

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.*

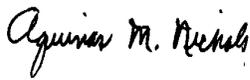
(Luke 24:32)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am away for my annual break after Easter. Msgr. Beeson and Msgr. Chamberlain will be filling in for me. Please make them feel welcome.

Continue to celebrate in joy these special days of the Easter Season!

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 745,800.93
Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$97,689.00



BAPTISM CLASS: There will be a Baptism class on Saturday, April 21, 9-11:30am, in the school. This is a requirement for first time parents or for parents who have not yet taken the class. To register, contact Jenifer Parsons at 515-244-3101, ext. 204 or 515-681-9368.

SAVE THE DATE: September 13, 2018 for the 10th Annual Basilica tour of Iowa. This year one of the towns we will see is Pisga, Ia. Do you know where that is or which direction? Here is a clue, think of the song "Convoy", by C.W. McCall! We have plans for five stops on this years tour. It will be filled with aromas and tastes and history! So, read about the first stop in next weeks bulletin!

CATECHISTS AND HELPERS NEEDED For 2018-2019 Religious Education School Year: The Basilica Religious Education program is in need of catechists and anyone interested in teaching or assisting with teaching the faith to our children and young people. We are in need of catechists trained at all levels in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program. If you are a certified catechist in the CGS program, there are many opportunities available for you to share your talents and gifts with the children and young people of the Basilica of St. John. If you are not yet trained in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program but feel called to explore this program in greater detail and possibly become certified, opportunities exist for you as well. If you are interested in sharing your time, your gifts and the Catholic faith with our young people in any capacity in the Basilica religious education program, please contact Jenifer Parsons at 244-3101 ext. 204 or 515-681-9368, or stop by and visit. We are always in need of and are grateful to anyone who can assist the teachers in the classrooms as well as help as needed throughout the school year on special projects. Thank you!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL 14 TO APRIL 21

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 14	4:00PM +Bev Mahon 6:00PM Spanish Mass
SUN 15	8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
MON 16	12:00PM +Lucille Molloy
TUE 17	12:00PM +Sharon Behlmer
WED 18	12:00PM +Rachel Hanian
THU 19	12:00PM +John Rivera & Jim Garcia
FRI 20	12:00PM +Martha Binkerd Gass
SAT 21	9:00AM +Rich Hutton (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +John T. O' Leary
SUN 22	8:30AM Thanksgiving & Peace to Families 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: Who belongs to the Catholic Church?

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



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **John Israel**, who recently passed away. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need. **His Mass will be Monday, April 16, at 12pm, here at the Basilica of St. John.**





The Basilica of St. John
Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 16 THRU APRIL 22

MON 16	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ RCIA**
TUE 17	4:30PM	Columbus Academy Class**
WED 18	9:00AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Religious Ed.**
THU 19	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 20	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 21	8:30AM 9:00AM 10:00AM 12:30 PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Baptism Class** Franciscan Meeting** Hall in use
SUN 22	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Divine Mercy Meeting+

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; %=Conference Room;

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 16, 2018:

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

LIFELINES: "I know without a doubt, that abortion is a violent act of murder and exploitation. And I know that our responsibility is to work and pray without ceasing for its end."

Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila - January 22, 2013 ~ (pro-lifearticle.org. April 2018)

FOUNDATION NOTES: The federal tax deadline normally falls on April 15th. Many took advantage of the tax deductions to qualified charitable organizations, such as the Basilica of St. John Foundation, on their 2017 tax return. Could now be a good time for planning charitable giving to affect Tax year 2018?



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Holy Family School will be celebrating Culture Day this year on Friday, April 20 during the school day. European cultures will be featured, with many activities such as demonstrations of cooking and foods, dress, dance, storytelling and more. The next jeans day for Building the Kingdom will be held Friday, April 20. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform this day they must bring \$1 to donate.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: We want to thank all who participated in the 40 Days for Life Spring campaign. We had lots of positive responses and even some interaction that seemed positive. We pray that the hearts of many have been touched by our campaign and hope that you can join us again in the fall. Thank you. Basilica pro-life group.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Annual Diocesan Appeal: Many thanks to our parishioners who have already made a pledge for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please continue to pray for the success of the appeal. If you haven't already made your pledge, please consider a gift of any size. Our goal is 100 percent participation! Funds from the appeal provide service and ministry to thousands of individuals across our faith community. Annual operating expenses that cover priest medical insurance, health care, and retirement benefits are included as well as education for seminarians. The ADA supports our Catholic schools, religious education, marriage and family ministry, Hispanic ministry, diaconate formation, Catholic Charities and many more diocesan-wide initiatives.

State of the Catholic Foundation – Regional Meeting in Des Moines: The financial market may have a mind of its own but the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa can assist you in navigating these ever-changing waters. We'll help you get a read on the current investment outlook for parish funds and share the strategic plan that guides us at our upcoming regional meetings including **7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16th at the Diocese of Des Moines Pastoral Center (601 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309).**

Novos Young Adults: Everyone in their 20s and 30s are invited to join Novos Young Adults for social, spiritual and service activities. Events typically happen every second and fourth Thursday of the month, with occasional weekend gatherings. For more information on events coming up in March, visit the Facebook page or contact Justin White at jwhite@dmdiocese.org. Catch up with everything going on in Youth & Young Adult Ministry also on Twitter and Instagram: @YCDesMoines.

World Youth Day 2019 Registering Now: Join the Diocese of Des Moines as we undertake a pilgrimage to Panama to join millions of other young adults in a celebration of our Catholic faith. Registration and payments are open now for this January 2019 trip of a lifetime. Contact Justin White for details: jwhite@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5098.

Request for 2018 Grant Proposals: The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa is prepared to provide grants to parishes, schools, and 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. on Friday, April 20. Grant applications and instructions are available online.

