

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit has also been given to us in special sacraments. Our lives need to be animated by the Spirit of God so that we can know right from wrong and good from evil. We are to live always under the guidance and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, listening to the Sacred Scriptures and the clear teachings of Holy Mother Church throughout all of the ages, so that our lives may be pleasing to the Lord. Let us open our hearts to the Spirit of God and receive him with joy and excitement.

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. You should have received pledge cards in the mail. If you did not there are blank ones in the back of the Basilica in the pamphlet racks. Presently we have reached only 32% of our assessment. In the past only about 23% of registered parishioners made any pledge to the ADA. **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.

Our congratulations to the following new members of the Pastoral Council: Monica Bologna for Newcomers, Seth Seiko for Fundraising and Melody Taninies as Secretary. We welcome them to their new positions. The Pastoral Council will begin meeting in September after the summer break.

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. There is a letter in the bulletin this week from Bishop Pates about this matter.

As we come to the conclusion of the holy season of Easter, let us carry the joy of the Paschal Season throughout the rest of the year, and lead lives pleasing to the Lord. May grace always grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor 

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: We now have \$41,751.00, or 32%, of the ADA assessment paid. That represents 32% of the total bill of \$132,297 which has been paid by roughly 20% of registered parishioners. If every family contributes, we **WILL** pay this bill without incurring debt!

ELEVATOR FUND
Current Donations.....\$ 616,464.23
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
JUNE 3 TO JUNE 11**

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro
03	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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SUN	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
04	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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MON	12:00PM	+Aggie Gavin
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TUE	12:00PM	+James & JoAn Mary Lindor.
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WED	12:00PM	+Henry & Violet Sikorski
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THU	12:00PM	+Gioan Baotixita Chi Pham & Tran van Niem Francis
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FRI	12:00PM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
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SAT	9:00AM	+Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary and the Basilica Seminarians
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(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	+Dominic Thuan Nguyen
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SUN	8:30AM	+Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family
11	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

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:

What happened at Pentecost?

ANSWER: Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.

“We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.” (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Vespers of Pentecost)



The Basilica of St. John
Solemnity of Pentecost
June 4, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JUNE 5 THRU JUNE 11

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 05 6:00PM Organ Practice
 6:30PM KC Council Meeting+

TUE 9:00AM Organ Practice
 06 6:00PM Organ Practice

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
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THU 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal +
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FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 09 4:00PM Heideman/Schmidt Wedding
 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 10 1:00PM Dedios/Woodward Wedding

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 11 12:00PM Pro Life Meeting+
 1:00PM Organ Practice

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of June 5, 2017:

Monday Tb 1:3, 2:1b-8; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11, 7:1 bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

LIFELINES: Pro-Life advocates at the March for Life in London on May 20, mourning **50 years of legal abortion** in the U.K., were pelted with **SMOKE BOMBS** and **OBSCENITIES** by **PRO-ABORTION** protesters, with a **CATHOLIC PRIEST being SPIT UPON** by the **ABORTION promoters**. -- *LifeNews.com May 23, 2017*

ATTENTION 2017 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Please pick up your free 8x10 Confirmation Class photo in the parish office, M-F, 8am-4pm. This photo was taken by Ann Blasco-Orsinger and printed as a gift from **M.R. Lydic Media and Promotions** to each of the Confirmation recipients. You may send a "Thank You" to them at **M.R. Lydic Media and Promotions, 306 13th Street SW, Altoona, IA 50009** or via email at **CustomerService@MRLYDIC.com**

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS PICTURES: Are available in the parish office. Cost is \$5.00 per picture. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by during office hours, 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Josh Tatz and Gina Digiantonio who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on May 27, 2017.

MAY ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: The last meeting of the 2016/17 year is Saturday, June 10 after the 9:00 am Mass, in the parish hall. Linda Murphy's band is host. We will install our newly elected officers: Chris Killough, president; Colleen Chan, vice president; Lisa Chicchelly, secretary and Jeanne Kelley, treasurer. Please join us for social time and discussion of use of our funds raised this year. There are no member meetings in July and August.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: The last day of school is Friday, June 9, with a 1:00 dismissal. Have a fun and safe summer! Remember, the first day of school at Holy Family is Thursday, July 27!

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Volunteer Opportunity: St. Vincent de Paul is in need of people to help adults improve their reading and math skills. Background in teaching is helpful but not required. Summer classes are held from 2:00-4:30 on Wednesday (reading) & Thursday (math). Please call Andrew Gross at (515)480-3583 for information. Our goal is to get them ready for the DMACC HiSET (formerly GED) class.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: "God reveals Himself through the love of a couple". **Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.** Upcoming Dates: October 27-29 in Cedar Falls, November 10-12 in Iowa City. For more information and to register go to iowa-wwme.org, call 563-608-3305 or email: JLJwwme08@Gmail.com.

Emergency Family Shelter: Are you looking for a way to help the hungry in our community? Call Ashley Raske, Shelter Coordinator, at 515-282-1235 to schedule a night to provide a meal for our Emergency Family Shelter. We have a high need during the spring and summer months.

Ask a Priest: Our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Mirror, has brought back the Q&A that so many readers missed. Send your questions for the "Ask a Priest" column to mirror@dmdioocese.org or mail to "Ask a Priest," Diocese of Des Moines, 601 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

The Second Annual Summer at The Well: Women's gathering will be Saturday, June 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Indianola. It's a day full of faith, fellowship, and fun with inspirational talks, individual prayer in our Adoration chapel and worship at Saturday evening Vigil Mass. A box lunch, afternoon snack break, and buffet dinner are all included with registration. Early bird registration rate is \$60 through May 22; \$65 after. Scholarships are available for those in need. Attendees must pre-register prior to June 9. For info. and to buy tickets, visit thewelldesmoines.com.

Bishop Drumm Garage Sale: Continues each Thursday through September. Hours are 9:30am-1:30pm. 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 by calling Sue at 279-1843. No beds, old tvs or computers.

Young Adult Outreach: If you're in your 20s or 30s and looking to meet new people, consider stopping by the twice monthly Novos Young Adults group. They gather the second and fourth Thursday of each month for social, spiritual and service activities. You can find them on Facebook or email novos@dmdioocese.org.

Catholic Charities Counseling Services: Struggling with how to handle personal challenges? Contact our receptionist, Cheryl Maes at 515-237-5045 for information or to set up an appointment.