

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 in the Lord,

In today's holy Gospel we have the account of the Lord's Transfiguration. He gave his close apostles a glimpse of his glory to strengthen them for the trials that were to come. The Lord constantly strengthens us with his graces and his blessings. During this Lenten season let us strive to unite ourselves more closely to him so that we can share in the fruits of his triumph.

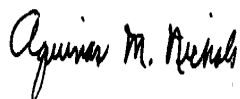
Come and join us for our Fish Fry Suppers on the Fridays of Lent. These will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It is an excellent way to support the parish and also to deepen our spiritual lives as we meditate on the Lord's Passion.

Recently someone set up a false E-Mail account in my name, even including my picture, which they got off the diocesan website. They were asking for gift cards and/or money. Please know that I will **NEVER** solicit **ANYTHING** from any parishioner using an E-Mail. If you receive any such request like this on the internet please delete it and do not respond to it. A number of other priests in the diocese have had the same thing happen to them. If I need anything from any parishioner I will speak to you in person by phone or face to face.

My sincere thanks to the Altar and Rosary Society of the Basilica for their recent generous check of \$6,000.00 for the Elevator Fund. This comes from the proceeds of their fundraising events here at the Basilica, which all of you support so well with your time and generous contributions. Not only are their efforts benefiting the Basilica, but the events are always fun and entertaining. Thanks so much ladies!

Let us journey with the Lord towards Easter in this holy season. May he bless you with many graces!

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 3/10/19

Total - \$25,224.84
Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019
YTD Total - \$754,641.55
YTD Need - \$784,328.96

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$160,830.00

DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$32,500.00

Pray for Catechumens and Candidates: Please pray for our catechumens and candidates who were presented to Bishop Pates at the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 10 at St. Ambrose Cathedral. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayers and example.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MARCH 16 TO MARCH 24

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 16	4:00PM +Lucille Molloy 6:00PM Spanish Mass
SUN 17	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM +Mark Morris
MON 18	12:00PM +Donna Blaskovich
TUE 19	12:00PM +Tin Phan
WED 20	12:00PM +Maria Pham Thi Dao
THU 21	12:00PM +Emmett McDonald
FRI 22	12:00PM +Hans DeVries 7:00PM Stations of the Cross
SAT 23	9:00AM Intentions of Jeremiah Tower ----- (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Carolyn Brunk
SUN 24	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM +Tom Gouger, Brother of Mary McManus

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: * **How does the laity participate in the kingly office?***

ANSWER: They participate in the kingly function of Christ because they have received from him the power to overcome sin in themselves and in the world by self-denial and the holiness of their lives. They exercise various ministries at the service of the community and they imbue temporal activities and the institutions of society with moral values.



The Basilica of St. John
Second Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MARCH 17 THRU MARCH 24

MON 18	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA###+
TUE 19	8:00AM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Youth Choir NO H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Divine Mercy Study+
WED 20	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 3:00PM 6:15PM 7:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Catholic School House** Bible Study+ Church Tour## NO Religious Ed.**+ NO St. Jude's R.E.**+
THU 21	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Catechesis Class** Divine Mercy Study** Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 22	9:00AM 9:30AM 4:45PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ NO H.S. Humanities Class** 4:45PM Lenten Fish Fry until 6:45PM Hispanic Baptism Class**
SAT 23	8:30AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Communal Penance
SUN 24	8:00AM 10:00AM 12:00PM 2:30PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Hispanic Parents 1st Communion Mtg.** Divine Mercy Mtg.+ Oblate Mtg.+

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of March 18, 2019:

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
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 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Or Year A: Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

LIFELINES: Contracepting the Environment: In 2006, the U.S. Geological Survey found that 80% of the male smallmouth bass in the Potomac River were growing female reproductive organs. Residue of birth control hormones, especially the Pill and the Patch, is contaminating the water supply in municipalities across America, devastating wildlife and posing a possible threat to human health. "Many streams, rivers and lakes already bear warning signs that the fish caught within them may be carrying enough chemicals (that mimic the female hormone estrogen) to cause breast cancer cells to grow." (Scientific American, April 2007)

COMMUNAL PENANCE: Will be next Saturday, March 23 at 10:00am, in the Basilica. There will be 4 priests available to hear your confessions. There will not be reconciliation at 2:45pm on March 23.

LOST & FOUND: If anyone has seen a large grey Missal titled, "Saint Edmund Campion Missal & Hymnal" in the Sacristy or Adoration Chapel please call John at 515-333-8600. It was left in the Sacristy last Fall and was never returned.

THE CAMINO WAY: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk the Camino Way (Camino de Santiago)? Is it something that is on your "bucket list"? On April 13th Harry and Michelle Hillaker will be sharing their experiences of this once in a lifetime event. Come and find out what it takes to prepare and the adventures they had along the Camino Way. This event is sponsored by Altar & Rosary and will be in place of the monthly meeting starting at 9:50 a.m. with the Rosary. All are welcome, so please plan to attend April 13th at 9:50 a.m.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Ladies' Mosaic Luncheon- Making our Souls Active in Christ: The next luncheon series will be Thursday, April 11, 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 775 Ashworth Rd., West Des Moines. The doors open for lunch at 11:30am and the program runs 12:00-1:00pm. This popular luncheon provides women the perfect opportunity to invite their friends out for fellowship, food, and an inspiring presentation! Reserve your seat today at IowaCatholicRadio.com or call 515-223-1150.

"Blessings of Music": Join us at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in West Des Moines on Saturday, March 23rd to hear Ireland's most exciting young tenor Emmet Cahill for a night of songs and stories as he debuts his album, "*Blessings of Music*". Enjoy this classically trained Irish tenor as he performs traditional Irish songs, beloved church hymns, Broadway favorites and operatic arias. Emmet is known as a principal singer with the acclaimed Irish music show *Celtic Thunder*. The Meet & Greet will begin at 5:30pm and the concert starts at 7:00pm. Don't miss this wonderful evening! Tickets are \$30-\$45 and may be purchased at Sacred Heart Parish Office or online at www.emmetcahill.com/tour-dates/. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

St. Luke the Evangelist Bookkeeper/Business Manager: St. Luke's Catholic Parish is seeking a full-time Bookkeeper/Business Manager. St. Luke's is a vibrant and growing community, providing a thrilling work environment to all who want to serve the kingdom of God. Typical work week is Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. One Sunday per month and one evening per month required (Our office is open the 1st Sunday of the month from 8am-noon, and finance council meets the 3rd Thursday of the month). A degree in accounting or business is preferred. Experience in Accounting required. Compensation for the position is negotiable based on level of experience. The primary duty of this position is accounting; secondary duties include placing service calls and working with contractors at the facility. Applications may be submitted to St. Luke's Parish Office c/o Fr. Adam Westphal, 1102 NW Weigel Drive, Ankeny IA 50023, no later than March 28.

Dowling Catholic High School: The Dowling Volleyball coaching staff will be having an informational meeting for all incoming freshmen girls interested in playing volleyball for DCHS next fall. This is a meeting for all incoming 9th graders AND their parents. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 7th from 8:15-8:45pm in the Dowling Catholic gym. Our coaching staff is having spring clinics on April 7th until 8pm. The meeting will take place after the camp and will start in the DCHS gym at 8:15.