

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This great Solemnity of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and the Church, reminds us of the great power the Lord has given us. The power of the Holy Spirit allows us to participate fully in the life of the Trinity and to be the faithful disciples of the Lord in this world. Let us rejoice today in this great gift & give thanks to the Lord for all he has done for us.

Please continue to help us with our elevator debt. We owe \$284,199.07 to the Knights of Columbus on this loan, and the payments are \$9,000.00 a month. We still need to raise \$90,000.00 for the 2018 ADA. Please make your pledge if you have not already done so. We also owe our Foundation \$45,000.00 since we borrowed from it this month to get current with the schools. Please do what you can to help us! We are presently caught up with everything else at the moment. But we must also face these major debts that we must bring down. Our tithing is not meeting all of our needs. I ask you to prayerfully consider doing whatever you can to help the parish in this regard. Beginning in July we will publish in the bulletin each week what is needed and what the income is as we begin with a new budget for the fiscal year.

We have started the very much needed renovations of the school bathrooms. We can pay for that from the Building Fund. Although the bathrooms are torn up, there is a small bathroom for use in the same area while the renovation is taking place.

I thank you for all you do for the parish. Let us continue to face these financial challenges together so that all may be kept in good order.

As we end the holy Season of Easter with Pentecost, I assure all of you of my prayers on a daily basis.
Devotedly in the Lord,

Agustin M. Nichols
Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 745,800.93
Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$90,446.64



We are looking for volunteers to help with running the video equipment for 10:30am Sunday morning Mass. This ministry is a wonderful way to broadcast our Basilica of Saint John Mass to those who can't be at our wonderful liturgies. Please call the Business Manager's office (515-244-3101, ext. 205) for more information.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, MAY 19 THRU MAY 27 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 19	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
	4:00PM	+Art Whipple
SUN 20	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Sharon Behlmer
MON 21	12:00PM	+Magdalena Maysonet
TUE 22	12:00PM	+Abbot Claude, O.S.B.
WED 23	12:00PM	+Cathy Nichols
THU 24	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
FRI 25	12:00PM	+Emil Vandewalle
SAT 26	9:00AM	+Mark L'Estrange
	4:00PM	+Joseph Dien Nguyen
SUN 27	8:30AM	+Anna Bui Thi Suot
	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 tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Last week's question: **** What is the bond that exists between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions? ****

ANSWER: There is a bond between all peoples which comes especially from the common origin and end of the entire human race. The Catholic Church recognizes that whatever is good or true in other religions comes from God and is a reflection of his truth. As such it can prepare for the acceptance of the Gospel and act as a stimulus toward the unity of humanity in the Church of Christ.



The Basilica of St. John
The Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 21 THRU MAY 27

MON 21	9:00AM	Adoration
TUE 22	8:00AM 3:30PM 4:30PM	Organ Practice Choir room in use+++ Columbus Academy Class**
WED 23	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
THU 24	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 25	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 26	8:30AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Hall in use
SUN 27	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group% Divine Mercy Meeting+

SIGN INDICATORS
 +++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory; + = Fr. Mulvihill Hall;
 ## = Church; % = Conference Room; (NH) = (North Hall); (SH) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 21, 2018:

Monday:	Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

LIFELINES: The Science of Babies: At the moment of conception, a new human being is formed which has the exact number of chromosomes that any human being has in each cell: forty-six. When was it decided that you would be male or female? When was the color of your skin or eyes decided? All at the moment of conception! This is not religious dogma. These are scientific facts that can be found in any biology book in the world! Yet when we stand up and say that these babies should be protected from abortion, we are told it is just an opinion and that we are imposing our religion on others! Since when is common biology a religious doctrine? *Since when is it a matter of "opinion" to say that you may not kill a baby?* Since when and why should we ignore the rights of others in the name of "freedom of choice?" *Since when is killing a respectable or acceptable choice?*
 May & June 2018 Pro-Life Articles, pro-lifearticles.org

Are you estate planning or considering a planned gift to the Basilica of Saint John? Please consider the Basilica when writing your will so we can continue God's work here on earth.

SALAD SUPPER UPDATE: Many thanks for all the support for a successful Salad Supper. To those behind the scenes and on the scene, and to a supportive staff. Money is still coming in but we have grossed approximately \$1800 to date. Thanks to our neighborhood and other patrons.

ALTAR & ROSARY NEW OFFICERS: Officers for 2018-19 were elected on May 12. They are: President-Lisa Chichelly; Vice President-Melody Tanines; Secretary-Mary Fleming; Treasurer-Jeanne Kelley.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church Rummage Sale: Save your items and the date! As you do your spring cleaning, please start saving items for the upcoming OLIH Rummage Sale, in Ankeny. There will be times to drop off donated items on July 22nd and 23rd. The sale is July 26th – 28th. Items taken for the sale are similar to what can be donated to St. Vincent DePaul. For more information, contact the Center for Social Ministry at centerforsocialministry@gmail.com or 515-782-3054.

Bishop Drumm Garage Sale: Is every Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm 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.

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.

Job Opening at the St. Joseph Educational Center: The St. Joseph Educational Center in West Des Moines is seeking a part-time Coordinator of Communications, Operations & Events. The successful candidate will primarily oversee general maintenance of the SJEC website and maintain a social media presence on multiple platforms. Strong communications and computer skills are required. A degree in communications, journalism, web or graphic design is preferred but not required. Visit sjeciowa.org for more information or contact Matt Halbach at 515-222-1084.

Administrative Assistant: The Iowa Catholic Conference (ICC) is the public policy agency of the Catholic bishops of Iowa. The ICC seeks a full-time administrative assistant to provide administrative and clerical support to the executive director, staff, committees, and Board of Directors. Flexibility of hours depending on the season is possible. Responsibilities will include general office support including phones, greeting visitors, email, correspondence, web updates, records retention, and ordering materials and supplies. Financial responsibilities include bookkeeping, payroll, income tax preparation, and data management for the ICC statewide school unemployment program. Knowledge of Quickbooks and Microsoft Office preferred. Ability to maintain confidentiality of information and an attitude of helpfulness is essential. Support of the mission of the Catholic Church required. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to: Search Committee, Iowa Catholic Conference, 530 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50312, tom@iowacatholicconference.org

