

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

(John 14:6)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus tells us in today's Holy Gospel: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in God. Have faith also in me." How often we make our own troubles. And how often, when faced with troubles, we fail to turn to the Lord. Let us remember that He is always there to help and to guide us. We are never alone. We are never abandoned.

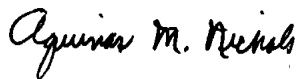
Beginning in August when the present schedule is finished, I will be scheduling the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend Masses. If anyone new would like to help with these important ministries for the weekend Masses, please see me personally. I will give you an interview, and if approved, the head MC, Hugh O'Hagan, will do the training. Linda Murphy will continue to do the scheduling and training for the ministry to the shut-ins. We could use more help for this ministry to the shut-ins as well. On First Fridays, generally five ministers are needed in addition to myself and the deacon. Please just come forward at the Lamb of God.

Rosemary Sloss has retired from her position as RCIA/Adult Faith Formation Director. Jenifer Parsons has been hired to assume this position in the parish. We thank Rosemary for her service to our parish these past years, and we welcome Jenifer to her new position. Jenifer will assume her duties in June.

Please keep our ADA campaign for 2017 in mind. 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.**

As we continue to celebrate our Easter joy during these final weeks, be assured 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

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** We now have \$41,564.25, or 31%, of the ADA assessment paid, 106 households have made gifts or pledges. If everyone participates, we can pay this bill without further debt.

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 615,257.55  
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** We are in need of Adorers on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 12:00pm. If you are able to help with this rewarding ministry please contact the parish office at 244-3101, ext. 0.

*A cell phone was turned into the parish office on Friday, 5/5. It was found in the school. If you lost one & think it may be yours please call the parish office with a description of it. (244-3101, ext. 0)*

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**MAY 13 TO MAY 21**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 13</b>	4:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 14</b>	8:30AM	Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 15</b>	12:00PM	+Mary, Mark, & John Roy Yurich
<b>TUE 16</b>	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
<b>WED 17</b>	12:00PM	+Willis E. Lowery
<b>THU 18</b>	12:00PM	+Gerald Sikorski
<b>FRI 19</b>	12:00PM	+Aggie Gavin
<b>SAT 20</b>	9:00AM	+Phero Nguyen Van Can & Maria Pham Thi Dao
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Charles Frey
<b>SUN 21</b>	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
	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:**

*Question: What is the relationship between the Spirit and Christ Jesus in his earthly mission?*

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





*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 14, 2017*

**Respect  
Life**



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**MAY 15 THRU MAY 21**

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 15 6:00PM Organ Practice

TUE 9:00AM Organ Practice  
 16 6:00PM Organ Practice

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
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THU 6:00PM Bell Choir+++  
 18 7:00PM Choir+++  
 7:00PM Adult Faith Book Study\*\*

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 19 3:00PM Church in use  
 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 20 10:00AM Franciscan Meeting\*\*  
 1:00PM Valdez/Schulte Wedding

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+  
 21 12:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting+  
 1:00PM Organ Practice

***Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast***  
*(After 8:30 and 10:30 Masses)*

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 15, 2017:**

**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:** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**LIFELINES:**

**Happy Mother's Day!!**

The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

—Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty



**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! Holy Family School students will present their spring music program on Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm in the school's Student Activity Center. The program is "Let All Creation Sing," with songs, readings and Scripture celebrating God's creation. The band students will also perform that evening. All are welcome to attend!

**ATTENTION 2017 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Please pick up your free 8x10 Confirmation Class photo in the parish office, M-F, 8am-4pm. This photo was taken by Ann Blasco-Orsinger and printed as a gift from **M.R. Lydic Media and Promotions** to each of the Confirmation recipients. You may send a "Thank You" to them at **M.R. Lydic Media and Promotions, 306 13th Street SW, Altoona, IA 50009** or via email at **CustomerService@MRLYDIC.com**

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS PICTURES:** Are available in the parish office. Cost is \$5.00 per picture. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by during office hours, 8am-4pm, Monday thru Friday.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**One Bread, One Cup Conference:** Calling all youth who are looking for a powerful experience of faith this summer. Join other youth from around the country as they discover the Church's treasures of Word, sacrament and mission through prayer, work and recreation. The diocese is funding partial scholarships for three young people who want to be a part of this opportunity. Contact your youth minister and John Gaffney at [jgaffney@dmdiocese.org](mailto:jgaffney@dmdiocese.org) for details.

**Divorced Survival Guide begins:** Divorced? The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL group begins May 15. This 12-week session runs Mondays at St. Augustin Church in Des Moines. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Contact Deacon Tony Valdez for details, 515-979-2301 or [t.valdez@me.com](mailto:t.valdez@me.com) for details.

**Job Openings:** The diocese has job openings: an administrative assistant for the Vocations office and executive director for the St. Thomas More Center. Get details at [dmdiocese.org](http://dmdiocese.org)/employment.

**Ask a Priest:** Our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Mirror, has brought back the Q&A that so many readers missed. Send your questions for the "Ask a Priest" column to [mirror@dmdiocese.org](mailto:mirror@dmdiocese.org) or mail to "Ask a Priest," Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

**The Second Annual Summer at The Well:** Women's gathering will be Saturday, June 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Indianola. It's a day full of faith, fellowship, and fun with inspirational talks, individual prayer in our Adoration chapel and worship at Saturday evening Vigil Mass. A box lunch, afternoon snack break, and buffet dinner are all included with registration. Early bird registration rate is \$60 through May 22; \$65 after. Scholarships are available for those in need. Attendees must pre-register prior to June 9. For info. and to buy tickets, visit [thewelldesmoines.com](http://thewelldesmoines.com).

**Bishop Drumm Garage Sale:** Started Thursday, May 4th and continues each Thursday through September. Hours are 9:30am-1:30pm. 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 by calling Sue at 279-1843. No beds, old tvs or computers.

