

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me. (John 10:14)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The voice of Jesus our Good Shepherd still speaks to us in many ways. He speaks to us through the Sacred Scriptures, his holy Church, and through those in our lives. We must always listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, who wishes to lead us to eternal life. On this "Good Shepherd Sunday" let us rejoice greatly in the Lord for his gift of salvation to us.

My thanks to all who participated in the Foundation Dinner last Sunday. It was a great success. My thanks to all who made it so enjoyable, especially David and Kate Asjes and to all of the Board members and volunteers for their hard work, and to our singers and musicians under the direction of Gail Johll. My thanks to Charlie Ill who is going off the Board after many years of faithful service in this area. We welcome Ian Stewart and Mark Scheve who are taking positions on the Board. Please support the Board members in their efforts to secure funds for the future of the Basilica's financial security, and for their advice to me in this area.

May the Lord continue to bless all of you in this holy season!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Pastor 

**WEEKLY INCOME – 5/5/19**

Total - \$17,551.64  
Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019  
YTD Total - \$904,729.14  
YTD Need - \$953,913.60

**REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$144,000.00**

**DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$29,000.00**

**REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2019: \$77,975.00**



**PRAYERS PLEASE:** For the repose of the souls of Neil & Shirley Stevens, who both recently passed away. Please also pray for their family & friends in their time of need. **Funeral Mass will be here on Monday, May 13 at 12:00 noon.**



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED:** We are in urgent need of additional adorers to spend one hour praying before the Blessed Sacrament: Monday or Wednesday, anytime from 9am—3:30pm or Friday anytime 9am–2:30pm. Please call Jenifer at 244-3101 ext. 204 if you are able to help. Please prayerfully consider helping with this very important ministry. The graces you receive for one hour of prayer are extraordinary!



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Margaret O'Hagan & Stephen Snyder on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**MAY 11 TO MAY 19**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 11</b>	4:00PM +Art Whipple 6:00PM Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 12</b>	8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 13</b>	12:00PM + Neil & Shirley Stevens
<b>TUE 14</b>	12:00PM +Mary Jean & Walter Gouger, Parents of Mary McManus
<b>WED 15</b>	12:00PM +Lorraine Polansky
<b>THU 16</b>	12:00PM +Lucille Molloy
<b>FRI 17</b>	12:00PM +Bjorn Odegard
<b>SAT 18</b>	9:00AM +Mark Morris
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(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM Intentions of Bev Whipple
<b>SUN 19</b>	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM +Charles Frey 2:00PM Columbus Academy Graduation Mass

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://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 else does the "communion of saints mean?\***

**ANSWER:** This expression also refers to the communion between holy persons (*sancti*); that is, between those who by grace are united to the dead and risen Christ. Some are pilgrims on the earth; others, having passed from this life, are undergoing purification and are helped also by our prayers. Others already enjoy the glory of God and intercede for us. All of these together form in Christ one family, the Church, to the praise and glory of the Trinity.





*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 12, 2019*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**MAY 13 THRU MAY 19**

MON 13	9:00AM 4:00PM	NO Adoration Organ Practice+++
TUE 14	8:00AM 8:00AM 5:00PM 5:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Set up for Salad Supper-parish hall+ H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ <b>6:30PM Altar &amp; Rosary Salad Supper</b>
WED 15	9:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Hall in use High School Youth Group Meeting+
THU 16	8:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 17	9:00AM 5:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Hall in use+
SAT 18	8:30AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Franciscan Meeting**
SUN 19	8:00AM 12:00PM 2:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pastoral Council Meeting% Columbus Academy Graduation Reception+

SIGN INDICATORS

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

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 13, 2019:**

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10  
**Tuesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50  
**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20  
**Friday:** Act s 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14  
**Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



**SALADS NEEDED:** The Altar & Rosary Society is reminding members and non-members that salads are needed for our annual fundraiser on Tuesday, May 14. Please drop your salad off anytime during the day on the 14th. Members will be there to accept them. Thank you. **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 & have an enjoyable evening!

