

# I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

(Luke 15:18)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday, a Sunday to rejoice, because we are halfway in our Lenten journey. We have the Gospel of the Prodigal Son. There was great rejoicing on the part of the father because his son, who was lost, came to his senses and returned home. That is what the heavenly Father expects of us during this Lenten Season and beyond: To come to our senses and to return once again into his loving embrace. Let us use the remaining weeks of Lent to purify our lives and return to our Father from whom we have departed due to our sinfulness.

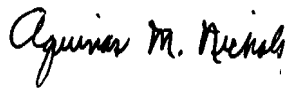
Come and join us for our Fish Fry Suppers on the Fridays of Lent. These will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It is an excellent way to support the parish and also to deepen our spiritual lives as we meditate on the Lord's Passion.

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

If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2019 ADA, please do so to help us reach our goal. Envelopes are provided in the pews for your convenience.

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

Devotedly in the Lord,





Pastor

**REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$153,000.00**

**DEBT TO FOUNDATION: 32,500.00**

**REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2019: \$91,979.00**

 **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Olivia Angel, Miguel Zarapala and family; Milton & Katherine Mosby, Brenda & Zuriel Trujillo & Family.

 **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Genevieve Graham and her family on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 a.m.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE,**  
**March 30 thru April 7**  
**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 30</b>	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
	4:00PM	+Alice Ryan
<b>SUN 31</b>	8:30AM	+Evert Asjes III
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 01</b>	12:00PM	+Carolyn Brunk
<b>TUE 02</b>	12:00PM	+Marietta Blanchet
<b>WED 03</b>	12:00PM	+Phero Nguyen van Cam
<b>THU 04</b>	12:00PM	+Bjorn Odegard
<b>FRI 05</b>	12:00PM	+Derric Mast
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>SAT 06</b>	9:00AM	Intentions of Charlotte Brien
	4:00PM	+Donna Blaskovich
<b>SUN 07</b>	8:30AM	+Rev. Cletus Healy S.J.
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

**THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:**  
[www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

Last week's question: \* **What is the consecrated life?\***

**ANSWER:** The consecrated life is a state of life recognized by the Church. It is a free response to a special call from Christ by which those consecrated give themselves completely to God and strive for the perfections of Charity moved by the Holy Spirit. This consecration is characterized by the practice of the evangelical counsels.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 31, 2019*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**APRIL 1 THRU APRIL 7**

MON 01	9:00AM 12:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Youth Choir Dress Rehearsal## KC Council Meeting+ RCIA##
TUE 02	8:00AM 7:00PM	Organ Practice## Youth Choir Concert & Reception##+
WED 03	8:00AM 9:00AM 10:00 AM 6:15PM 7:30PM	Catholic School House Classes** Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+ Religious Ed. **+ St. Jude's R.E. **+
THU 04	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Catechesis of Good Shepherd** Divine Mercy Study** Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Rehearsal+++
FRI 05	9:00AM 9:00AM 4:45PM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class** Lenten Fish Fry until 6:45pm
SAT 06	8:30AM 12:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Quinceneara
SUN 07	8:00AM 2:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group% Vietnamese Retreat until 5pm ##
SIGN INDICATORS		
+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory; + = Fr. Mulvihill Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room; (NH) = (North Hall); (SH) = (South Hall)		

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 1, 2019:**

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**LIFELINES: Babies** suffer excruciating pain during **ABORTION** as early as 7 1/2 weeks. Their sense of pain is ***much more intense in the womb*** than that of older children and adults. 2003 medical textbook on maternal, fetal, neonatal physiology/Congressional testimony Dr. Kanwaljeet Anand

**ASSISTANCE TO FLOOD VICTIMS:** Please keep in prayer all who have been affected by the recent flooding. If you would like to help financially, you can make contributions via credit or debit card online at: <https://dmdiocese.thankyou4caring.org/pages/donation-form---flood-relief>. Or you can mail it directly to Diocese of Des Moines, Flood Relief, c/o Finance Office, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309. The funds will be allocated in conjunction with other relief efforts in attempting to reach all in need. Catholic Charities will also work with parish communities and their needs. If you have an interest in assisting personally or as a parish group, contact Deb Powers at Catholic Charities at [dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:dpowers@catholiccharitiesdm.org).

**BASILICA FUNDRAISING AT THE I-CUBS CONCESSION STANDS:** We all love the Basilica and want to help them out. One way we can do this 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.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** It is not too late to make a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. With your support, our parish joins 79 other parishes across the diocese in working together to educate 16 seminarians, provide healthcare to all of our priests, provide support to the catechists who work with more than 11,000 religious education students and more than 6,000 students in our Catholic schools across our diocese. Working together, we build a strong faith foundation for our youth and offer ongoing opportunities for growing in faith to all. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the ADA with us.

**Encounter: First Fridays:** On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 7pm, St. Pius X Catholic Church. Encounter is a night of Adoration, music, and witness created to build a culture of prayer in the Des Moines area. Adoration is paired with live music, a speaker, and time for private reflection to give people multiple ways to grow in their relationship with God. Encounter is on the first Friday of every month starting at 7pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Urbandale. Families of all ages are welcome. For more information please email [firstencounterdsm@gmail.com](mailto:firstencounterdsm@gmail.com)

**The Relics of Saint Pio** – better known as Padre Pio- will be available for viewing at St. Ambrose Cathedral, on Wednesday, May 8th, from 8:30 am to 4:30pm. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 5pm by Bishop Richard Pates. Please note: the relics will not be available for veneration after the Mass. The relics of Saint Pio include: Saint Pio's glove, Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds, cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains, a lock of Saint Pio's hair. Saint Pio's mantle, and Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died. The Saint Pio Foundation, which is sponsoring this event, will provide books and items related to Padre Pio in the Catholic Pastoral Center at 601 Grand Avenue, just south of the Cathedral. For more information, contact Nancy at 515-288-7411 x 201 and leave your name, message, and email address, for information to be forwarded to you.

