

*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 great Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension into heaven. After His work on earth was completed, Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father where he now intercedes for all of God's children. Let us thank the heavenly Father for sending His Son for our salvation and continue to meditate upon all the great mysteries of our faith.

The parish office will be closed on Monday in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. There is only one Mass on Memorial Day at 9:00am, no 12pm Mass. Also, there is no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Aguinor M. Nichols

Pastor

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: We now have \$41,751.00, or 32%, of the ADA assessment paid. That represents 32% of the total bill of \$132,297 which has been paid by roughly 20% of registered parishioners. If every family contributes, we **WILL** pay this bill without incurring debt!

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 616,464.23
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Chi Tran, Doan Tran, Hung Tran, Nhu Tran, Think Tran, Van Tran, and Nho Vo.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Luz Annelie Damian, Hubert Willard and Abbygail Garcia and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Elizabeth Stone and Paul Burghart who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on May 13, 2017.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Sonia Valdez & Peter Schulte who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on May 20, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have an event at the Basilica and are responsible for locking the church afterward, PLEASE be sure to check that the West MLK door leading from the parish hall is closed tightly. Or if you exit from this door, be sure to close it tightly behind you. It may look closed, but you will need to pull on it to make sure it is latched. Several times over the last few weeks this door has not been closed tightly and anyone could have walked into the parish hall.



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE,
MAY 27 TO JUNE 4
TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

SAT 27	4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families 6:00PM Spanish Mass
SUN 28	8:30AM +Peter Nguyen 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
MON 29	Happy Memorial Day! 9:00AM +Florence & August Pearson
TUE 30	12:00PM +Phero Nguyen Hai Phong & Maria Pham Thi Mai
WED 31	12:00PM +John Randolph Rude
THU 01	12:00PM Intentions of Steve Tatz Family
FRI 02	12:00PM +Paul Conradt
SAT 03	9:00AM +Gerald Sikorski ----- 4:00PM +Kathryn Mauro
SUN 04	8:30AM +Louis Quang Le 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:

Question: What happened at Pentecost?

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





The Basilica of St. John
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
May 28, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 29 THRU JUNE 4

MON 29	<u>Happy Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed</u>		
	9:00AM	NO Adoration	
	6:00PM	Organ Practice+++	
TUE 30	9:00AM	Organ Practice##	
	6:00PM	<u>Diocesan</u> Marriage Prep. Class+	
	6:00PM	Organ Practice+++	
WED 31	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@	
THU 01	No scheduled events		
FRI 02	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@	
SAT 03	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy##	
	8:30AM	Hispanic Retreat+	
	8:30AM	School in use**	
	10:00AM	Organ Practice	
	1:00PM	Quincenera	
SUN 04	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group%	
	2:00PM	Columbus Academy Graduation Mass and Reception##+	

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 29, 2017:

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
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, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

LIFELINES: PLANNED PARENTHOOD claims to offer women "comprehensive health care, not simply **ABORTIONS**". However, women seeking prenatal **ULTRASOUNDS** at Planned Parenthood clinics nationwide were **unable to obtain them**, being told repeatedly: "Oh...we **SPECIALIZE IN ABORTIONS...that's what our ultrasounds are for...**" and, "**WE DON'T DO ANY PRENATAL CARE here...we only do ultrasounds if you are terminating [the pregnancy]**" --Live Action, April 2017



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Please keep our 8th grade students in your prayers as they graduate. Their graduation Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Americas on Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m. There will be a reception following the ceremony. The last day of school is Friday, June 9, with a 1:00 dismissal. Have a fun and safe summer! Remember, the first day of school at Holy Family is Thursday, July 27!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Annual Memorial Day Mass: Bishop Richard Pates will celebrate the annual Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 29 at Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. at St. Theresa Church, 1230 Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. Memorial Day is a federal holiday when we remember the men and women who died in military service to the United States

Priestly Ordination: Make plans now to join us at St. Ambrose Cathedral on Friday, June 23 as Bishop Pates ordains Deacon Trevor Chicoine to the priesthood. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. and all are invited.

Ladies' MOSAIC Luncheon: Thursday, June 8th, 12:00 to 1:00 pm - Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny. Iowa Catholic Radio and the Ladies' MOSAIC Luncheon speaker series brings stimulating speakers to Des Moines to discuss a variety of fascinating topics. Join the MOSAIC community of Catholic women who meet monthly for lunch and fellowship. Learn about some aspect of an individual or group in our community working to make our world a better place. Join us on June 8th for Jenny Condon's touching testimony on the hundreds of mothers who have chosen life through the saving work of InnerVisions Health Care. InnerVisions HealthCare provides women facing unplanned pregnancies with truthful information, ultrasounds and free medical care, helping them make the most informed decisions. Register now at IowaCatholicRadio.com, call or text us at 515-223-1150.

The Third Option: Want to strengthen your marriage? Then join our new marriage enrichment ministry, The Third Option, which meets the first and third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. in the Mercy Hospital Conference Rooms, 1111 6th Ave East Tower, Des Moines, IA 50314. The Third Option is an on-going support group for marriages, which is built upon 14 skill based workshops that cover a comprehensive set of tools to help couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. This is a program meant for couples that are hurting, or for couples that just want to make a good thing better! Come join a community focused on the skills that help marriages thrive! (Parking for the Third Option can be done in the visitor's parking lot directly east of the east tower, or in the parking garage directly south of the east tower). For more information, and to see a map of Mercy visit our website at <http://www.dmdiocese.org/the-third-option.cfm> **Upcoming Dates are June 5th, and June 19th.**

Catholic Tuition Organization: Donating to the Catholic Tuition Organization saves the donor significantly on their taxes AND provides much needed tuition assistance to families who want to send their children to our Catholic schools! For more information, go online to CTOIowa.org or call Jeanne Wells at 515-237-5010.

Thought for the Day: Msgr. Frank Bognanno, pastor of Christ the King Parish in Des Moines, is on WOI-TV each weekday at 6:59 a.m. with a Thought for the Day.