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** A special note of thanks and appreciation goes out to all of the mothers of our students on this Mother's Day. Your love, kindness, and support of your children is reflected in their everyday actions here at our school, and we appreciate you so much! Enjoy your special day with your family! May 17 is HFS's annual Field Day. The day includes a full day of fun activities at Ash Park. If you would like to help, contact your child's teacher.



**11TH ANNUAL BASILICA TOUR ACROSS IOWA:** Our next stop on the tour will be for lunch. It will be in the small town of Lynnville at Val's Diner. After lunch we will tour Wagaman Mill, a historic water powered mill along the north skunk river. Afterwards we travel to Pella, home of the tulips. We will see the towering Klockkenspiel, one of only three in America. We will visit the Molengract, a Dutch style canal, Pella's historical village and Vermeer Mill. We will also visit several buildings that include displays of Dutch artifacts and Delft China. Our day will end with a visit to Tassel Ridge Winery for some wine tasting.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Marriage & Family Life:** Tuesday Evening/May 14<sup>th</sup>/St. Ambrose Cathedral/Pastoral Center: **"I Do!"** Adam Storey (Director of Marriage and Family Life) will lead a panel discussion on the topic of marriage-what that commitment looks like when lived out successfully, yet not without struggles and missteps. Three couples will join Adam and share some compelling stories. Rosary: 5:20pm, Holy Mass:5:45pm; St. Anne's Chapel, St. Ambrose Cathedral; Fellowship/Dinner/Program: 6:30pm, Catholic Pastoral Center. Register for one or both of these events at [iowacatholicradio.com/events](http://iowacatholicradio.com/events) and win a chance for a gift certificate to Tumea and Sons Restaurant.

**Bishop Drumm Garage Sale:** Thursdays, from May 2 -- September 27th, 8:30am-12:30pm at the Bishop Drumm Retirement Center garage, 5834 Winwood Drive. Donations are being accepted. Items needed: household goods, children and adult clothing, furniture in good condition, toys, books. For questions please call Sue Jansen, 515-279-1843. Proceeds go to needs of the Bishop Drumm Care Center.

**Ordination Anniversary:** Please join us as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Father Eugene Koch** on Sunday, June 2, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be a prayer service followed by an open house in the Sacred Heart parish center.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Come adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at the St. Augustin Corpus Christi Procession, 545 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Des Moines, Ia. on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at 3pm. There will be a dinner to follow.

**Holy Land Tour:** The Newman Catholic Student Center at The University of Iowa is sponsoring a 10-day tour of the Holy Land March 17-26, 2020. Tour hosts will be Fr. Jeff Belger and Newman Center rep, April Rouser. The full tour itinerary can be viewed at [iowacatholic.org](http://iowacatholic.org). Cost is \$4059 per person from Chicago (other departure cities available). A charter bus will take travelers to/from O'Hare from Iowa City. Price includes RT air, first class accommodations, most meals, professional tour director, sightseeing entrance fees, optional daily Mass and more. Contact April Rouser at [april@newman-ic.org](mailto:april@newman-ic.org) or 319-337-3106 Ext. 119 for information.

**LIFELINES:** Consider how the *pro*-abortion advocates marketed and sold their endorsement of abortion. It is not called *pro*-murder. It is called *pro*-choice. They appealed to the current culture's mentality; a mentality that we have been exhibiting since the 1960s. We live in a cafeteria culture. Everyone wants choices. We want to pick and choose our morality. Everyone wants to feel empowered in making their own decisions, right or wrong; moral relativism. Thus, the Madison Avenue advertising gurus cleverly chose *pro*-choice in promoting death, but also in concealing the truth; *pro*-murder. As for images? Oh, they definitely don't want you to see those, and refuse to show them in any of their promotions or campaigns. ([pro-lifearticle.org](http://pro-lifearticle.org))