

# Christ our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia! A blessed and holy Easter to all of you! May the coming weeks be full of God's peace and graces!

Please keep in mind our elevator debt. The realistic total goal for the elevator project is **\$1,030,000.00**. That will pay up the entire amount owed to the Knights of Columbus. It was underestimated in the beginning. The first estimate of \$800,000.00 was only an estimate, and was below the actual cost after construction was complete. So far, we have raised **\$736,646.03**. **We still owe the Knights of Columbus \$293,353.97 on our note.** Roughly \$100,000.00 of what we still owe will come from the diocese, provided that everyone pays up their pledges to the Capital Campaign. Some who pledged are not able to fulfill their original promise. Those amounts will have to be picked up by the parish. The present monthly payment to the Knights stands at about \$9,000.00.

Also, we presently have a debt to our Foundation of **\$4,000.00** that needs to be paid back. Our weekly collection has not been meeting our expenses and so we had to borrow from our Foundation to keep current with our obligations so we don't start paying penalties for late payments on our bills. We will most likely have to borrow from the Foundation again to pay up the schools at the end of June. The proceeds from the Fish Fry suppers were a shot in the arm the past six weeks, but those are now over. The second collection on Easter Sunday weekend will go to lower this debt to the Foundation.

Also, only 50 individuals have pledged to the present ADA drive. Please keep in mind all of these needs. I am doing all I can, along with the Finance Council, to keep our heads above water, but I cannot print money to cover our expenses! Be assured that every expenditure is being carefully watched by me as well as the Business Manager.

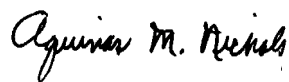
**Mark your calendars for SUNDAY 06 MAY. That is the date for our annual Foundation Dinner. This year it will be held at the Tea Room downtown. More information will be coming soon, but mark the date now to attend this event, which will be a lovely evening.**

**The new schedules for the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers can be picked up in the sacristy. Thank you for your faithful service.**

Next weekend we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Father Bob Schneider will be coming from Florida next weekend to preach the Masses and hear confessions. Please welcome Father to our parish. There will be a Pot-luck lunch after 10:30 Mass, to which you are all invited.

May God's grace always grow in your hearts! Let us celebrate the Easter Season with great joy!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 736,646.03  
Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

**DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: \$4000.00**  
Please help us pay this off!

**Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$104,774.00**




**CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR OF CENTRAL IOWA:** Will hold their spring concert on Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00pm at the Basilica of St. John. Please join us for an evening of sacred song!


<u>LITURGICAL SCHEDULE,</u> <u>MARCH 31 THRU APRIL 8</u> <u>TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS</u>	
<b>SAT</b>	6:00PM NO Spanish Mass
<b>31</b>	8:00PM <i>Easter Vigil:</i> Gerald Castonguay
<hr/> <i>Happy Easter!</i> <hr/>	
<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM +James McMahon, Sr.
<b>01</b>	10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
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<b>MON</b>	12:00PM +Jose & Ramona Rocha
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<b>TUE</b>	12:00PM +Geraldine Benson
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<b>WED</b>	12:00PM +Cody Henritzky
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<b>THU</b>	12:00PM +Rachel Hanian
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<b>FRI</b>	12:00PM +Ngoc Thao Nguyen
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<b>SAT</b>	9:00AM +Lynn A. O'Leary
<b>07</b>	----- 4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families
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<b>SUN</b>	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
<b>08</b>	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM + Rev. Cletus Healy, S.J.

**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:**  
*Question: Is the particular Church catholic?*  
From the Catechism of the Catholic Church. (Look for the answer in next weeks bulletin)

 **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Derric Mast, Dennis & Lisa Wiggins, Pauline Rutherford, and Adriana Welton.

