

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

(John 6:51)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Solemnity of the Most Holy Eucharist, Corpus Christi, again puts before us the reality of the Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. Jesus states that he is the Living Bread come down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. It is not just the eating of the Lord's Body that will allow us to live with God forever, but our following his commands and laws. The Eucharist is meant to sustain us along our earthly journey as we struggle in this life to put our faith into action. The Lord is always with us in our tabernacles to remind us that we are never alone, that we must rely solely on our own strength. He is always present to guide and to sustain us.

Please keep our ADA campaign for 2017 in mind. 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. Blank pledge cards are in the back of the Basilica in the pamphlet racks. **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.**

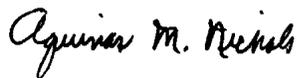
**We also continue to make our timely payments to our elevator debt. I thank you for your contributions in this regards which keep coming in a little bit every week. We rely greatly on your fulfilling your pledge to the Sharing God's Gifts Campaign.**

Last week it was noticed that someone was walking off with the host at Communion time until one of our parishioners confronted him and the host was consumed. Please be vigilant that this does not happen in the Basilica. I ask the Eucharistic Ministers and the ushers to pay special attention to this matter.

We are also experiencing some rather warm weather. But please remember that modest attire is still expected at the Masses. We should not be attired in short shorts or immodest tops to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. This is a matter of respect not only to the Lord in his house, but to ourselves. If you feel it is too hot, just look at the ministers and deacons and priest before you complain. In general the Basilica is very comfortable. If you find it is not cool enough let us know, but it is hard to satisfy everyone as to the perfect temperature.

We are now settled back into "Ordinary Time." Enjoy the summer break. May grace always grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** We now have \$56,933.25 (43%) of our 2017 ADA bill paid. A sincere thanks to those who have contributed or pledged. We still owe \$75,363.75! Worthy to Note: Payments to the ADA are tax-deductible for donors and are not included as assessable income toward future ADA assessments for the Basilica.

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 618,383.23  
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED:** We are in need of 2-3 Religious Ed. Teachers for this Fall 2017/18. We will need one for Kindergarten, who has first level Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training, and another for the 5th grade class. If you are able to help with this rewarding ministry please contact Maria Walters at 515-953-9188 or mlkuesner@gmail.com. Classes start in September.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**JUNE 17 TO JUNE 25**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT 17</b>	4:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 18</b>	8:30AM	+Mary Tu Tran
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 19</b>	12:00PM	+Betty Brien
<b>TUE 20</b>	12:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
<b>WED 21</b>	12:00PM	Special Intentions of Anita
<b>THU 22</b>	12:00PM	+Alice Ryan
<b>FRI 23</b>	12:00PM	+Tillie & Charles Ritchie
<b>SAT 24</b>	9:00AM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
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<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>		
	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
<b>SUN 25</b>	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

**THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:**

[www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn](http://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:**

*What does the Spirit do in the Church?*

**ANSWER:** The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear "the fruit of the Spirit". (Galatians 5:22)

*Opportunity may knock once,  
But temptation bangs on the front door forever.*



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*  
*June 18, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**JUNE 19 THRU JUNE 25**

MON 19	9:00AM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice+++
TUE 20	9:00AM 6:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice +++
WED 21	9:00AM 10:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Book Study+
THU 22		NO Scheduled Events
FRI 23	9:00AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ St. Elisabeth Convent Relig. Items-Sale Wedding Rehearsal##
SAT 24	8:30AM 10:00AM 1:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy### Carmelite's Meeting** Krstel/Ramaekers Wedding##
SUN 25	8:00AM 10:30AM 12:00PM 1:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Bizimana Baptism## Divine Mercy Meeting% Organ Practice+++ <b>2nd Collection-Diocesan "Peters Pence"</b>

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 19, 2017:**

**Monday** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15  
**Friday:** Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30  
**Saturday:** Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

**LIFELINES:** "Finally our tax dollars are being redirected from death care to health care. President Trump's "Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance" policy is simply amazing. Friends, he's not robbing the poor, he's saving lives. Remember, abortion is not health care. Abortions kill babies and sometimes mothers. Abortion is a violent and deceptive act. I know. I survived two abortions and a miscarriage. My babies didn't." [#HowCanTheDreamSurviveAbortion](#). (Priests for Life, Alveda King's Blog, Tuesday, May 16, 2017)



**ST. ELISABETH CONVENT**-from Minsk, Belarus will be here at the Basilica on **Friday, June 23** to sell their handmade religious items. These funds help them to support special needs children, mentally challenged adults and a TB clinic. Many of the people in the Rehab. Center help with the making of these items and are able to express themselves in art for God, working together with the nuns and lay sisters. You can support many people in need by purchasing items of devotion for yourselves and your loved ones. **They will be in the vestibule of the church before and after the 12pm Noon Mass.**

**THANKS FROM ALTAR & ROSARY:** Many thanks to our members, non-members and parishioners who supported our activities during the 2016/17 membership year. We were able to give Father \$000 to replat a historic chalice from our first pastor and \$4000 toward the elevator fund. **Our membership renewal will begin in August. Dues are \$10 and one of the best benefits is that Father offers a monthly Mass for both living and deceased members. There will not be monthly meetings in July or August. Contact Chris Killough at 279-6774 if you have questions.**

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Red Mass:** Bishop Richard Pates will celebrate a Red Mass on Monday, June 19 at 10 a.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral to kick off the annual meeting of the Iowa Bar Association. Everyone is welcome. A Red Mass is celebrated as the Holy Spirit is called upon to provide guidance to those who work in the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government, law professors or anyone who works in the legal or judicial profession. The Red Mass gets its name from the red vestments clergy wear when celebrating a liturgy invoking the Holy Spirit.

**Invitation to a Priestly Ordination:** Make plans to join the whole diocese at the priestly ordination of Deacon Trevor Chicoine on Friday, June 23 at St. Ambrose Cathedral. The Mass begins at 7 p.m.

**Strongman Day** - Saturday, June 24, 2017: Men of bravery and valor are invited to gather for a new type of fellowship! Competitive-minded attendees will be challenged by classic strength events, and those not so inclined will have opportunities to attend active breakout sessions. National Catholic speaker and author, Jared Zimmerer, will frame the day's work by talking about authentic masculinity through physical endeavors. All men young or not so young, regardless of fitness level are welcome. Competitor and non-competitor tickets are available for \$30.00 per person, includes lunch and a social hour. You must be over 18 to take part in competition events. Register at [www.IowaCatholicRadio.com](http://www.IowaCatholicRadio.com) or call 515-223-1150.

**We Want to Hear From You!** The Diocese of Des Moines wants to hear from you: What are the challenges and opportunities in your parish for reaching out to those who are not active in our faith? Take this brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Joyofthegospel>. Local representatives want to bring your perspective to a national convocation this summer at which the U.S. bishops will be asking, "Where is the Holy Spirit leading us?" The convocation has been called to make Pope Francis's document "The Joy of the Gospel" ("Evangelii Gaudium") a living document for the Church in the United States.

**YouTube Videos Available:** The diocese has produced a number of videos over the last few years: Vocation stories of seminarians, Bishop Pates on mercy and living our faith, and more. While you're surfing the internet this summer, stop by [YouTube.com/dmdiocese](http://YouTube.com/dmdiocese) and see what we have to offer.