

*Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. (15:4a, 5b)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We continue our joyous celebration of the holy Easter Season. We are told today that Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. We are to remain in him. For followers of Christ, to “remain in him,” does not mean merely staying in place. But rather it means keeping an active, living and close connection with him at all times. We do this through prayer and in an active participation in the Sacramental life of the Church.

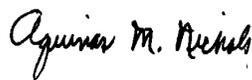
Our congratulations to all of our young people who were confirmed by Bishop Pates this past Thursday evening. As they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us keep them all in our prayers. My gratitude goes out to all of those who contributed to their formation in the faith at this important time in their lives.

Please keep in mind our elevator debt. The realistic total goal for the elevator project is **\$1,030,000.00**. That will pay up the entire amount owed to the Knights of Columbus. It was underestimated in the beginning. The first estimate of \$800,000.00 was only an estimate, and was below the actual cost after construction was complete. So far, we have raised **\$736,646.03**. **We still owe the Knights of Columbus \$293,000.00 on our note.** Roughly \$100,000.00 of what we still owe will come from the diocese, provided that everyone pays up their pledges to the Capital Campaign. Some who pledged are not able to fulfill their original promise. Those amounts will have to be picked up by the parish. The present monthly payment to the Knights stands at about \$9,000.00.

Mark your calendars for next SUNDAY 06 MAY. That is the date for our annual Foundation Dinner. This year it will be held at the Tea Room downtown. It is not too late to get tickets this weekend. Come to attend this event, which will be a very lovely evening.

May God's grace always grow in your hearts! Let us celebrate the Easter Season with great joy!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$94,267.00

SAVE THE DATE: September 13, 2018 for the 10th Annual Basilica Tour of Iowa. As we continue our journey we will stop at the Lewis & Clark State Park. Here we will see a replica of one of their keelboats. There will be a presentation by state park Ranger John. The keelboat will be in the water and weather permitting, we'll be able to step aboard. Don't forget....call the office to sign up (244-3101, ext. 0).

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY: A study on the book, *In the School of the Holy Spirit*, by Jacques Phillippe, will begin on Wednesday morning, May 16. We will also discuss “Convincing the World” - St. John Paul II's Encyclical on the Holy Spirit. The study will be held from 9:30 – 11:00 am in the parish hall. Please call Jenifer Parsons at 244-3101 ext. 204 to register. Please purchase your own book for use in the study.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL 28 TO MAY 6

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 28	4:00PM	+Wilbur Behlmer
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 29	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
MON 30	12:00PM	+Cora Marie O'Leary
TUE 01	12:00PM	+W.E. Lowery
WED 02	12:00PM	+Mike Poloski
THU 03	12:00PM	+Joanne Roth
FRI 04	12:00PM	+Henry & Violet Sikorski
SAT 05	9:00AM	+Bill Tegeler
	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
SUN 06	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+ Kathryn Mauro <i>First Communion</i>

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: What is the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people?

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

FOUNDATION NOTES: The legacy of your charity can be preserved by considering the Basilica of St. John Foundation in some of the following ways: 1) gifts of cash, 2) naming the Foundation as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy, 3) a provision in your will, 4) timely use of the yellow/gold envelope in your tithe package.



The Basilica of St. John
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 30 THRU MAY 6

MON 30	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
TUE 01	4:30PM 3:30PM	NO Columbus Academy Class** Choir Room in use
WED 02	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ First Confessions##
THU 03	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 04	9:00AM 9:00AM 1:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class** Hall in use
SAT 05	8:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 1:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## First Communion Practice## Quincenera Class** RCIA Room in use**
SUN 06	8:00AM 9:00AM 11:45AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ First Communion Photos First Communion Reception+

*Foundation Dinner at the Tea Room,
5:30pm—Cocktails ~ 7:00pm—Dinner*

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 30, 2018:
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

LIFELINES: Reasons Why the Pro-Life Movement Will Win! (Part II): The last several years have seen unprecedented legislation for the unborn child. On the Federal level, for the first time, an abortion procedure (so-called partial-birth-abortion) has been declared illegal. Legislation has also been passed to protect the unborn after a botched abortion and to protect the unborn from acts of violence other than abortion. On the state level, laws have also been passed to try to reduce the staggering number of abortions. The evil inner workings of abortion are being highlighted. Abortion advocates have said for years that they want abortion to be "safe and legal", but this is a lie. Crimes of abortion clinics are increasingly being exposed and include medical malpractice, sexual abuse, falsifying medical records etc. What's more, the abortion industry creates a safe haven for sexual predators and statutory rape. For more details, see www.childpredator.com. (pro-lifearticle.org/April2018)

The Knights of Columbus meet every first Monday of the month at 7pm in the parish hall. All current members and anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be May 7.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 YEAR: Registration for Religious Education classes beginning September 2018 will be held the weekend of May 19-20, 2018. Registration will be held in the parish hall after all Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please watch next week's bulletin for more information.



FIRST COMMUNION: Is next Sunday, May 6, at the 10:30 am Mass. There will be a reception following, in the parish hall. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they all gather at the 10:30 am Mass.



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

SECURE ONLINE GIVING allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. Our site lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You can make pledges, manage your contributions or even make one-time donations. Go to basilicaofstjohn.org and click on the donate button.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Friday, May 4, is the next jeans day. If students choose to dress out of uniform, they need to bring \$1 to donate to the PK classroom fundraiser.



ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS: This annual event is Tuesday, May 8th in the church hall. Doors open at 5pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$6.00. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, lots of door prizes & good food! Tickets are also available at the door.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Bishop Drumm Garage Sale: Begins Thursday, May 3rd & continues each Thursday thru September. Hours are 9:30-1:30. The sale is located in the garage next to the Bishop Drumm Care Center. Donations may be dropped off at the garage at those times or contact Sue (279-1843) or Joyce (987-1199). No beds, old TVs or computers. If you wish to volunteer, please call these phone numbers.

Catholic Divorce Survival Guide: A new session of the Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide 12-week program begins May 8 at St. Pius X Parish in Urbandale. Gatherings begin at 6 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. This is an incredible healing ministry that answers many questions while staying true to Catholic Church teaching. Contact Adam Storey at 515-237-5098 or email him at astorey@dmidiose.org for details.

St. Thomas More Center Registrations for Catholic Youth Camp (CYC): Continue to run slightly ahead of last years numbers. Register now to ensure your campers have a spot. Go to <https://stmcenter.com> to register online or get more information about CYC.

Catholic Charities' Homeless Shelter: We need snacks! If your group, company or family is looking for something to do, consider bringing a few snacks to Catholic Charities' homeless shelter. The shelter, (formerly known as St. Joseph's) is always in need of meal providers, as well as yogurt, string cheese, and protein items for night time snacks. If you are interested, call 515-282-1235 to schedule a night to provide a meal, donate, or sponsor a meal.