

You child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

(Luke 1:76)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. Only on rare occasions does the Church replace her Sunday liturgy with a feast of importance. Today is such a feast. St. John the Baptist witnessed to the Lord from even before he was born, to his beheading in prison. His preaching calls us to repentance and to point out the Lord to others in all things.

Financial Update: Elevator Debt: We still 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 you all to make a pledge towards our ADA. We still need pledges to raise \$84,005.14 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 through the Christmas appeal stays within the parish for our own needs. If every registered family and individuals would pledge just a dollar a day for the year we would come close to making our assessment. Please?

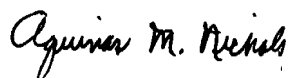
Foundation Debt: We presently owe our Foundation \$40,000.00 since we borrowed from it to get current with the schools. Please do what you can to help us! We are presently caught up with everything else at the moment. But we must also face these budget items. I ask you to prayerfully consider doing whatever you can to help the parish in this regard. Beginning in July we will publish in the bulletin each week what is needed to meet all of our obligations, and what the actual income is, as we begin with a new budget for the fiscal year. The Finance Council has worked very hard with our Business Manager to come up with a workable budget. My thanks to all of the members of the Council and our financial staff.

Please!!! Dress modestly for the Holy Mass. No short shorts and no immodest tops. Remember where you are and who it is that you are addressing: Almighty God! It is not asking too much to dress appropriately.

Also, please do not leave Holy Mass. There is no place you must be that is more important than the Mass. Unless you get sick or have some other urgent reason, it is not a valid practice to leave after receiving Holy Communion, or before the final hymn is finished to "beat the crowd out".

I thank you for all you do for the parish. Let us continue to face our financial challenges together. This beautiful parish has much to offer the diocese both liturgically and spiritually. But above all, let us remember to **pray** for the Lord's continued help and blessings upon us.

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

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

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: **\$84,005.14**

Is God's will in your will? Remember the Basilica of Saint John.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, JUNE 23 THRU JULY 01 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
23	4:00PM	+Joseph Dien Nguyen
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SUN	8:30AM	+Anna Bui Thi Suot
24	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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MON	12:00PM	+Corrine Graziano
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TUE	12:00PM	Special Intention
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WED	12:00PM	+Dolly Benson
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THU	12:00PM	+Jan Innis
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FRI	12:00PM	+Alice M. Ryan
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SAT	9:00AM	+John Israel
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	4:00PM	Intentions of the Whipple Family and +Art Whipple
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SUN	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
01	10:30AM	+Jon Farrington

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 tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Question: In what sense is the Church missionary?

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



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.



The Basilica of St. John
Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 24, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JUNE 25 THRU JULY 01

MON	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ 25
TUE	8:00AM	Organ Practice 26
WED	9:00AM 9:30AM	Adoration Begins@ Book Study+
THU	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++ 28
FRI	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ 29
SAT	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## 30
SUN	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group% 01 <i>Peter's Pence Collection-Diocesan</i>

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory; += Fr. Mulvihill Hall;
 ## = Church; %=Conference Room; (NH)=(North Hall); (SH)=(South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of June 25, 2018:

Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

LIFELINES: Our Tax Dollars Fund Abortions. Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the U.S. and advocates and benefits from taxpayer-funded abortion-on-demand. PP opposes any limitations on access to abortion, including partial-birth abortion and also opposes mandatory parental notification for minors to undergo the procedure. Approximately one third of its clients are girls younger than 18 who live with one or both parents. Some 97 percent of these girls qualify for federal assistance to reimburse a provider of social services. This is because PP teaches its affiliates how to exploit federal "family planning" programs by qualifying as many clients as possible for federal subsidies of pregnancy tests, contraceptives, and abortions covered by Medicaid. (June 2017, Pro-lifearticles.org)



FIRST COMMUNION and 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.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of *Zita Storey* who recently passed away. Please also pray for her family & friends in their time of need.



BASILICA GARAGE SALE: August 10 and 11th. As you declutter your homes this summer, please consider donating items: kitchenware, linens, books, furniture, knickknacks and other suitable items. No clothing, old computers or mattresses. Contact Sue Jansen at 279-1843. Details to follow.



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 is a display set up **THIS 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.

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

Faith Resources: Are you looking for faith resources as a source of motivation? Inspiration? Check out the St. Joseph Educational Center at sjeciowa.org. There are blogs, books, articles, videos and more at sjeciowa.org.

History Buffs Need This Book: Looking for some summer reading? Get Father Steven Avella's new book *The Catholic Church of Southwest Iowa*, the detailed and fascinating history of the early years of the Diocese of Des Moines from Bishop Dowling to Bishop Dingman. Get your copy today at LitPress.org or Amazon.com.

Bishop's Golf Classic: The 2018 Bishop's Catholic Charities Golf Classic will be held on Monday, August 28 at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk, south of Des Moines. Gather your business groups, parish members, families, and friends for a team, or sign up on your own and meet some of the other great people who want to help those in need in our community. Reserve your spot for this fun-spirited tournament that raises funds for Catholic Charities programs and services. Contact Fred Hollister, Catholic Charities Development Director, at 515-237-5064 or hollister@catholiccharitiesdm.org for event sponsorships and team reservations.

Ignatius Retreat Day: Come to St. Mary of Nazareth Parish on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a discussion on becoming a discerning person. Damian Zynda, ThD and Bob Muhlneckel, PhD from Rochester, New York will be our presenters. For more information about the day, our presenters, and to register, go to TheEmmausHouse.org and the upcoming events page.