

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.*

(Matthew 17:5)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Second Sunday of Lent recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord in the Holy Gospel. God comes into our lives in different ways. God's light shines on us and God's Word speaks to us. We must allow the Lord to enter into our lives so that we may be transformed by his grace. Lent is a time for our way of thinking to be transfigured into the things of God. When we encounter God we should be transformed. This should happen every time we receive the Holy Eucharist.

We have launched our ADA campaign for 2017. It is extremely important that we make our goal to take the burden off of our financial resources. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge now in a spirit of good support for our parish. You should have received pledge cards in the mail. If you did not there will be blank ones in the back of the Basilica in the pamphlet racks.

We now have low gluten (.001%) hosts for those who need them. Please inform the parish office if you need to avail yourselves of them. The MC will have a pyx next to me at Communion time. Those who need to have them will receive them from the MC. As of this writing we are aware of a few who will need them at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. They will be available at the 4pm Vigil Mass only if we are informed that someone needs them.

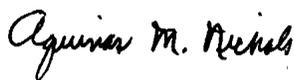
Please help us lower our debt to the Foundation. It is listed in the bulletin each week. At least we owe ourselves at this point and not much outside of the parish, except for the continuing elevator payments and some payments to the diocese. The elevator payments are about \$9,000.00 per month. Your continued sacrifices to pay off these debts is greatly appreciated. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission to be present in this area and to lead others to Christ. The Lord is not outdone in generosity which is made in his name.

Come join us for our wonderful Fish Fry suppers on the Fridays of Lent. These will be followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00pm. Please plan on joining us for these activities.

Let us pray for peace in our world and harmony among all peoples. May the Lord be with you all and bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor



ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 591,62043
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: \$19,054.84.
Please help us reduce this!

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!: Guide Book Publishing is putting together another Guide Book & Directory based on an agreement made with the Basilica a few years ago. Please contact the parish office (244-3101, ext. 0) **if your address or phone number need updating or if you do not want your information published.** There is no cost to you or to the Basilica of St. John, though a directory will be mailed to each participating household. Likewise, the Basilica does not gain financially from advertisements sold by the company producing the directory.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MARCH 11 TO MARCH 19

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	Intentions of Robert & Donna Marasco
11	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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SUN	8:30AM	Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family
12	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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MON	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
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TUE	12:00PM	+Thanh Tran
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WED	12:00PM	+Dennis Schmitz
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THU	12:00PM	+Jon Farrington
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FRI	12:00PM	Intentions of the Sinclair Family
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
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SAT	9:00AM	+Bill Tegler
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	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Mel Coppri
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SUN	8:30AM	+ Dung Nguyen
19	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:

Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable?

ANSWER: In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son he also sends his Spirit who unites us to Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God "Father" (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church.

★ Does anyone have a used, heavy duty food processor that they would like to donate to the fish fry/parish kitchen? Please call the parish office at 244-3101, ext.0 ★



The Basilica of St. John
Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MARCH 13 THRU MARCH 19

MON 13	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
TUE 14	10:00AM 1:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Boy's Youth Choir+++ Youth Choir+++ Organ Practice+++ RCIA**
WED 15	9:00AM 9:15AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed.**
THU 16	8:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Bell Choir+++ Choir+++ Adult Faith Class+
FRI 17	9:00AM 4:45PM	Adoration Begins@ KC Fish Fry until 6:45pm
SAT 18	8:30AM 10:00AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy Organ Practice Secular Franciscan Meeting**
SUN 19	9:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pastoral Council Meeting+

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of March 13, 2017:

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 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

LIFELINES: In 1948, The World Medical Association created the Geneva Declaration as a proclamation of human rights, a direct response to the atrocities committed by the Nazis. The oath included this clause, "I will have the utmost respect for human life, from the time of conception." In 1984, it was altered to no longer acknowledge conception. They replaced it with, "from its beginning." In 2005, it was deleted altogether. What will future generations see in the history we leave behind? The reality is, we have a culture of death where 60 million innocent babies have been aborted in the U.S. & abortion mills where abortionists profit from their "profession." Progress is being made, voices are speaking out affirming the value of life, technology such as ultrasounds shows development in the womb, women's help centers reach out to the vulnerable, prolife legislation is being introduced on federal & state levels. For victory, we must each do our part so that we may stand at the turning point in history, where this generation will restore a culture of life. (prolifearticles.org)

SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 21, 2017 for our exciting 9th Annual Basilica Bus tour across Iowa!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS PREP. CLASS: Class will be held TODAY, SUNDAY, March 12 from 10am -3pm. Please meet in the parish hall at 10am.

The 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign to fast, pray, and be a visible witness goes from March 1st-April 9th. The Basilica will be taking March 31/April 1 at the Drake location and April 7/8 at the Army Post Rd. location. We will have sign ups after Mass each weekend until all slots are filled. We also want to encourage you to take at least an hour each week prior to our days at the Army Post location, as this is the largest abortion mill in Iowa and must be closed. (We need more presence there.) Also, for women going into this abortion mill, we are the last **sign of hope** for them and the first **sign of mercy** when they come out. Thank you for your help. The Basilica Pro-life group

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: We will be on spring break until March 20. 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!

BISHOP DRUMM MARCH BIRTHDAY PARTY: Volunteers are needed to help host the March 15 birthday party at Bishop Drumm. You will help serve cake, ice cream and juice to 20-30 residents from 2-3 pm on Wednesday, March 15. Contact Chris Killough 279-6774 if you want to assist. This is the 3rd year that the Basilica has done the March b-day party at Bishop Drumm.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: If you have not yet turned in your child's **Baptismal Certificate** please do so ASAP. You can bring it to class on Wednesday or drop it off at the parish office. It is **Diocesan Policy** that we have a current copy of the **Baptismal Certificate** or the **Sacrament can not take place.**

FOUNDATION NOTES: Assets in excess of \$700,000 have been accumulated in our Basilica of St. John Foundation to date. The interest and dividends from this protected account can be used for future church financial needs when the balance reaches 1 million dollars. During this season of Lent and at all times, your support is appreciated.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

One Earth, One Chance: Join St. Mary's – Holy Cross, Elkhart, on March 26 for our intergenerational event *One Earth, One Chance*. Matt Halbach, from St. Joseph's Educational Center, will introduce participants to *On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis' letter to all people of Earth; Hannah Landgraf, of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light, will lead an interactive dialogue about how we can address care of creation issues raised in the Pope's letter, and Educator, Tammi McClain will help children experience and express the wonders of God's creation. We'll begin at 11:15 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. FREE. Please RSVP by March 21 to smhc@saintmaryhc.org; 515-367-2685.

Catholic Men's Conference, Faith for the Journey: Register now for "Faith for the Journey," the 2017 Catholic Men's Conference being held on **Saturday, March 25** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Registration starts at 7:00am, program at 8:00am, and Mass at 8:30am. Don't miss this all-day event. Four exciting speakers are lined up; Karlo Broussard, Matt Halbach, Jon Leonetti and Father Rick Wendell. For more information and registration go to IowaCatholicRadio.com, visit us on Facebook or call (515) 223-1150. The cost is \$30 per person and includes lunch.