

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.*

(John 11:25a, 26)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin the period known as Passiontide, the last two weeks before Holy Week. The Gospel recounts the raising of Lazarus from the dead by Jesus after he had been in the tomb for three days. This foreshadows the death and resurrection of Jesus, who was also in the tomb for three days and then rose in the glory of the Father. These events give us hope for the life to come. May they strengthen our faith in the power of Jesus who has conquered sin and death.

We have launched our ADA campaign for 2017. It is extremely important that we make our goal to take the burden off of our financial resources. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge now in a spirit of good support for our parish. You should have received pledge cards in the mail. If you did not there are blank ones in the back of the Basilica in the pamphlet racks. In the past only about 20% of registered parishioners made any pledge to the ADA. **We need 100% participation if we are to meet our goal. Please help us! Please watch the bulletin to see where we stand in this effort.**

We now have low gluten hosts for those who need them. Please inform the parish office if you need to avail yourselves of them. The MC will have a pyx next to me at Communion time. Those who need to have them will receive them from the MC. As of this writing we are aware of a few who will need them at the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. They will be available at the Vigil Mass only if we are informed that someone needs them.

Please help us lower our debt to the Foundation. It is listed in the bulletin each week. At the moment it stands at about \$17,000.00. At least we owe ourselves at this point and not much outside of the parish, except for the continuing elevator payments and some \$30,000.00 to the diocese for our fire and liability insurance. The elevator payments are about \$9,000.00 per month. Your continued sacrifices to pay off these debts is greatly appreciated. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission to be present in this area and to lead others to Christ. The Lord is not outdone in generosity which is made in his name. Please help me and the Finance Council so that we may stay current with all of our obligations! I assure you we are doing all we can to wisely use the income that comes in each week.

Come join us for our wonderful Fish Fry suppers on the Fridays of Lent. There is only one left, they have been well-attended. It will be followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on joining us for these activities.

Let us pray for peace in our world and harmony among all peoples. May the Lord be with you all and bless you in these remaining days of Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor

*Aguinon M. Nichols*

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 593,243.43  
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: \$17,093.84.**  
*Please help us reduce this!*

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** \$18,414 has already been paid toward our 2017 ADA. That's 14% of our \$132,297 assessment.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 01 TO APRIL 09**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT</b>	4:00PM	+Richard Sparks
<b>01</b>	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	+Antonia & Marko Yurich
<b>02</b>	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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<b>MON</b>		
<b>03</b>	12:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
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<b>TUE</b>		
<b>04</b>	12:00PM	+Anne Elizabeth Swaney
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<b>WED</b>		
<b>05</b>	12:00PM	+Sister Angelina Dal Corso
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<b>THU</b>		
<b>06</b>	12:00PM	+Karl & Madge Sinclair
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<b>FRI</b>		
<b>07</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Dan & Marilyn Bradley
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
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<b>SAT</b>		
<b>08</b>	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary
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		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
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<b>SUN</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
<b>09</b>	8:30AM	+Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg



**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: *What does it mean that the Spirit "has spoken through the prophets"?*

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

**CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS:** Will be held next Sunday, April 9th from 10am-3pm. Please meet in the parish hall at 10am!



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
*April 2, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**APRIL 03 THRU APRIL 09**

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 03 6:30PM KC Council Meeting+

TUE 6:00PM Organ Practice+++  
 04 7:00PM RCIA\*\*

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 05 9:15AM Bible Study+  
 6:15PM Religious Ed.\*\*

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++  
 06 6:00PM Bell Choir+++  
 7:00PM Choir+++  
 7:00PM Adult Faith Class+

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 07 4:45PM Last KC Fish Fry

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 08 10:00AM Organ Practice

SUN **PALM SUNDAY**  
 09 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+  
 10:00AM Confirmation Prep. Class+##  
 12:00PM Pro Life Meeting+



**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 03, 2017:**

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Nm21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

**LIFELINES:** The following words were written by a young lady who had an abortion, and illustrate a common theme the Church encounters in those who have had abortions. Cases like this show the need for the efforts the pro-life movement makes to counsel those who feel pressured to abort, and to give them alternatives: *"The counseling was only pro-abortion. No information was given to me about pro-life choices or agencies at the abortion clinic. They also told me it wouldn't hurt. It was extremely painful. I was not told anything about how this would affect me for the rest of my life."* [www.PriestsForLife.org](http://www.PriestsForLife.org)

**FOUNDATION NOTES:** The Basilica of St. John Foundation will host the annual Spring Fundraising Banquet at the Downtown Holiday Inn on April 30th. Please plan on joining us for an evening of fine food, fun, fellowship & an auction to raise funds for the future needs of the parish. If you have an item or an experience to donate to the auction, it would be appreciated.



**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate flowers to help decorate the church for Easter, we are asking for Easter Lilies, Azaleas or Begonias (all colors). Please have them wrapped in gold foil if possible. We will decorate the church on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. **Please have your flowers here no later than Saturday morning or have them delivered during the week of April 10-15.** You can attach a card to the flowers with the name of a loved one, and after Easter there will be a special insert in the bulletin honoring their memory. ***VOLUNTEERS are needed to help decorate the church on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 am. Many hands make light work. All are welcome to help!***

**On Good Friday the church will be open from 12pm – 3pm for those who wish to spend quiet time in prayer. We ask that no extra activities take place in the church, to respect this solemn occasion of the Sacred Paschal Triduum, April 14-16, for people who are able to come and spend some quiet time in prayer.**

**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](mailto:nanamurphy02@gmail.com). Thank you! God bless!

**9TH ANNUAL BASILICA TRIP ACROSS IOWA:** Our second stop on this year's trip will be the Hitchcock House. This house is about a mile outside of Lewis, Iowa. It is on the National Registry of Historic places because it was on the Underground Railway. Many slaves were able to get to freedom with the help these places provided. It is well cared for by Cass County and will be opened for us to visit. *Check this box next week !*

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** School pictures will be taken Friday, April 7. Wear your nice clothes and great smiles that day! Holy Family staff and students celebrate Lent with weekly prayer services each Monday morning at 8:15 in the school gym. Parents are welcome to join us on our Lenten journey.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Will meet on Saturday, April 8 following the 9:00 am Mass. Chris Killough's Band #3 will host. Come and enjoy some treats and socialize with other parishioners. We will pray the rosary and have a business meeting to discuss our work on Divine Mercy Sunday and our May fundraiser-the Salad Supper. If you have not signed up to help with the fish fry, but would like to, please call Chris at 279-6774.

**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)

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**ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** If you have not yet turned in your child's Baptismal Certificate please do so ASAP. You can bring it to class on Wednesday or drop it off at the parish office. It is ***Diocesan Policy*** that we have a current copy of the Baptismal Certificate or the Sacrament ***can not take place.***  
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