

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will have life forever.*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The familiar parable of the sower in today's Holy Gospel is usually seen, not incorrectly, as being about the different ways in which people respond to Jesus' proclamation of God's Word. But it is also a story about patience, because the seed that is sown, if it falls on good soil, takes time to come to fruition; and that time is a time in which the sprouting seeds suffer tribulation, persecution, anxiety, and worldly cares that threaten to destroy them. In the time of waiting we must cultivate patience. But our patience is never in vain, for God will reward the faithful.

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.

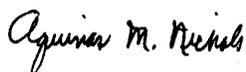
Please mark your calendars planning ahead for Sunday, August 27th for our annual parish picnic. There will be more in the bulletin as the date draws closer.

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. 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.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, remember to pick up your new schedules for August through November in the sacristy.

Continue to enjoy the summer break. May grace always grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$58,971.58, or 44.6%, of our 2017 ADA Assessment 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 9am-5pm and Fridays 9am-2:30pm. 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
JULY 15 TO JULY 23**

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 15	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families & Ricky Gabriel
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 16	8:30AM	Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 17	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
TUE 18	12:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
WED 19	12:00PM	+Dee Ann Thompson
THU 20	12:00PM	+W.E. Lowery
FRI 21	12:00PM	+Elizabeth Brien
SAT 22	9:00AM	+James D. Brien
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Darrell Gass
SUN 23	8:30AM	+ Dominic Du
	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 does the word church mean?

ANSWER: The word *Church* refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and Baptism have become children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit.





The Basilica of St. John
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 16, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JULY 17 THRU JULY 23

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 17 6:00PM Organ Practice+++
 6:00PM Foundation Meeting%

TUE 9:00AM Organ Practice+++
 18 6:00PM Organ Practice +++

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 19 10:00AM Book Study+

THU NO Scheduled Events
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FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 21 6:00PM Quincenara Rehearsal+

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 22 10:00AM Organ Practice
 10:00AM Carmelite Meeting**
 12:00PM Quincenara

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 23 1:00PM Organ Practice

SIGN INDICATORS

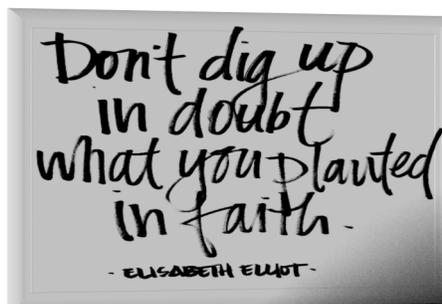
+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory
 + = Church Hall; ## = Church; % = Conference Room;
 (N) = (North Hall); (S) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of July 17, 2017:

Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

LIFELINES: "Therefore, by the authority which Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors ... I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being."

Pope John Paul II - Evangelium Vitae (pro-lifearticles.org-Quotes August 2017)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in need of a teacher for the **5th grade class**, and 3 teacher's assistants for various grades. If you are able to help with this rewarding ministry please contact Maria Walters at 515-953-9188 or mlkluesner@gmail.com. Classes start in September.

RELIGIOUS ED./CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING: To those who are interested in teaching religious education with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program here at the Basilica, we are looking at sending people for training. Scholarships will be available upon approval. If you are interested in taking classes please contact Maria Walters at 515-953-9188 or mlkluesner@gmail.com.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Job Opportunity: St. Catherine of Siena Parish at Drake University is looking for a part-time coordinator of Campus Ministry. For details, contact the parish.

Strengthen your marriage: If your marriage is hurting, or if you just want to make a good thing better, check out The Third Option. This is an ongoing support group for couples who are working on a set of tools to help with better understanding, sensitivity and trust. We meet the first and third Monday of each month from 7-9pm at the Mercy Medical Center's conference rooms in the East Tower.

Survey Open for Youth & Young Adults: The bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. In preparation for this major synod on youth, Pope Francis wants to gather input from youth and young adults whether they are practicing the faith or not. The diocese has made available a survey questionnaire to gather information on the current state of the young in our diocese that will be included as part of the pre-synod discernment document. All are invited and encouraged to participate by going here: dmdioocese.org/survey_-youth-and-young-adult-vocational-discernment.cfm.

Novos Young Adults: All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join Novos for social, spiritual and service activities the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Check out upcoming events listed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/novosdsm>.

The Newman Catholic Student Center: At The University of Iowa is sponsoring a 12-day tour of England, Scotland and Wales March 9-20, 2018. Tour hosts will be Bishop Emeritus Martin Amos and Newman Center rep., April Rouner. The full tour itinerary can be viewed at www.iowacatholic.org. Cost is \$3699 per person from Chicago (other departure cities available). Price includes round trip air, first class accommodations, most meals, professional tour director, sightseeing entrance fees, optional daily Mass, and more. Contact April Rouner at april@newman-ic.org or 319-337-3106 Ext. 119 for more information or a registration brochure.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Come along April 16-25, 2018, to visit and walk many of the sacred grounds where Jesus walked. We'll visit Tiberias, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and so much more! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way, and we'll renew wedding vows in Cana and baptismal vows along the Jordan River. Cost is \$3,799 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, Immaculate Conception Parish, P.O. Box 658, Cherokee, Iowa 51012 or call 712-225-4606 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

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