

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will live for ever.*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The parable about the Sower in today's Holy Gospel speaks directly to us. We must be the fertile soil that receives the Word of God and then allow that Word to grow within our hearts. We should be striving daily to allow the Word of the Lord to take root in our lives, guiding us to right ways of thinking and of acting. Only then will we eventually come to the fullness of God's kingdom.

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 \$85,282.64.00 for the 2018 ADA. Please make your pledge if you have not already done so. It is extremely important for us to make this assessment so that the extra income we may receive stays within the parish. Foundation Debt: We also owe our Foundation \$41,500.00 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.

The needed renovations of the school bathrooms progresses well. We are able to 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-furbished at the moment. It will be placed in a prominent place near the parish hall 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,

Agustin M. Nichols

Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$85,282.64

Funeral Mass for Zita Marie-Catherine Storey, stillborn daughter of Adam and Kara Storey, will be held at the Basilica of St. John on Monday, June 18th, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery, a luncheon to follow in the parish hall. A Eucharistic Adoration Vigil will be held Sunday, June 17th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Basilica, with singing, prayers and Office for the Dead.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JUNE 16 TO JUNE 24

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 16 4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 17 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Sharon Behlmer

MON 18 12:00PM +Alice & Fred Fath

TUE 19 12:00PM +John Israel

WED 20 12:00PM +Sheila Gallop

THU 21 12:00PM +Dorothy & Gerald Castonguay

FRI 22 12:00PM +Fr. Dominic Khang Dinh

SAT 23 9:00AM +Larry Newman

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM +Joseph Dien Nguyen

SUN 24 8:30AM +Anna Bui Thi Suot
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: **** Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world? ****

ANSWER: The Church must do so because Christ has given the command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). This missionary mandate of the Lord has its origin in the eternal love of God who has sent his Son and the Holy Spirit because he "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

Is your "will" keeping up with you? With your Christian commitments? Remember the Basilica of Saint John.



The Basilica of St. John
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 17, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JUNE 18 THRU JUNE 24

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| MON | 9:00AM | Adoration Begins@ |
| 18 | 11:00AM | Hall in use |
| TUE | 8:00AM | Organ Practice+ |
| 19 | 10:00AM | Conference Room in use |
| WED | 9:00AM | Adoration Begins@ |
| 20 | 9:00AM | Conference Room in use |
| | 9:30AM | Book Study+ |
| THU | 8:00AM | Organ Practice+++ |
| 21 | 8:00AM | Conference Room in use |
| FRI | 9:00AM | Adoration Begins@ |
| 22 | 6:30PM | Hispanic Baptism Class** |
| SAT | 8:30AM | Chaplet of Divine Mercy### |
| 23 | | |
| SUN | 8:00AM | Vietnamese Prayer Group+ |
| 24 | 12:00PM | Divine Mercy Meeting+ |
| | 2:00PM | Oblate Meeting###+ |

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; %=Conference Room;
 (N)=(North Hall); (S)=(South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of June 18, 2018:

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

LIFELINES: "I am reminded how much abortion affects not only the babies in the womb, not just the mothers of the babies, but the fathers too. Today I want to celebrate fathers who along with the mothers of their children, choose life. I also want to pray with those post abortive fathers, and tell them about **Rachael's Vineyard and Silent No More Awareness**. I'm a post abortive mother, and have found hope and healing after abortion. In his book, **Redeeming a Father's Heart**, Kevin Burke says men need healing too." Happy Fathers' Day to fathers everywhere. (Alveda King's blog, 2011)
"Behold, children are a gift from the Lord... How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them..." – Psalm 127:3,5



BASILICA AWARDED GRANT: The Basilica of St. John has been awarded a \$1500 grant from the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa. The grant has been awarded for the purchase and implementation of the ChristLife Evangelization Program at the Basilica. The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa works with families to facilitate giving. The return on investments managed by the Catholic Foundation come back in many different forms to diocesan organizations and a grant program is one of them. Watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks to learn more about the ChristLife Evangelization program.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!: We are currently putting together pictures and memorabilia for our archives. There are some pictures in which we are having difficulty identifying the people in them and the dates. There will be a display set up next weekend for you to look at them. If you recognize anyone in them, there will be pencils and post-it notes for you to write names and/or dates of the specific pictures. On Saturday, June 23 at the 4pm Mass the display will be in the vestibule of the church. On Sunday, June 24, the pictures will be in the parish hall after both the Masses.

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 are visiting the Basilica of St. John **this weekend**. 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).



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.

LOST & FOUND: A black cell phone was found in the church last weekend. If you're missing one, please call the parish office, 244-3101, ext. 0.

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.

Immediate Opening: For the Executive Director of the Saint Thomas More Center. Please go to the Diocesan website for more information <http://www.dmdiocese.org/diocesan-job-openings.cfm>