

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. (John 14:23)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week the readings again turn our attention to love. We are exhorted by Christ to love others. He reminds us that there is no greater love "than to lay down one's life for another." While it can mean the ultimate sacrifice for another, it also means that on a daily basis we seek out the good of other individuals, never wishing anyone harm and never doing harmful things to another.

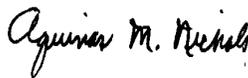
Our congratulations to all our young people who today receive their First Holy Communion for the first time. Let us keep them all in our prayers, that their faith may grow ever stronger in the unique presence of Our Lord in this most precious Sacrament. My gratitude goes out to all of those who contributed to their formation in the faith at this important time in their lives.

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 this a priority for the financial security of the parish.

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: \$93,492.00



ALTAR & ROSARY SALAD SUPPER: The 40th Annual Salad Supper will be this Tuesday, May 8. Doors open at 5pm, dinner starts at 6:30pm. A wonderful evening of fellowship, food and fun is planned. Tickets are \$6 at the door. This traditional event sees many parishioners and many people from outside of the parish. So—we request all members of the parish to donate a salad to make this event a wonderful meal. Funds are used to support our activities such as cleaning the altar linens, providing altar flowers and honoring Fr. Aquinas' requests for the altar. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated. Questions-call Chris at 279-6774.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MAY 5 TO MAY 13

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 05 4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 06 8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
First Communion

MON 07 12:00PM +Rachel Hanian

TUE 08 12:00PM +Lynn A. O'Leary

WED 09 12:00PM +Dolly Benson

THU 10 12:00PM +Martha Binkerd Gass

FRI 11 12:00PM +Cody Henritz

SAT 12 9:00AM +Leland Harris

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary

SUN 13 *Happy Mothers Day!!*
8:30AM +Kay Davis
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:

Last week's question: **** What is the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people? ****

ANSWER: The Catholic Church recognizes a particular link with the Jewish people in the fact that God chose them before all others to receive his Word. To the Jewish people belong "the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, the promises, and the patriarch; and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ" (Romans 9:4, 5). The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to the revelation of God in the Old Covenant.



The Basilica of St. John
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 7 THRU MAY 13

MON 07	9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ KC Council Meeting+
TUE 08	8:00AM 3:30PM 4:30PM 6:30PM	Set up for Salad Supper Choir Room in use Columbus Academy Class** Altar & Rosary Salad Supper
WED 09	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
THU 10	8:00AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+
FRI 11	9:00AM 9:00AM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class** Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 12	8:30AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 12:00PM 7:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Carmelite Meeting** Quincenera Class** Wedding Wedding Reception until 10pm
SUN 13	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pro Life Meeting+

Diocesan 2nd Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 7, 2018:
Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

LIFELINES: "When we die, we will come face to face with God, the Author of Life. Who will give an account to God for the millions and millions of babies who were not allowed a chance to live, to experience loving and being loved?"
 Mother Teresa of Calcutta (pro-lifearticle.org)

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

SAVE THE DATE: September 13, 2018 for the 10th Annual Basilica Tour of Iowa. Our first stop of the day will be Sawmill Hollow. This is an aronia berry farm, another crop unique to Iowa. We will have a short tour and presentation. The Aronia Berry is the highest in antioxidants. There are plenty of things made with the berry. Our last stop of the day will be the Breezy Hills Winery, for wine tasting and purchases. Don't forget...call the office to sign up (244-3101, ext. 0).



ALTAR & ROSARY MAY MEETING: Will be Saturday, May 12, after the 9am Mass. Linda Murphy's Band #5 will host the meeting and the Sunday Coffee and Donuts. We will have elections and May crowning at our meeting.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: The Holy Family School Board will meet May 10, 6:00pm, at the school. Friday, May 11, is the next jeans day. If students choose to dress out of uniform, they need to bring \$1 to donate to the Guidance classroom fundraiser.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Bishop Drumm Garage Sale: Began last Thursday, May 3rd & continues each Thursday thru September. Hours are 9:30-1:30. 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 these phone numbers.

All men are invited to meet up for Man-Up's next event, "Don't Stop Believin: Keeping the Faith Through FOCUS", Tuesday, May 8, Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny, 5:20pm Rosary, 5:45pm Mass, 6:30pm dinner and program. Hear how other men are keeping the faith in this engaging panel discussion featuring Deacon Tom Bradley, Fr. Jon Seda, Fr. Mark Owusu, and Addie Magruder with students from ISU, Drake, and DCHS. Register at IowaCatholicRadio.com, or call 515-223-1150.

St. Theresa Parish in Des Moines has an opening for a full time (30 hours per week) Church Custodian. The custodian assures that the church is maintained in a clean, orderly and welcoming manner. The custodian assists with setup and takedown of chairs, tables and other equipment for parish and school events. This individual also assures that the parish grounds are welcoming, safe and in good order. Performs minor maintenance. Must be able to lift 50 pounds, work on your feet all day, and work some flexible and early morning hours. This position offers benefits including medical, dental and vision insurance and a 403(b) retirement plan. For more details or to apply, see our website (sainttheresaiowa.org) or contact Mary Gisler in the Parish Office (515-279-4654 x303).