 **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Leonel Lopez-Murillo & Analia Valadez and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*The Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ*  
*April 1, 2018*

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**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**APRIL 2 THRU APRIL 8**

MON	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
02	9:00AM	NO Adoration
	1:00PM	Youth Choir Dress Rehearsal+
	7:00PM	RCIA **
	7:00PM	KC Council Meeting+
TUE	4:30PM	NO Columbus Academy Class**
03	5:00PM	Youth Choir Warm-up###
	7:00PM	Youth Choir Concert & Reception
WED	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
04	6:15PM	Religious Ed.**
THU	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
05	5:45PM	Choir room in use+++
	7:00PM	Choir Practice+
FRI	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
06	9:00AM	Columbus Academy Class**
SAT	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy###
07	11:30AM	Hall in use
SUN	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group%
08	10:00AM	Confirmation Prep Class+

***Divine Mercy Pot-Luck***

**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 2, 2018:**

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15  
**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**LIFELINES:** On this day of days, on this feast of feasts, we rejoice in the **victory of life!** This victory is not just a hope; it is a *fact*. God, in Christ, has destroyed the **power of death!** In all its forms—including abortion—**death can never have the final word!** This is why we are pro-life, and the **victory of this day** is the starting point and foundation of the pro-life movement. **The gift of life**, placed in our hands today, is what we proclaim, celebrate and serve!—  
*Father Frank Pavone, (Priests for Life)*

**FOUNDATION NOTES: CHRIST IS RISEN!!** The Basilica of St. John Foundation thanks you for your prayers, support and contributions this year and during the season of Lent.

**MEMORIAL MASS:** For Jan Innis will be Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 am in the Basilica. Coffee & cookies will be served in the parish hall after the Mass.



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Parents, please mark on your calendar that there will be no school on Monday, April 2. School pictures will be taken Friday, April 6. Wear your nice clothes and great smiles that day!



**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Our next meeting is April 14, hosted by Band #4 (Pam Last & Doris Weindel). We will distribute Salad Supper tickets and make plans for it. We need volunteers for Sunday, April 8 for the Divine Mercy Potluck, after the 10:30 Mass.

**SCHOOL OF MARY-MONTESSORI:** A part-time Catholic Montessori school, will be holding a Parent Informational Meeting on Thursday, April 5th from 7-8pm for families interested in enrolling their children for the 2018-19 academic year. Nursing babies only, please. We are located at 1216 MLK Pkwy. Parking is available across the street in the lot adjacent to the Basilica of St. John. To learn more, please visit [www.schoolofmarymontessori.com](http://www.schoolofmarymontessori.com) or contact Lynda at 515-250-4006.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Join St. Vincent de Paul:** In helping people become self-sufficient by participating in or providing a sponsorship for SVDP's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing! The outing is on Thursday, May 24 with an 11:00 am shotgun start. You may register on your own, or with a foursome and join us for fun, fellowship and great prizes. Sponsorship levels of all types are sincerely appreciated. Register online at [www.svdpsdm.org](http://www.svdpsdm.org). For more information call 515-282-8327.

**Request for 2018 Grant Proposals** The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa is prepared to provide grants to parishes, schools, & other Catholic entities as part of its mission to promote a legacy of giving and support within the Diocese of Des Moines. This fiscal year, \$50,000 in grant funding is available across two grant categories: General Grants and Parish Enrichment Grants. The deadline for submitting grant proposals is 4 p.m., April 20. Grant applications & instructions are available online.

**Natural Family Planning Classes:** The next three-part series of classes on the sympto-thermal method of natural family planning starts this Monday, April 2, from 6 -8:30 p.m. at Games and More (Valley West Mall, West Des Moines). Cost is a one-time fee of \$130 for all course materials, classes, one year of consultation with certified instructors, and more. Need-based financial assistance is available. Online registration is required at this site. For more information, call Rick or Alexi at (515) 326-1434.

**Victim Assistance:** The diocese's Victim Assistance Advocate is a staff member at Polk County Victim Services. She helps victims of sexual abuse of minors by clergy through a complaint process and in seeking support and counseling services. She can be reached at 515-286-2024 or [advocate@dmdioocese.org](mailto:advocate@dmdioocese.org).

**Seminary Visit Planned:** If you've been thinking about whether you're called to be a priest, take the time to visit a seminary and talk with our seminarians. Father Ross Parker is taking men ages 16-24 to visit Conception Seminary in Missouri April 14-16. Contact Father Ross at [vocations@dmdioocese.org](mailto:vocations@dmdioocese.org) or 515-237-5050 to register.

**Lend a Hand at Catholic Charities Food Pantry:** Catholic Charities Outreach Center has re-opened as a choice food pantry. Call Brooke at 515-262-7290 to learn how you can volunteer to feed the hungry.

