 4:30PM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir Practice+++ Columbus Academy Class** Hispanic Room in use** Bible Study**
WED 07	9:00AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **
THU 08	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 09	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 10	8:30AM 9:00AM 9:45AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Columbus Acad. Parent/Teacher Mtg** Altar & Rosary Meeting+ Carmelite Meeting **
SUN 11	8:00AM 10:30AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ "Rite of Sending" for RCIA Group## Pro Life Meeting+

SIGN INDICATORS
 +++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room;

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 5, 2018:
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

LIFELINES: We Must Unite Our "House" Divided:
 Our Popes and Bishops have made it abundantly clear that abortion is "intrinsically evil" and the "preeminent issue" for Catholics. This means that Catholics must assign absolute top priority to oppose this evil: "...the obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has special claim on our consciences and our action." Cardinal Justin Regali. This brings to mind James 2:20: "... O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" The Catholic faith is not a social club; therefore we must accept all of her teachings or be complicit in breaking God's rules. Aren't we supposed to be "one holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church"? This is America 2018 when we have many Catholic politicians who see and promote child-killing as "health care." This is simply inexcusable! We, as faithful Catholics have a duty to replace these so-called leaders who are complicit in maintaining our "culture of death."
pro-lifearticles.org

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Allison & Fletcher Christy, Nathaniel Hill, Suzanne Zajic, Elizabeth Wadle, Anthony Battani.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: Our next meeting is Saturday, February 10 following the 9:00am Mass. Chris Killough's Band #3 will host and do coffee and donuts on Sunday.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ART CONTEST: Catholic Daughters Des Moines Court is seeking entries for the annual art contest which must be submitted by February 8. This is for school children, elementary thru high school. Contact Chris Killough 279-6774 for details.

The Required Confirmation Retreat for second year Confirmation Students will be the weekend of February 23-25, 2018. Students will be responsible for raising the funds. All second year students must participate. If you have questions call Maria Walters at 515-953-9188.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bishop Pates issues "Call" to the Diaconate: "Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you are. BELIEVE what you read, TEACH what you believe and PRACTICE what you teach." (From the Rite of Ordination). Any Catholic man who is interested in the vocation of deacon, is invited to attend one of the information nights being held throughout the diocese: January 29, 2018, 7pm at St. Francis in West Des Moines; February 1, 2018, 7pm at St. Patrick parish in Council Bluffs; February 5, 2018, 7pm at St. Bernard in Osceola; February 8, 2018, 7pm at All Saints in Stuart. If the man is married, his wife is also invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life: This Sunday, we celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life, highlighting the gift of consecrated people to the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them!

Strengthen Your Marriage: If your marriage is hurting, or if you just want to make a good thing better, check out The Third Option. This is an ongoing support group for couples who are working on a set of tools to help with better understanding, sensitivity and trust. We meet the first and third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Mercy Medical Center's conference rooms in the East Tower. The next meeting is February 5.

Young Adult Retreat: Take time this Lenten season to focus on God's healing and renewal in your life. Be a part of Repent, a February 24-25 retreat for those in their 20s and 30s. For questions or registration information, contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdioocese.org or 515-237-5098.

We need snacks! If your group, company or family is looking to do something good this Advent season, consider something as simple as bringing a few snacks to Catholic Charities' homeless shelter. The shelter, (formerly known as St. Joseph's) is always in need of meal providers, as well as yogurt, string cheese, and protein items for night time snack. If you are interested, contact Ashley Raske, Shelter Coordinator, at 515-282-1235 to schedule a night to provide a meal, donate, or sponsor a meal.

CSM Trivia Night: Save the Date for The Center for Social Ministry's annual Trivia Night will be Sat., Feb. 24, at the Catholic Pastoral Center. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with social time, a full dinner, drinks and trivia! Round up a team of 8 family members, friends or fellow parishioners for an evening of food, fun and trivia. For more information visit www.centerforsocialministry.org (upcoming events) or contact 515-782-3054 or centerforsocialministry@gmail.com.