

*May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know
what is the hope that belongs to our call. (Ephesians 1:17-18)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Holy Gospel today has Jesus sending out his disciples two by two to proclaim the Good News of salvation. We, too, are called to proclaim the prominence of Christ in our world through the way we live our lives. May we never shy away from our witness to the Lord and stand up for what is right and just.

Financial Update: Elevator Debt: We still owe **\$267,801.07** to the Knights of Columbus on this loan, and the payments are \$9,000.00 a month.

ADA: We also still need you all to make a pledge towards our ADA. We still need pledges to raise **\$79,130.14** 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 **\$31,650.00** 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. My thanks to all of the members of the Finance Council and our financial staff. Any questions regarding finances can be directed to the Business Manager, Charles Stastny, or to any of the members of the Finance Council: Hugh O'Hagan, Charles and Marianne Wadle, Dean and Carmen Reising and Danny Wills.

There is a second diocesan collection this week for Catholic Charities. I thank you in advance for your generous help in this regard.

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. 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,

Agustin M. Nichols
Pastor

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and well wishes while I was in the hospital. I am doing well now. God bless all of you. Judy Tieskoetter

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JULY 14 TO JULY 22

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 14	4:00PM	+Jim Kolner
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 15	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
MON 16	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
TUE 17	12:00PM	+Jan Innis
WED 18	12:00PM	+Fred & Alice Fath
THU 19	12:00PM	+Joseph Dien Nguyen
FRI 20	12:00PM	+Corrine Graziano
SAT 21	9:00AM	+ W. E. Lowery
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Jon Farrington
SUN 22	8:30AM	+Dominic Do
	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 is the Church *apostolic*? ****

ANSWER: The Church is apostolic in her *origin* because she has been built on "the foundation of the apostles" (Ephesians 2:20) She is apostolic in her *teaching* which is the same as that of the Apostles. She is apostolic by reason of her *structure* insofar as she is taught, sanctified, and guided until Christ returns by the Apostles through their successors who are the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter.





The Basilica of St. John
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15th, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JULY 16 THRU JULY 22

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
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TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+
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WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
18 9:30AM Book Study+

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
19 1:30PM Organ Practice+++

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
20 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal##

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
21 10:00AM Secular Franciscan Meeting**
1:00PM Hill & Zajic Wedding

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
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CONGRATULATIONS: To Rosie Tatz, who won top honors in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas state art competition. Rosie won in two categories for her age group—essay and computer art. Her entries advanced to the national competition. Winners will be announced later in the month.



BASILICA GARAGE SALE: As you declutter your homes this summer, please consider donating items: kitchenware, linens, books, furniture, knickknacks and other suitable items to our garage sale to be held at a later date. No clothing, old computers, tv's or mattresses. **Contact** Linda Murphy at 865-1050.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Commemorative Mass: Please join the Rally Sunday Commemorative Mass for Father Jim Kiernan. Sunday, July 29th at 9:00 am, St. Joseph Chapel, Dowling Catholic High School. Please drive your antique/collectible car to display after Mass. Contact Peter Kiernan with questions: peter.k@q.com

Catholic Tuition Organization: The deadline for application for tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year is July 31.

Masstimes.org: Don't take a vacation from God this summer. Go to Masstimes.org to find the nearest Catholic church & Mass times while traveling.

Take24 Retreat: Registration is open for the Take24 young adult retreat July 27 -28. The retreat focuses on the question that dominates the bulk of many young adult lives: "What does God want me to do with my life?" Go to dmidiose.org/take24.cfm or call Justin White at 515-237-5098 for more information.

Calling all Runners: A new group called Catholic Runners meets the second and fourth Saturday of the month in the Des Moines area for a run, fellowship and a reflection while stretching and cooling down. All ages and paces are welcome. Get more information from the Facebook group: [facebook.com/groups/448453732253735](https://www.facebook.com/groups/448453732253735).

NEW JustFaith: Living simply, loving compassionately JustFaith is a small group program of JustFaith Ministries comprised of three phases that will help you explore today's issues through the lens of your faith, and discover how you can make a difference. Through reflection, discussion and encounter you will learn more about how to live more simply and love more compassionately. Phases can be taken separately or together. Contact the Center for Social Ministry at centerforsocialministry@gmail.com or 515-782-3054 for more information or visit www.centerforsocialministry.org/programs/justfaithministries/justfaith.

Cathedral Concerts: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 17 and Tuesday, August 28 for the all new Cathedral Concerts, two events held on the outdoor plaza at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave. Come for live music, food, and beer. Admission is free, but you'll likely want to bring some cash for food & drink. Additionally, we'll be showcasing at these events various local artists that you won't want to miss. For more information, go to dmidiose.org/cathedralconcerts.cfm.

The Catholic Mirror: Our diocesan newspaper's subscription drive is in full gear. Please consider taking a subscription to The Catholic Mirror. It's the only publication that features Catholic news and inspiring stories from around our diocese, along with reflections and teachings from our bishop.

Basilica of St. John WEEKLY INCOME: July 8, 2018

Total - \$14,336.44
 Need - \$21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019:

YTD Total - \$40,057.38
 YTD Need - \$42,396.16

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 762,198.93
 Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$79,130.14

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of July 16, 2018:

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

LIFELINES: Forgiveness after an Abortion: All mothers of conscience will suffer feelings of guilt and remorse. There is only one permanent solution for a grieving mother: FORGIVENESS. Our merciful God loves us and wants to forgive us and help us find peace. However, forgiveness is a gift that must be received to take effect. Just like any other gift, we do not receive forgiveness until we choose to receive it. God does not want anyone going through life punishing themselves for having an abortion or being part of an abortion. Women who have had an abortion can accept God's gift of forgiveness and if more help is needed, seek professional help. Attending a retreat like Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel (which are very active in our nation) can be very helpful. (pro-lifearticle.org)