

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

(John 20:29)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a designation made by Pope St. John Paul II. We recall the Lord's great mercy for us in the laying down of his life for our salvation. We are privileged to have with us for the weekend Masses The Rt. Rev. Marcel Rooney, O.S.B., the retired Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Order. Abbot Marcel will hear confessions and celebrate the weekend Masses for us. Following the 10:30 Mass on Sunday there will be a Pot Luck luncheon down in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend.

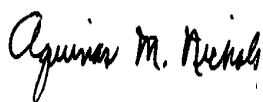
This week Bishop Pates will be with us on Tuesday evening for our annual conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Next Sunday we will also celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion.

We will also have our Foundation Dinner on May 5th down at the Tea Room. Tickets are still available. We would like as many as possible to attend this most joyous event.

A reminder to the members of the Parish Council that we will have our May meeting on the second Sunday this month, on May 12th, after the 10:30 Mass.

May the Lord grant you many graces and blessings during this most sacred time of the year!

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 4/21/19

Total - \$15,943.10
Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019
YTD Total - \$869,444.68
YTD Need - \$911,517.44

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$146,225.00

DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$26,000.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2019: \$80,133.00

CONFIRMATION-at the Basilica will be Tuesday, April 30th at 7pm. Come and celebrate with our students and pray for them. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome!

FIRST COMMUNION: Please keep our students preparing for First Communion in your prayers. First Reconciliation will be Friday, May 3rd at 7pm. First Communion will be Sunday, May 5th at the 10:30am Mass.

THANK YOU: To everyone who donated items for the St. Joseph Shelter. Your generosity is much appreciated!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL 27 TO MAY 5

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 27 4:00PM +Tom Gouger, Brother of Mary McManus
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 28 **Divine Mercy Sunday**
8:30AM +Wilbur Behlmer & Sherry Behlmer
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 29 12:00PM +Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ

TUE 30 12:00PM +John Preston
7:00PM **Confirmation**

WED 01 12:00PM +Ana Tran thi Hue

THU 02 12:00PM +Donna Blaskovich

FRI 03 12:00PM +Carolyn Brunk

SAT 04 9:00AM +Deery & Robson Families

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +John Crivaro

SUN 05 8:30AM +Batolomeo & +Mattia
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
First Communion

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: * **What is the meaning of the "communion of saints"?**

ANSWER: This expression indicates first of all the common sharing of all the members of the Church in holy things (*sancta*): the faith, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the charisms, and the other spiritual gifts. At the root of this communion is love which "does not seek its own interest" (1 Corinthians 13:5) but leads the faithful to "hold everything in common" (Acts 4:32), even to put one's own material goods at the service of the most poor.





The Basilica of St. John
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 29 THRU MAY 5

MON 29	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice RCIA+ Confirmation Practice##
TUE 30	8:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Confirmation with Reception##+
WED 01	9:00AM 10:00 AM	Adoration Begins@ Bible Study+
THU 02	8:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Catechesis Class** Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 03	9:00AM 9:00AM 12:45PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class** Parish Hall in use+ First Reconciliation##
SAT 04	8:30AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## First Communion Practice +##
SUN 05	8:00AM 10:30AM 2:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ First Communion Reception+ St. Jude's First Communion & Reception

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 29, 2019:

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

LIFELINES: IS LEGAL ABORTION REALLY SAFE? "In an attempt to learn how pervasive the problem of **SERIOUS ABORTION COMPLICATIONS** is, an American obstetrician surveyed **486 of his colleagues** regarding their experience with abortion patients. **87%** revealed they had **hospitalized women with complications following legal abortions**; **91%** had **treated patients for complications**. **Twenty-nine of the doctors reported patients of theirs DYING FROM LEGALLY INDUCED ABORTIONS.**" -- Ann Saltenberger (*Every Woman Has a Right to Know the Dangers of Legal Abortion*)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is next week, April 28th. Following Mass please plan to join us for the Divine Mercy potluck starting at noon in the parish hall. Bring a dish to share and come and enjoy your Parish family.



ALTAR & ROSARY ANNUAL SALAD SUPPER: The 2019 Altar & Rosary Salad Supper is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 in the church hall. This longstanding event continues to be a crowd favorite – food, fellowship and fun. Doors open at 5:00pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm. Cost is \$6.00. There will be an extensive buffet, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Plan to come. Altar & Rosary funds provide flowers for the altar, maintain altar linens, support Divine Mercy activities and most recently Altar & Rosary donated \$6,000 to the elevator fund.

SAVE THE DATE: For our "11th Annual Basilica Bus Tour Around Iowa". It will be on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Look for more information in next week's bulletin.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Will celebrate Culture Day this year on Friday, May 3 during the school day. African cultures will be featured, with many activities, such as cooking demonstrations, food, dress, dance, storytelling and more. Friday, May 3, is the next \$1 jeans day fundraiser for the missions. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform that day, they must bring \$1 to donate.

BASILICA FUNDRAISING AT THE I-CUBS CONCESSION STANDS: We all love the Basilica and want to help them out. One way we can do that is by volunteering for 2-3 shifts at the ballpark. We have chosen several game dates, most of which are considered "large crowd" nights, which means more sales and more earnings for us. The dates are May 18th, June 7th, June 21st, June 23rd, July 5th, July 26th and August 10th (provide us with your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices for the games). In addition to our earnings, each large stand earns 20 points. If we can earn 300 pts. this season, we will get an additional \$1000 for our church. All 16 yr. olds & older can sign up. So, come one, come all and let's get signed up for a fun time raising money for the Basilica. We will have sign ups after Mass or text me, Mary at 515-975-2534 or Seth at 515-402-9480.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

All Are Invited to the *St. Peregrine Solemn Healing Masses Wednesday, May 1st and 8th at 5:30pm* at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Des Moines. There will be Blessed St. Peregrine medals and anointing with blessed oil of St. Peregrine. A Novena will be said beginning May 1st – 9th. *St. Peregrine is the Saint of cancer and serious illnesses.* Download the Novena and Healing Mass Schedule at StAnthonydsm.org.

The Relics of Saint Pio – better known as Padre Pio- will be available for viewing at St. Ambrose Cathedral, on Wednesday, May 8th, from 8:30 am to 4:30pm. A Mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 5pm by Bishop Richard Pates. Please note: the relics will not be available for veneration after the Mass. The relics of Saint Pio include: Saint Pio's glove, Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds, cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains, a lock of Saint Pio's hair. Saint Pio's mantle, and Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died. The Saint Pio Foundation, which is sponsoring this event, will provide books and items related to Padre Pio in the Catholic Pastoral Center at 601 Grand Avenue, just south of the Cathedral. For more information, contact Nancy at 515-288-7411 x 201 and leave your name, message, and email address, for information to be forwarded to you.