

Now the ruler of this world will be driven out, says the Lord, and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

(John 12:31b-32)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

Our great strength as Catholic Christians comes from our oneness in Christ. We form one Body, with Christ as the Head. When evil successfully divides us, it also weakens us. Jesus speaks about Satan causing division in today's Holy Gospel. But Satan can be conquered with the grace and strength that comes from Jesus Christ.

Financial Update: Elevator Debt: We owe \$275,199.07 to the Knights of Columbus on this loan, and the payments are \$9,000.00 a month. We also still need to raise \$86,556.00 for the 2018 ADA. Please make your pledge if you have not already done so. Foundation Debt: We also owe our Foundation \$43,000.00 since we borrowed from it 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 on a weekly basis. 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.

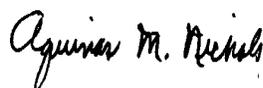
We have started the very much needed renovations of the school bathrooms. We can pay for that from the Building Fund. Although the bathrooms are torn up there is a small bathroom for use in the same area while the renovation is taking place.

The large statue of the Sacred Heart which was in the school is being re-furnished at the moment. It will be placed in a prominent place when the work is completed.

I thank you for all you do for the parish. Let us continue to face these financial challenges together.

The lazy days of summer are here. Please remember to dress modestly for Mass attendance, and I ask that you not leave Mass until the recessional hymn is over.

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 754,800.93
Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$86,556.64

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION PICTURES: If you would like to purchase a group picture of your child's First Communion or Confirmation they are in the parish office. It is a 5x7 photo, for \$5.00 each.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 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

JUNE 9 TO JUNE 17

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 09	4:00PM	+Father Bernardine, O.S.B.
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 10	8:30AM	+Kathryn Mauro
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 11	12:00PM	+Michael Munoz
TUE 12	12:00PM	+Bill Tegeler
WED 13	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors Franciscan Sisters FEHJ
THU 14	12:00PM	+John Israel
FRI 15	12:00PM	+Cody Henritz
SAT 16	9:00AM	+Lucille Molloy
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
SUN 17	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Sharon Behlmer



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: Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world?

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

When you make your will, consider naming The Basilica of Saint John as the final beneficiary.



The Basilica of St. John
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 10, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JUNE 11 THRU JUNE 17

MON	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
11	7:00PM	4th Degree KC Meeting+
TUE	8:00AM	Organ Practice+
12		
WED	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
13		
THU	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
14		
FRI	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
15		
SAT	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy###
16	10:00AM	Franciscan Meeting** <i>St. Elisabeth Convent-Belarus-Religious Items</i> <i>on sale after all the Masses</i>
SUN	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+
17		<i>St. Elisabeth Convent-Belarus-Religious Items</i> <i>on sale after all the Masses</i>

SIGN INDICATORS

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

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of June 11, 2018:

Monday: Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

LIFELINES Abortion Industry Exposed! For years we have been told that legal abortions were necessary for the health and well-being of the mother. It is a lie. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League, who later became a Christian pro-life activist, admitted that his group blatantly lied about the number of women dying from illegal abortions. The truth is only a small percentage (less than one-tenth of 1 percent by some counts) of the 1.3 million abortions in the United States each year are to save the mother's life. Instead statistics suggest that 85 percent of all abortions are performed as a means of birth control and are three times more likely to be by a woman on Medicaid. Family planning and abortion clinics in the United States are a \$2 billion a year industry with a 1.3 percent growth over five years, with 40 percent of all the country's abortions being performed at Planned Parenthood. Abortion clinics, by and large, are seedy, dirty, nefarious profit centers that don't care a lick about the woman or her rights. They are all about turning a quick buck. Just look at the recent cases of Dr. Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia or Dr. Douglas Karpen in Houston! Another clinic threw remains on its roof to avoid hazardous waste removal fees. The list of abusive practices goes on and on. Fortunately, slowly but surely, the dirty secrets are being exposed to the public. It's about time! (pro-lifearticle.org)

ST. ELISABETH CONVENT IN BELARUS: We would like to invite you to have a look at handmade religious articles and souvenirs made by the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent (Belarus) who will visit the Basilica of St. John on **June 16 & 17, 2018 (Saturday and Sunday), after ALL weekend Masses.** The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 20 years sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, & a TB clinic. To help these people, the workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God, working together with the nuns and lay sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, rosaries, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments).

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Life in the Spirit Community: More than ever a sense of community and belonging is vital in our rapidly changing, impersonal world. If you desire to seek the support of a prayer community in developing a more intimate relationship with the Lord and a greater love for the church, the sacraments, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit then consider coming to the Life In The Spirit Community! All are welcome to attend, which meets the first three Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm in the chapel of St. Ambrose Cathedral. The fourth Thursday of each month the group meets in the parish hall next to the Cathedral on High Street. If you have questions please call 515-965-0053 or 515-276-6614.

Retirement Celebration: Please join us on Sunday, July 1, 2018 to celebrate the retirement of Fr. John Ludwig. There will be a Vespers Service at 4pm followed by a reception at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk, Iowa.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Is a weekend to rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day. Take time to rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married. Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive by signing up today to attend one of the upcoming Weekends on Sept. 7-9 Cedar Falls; Oct. 19-21 Marathon, WI; Nov. 2-4 Coralville. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: iowa-wwme.org or call [563-608-3305](tel:563-608-3305) or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com

Counseling Services: Struggling with how to handle personal challenges? Contact Catholic Charities receptionist, Cheryl Thorp at 515-237-5045 for more information or to set up a professional counseling appointment. Most major insurance is accepted, and a sliding fee scale is available for those without insurance.

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

