

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

(Matthew 4:17)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

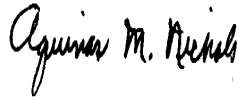
So often we listen to Scripture stories, such as that of the burning bush in today's first reading and think that they are meant only for the people of the time that the event took place. However, the Word of God is alive and meant for us also at this very moment. During this holy Season of Lent we need to rekindle a sense of awe for the divine and begin to take note of the ordinary moments that provide for us extraordinary insights. We must seek out the Lord. If God feels far from us we must remember that it is we who have moved away from God and not the other way around.

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.

Next week there will be a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Please do what you can to help this good work.

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 – 3/17/19

Total - \$26,827.55
Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019
YTD Total - \$781,469.10
YTD Need - \$805,527.04

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$153,450.00

DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$33,000.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2019: \$94,260.00

Fasting this Lent? *Fast from hurting words and say kind words; *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude; *Fast from anger and be filled with patience. *Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. (Pope Francis)

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: 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!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MARCH 23 TO MARCH 31

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Carolyn Brunk
23	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
24	10:30AM	+Tom Gouger, Brother of Mary McManus
MON		
25	12:00PM	+Bill Tegeler
TUE		
26	12:00PM	+Deery & Robson Families
WED		
27	12:00PM	Intentions of Julia Mary Lowery
THU		
28	12:00PM	+Jasmine & Jordan Linder
FRI		
29	12:00PM	+Wanda Hornacker
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT		
30	9:00AM	+Dean Robertson

		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Alice Ryan
SUN		
31	8:30AM	+Evert Asjes III
	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:

Question: What is the consecrated life?

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



BASILICA FISH FRY: We are at the half way mark of our Lenten Fish Fries and have had a real good start. We would like to thank all of you who have supported our efforts by coming to the fish dinners and to those who have faithfully volunteered to help throughout the week and on Friday evenings. The last 2 weeks have been a record breaking beginning for the fish fry dinners. If you haven't stopped down yet, **please do** and enjoy a great fish dinner, then stay and attend the Stations of the Cross at 7pm. The Fish Fry is our major fundraiser, we really need your support and attendance.





The Basilica of St. John
Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MARCH 25 THRU MARCH 31

MON 25	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA###+
TUE 26	8:00AM 10:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Youth Choir H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Divine Mercy Study+
WED 27	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 6:15PM 7:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Catholic School House** Bible Study+ Religious Ed.**+ St. Jude's R.E.**+
THU 28	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 2:30PM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Catechesis Class** Divine Mercy Study** Organ Practice+++ Church Tour## Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 29	9:00AM 9:30AM 4:45PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class** Lenten Fish Fry until 6:45PM Hispanic Baptism Class
SAT 30	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 31	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of March 25, 2019:
Monday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 or, from Year A, 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10:13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

LIFELINES: A *human pesticide*, the chemical **ABORTION** drug **RU486**, is produced by the *same company* which developed **ZYKLON-B**, the chemical used by **NAZIS** to mass-kill millions of Jews and others in **GAS CHAMBERS** during **World War II**. "Lime 5, Exploited by Choice", Mark Crutcher/EWTN

BASILICA FUNDRAISING AT THE I-CUBS CONCESSION STANDS:

We all love the Basilica and want to help them out. One way we can do that is by volunteering for 2-3 shifts at the ballpark. We have chosen several game dates, most of which are considered "large crowd" nights, which means more sales and more earnings for us. The dates are April 26th, May 18th, June 7th, June 21st, June 23rd, July 5th, July 26th and August 10th (provide us with your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices for the games). In addition to our earnings, each large stand earns 20 points. If we can earn 300 pts. this season, we will get an additional \$1000 for our church. All 16 yr. olds & older can sign up. So, come one, come all and let's get signed up for a fun time raising money for the Basilica. (My experience working there has been a very positive and enjoyable one.) We will have sign ups after Mass or text me, Mary at 515-975-2534 or Seth at 515-402-9480.

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

Parish Mission - "What's so Good about the Good News?": Join St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church (Ankeny) for a 2 part Lenten Mission on Friday, March 29th and Saturday, March 30th. Dave Nodar & Pete Ascosi from ChristLife, a Catholic ministry for evangelization located in Baltimore, MD, will be sharing their own stories of conversion and will help us rediscover the wonder of God's love for us this Lent. Friday evening begins at 6:30pm and Saturday evening begins at 5:30pm. Learn more about the mission at saintluketheevangelist.org.

Iowa Catholic Men's Conference: Men, don't miss an opportunity to face the challenges of sustaining and growing in faith at the Iowa Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 30. Hear Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Deacon Randy Keil and Deacon Tom Bradley share their stories and messages of hope. Get your tickets and more information at IowaCatholicMensConference.com

NPM Cantor Workshop: Cantors and liturgical song leaders: Please join the Des Moines Diocese Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM), Saturday, April 6, 2019, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA, for a workshop to develop and enhance your cantor skills. Check-in and refreshments, 8:30 a.m.; Program 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free-will donation. Lunch provided. Program includes guidance on leading liturgical song, musicality, voice techniques, "master class" skills enhancement, copyright provisions and information on NPM's Basic Cantor Certification. Come enjoy a day of guided instruction and the opportunity to network with other musicians from around the diocese. RSVP and pre-register with Dodie Bauman, Chapter Secretary, at dotesmuse@aol.com or 515-988-4302.

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.

