

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me!*

(John 10:14)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" since the Gospel is always about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us into everlasting life. Let us follow the voice of the Shepherd in all things and not try to enter the kingdom except through the narrow door that leads to eternal life.

Our Foundation dinner last Sunday was a great success. My sincere thanks to the Board members who did such a fine job in arranging everything. There were some very nice items for the auction this year. We will give you an update on what was made as soon as everything is counted up and expenses deducted.

This Sunday our children will make their First Holy Communion. Please accompany them with your prayers and support as they make this big step.

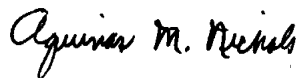
This year the Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of the apparition at Fatima where the Blessed Mother appeared to the shepherd children in 1917. From May 1-13 we will pray the rosary before Mass each day. You are invited to join us for this devotion as we ask the Blessed Mother to help us in our daily lives.

Beginning in August when the present schedule is finished, I will personally be scheduling the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the weekends. If anyone is interested in helping with these important ministries, either at the liturgy or for the homebound, please see me personally. I will give you an interview, and if approved, the head MC, Hugh O'Hagan, will do the training. On First Fridays, generally five ministers are needed in addition to myself and the deacon. Please just come forward at the usual time.

We have launched our ADA campaign for 2017. 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 celebrate our Easter joy during the coming 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

DEBT OWED TO THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN FOUNDATION: Has been paid in full!!! Thank you!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$35,961.25 or 27%, has been paid toward our 2017 ADA assessment. If everyone participates, we can pay this bill without further debt.

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 600,627.43
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
MAY 6 TO MAY 14**

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

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| SAT | 4:00PM | +Aggie Gavin |
| 06 | 6:00PM | Spanish Mass |
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| SUN | 8:30AM | +Kathryn Mauro |
| 07 | 10:30AM | Parish & Benefactors |
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| MON | 12:00PM | +John Kehrl |
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| TUE | 12:00PM | +John Randolph Rude, Jr. |
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| WED | 12:00PM | +Henry & Violet Sikorski |
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| THU | 12:00PM | +Donna Blaskovich |
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| FRI | 12:00PM | +Bob Kharouf |
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| SAT | 9:00AM | +Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary and Basilica Seminarians |
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| | | (Vigil Mass) |
| | 4:00PM | +Gary Kiernan |
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| SUN | 8:30AM | Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family |
| 14 | 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 [tueskoetterluke3@gmail.com](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

What is the work of the Spirit in Mary?

ANSWER: The Holy Spirit brought to fulfillment in Mary all the waiting and the preparation of the Old Testament for the coming of Christ. In a singular way he filled her with grace and made her virginity fruitful so that she could give birth to the Son of God made flesh. He made her the Mother of the "whole Christ," that is, of Jesus the Head and of the Church his body. Mary was present with the twelve on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit inaugurated the "last days" with the manifestation of the Church.



The Basilica of St. John
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 8 THRU MAY 14

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| MON 08 | 9:00AM 6:00PM | Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice |
| TUE 09 | 9:00AM 6:00PM 6:30PM | Organ Practice Organ Practice Altar & Rosary Salad Supper+ |
| WED 10 | 9:00AM 6:15PM 6:30PM | Adoration Begins@ RE Teacher Inservice** Church Tour: Grace United Methodist |
| THU 11 | 6:00PM 7:00PM 7:00PM | Bell Choir+++ Choir+++ Adult Faith Book Study** |
| FRI 12 | 9:00AM 6:00PM | Adoration Begins@ Wedding Rehearsal |
| SAT 13 | 8:30AM 9:45AM 11:00AM | Chaplet of Divine Mercy Altar & Rosary Meeting+ Stone/Burghart Wedding |
| SUN 14 | 8:00AM 12:00PM 1:00PM | Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pro Life Meeting+ Organ Practice |

**Basilica of the National
 Shrine of the Immaculate Conception—
 Diocesan 2nd Collection**

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 8, 2017:

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| Monday | Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:11-18 |
| Tuesday | Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30 |
| Wednesday | Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50 |
| Thursday | Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 |
| Friday | Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 |
| Saturday | Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 |
| Sunday | Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 |

**LIFELINES: THIS IS A BROCHURE FROM
 PLANNED PARENTHOOD FROM 1952:**

"Is abortion birth control?"

"Definitely not. **ABORTION** requires an operation. It **KILLS THE LIFE OF A BABY** after it has begun. **It is DANGEROUS to your life and health. It may make you STERILE, so when you want children you cannot have them...ABORTION KILLS LIFE.**"



EASTER LILY DONATION: We would like to acknowledge the donation of an Easter Lily in memory of Dawson & Frances Killough, Pauline Huelsbeck, Stella Connolly, Ramona Rocha and Jon Farrington. (The card was not available at the time of printing of the flyer.)



ALTAR & ROSARY BUFFET AND CARD PARTY: All are welcome to come for an evening of good food and fun at the Annual Salad Buffet and Card party this Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30pm, in the parish hall. Tickets are \$6.00 each and can be purchased at the door that evening. There will be door prizes, 50/50 raffle and a silent auction along with playing your favorite card & board games.



SALADS NEEDED: Rosary members, as well as non-members, are encouraged to donate salads for the buffet on May 9. Please bring them to the hall kitchen on Tuesday, May 9 after 9am or by 6pm.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Leo Selgrade, Kimberly, Jennifer & Anthony Ordaz, and Karina Garcia and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Angelica & Francisco Hernandez & Family; Thuy Duong.



MAY ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: Will be Saturday, May 13 following the 9:00am Mass in the parish hall. We will socialize, have a May Crowning and election of Officers. Please join us.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Friday, May 12, is the next jeans day. If students choose to dress out of uniform, they need to bring \$1 to donate to the PK classroom fundraiser. Please continue to pray for the family of Stephen Kim, husband of Ester and father of Holy Family students, Suan and David. Stephen tragically lost his life on April 21, 2017. Donations for the family are being collected through a gofundme campaign to assist with burial and other family needs. Donations are also being collected at Holy Family School. If you have any questions, please call 262-8025.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "I ask parish communities, associations, & the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers into his harvest. May he give us priests & religious enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters living signs of God's merciful love." – Pope Francis

Mary's Meals Run: Join fellow Catholics for the Mary's Meals Run on Saturday, May 13 at 9 a.m. in West Des Moines' Historic Valley Junction. The race includes a 10K and 5K with an after party at Railroad Park. Your registration - whether 10K or 5K, walking or running - will feed one child in desperate need of food for an ENTIRE school year, oftentimes the child's only meal of the day. Bishop Emeritus Joseph Charron will lead the opening prayer and bless the runners and walkers before the start of the race. If you can't make it, you can also sign up as a virtual runner or walker to help the cause. This is a great way to celebrate the month of Mary as well as the 100th anniversary of Fatima. Learn more and register today at www.MarysMealsRun.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.

Celebrate MOTHER'S DAY: With Iowa Catholic Radio! Join us Thursday, May 11th for the Ladies' MOSAIC Luncheon, being held from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Des Moines. In this month of Mary and of all mothers we will hear speaker Ellen Miller highlight Mary's Meals and how over a million children are being fed everyday all across the globe at their places of education. To register go to IowaCatholicRadio.com, call 515-223-1150 or visit us on Facebook.