

*Christ became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and
bestowed on him the name which is above every name. (Philippians 2:8-9)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin Holy Week. The Gospel recounts the Passion of Jesus and all he endured for our salvation. During this most holy of weeks let us enter into the mystery of the sacred liturgy. Please plan on attending the solemn liturgical celebrations this week as we prepare for the great feast of the Lord's Resurrection.

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.**

Please help us lower our debt to the Foundation. It is listed in the bulletin each week. At the moment it stands at \$13,178.61. 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.

Please plan on attending the annual Foundation dinner and auction on April 30th. Tickets will be sold after the Masses this weekend. It is always a very nice event.

As we enter into these most solemn days I assure you all of my prayers and a special remembrance in all the Masses. May the Lord's grace grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor *Agustin M. Nichols*

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 600,266.43
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: \$13,178.61.
Please help us reduce this!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$25,724, or 19%, has been paid of our 2017 ADA assessment. If everyone participates, we can pay this bill without further debt.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Please plan to join us for 10:30am Mass on April 23 to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Bishop Emeritus Joseph L. Charron will be our Celebrant & Homilist. We will be singing as a Parish the Chaplet during Communion. After Mass there will be a Potluck (dessert will be furnished) in the church hall to celebrate, catch up with parishioners and wish Bishop Charron well. Mark your calendars

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL 08 TO APRIL 16

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 08 4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families
6:00PM Spanish Mass

PALM SUNDAY

SUN 09 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Ron Weindel, +Zach Walz, +David Rachuy,
+Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg

MON

10 12:00PM +Andrew Rettinger
+Lucille Molloy

TUE

11 12:00PM +Jon Farrington

WED

12 12:00PM +Stafa & Charles Blacksmith



Paschal Triduum:

THU 13 *Holy Thursday: The Lord's Supper*

12:00PM **NO MASS**

7:30PM **Mass of the Lord's Supper:** +Jordan and

+Jasmine Linder

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, until 10pm

FRI 14 *Good Friday: The Lord's Passion*

12:00PM **NO MASS**

3:00PM **Solemn Stations of the Cross**

7:30PM **Solemn Liturgical Service**

SAT 15 *Holy Saturday of the Lord's Rest*

9:00AM **NO MASS**

4:00PM **NO MASS**

8:30PM **Solemn Easter Vigil:** +Lucille Molloy

SUN 16 *Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of the Lord*

8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro

10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

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 [tueskoetterluke3@gmail.com](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

What does it mean that the Spirit "has spoken through the prophets"?
ANSWER: The term "prophets" means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God. The Spirit brings the prophecies of the Old Testament to their complete fulfillment in Christ whose mystery he reveals in the New Testament.



The Basilica of St. John
Palm Sunday
April 9, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 10 THRU APRIL 16

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration
 10 6:00PM Organ Practice
 6:30PM KC 4th Degree Meeting+

TUE 6:00PM Bell Choir+++
 11 7:00PM Choir+++
 7:00PM RCIA**
 7:00PM Hispanic Meeting**

WED 9:00AM NO Adoration
 12 9:15AM Bible Study+
 6:15PM Religious Ed.**

THU **Holy Thursday**
 13 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 6:00PM Seder Meal+

FRI **Good Friday**
 14 9:00AM NO Adoration

SAT **Holy Saturday**
 15 7:30AM RCIA Meet in the Hall
 8:00AM RCIA Practice in Church
 10:00AM Church Decorating Begins
 1:00PM Organ Practice##
 7:30PM RCIA Meet in the Hall
 10:30PM RCIA Reception after Mass

SUN **Happy Easter!**
 16 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of April 10, 2017:

Monday Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

LIFELINES: The amount of money Planned Parenthood has received from federal, state & local governments has been increasing steadily & has more than tripled since 1998. During the same period, the number of abortions carried out by PP has risen quite dramatically. Revenue received from government has increased from \$165m in 1998 to \$541m in 2012 & the number of abortions at PP has risen from 165,509 in 1998 to 327,166 in 2012. While PP talks about reducing abortions, its actions speak volumes. In fact, PP has *mandated* that every affiliate *must* carry out abortions in all its facilities nationwide. (*Pro-lifearticles.org*)

FOUNDATION NOTES: During this Lenten Season and during Holy Week, the Basilica of St. John Foundation thanks you for your generous contributions to our fund that will help to sustain our parish needs in years to come.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Lilliana Medina & Grace Imme and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Michael Savala & Family; Maria Valdez & Family



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). **You can start having them delivered this week.** Please have them wrapped in gold foil if possible. We will decorate the church on Saturday, April 15th 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.

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. Thank you! God bless!

9TH ANNUAL BASILICA TRIP ACROSS IOWA: Our next stop on this year's tour is lunch, but not in a restaurant as you would expect. We will have lunch at the Creighton Retreat Center. The retreat center is located in a lovely wooded area in the hills above Griswold Ia. This is really a beautiful place to have lunch, and possibly some time to walk in the woods, then its back on the bus and off to our next adventure. Check back next week. There's more to come.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: April 14 is the next jeans day. If students choose to dress out of uniform, they need to bring \$1 to donate to the 8th grade classroom fundraiser. There is no school on Monday, April 17. Happy Easter!

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)

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.

