

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

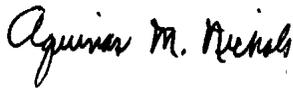
My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today Jesus tells us in the holy Gospel that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In other words, the Lord calls us, as his disciples, to be authentic and true followers of what he has taught. The images of salt and of light lead us to a deeper understanding of discipleship. As disciples of Christ we can no more deny our responsibilities than salt can exist without taste. The purpose of salt is to add flavor, the purpose of light is to shine. Jesus reminds us that our purpose is to allow others to see our good deeds and glorify the heavenly Father in response. We cannot afford a watered-down faith or a light that doesn't shine with the splendor of God's truth.

We have had to borrow from our Foundation yet again to pay off all of our various obligations to the diocese and creditors as we begin the New Year. Please help us lower the debt to the Foundation. It is listed in the bulletin each week. At least we owe ourselves at this point and not anything outside of the parish, except for the continuing elevator payments. These payments are about \$9,000.00 per month. Your continued sacrifices to pay off this debt is also greatly appreciated. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission to be present and to lead others to Christ.

May the Lord be with you all and bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 564,593.93
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal: We have paid \$90,589.60, 68% of our \$133,220.00 assessment that must be paid. Remaining balance: \$42,630.40.

DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: \$40,000.00.
Please help us reduce this!

PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: *Please remember to turn in your Baptismal Certificates to your RE teachers or the parish office.* They must be in by February 15th, at the latest. Without these documents your child **will not** be able to make their Sacrament.

B-I-N-G-O!!!! Please join Rosary Society members and friends for a Saturday morning of bingo on February 11. We'll pray the rosary following the 9:00am Mass & then enjoy snacks, fellowship & bingo from around 10 to noon. So stay for the entire morning or just for a few games. Adults 21 and over welcome! Bring a snack to share and we guarantee one-of-a-kind prizes!! Jeanne Kelley's Band hosts. Questions --call Chris Killough 279-6774.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 4 TO FEBRUARY 12

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Giselle Bendig
04	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN	8:30AM	Intentions of Maria Lan Nguyen Family
05	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON	12:00PM	+Maria Quitugua
TUE	12:00PM	+W. E. Lowery
WED	12:00PM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
THU	12:00PM	+Donna Blaskovich
FRI	12:00PM	Intentions of Deacon Luke Tieskoetter & Family
SAT	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Altar & Rosary Members, and the Basilica Seminarians

(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	Intentions of Ian & Tamara Steward
SUN	8:30AM	+Peter & Mary Sa Dinh
12	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: : What does the Church mean when she confesses: "I believe in the Holy Spirit?"

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



FOUNDATION NOTES: We have all thought about a "rainy day fund" for our family or our business. The Basilica of St. John Foundation assets could be considered a "rainy day fund" too. It has already been used to loan for some shortfalls in our parish obligations. Could you help the foundation recover its loan by a cash contribution?



The Basilica of St. John
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 6 THRU FEBRUARY 12

MON 06	9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ KC Council Meeting+
TUE 07	10:00AM 1:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir+++ Organ Practice+++ RCIA**
WED 08	9:00AM 9:15AM 9:30AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Pre K Religious Ed.** Religious Ed.**
THU 09	8:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Bell Choir+++ Choir+++
FRI 10	9:00AM 12:45PM	Adoration Begins@ Conference Room in use+%
SAT 11	8:30AM 8:00AM 9:45AM 10:00AM 6:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy RCIA Room in use until 4pm Altar & Rosary Society Meeting+ Organ Practice+++ Columbus Academy Valentine's Party+
SUN 12	9:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pro Life Meeting+

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; %=Conference Room;
 (N)=(North Hall); (S)=(South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 6, 2017:

Monday Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

LIFELINES: Post Abortion Support Group begins in February: Women suffering emotionally or spiritually after an abortion often feel alone. InnerVisions HealthCare is beginning another 8 week support group in February. It is normal to grieve after any pregnancy loss. You matter to us and we believe you deserve healing and support. To inquire confidentially - call 515-779-9347 and talk to Jenny.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: It's Round-Up Time! An informational meeting will be held for all parents who are interested in their child attending Holy Family Catholic School's Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in the 2017-2018 school year. This meeting will be held in the school gym on Thursday, February 9, 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Christ the King Retreat: Christ the King is hosting a healing retreat for any couple who has experienced any type of pregnancy or infant loss on Saturday, March 11, 2017. The retreat will run from 9am-4pm (a light breakfast and lunch are provided) and is located in the Parish Pastoral Center, 820 Porter Ave, Des Moines. Childcare is available! There is no cost to the retreat. To register contact Deacon Joel Schmidt at schmidt.joel@gmail.com.

Bilingual Andrew Dinner: Families are invited to learn more about the vocations of priesthood and religious life at a great evening of prayer, good food, and fun with priests from the Des Moines diocese and Bishop Richard Pates. Join us at St. Anthony Parish in Des Moines on Tuesday, February 21 from 5-8 p.m. Please RSVP for dinner by emailing vocations@dmdioocese.org or calling Jessica at 515-237-5051.

Day in the Life: Do you ever have a feeling that God may be calling you to priesthood? Have you ever wondered what the seminary is like? The diocesan vocations office is hitting the road in the coming weeks, taking young men who are considering the seminary on trips to a couple of Midwest seminaries to see what they are like. See the campus, visit with seminarians and learn more about discernment. Contact Father Joe Pins for more information at 515-237-5050 or jpins@dmdioocese.org.

Arts Retreat: During these cold winter months, warm up with a day of reflection, beautiful watercolors and fun with artist Jo Myers-Walker, who is leading a one-day arts retreat based on St. Francis of Assisi and his attention to simple living. The retreat is February 25 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost is \$75. Enrollment is limited. Go to theemmaushouse.org for details.

Dowling Catholic High School Cheerleading & Dance Team Tryouts: All incoming Freshmen and current students are welcome to try-out for the 2017-2018 Cheerleading Squads and Dance Team. *An informational meeting for parents and interested students will be FEBRUARY 23rd at 6:30pm, DCHS CAFETERIA. Get involved-show your school spirit!* Questions? Call the Athletic Dept. 222-1010.

Catholic Women's Conference, The Promise of My Father: Register now for the 2017 Catholic Women's Conference being held **Saturday, February 25th** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The program begins at 9:00am, preceded by Mass, and Rosary at 7:00am. Don't miss this all-day event focused on the Holy Spirit. Three amazing speakers; keynote speaker Father Cedric, world renowned speaker Barbara Heil, and Andy LaValee who will give a talk on prayer and fasting. The cost is \$30 per person and it includes lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith and to invite a friend. Consider buying a ticket for someone else! Register Now at IowaCatholicRadio.com, visit us on Facebook or call (515) 223-1150.

