

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have  
seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those  
who have not seen me, but still believe! (John 20:29)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Established by Pope Saint John Paul II. We give thanks for the great gift of redemption won for us by Christ, and his continuing mercy in our lives for our failings. We welcome Father Bob Schneider this weekend from the diocese of St. Petersburg in Florida. Please make him feel welcome.

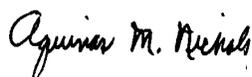
Please keep in mind our elevator debt. The realistic total goal for the elevator project is **\$1,030,000.00**. That will pay up the entire amount owed to the Knights of Columbus. It was underestimated in the beginning. The first estimate of \$800,000.00 was only an estimate, and was below the actual cost after construction was complete. So far, we have raised **\$736,646.03**. **We still owe the Knights of Columbus \$293,353.97 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.

Also, only about 60 individuals have pledged to the present ADA drive. Please keep in mind all of these needs. I am doing all I can, along with the Finance Council, to keep our heads above water, but I cannot print money to cover our expenses! Be assured that every expenditure is being carefully watched by me as well as the Business Manager.

**Mark your calendars for SUNDAY 06 MAY. That is the date for our annual Foundation Dinner. This year it will be held at the Tea Room downtown. More information will be coming soon, but mark the date now and plan 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.....\$ 736,646.03  
Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

**Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$103,174.00**



*The Catholic Youth Choir Concert has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm. Come join us for an evening of sacred song!*

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Thank you to all who helped with the Seder Supper and to all who donated cakes for it! It was a wonderful event, a tradition that has been going on for over 30 years. Our next meeting is April 14, hosted by Band #4 (Pam Last & Doris Weindel). We will distribute Salad Supper tickets and make plans for it. We need volunteers for Sunday, April 8 for the Divine Mercy Potluck, after the 10:30 Mass. This is a busy time for Altar & Rosary. We are in need of a nominating committee and candidates to fill our offices. It's a very rewarding appointment and very much of a learning experience. Our final event of the year is our Salad Supper and tickets will be in your hands soon.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**APRIL 7 TO APRIL 15**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 07</b>	4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families 6:00PM Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 08</b>	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM +Rev. Cletus Healy, S.J.
<b>MON 09</b>	12:00PM +Andrew Rettinger
<b>TUE 10</b>	12:00PM +Lucille Molloy
<b>WED 11</b>	12:00PM +Bill Tegeler
<b>THU 12</b>	12:00PM +Alan Lowe
<b>FRI 13</b>	12:00PM +W.E. Lowery
<b>SAT 14</b>	9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary, Basilica Seminarrians  (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Bev Mahon
<b>SUN 15</b>	8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

**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:**

Last week's question: **\*\* "Is the particular church Catholic?"\*\***

**ANSWER:** Every particular Church (that is, a *diocese* or *eparchy*) is catholic. It is formed by a community of Christians who are in communion of faith and of the sacraments both with their bishop, who is ordained in apostolic succession, and with the Church of Rome which "presides in charity" (Saint Ignatius of Antioch).



**BAPTISM CLASS:** There will be a Baptism class on Saturday, April 21, 9-11:30am, in the school. This is a requirement for first time parents or for parents who have not yet taken the class. To register, contact Jenifer Parsons at 515-244-3101, ext. 204 or 515-681-9368.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday*  
*April 8, 2018*

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**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**APRIL 9 THRU APRIL 15**

MON 09	9:00AM 5:30PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Finance Council Meeting% RCIA**
TUE 10	4:30PM 6:00PM 7:00PM 8:00PM	Columbus Academy Class** Foundation Meeting% Youth Choir Concert (rescheduled)## Reception+
WED 11	9:00AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Religious Ed.**
THU 12	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 13	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
SAT 14	8:30AM 9:45AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Altar & Rosary Meeting+ Carmelite Meeting**
SUN 15	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pastoral Council Meeting+

***Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast***

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; \*\* = School; @ = Chapel; \* = Rectory  
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room;

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 9, 2018:**

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**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:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**LIFELINES:** "Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers." ~Saint Teresa of Calcutta~ (pro-lifearticle.org, April 2018)

**FOUNDATION NOTES:** Oftentimes, a funeral memorial to the Basilica of St. John Foundation, in the name of the deceased, can be more appropriate than flowers that will expire within one week.



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Friday, April 13, is the next jeans day. If students choose to dress out of uniform, they need to bring \$1 to donate to the Library fundraiser. Holy Family School will be celebrating Culture Day this year on Friday, April 20 during the school day. European cultures will be featured, with many activities such as demonstrations of cooking and foods, dress, dance, storytelling and more.

**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!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**The Bishop Drumm Garage Sale:** Begins Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 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 Youth Camp (CYC):** Registration for Catholic Youth Camp 2018 is underway and spots are filling quickly! Catholic Youth Camp is a sleep away summer camp for students entering 3rd grade through high school graduation. Every summer, over 1,400 young people will come to CYC to pray, learn about the Catholic faith, and have fun outdoors! CYC has updated many "camp" activities along with constructing a high ropes course and a crate stacker. Both create challenges that campers must work through and are designed to build self-esteem and strengthen team skills. CYC is located just outside Panora, IA – about an hour from Des Moines. Don't let your kids miss out on this awesome opportunity, register soon! Sponsorships are available. To find out more and to register, visit [www.stmcenter.com](http://www.stmcenter.com) or call 515-309-1936.

**Position Opening: Co-Director of Emmaus House Spirituality Center, Des Moines, Ia.** Grounded in Ignatian spirituality, Emmaus House Spirituality Center provides spiritual direction, directed retreats for individuals, & various programs of spiritual formation & prayer for individuals, parishes & groups. Co-Directors work in collaboration with each other, Board of Directors & volunteers. Applicant for full-time Co-Director will have a Master's degree in Spirituality or equivalent, with certification in spiritual direction; & formation in & commitment to Ignatian spirituality. Job description can be found online at: [theEmmausHouse.org](http://theEmmausHouse.org). Send resume, letter of application & references to: [hr@dmdioocese.org](mailto:hr@dmdioocese.org) by May 15, 2018, using the email Subject Line: Co-Director at Emmaus House. Questions-call Emmaus House Board Chair at: 515-321-8519.



*Jesus, I trust in You*