

*The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;  
and you also will testify.*

(John 15:26, 27)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Christians we are called to witness to the Lord and all that He has taught us. We must never deny him or His Church. If we do, we are in danger of being denied before the Heavenly Father by the Son. Let us pray for faithfulness and perseverance and the grace to change our lives as is necessary.

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.**

We have been 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,

*Aguina M. Nichols*

Pastor

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:** ADA: \$57,253.25, or 43%, of our 2017 ADA bill has been paid. We need 100% participation, please.

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 620,440.98  
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00

**ADORERS ARE NEEDED:** We are in need of additional adorers to spend one hour praying before the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9am-5pm and Fridays from 9a.m.-2:30p.m. If you would like to come and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament but feel you cannot commit to an hour each week, please consider adding your name to our list of substitute adorers. This is not a weekly commitment. Rather you would come for one hour only when called and asked to fill in. Please call Jenifer at 244-3101 ext. 204.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**JUNE 24 TO July 2**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT</b>	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
<b>24</b>	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
<b>25</b>	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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<b>MON</b>	12:00PM	+Bud & Marye Dusenbery, Dan Dusenbery
<b>26</b>		
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<b>TUE</b>	12:00PM	+Zachary Thompson
<b>27</b>		
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<b>WED</b>	12:00PM	+Louis Quang Le
<b>28</b>		
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<b>THU</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Katie Dulek
<b>29</b>		
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<b>FRI</b>	12:00PM	+Cathy O'Hara
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<b>SAT</b>	9:00AM	+Jim Brookhart, Jr.
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		<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>
	4:00PM	+All the Saints of the Tran Family
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
<b>02</b>	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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

*Question: **How do Christ and his Spirit act in the hearts of the faithful?***

**CORRECTION:** Altar & Rosary Society donated \$4500 to the elevator fund (not \$4000 that was originally reported).





*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*June 25, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**JUNE 26 THRU JULY 2**

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 26 6:00PM Organ Practice+++

TUE 9:00AM Organ Practice+++  
 27 6:00PM Organ Practice+++

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 28 10:00AM Book Study+

THU 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal##  
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FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 30 3:00PM Hillaker/Kluesner Wedding

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##  
 01 10:00AM Organ Practice+++

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+  
 02 10:30AM Lola Brooks Baptism##

**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 26, 2017:**

**Monday** Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday**: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20  
**Thursday**: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
**Friday**: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4  
**Saturday**: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17  
**Sunday**: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

**LIFELINES:** New Guttmacher Study Shows Abortion Numbers Hit Historic Low: January 17, 2017 Press Release: WASHINGTON – A new report released today by the Guttmacher Institute found that in 2014, for the first time since 1975, the annual number of abortions dropped below one million. Using data from 1,671 abortion clinics, hospitals, and private physicians, the report found that the number of abortions being performed in the U.S. dropped to 926,190, the lowest figure in thirty years and the first time the total has dropped below million a year since 1975. **“Through the long-term efforts of the right-to-life movement to educate the country about the humanity of the unborn child, and our efforts to enact laws that help children and their mothers, abortion numbers continue to decrease dramatically as more women choose life for their children,”** said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. **“Though we still have a long way to go, hitting this historic low is a critical milestone as we work to restore full legal protection to unborn children.”**  
*National Right to Life (nrlc.org)*

— LORD, —  
 LET THEM  
 SEE YOU IN  
 ME.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Jared Heidemann & Kelly Schmidt on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Miriam DeDios & Nicolas Woodward on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.



**NEW TITHING ENVELOPES:** You will soon be receiving new tithing envelopes, if you haven't received them already! They will be from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV). As we try to be good stewards of the church we look at what is best economically. OSV provides a quality envelope at a more reasonable price. Your parishioner tithe number will remain the same, but you will notice the envelopes as being more colorful and appreciative of your sacrifice. Periodically there will be a postcard that has information on it for you to fill out so that the office can update your data in our computer system. This would be for those who have address, email, or phone changes, etc., that the office would need. After you fill them out, you can drop them off in the collection basket at Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** *To the Catholic Daughters Court #302 of Des Moines* on its 100th Anniversary being celebrated on Sunday, June 25, at the 1:00pm Mass at All Saints Catholic Church. Celebrating the Mass will be Bishop Richard Pates, Bishop Emeritus Joseph Charron, Chaplain-Msgr. Robert Chamberlain and Pastor- Father Robert Harris. Special guest will be National CDA Regent Helene Shepard. Court members and guests are invited to attend.

**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 [mlkluesner@gmail.com](mailto:mlkluesner@gmail.com). Classes start in September.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Find a Mass:** Don't take a vacation from God! While you're on vacation, check out [MassTimes.org](http://MassTimes.org) and find the nearest church and Mass times.

**Saint John the Apostle Church In Norwalk:** Is searching for a part-time RCIA and Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. Applicant should have a college degree, good working knowledge of catechetics, and willingness to work with a flexible schedule. Previous experience preferred. Letter of application and résumé should be sent by July 25, 2017 to: Joni Swedenhjelm, Human Resources Chair, c/o St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk, IA 50211

**St. Luke's School:** Is in need of a part time Spanish teacher and part time art teacher for the 2017/18 school year. If interested in either position, please contact Tonya Eaton at 515-985-7074 or email [tonya.eaton@slte-school.org](mailto:tonya.eaton@slte-school.org)

**Bishop's Golf Classic:** A day on the links, with everything provided, and all for a good cause! Your participation in the Catholic Charities Bishop's Golf Classic provides funding to make our mission possible. The 2017 Bishop's Catholic Charities Golf Classic will be held on August 28 at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk. 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 care for and empower those in need in our community. Reserve your spot for this fast-paced, fun-spirited tournament that raises funds for Catholic Charities programs and services. Contact Fred Hollister, Catholic Charities Development Director, at 515-237-5064 or [fhollister@catholiccharitiesdm.org](mailto:fhollister@catholiccharitiesdm.org) for event sponsorships and team reservations.