

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,

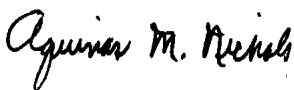
The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! A blessed and grace-filled celebration of the Lord's resurrection to all!

Next weekend we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will be privileged to have Bishop Charron with us for the weekend. Please plan to come and attend the potluck luncheon after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Also, please plan to attend the annual Foundation dinner and auction scheduled for April 30th. Tickets will be sold after the Masses this weekend.

May the Lord bless you all!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor 

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 600,266.43
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: \$13,178.61.
Please help us reduce this!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$27,494.00, or 21%, has been paid toward our 2017 ADA assessment. If everyone participates, we can pay this bill without further debt.



9TH ANNUAL BASILICA TRIP ACROSS IOWA: Our first stop on this years tour will be Elk Horn, Ia. *Danish Anyone?* We will have a tour of an authentic 1848 Danish windmill used as a "gristmill" to grind up different grains for flour. This windmill was taken and dissembled from a Danish countryside and brought to Elk Horn where it was reassembled. Check back next week. There's more to come.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Please plan to join us for 10:30am Mass on April 23 to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Bishop Emeritus Joseph L. Charron will be our celebrant & Homilist. We will be singing as a Parish the Chaplet during Holy Communion. After Mass there will be a Potluck (dessert will be furnished) in the church hall to celebrate, catch up with Parishioners and wish Bishop Charron well.

Many thanks to **ALL** who participated in the Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign. We received many positive responses, which gives us hope. We may not know how much we've helped this side of heaven, but each of us have personal experiences on the sidewalk that show us we do make a difference. The tide is turning with your help. **We could not do it without you. With that in mind, plan on joining us in the fall and be thinking of who you might have join you in prayer and fasting as a living witness for Life.** Thanks again and God's blessings to all. *Basilica Pro-life Group*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL 15 TO APRIL 23

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 15 *Holy Saturday of the Lord's Rest*
9:00AM NO MASS

4:00PM NO MASS

8:30PM Solemn Easter Vigil: +Lucille Molloy

SUN 16 *Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord*

8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON

17 12:00PM Intentions of the Sinclair Family

TUE

18 12:00PM +Willis E. Lowery

WED

19 12:00PM +Bill Tegeler

THU

20 12:00PM +John Randolph Rude, Jr.

FRI

21 12:00PM +Sargent Christopher Ryan Hoch

SAT

22 9:00AM Intentions of Taylor Hollister

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM +Walter McManus

SUN

Divine Mercy Sunday!
23 8:30AM Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors, +Jack Swaney

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

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 or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Question: What did the Holy Spirit accomplish in John the Baptist?

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





The Basilica of St. John
Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord
April 16, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 17 THRU APRIL 23

MON 17	Parish Office Closed 9:00AM NO Adoration 6:00PM Organ Practice
TUE 18	6:00PM Organ Practice 6:30PM Hall in use 7:00PM RCIA** 7:00PM Hispanic Meeting**
WED 19	9:00AM Adoration Begins@ 9:15AM Last Bible Study+ 6:15PM Religious Ed.**,#
THU 20	8:00AM Organ Practice+++ 6:00PM Bell Choir+++ 7:00PM Choir+++
FRI 21	9:00AM Adoration Begins@ 5:30PM Doors open/Appetizers 6:30PM The Fire and the Mercy Play+
SAT 22	9:00AM First Communion Retreat**,+,#
SUN 23	8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+ 12:00PM DIVINE MERCY POTLUCK+ 1:00PM Organ Practice

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room;
 (N) = (North Hall); (S) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 17, 2017:

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 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31


LIFELINES: Easter Pro-life Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we praise your Resurrection! We celebrate your triumph over the kingdom of death! May we, your Church, proclaim, celebrate, and serve the victory of LIFE in our world. May we respond to the needs of those who are tempted to destroy the LIFE within them by abortion, and may we help to build a world which rejects every form of violence and in particular, the violence of abortion. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen. (pro-lifearticles.org, Easter)

FOUNDATION NOTES: Christ Has Risen! Thank you for all your generous contributions to the Basilica of St. John Foundation!

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: Do you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to minister to the homebound? To take Holy Communion and spend time with those who otherwise cannot receive Jesus in the Eucharist? They long for Jesus as we do. If you feel a special calling for this ministry please contact Linda Murphy at 515-865-1050 or nanamurphy02@gmail.com. Thank you! God bless!

GARDENING HELP NEEDED: Volunteer help is needed to water, weed and keep up the grounds around the church and rectory this Summer. Please call the parish office if you are able to help. (244-3101, ext. 0)



 **HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Happy Easter! Holy Family School will be celebrating Culture Day this year on Friday, April 21 during the school day. Asian cultures will be featured, with many activities such as demonstrations of cooking and foods, dress, dance, storytelling and more.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Legatus of Des Moines: Invites you to an evening with Brandon Vogt. Brandon is the content director for Bishop Barron's "Word on Fire" Catholic ministry and an award-winning author, blogger, and speaker. Please join us on Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Christ the King parish hall for Brandon's presentation, "7 Steps to Help Young People Return to the Church." For more information, contact Dawn Ogden at desmoines@legatus.org.

End-of-life Health Care: The Iowa bishops' "Supportive Care Iowa" project is available to help people seeking guidance on making decisions about end-of-life health care that is aligned with Catholic values. There are now trained volunteers, called Catholic Advanced Care Planning Consultants, who can help individuals with the completion of documents that designate another person with power of attorney for health care in the event of incapacity. It is our parish's goal to help Catholics have these faith-filled discussions with friends and family in advance of a crisis and to provide guidance in completing advance directive forms in alignment with Catholic moral principles. This service is available without charge. Please contact our parish office if you are interested in this service.

Divorced Survival Guide Begins: Divorced? The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL group begins May 15. This 12-week session runs Mondays at St. Augustin Church in Des Moines. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Contact Deacon Tony Valdez for details, 515-979-2301 or t.valdez@me.com.

Job openings: The diocese has job openings: an administrative assistant for the Vocations office and executive director for the St. Thomas More Center. Get details here: dm-diocese.org/employment.

Grants: "Could a Diocese of Des Moines program you are part of use additional financial assistance? The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa may be able to help. Visit www.catholicfoundationiowa.org to find out more information regarding eligibility for grants to be awarded in May. Application deadline is April 30, 2017."

