

*I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:
love one another as I have loved you. (John 13:34)*

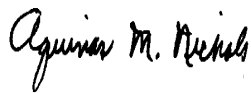
My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am away for a period of rest since I haven't had a day off since January. Please be kind to the good priests who are covering for me during these days.

My thanks to Mark Scheve and Ian and Tamara Steward for agreeing to join the Foundation Board. It is now complete with nine active members.

May he Lord continue to bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 5/12/19

Total - \$9,861.36
Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019
YTD Total - \$914,590.50
YTD Need - \$975,111.68

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$143,500.00

DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$35,000.00

REMAINING ADA DEBT for 2019: \$72,961.00



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!



11TH ANNUAL BASILICA TOUR ACROSS IOWA:

Make your reservation now for our annual Basilica bus tour. It will be on Thursday, September 19, 2019. Check in is at 7:00 am in the parking lot, coffee and donuts will be available too. The bus leaves promptly at 7:30am. Cost is \$65/person. Some of our stops this year includes the Newton Speedway, Maytag Dairy farm, Pella, Ia and Tassel Ridge Winery. It would be most helpful if you could pay early and guarantee your seat, as we will only have room for 50 people. Call or stop by the parish office to make your reservation, 244-3101, ext. 0.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MAY 18 TO MAY 26

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Intentions of Bev Whipple
18	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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SUN	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
19	10:30AM	+Charles Frey
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MON	12:00PM	+Joseph Nguyen
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TUE	12:00PM	+Ana Tran Thi Na
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WED	12:00PM	+Deery & Robson Families
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THU	12:00PM	+John Israel
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FRI	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ
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SAT	9:00AM	Intentions of Theresa Welch
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	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Carolyn Brunk
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SUN	8:30AM	+Maria Tu Tran
26	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

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: In what sense is the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of the Church?

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

SALAD SUPPER THANK YOU: Many thanks to all who participated in any way to make our 2019 Salad Supper a pleasant and successful evening: buying tickets, bringing food, attending, bringing prizes and silent auction items and purchasing items and raffle tickets. We especially thank those who set up the hall, prepared the buffet and cleaned up the kitchen at the end. Your efforts are appreciated.



The Basilica of St. John
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 20 THRU MAY 26

MON 20	9:00AM 4:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice+++
TUE 21	8:00AM 5:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice+++
WED 22	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
THU 23	8:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 24	9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Hispanic Baptism Class**
SAT 25	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy###
SUN 26	8:00AM 12:00PM 2:30PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Divine Mercy Meeting+ Oblate Meeting+

SIGN INDICATORS

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

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 20, 2019:

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 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

LIFELINES: While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices. Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is, "How is the baby going to come out?" Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death--a live baby, or a dead baby. No one should have the "right to choose" abortion because it involves taking the life of a separate, innocent human being and is therefore an atrocity. (pro-lifearticle.org)

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." Pope Benedict XVI



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Our yearly Awards Assembly will be held in the school gym on Tuesday, May 21, 2:00–3:00pm. All students that have participated in extracurricular school activities this year will be awarded at this time. Family and friends are welcome to attend. **Holy Family Catholic School Job Opening:** Volunteer Coordinator-Holy Family School has an opening for a Volunteer Coordinator. With teacher support, this person will identify volunteer needs and recruit volunteers to work with our students. Average time commitment is 10 hours per month. This is a perfect opportunity for retirees or those looking to become involved in Holy Family Catholic School. Please contact Antonia Lechuga for more information: 515-262-8025.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: Thank you to all of our families that have made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our goal is 100 percent participation. We need your help! If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider supporting our Catholic Church in southwest Iowa by making one today. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the pews.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Flood Relief: As communities recover from historic flooding in Western Iowa, including portions of our diocese, Bishop Richard Pates is urging prayer and inviting financial assistance for those in serious need. Financial support can be given through individual donations that are sent to Diocese of Des Moines, Flood Relief, c/o Finance Office, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

Memorial Day Mass: Bishop Richard Pates will celebrate Mass on Memorial Day, May 27, at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines at 10 a.m. If it rains, Mass will be moved to St. Theresa Church on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines.

Counseling Available: Catholic Charities has licensed, professional therapists working with clients of all faiths and backgrounds who are addressing depression, anxiety, stress, marital issues, relationship problems, child behavior problems, trauma, abuse and more. Therapy is available in Council Bluffs, Des Moines, and Ankeny. Set up an appointment by emailing sfister@catholiccharitiesdm.org or calling 515-237-5045 or 712-328-3086.

Help! Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program has helped many new arrivals this spring. They need your help with household supplies as they set up initial housing for the families. Most needed are bedding, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels and dishwashing liquid. If you or your group can help, contact Sinishaw at 515-393-5231 or siticha@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Golf Outing: St. Pius and the men of the Holy Name Society would like to invite all to take part in the 2019 Holy Name – Paul J. Sweeney Memorial Golf Outing. Event details are as follows: Date: June 7, 2019; Time: 7am; Registration: 8am; Shotgun Start; Venue: Terrace Hills Golf Course – Altoona; Cost: \$70 per player (includes cart, golf and lunch); Register at www.spxgolf.com or email to bobmont0513@gmail.com

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 60th 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.