

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

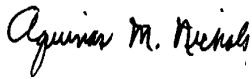
(John 10:14)

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

SAVE THE DATE: September 13, 2018 for the 10th Annual Basilica Tour of Iowa. Well by now you know we are visiting the Loess Hills! The Loess Hills extend about 200 miles along Iowa's western border, reaching into Missouri & Nebraska. The only comparable Loess Hills is in China! Our first stop will be to visit the Loess Hills Lavender Farm. Lavender is grown in just a few places in the U.S. This is new "agriculture" for Iowa. We will see how the lavender is grown and then browse the gift shop. They have many items made from the lavender flower as well as crafty things made by other people from the area. An interesting stop! Next week we will talk about our next stop which will include lunch. Don't forget to call the parish office (244-3101, ext. 0) to put your name on the list. Cost for the trip will be about the same as last year, \$65.00.

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 21 TO APRIL 29

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+John T. O' Leary
21	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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SUN	8:30AM	Thanksgiving & Peace to Families
22	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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MON	12:00PM	+Mary Jean Gouger
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TUE	12:00PM	+Janet Jewell
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WED	12:00PM	+Mick Burgess
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THU	12:00PM	+Jan Innis
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FRI	12:00PM	+John O'Leary
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SAT	9:00AM	+John Israel
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(Vigil Mass)		
4:00PM +Wilbur Behlmer		
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SUN	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
29	10:30AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ

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:

Last week's question: ** "Who belongs to the Catholic Church"?**
ANSWER: All human beings in various ways belong to or are ordered to the Catholic unity of the people of God. Fully incorporated into the Catholic Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, are joined to the Church by the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government and communion. The baptized who do not enjoy full Catholic unity are in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church.





The Basilica of St. John
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 23 THRU APRIL 29

MON 23	9:00AM 6:00PM 6:00PM 7:00PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Hall in use—School of Mary+ Bell Choir+++ Choir Practice+ RCIA**
TUE 24	4:30PM	Columbus Academy Class**
WED 25	9:00AM 6:15PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Last Day of Religious Ed.** Confirmation Practice##
THU 26	8:00AM 12:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Kitchen in use Confirmation & Reception
FRI 27	9:00AM 9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class** Hispanic Baptism Class**
SAT 28	8:00AM 8:30AM	Diocesan Marriage Prep. Class til 3pm+ Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 29	8:00AM 2:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Oblate Meeting+ St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Collection

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 23, 2018:

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

LIFELINES: Reasons Why the Pro-Life Movement Will Win! (Part II):

The other side has run out of arguments. In the years prior to Roe v Wade, abortion advocates assured everyone that legalized abortion would reduce child abuse, and strengthen families. After four decades, it is clear that abortion has significantly compounded these problems. Another sign is that there is a growing mountain of medical, psychological and sociological evidence that abortion harms women and families. There is also more research linking abortion to higher incidences of breast cancer, mental illnesses, infant mortality in subsequent pregnancies, etc. (pro-lifearticle.org/April 2018)

FOUNDATION NOTES: The annual Basilica of St. John Foundation Banquet/Auction is an important fundraiser. Your attendance is encouraged at the May 6th (Sunday evening) event. Several thousand dollars were generated for your Foundation last year. See the bulletin or a Foundation Committee member for ticket information.



SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend, **April 28/29**, for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Please donate as you are able for this worthy ministry.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Parents, please mark on your calendars—there will be no school on Friday, April 27. Teacher professional development. Holy Family Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers, if you can substitute please call the school to set up a meeting.



ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS: Salad Supper tickets are being distributed and some are being mailed to members. This annual event is Tuesday, May 8 in the church hall. Doors open at 5pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$6.00. If you would like to reserve a table, call Chris at 279-6774. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and lots of door prizes and good food! Tickets are also available at the door.

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.

All Saints Parish Des Moines - Annual Parish Fest Fundraiser: Save the date! **June 2, 2018 - 5p.m. to 11p.m.** Live music all evening. Performance by the Allionce Lion Dance Team, grilled items, salads, chips and desserts available for purchase, square dancing and line dancing, kid's activities, silent auction. Great event for the entire family! Rain or shine, save the date and join us for a fun evening! All Saints Catholic Church, 650 NE 52nd Ave, Des Moines, IA 50313, www.dmall Saints.org

Parish Maintenance Coordinator Needed: General Requirements: General knowledge and skills in building maintenance to include HVAC, plumbing, carpentry, electrical, cleaning and other maintenance needs. Must be able to lift 40 lbs. Must have a valid Iowa Driver's License and reliable transportation. Must be able to pass the Diocese of Des Moines background screening. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume by April 27th, 2018 to: Paula Fastenau, Business Manager, St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, 3300 Easton Boulevard, Des Moines, Iowa 50317, Email: jhart@stjosephdsm.org, (515) 266-2226 - Work.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend one of the upcoming Weekends on September 7-9 Cedar Falls; October 19-21 Marathon, WI; November 2-4 Coralville. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: to iowa-wwme.org or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com