

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

(Matthew 28:19a, 20b)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, recalling the event when he ascended into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. The Lord went ahead to prepare a place for us in the house of the Heavenly Father. This is one of the major events celebrated during this holy Season of Easter. It gives us hope for the life to come, and strengthens our faith in all that the Lord has accomplished for us. We are exhorted to "Keep in mind the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father."

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 **\$745,800.93**. **We still owe the Knights of Columbus \$284,199.07 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.

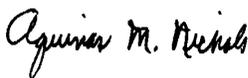
Also, if you have not yet made your pledge to the ADA for this year, I ask that you make a pledge for the financial security of the parish. We are still some \$92,000.00 behind in this effort so there is a long way to go!

My sincere gratitude for all those who helped make the Foundation Banquet last Sunday such a success. A good time was had by all who attended. A special thanks for all of the Foundation Board members, in particular Kate Asjes who coordinated everything in such a superb fashion. May the Lord reward you all.

We have begun the renovations of the bathrooms in the school, which are in pretty bad shape. There is a small restroom that is usable on the same floor until the renovation is completed.

May God's grace always grow in your hearts! Let us continue to 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: \$92,519.50.

 **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Francine Johnson, Ashley & Ryan Quick & Family; Janet Stawarz, Derrick Clark, Amanda Ulrich, Gabriela & Manuel Contreras & Family; Patrick Price; Alexis Bruner; Mariquita Ulrich; Jeff Vander Werff; Pedro & Guadalupe Cruz & Family; Natalie Luna & Eduardo Ramirez.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Simon Muhoza-Mugisha & James Augustin Wills and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MAY 12 TO MAY 20

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

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| SAT 12 | 4:00PM | Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary |
| | 6:00PM | Spanish Mass |
| SUN 13 | 8:30AM | +Kay Davis |
| | 10:30AM | Parish & Benefactors |
| MON 14 | 12:00PM | Special Intention |
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| TUE 15 | 12:00PM | +Mary Jean Gouger |
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| WED 16 | 12:00PM | +Lucille Molloy |
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| THU 17 | 12:00PM | +Cora Marie O'Leary |
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| FRI 18 | 12:00PM | +Jon Farrington |
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| SAT 19 | 9:00AM | +Charles Frey |
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| | | (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Art Whipple |
| SUN 20 | 8:30AM | Parish & Benefactors |
| | 10:30AM | +Sharon Behlmer |

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 bond that exists between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions?

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

HAPPY 
MOTHER'S
DAY! 



The Basilica of St. John
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 14 THRU MAY 20

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 14 5:30PM Finance Council Meeting+

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+
 15 3:30PM Choir Room in use
 4:30PM Columbus Academy Class**

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
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THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 17 5:45PM Choir Room in use+++
 7:00PM Choir Practice+

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 18 9:00AM Columbus Academy Class**
 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 19 10:00AM Franciscan Meeting**
 11:00AM Quincenera Class**
 12:00PM Antonio/Garcia Wedding

Religious Ed. Registration after 5pm & 7pm Masses

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 20 12:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting+

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast-after both Masses
Religious Ed. Registration after 8:30am & 10:30am Masses

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 14, 2018:

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-21; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

LIFELINES: "You formed my most inner being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!" Psalm 139:13-14 (pro-lifearticle.org)

LOST & FOUND: Over the last few weeks there have been a couple pairs of leather gloves found and brought to the parish office. If you have lost a pair, please stop by to see if they are yours!

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Assistance is needed for a volunteer to mow the yard of a parishioner who is not physically able. If you can help, call Christina at 515-250-4240, leave a message.

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.



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. To register, call Jenifer Parsons at 244-3101 ext. 204. Please purchase your own book for use in the study.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES: If you would like to purchase a group picture of your child's First Communion or Confirmation they are in the parish office. It is a 5x7 photo, for \$5.00 each.



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 18 is HFS's annual Field Day. The day includes a full day of fun activities at Ash Park. If you would like to help with this day, please contact your child's teacher.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Bishop Drumm Garage Sale: Is every Thursday from 9:30-1:30 thru September. 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. To volunteer, please call the above phone numbers.

Novos Young Adults: On Sunday, May 20th, Novos Young Adults will be hosting an afternoon of Bingo, along with a Raffle and a Bake Sale at the Catholic Pastoral Center downtown. All proceeds will go to sponsoring youth from refugee families so that they can attend a week of Catholic Youth Camp this summer. While it's being hosted by Novos Young Adults, all ages are welcome. Cost is \$30, and the fun will start at 2pm. Contact Justin White, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, with any questions.

Memorial Day Mass: On Monday, May 28 Bishop Pates will celebrate Mass at Glendale Cemetery (4909 University Ave.) in Des Moines at 10 a.m. with alternate site St. Theresa Parish at 10:15 a.m. in case of rain. All are invited to join in prayerful remembrance of those who have died serving our country.

Come Celebrate the Catholic Pastoral Center's Restoration: Bishop Pates invites everyone to come join in celebration of the renovation of the Catholic Pastoral Center. We're having an open house on Sunday, June 3 from 2-5 p.m. at our building at 601 Grand Ave. in downtown Des Moines. Come for fun children's activities, tours of the newly renovated space and learn more about the thousands of people we serve. We are blessed to work from an internationally admired building designed by famed architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. The Catholic Pastoral Center is an architectural gem in the heart of the city. Come see the renovations done to preserve this historic building for the next 50 years.

Please join InnerVisions Health Care for our annual gala on Thursday, June 7th, 2018 at the Holiday Inn in Des Moines, featuring Cal Thomas as the keynote speaker! For more information or to purchase tickets please visit www.ivhcare.org/2018gala.