

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;  
announce the praises of him who called you out  
of darkness into his wonderful light.* (1 Peter 2:9)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel for this Thirteenth Sunday of the Year reminds us to faithfully follow Jesus in taking up the cross. He tells us that if we do not do so we are not worthy of him. The cross comes to us in many forms throughout our life. We must remain strong, and know that the Lord is with us each step of the way. We do not carry our crosses alone. Jesus is at our side always to help and to guide us.

Tuesday, 04 July, the parish office will be closed for the holiday. There will be one Mass that day at 9:00 a.m. and no Mass at noon.

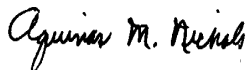
Please keep our ADA campaign for 2017 in mind. It is extremely important that we make our goal to take the burden off of our financial resources. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge now in a spirit of good support for our parish. Blank pledge cards are in the back of the Basilica in the 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. 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.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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



**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are going to start painting the parish hall the week of July 10 and are in need of adult volunteers to help with this project. Please call the parish office (515-244-3101, ext. 0) if you can help. We will take your name and number, then have our maintenance supervisor return your call with more details.

**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 1 TO JULY 9**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT</b>	4:00PM	+All the Saints of the Tran Family
<b>01</b>	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	+Louis Quang Le
<b>02</b>	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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<b>MON</b>	12:00PM	+James Thompson
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<b>TUE</b>	<i>Happy 4th of July!</i>	
<b>04</b>	9:00AM	+Jose & Ramona Rocha
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<b>WED</b>	12:00PM	+Elizabeth Brien
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<b>THU</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Kara & Andy Haberkamp Family
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<b>FRI</b>	12:00PM	+Gary Kiernan
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<b>SAT</b>	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society, Basilica Seminarians
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(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	+Opal Van Kerckvoorde
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>09</b>	10:30AM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, +Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg



**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:**

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

**ANSWER:** Christ communicates his Spirit and the grace of God through the *sacraments* to all the members of the Church, who thus bear the fruits of the *new life* of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also the Master of *prayer*. "I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church".





*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 2, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**JULY 3 THRU JULY 9**

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 03 6:00PM Organ Practice+++  
 6:30PM KC Council Meeting+

TUE **Happy 4th of July!**  
 04 Parish Office Closed!



WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 05 10:00AM Book Study+

THU No Scheduled Events  
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FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
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SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##  
 08 10:00AM Brooks Baptism##, Hall in use

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+  
 09 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 3, 2017:**

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29  
**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34  
**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17  
**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**LIFELINES: The Uninformed "Choice":** "All that the clients were told about the abortion procedure itself was that they would experience slight cramping similar to menstrual cramps and that was it. They were not told about the development of the baby. They were not told about the pain that the baby would be experiencing, or the physical effects or the emotional effects that it would have on them. They had no idea who was going to be there to help them when they fell apart afterwards. They were taken into the room then, and, as I said, there was no counseling done. These women basically had no idea what they were getting themselves into." -- Testimony of Deborah Henry, former Abortion Provider, [www.pro-lifearticles.org](http://www.pro-lifearticles.org).



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Matthew Krastel & Chelsea Ramaekers on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Bruno Reyes, Raphael Vitteri, Juan Rodriguez, and Joy Bizimana and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Josefina Mendoza & Family.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED:** We are in need of 2-3 Religious Ed. Teachers for this Fall 2017/18. We will need one for the 5th grade class and one for Kindergarten-who has first level Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training. 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.

**Come Join Abundant Living--**for a potluck picnic! Abundant Living is a social group with the mission of celebrating the gift of the Church's teaching on Natural Family Planning. This event is open to all families. The picnic will be at Raccoon River Park (2500 Grand Ave, WDM, IA Coneflower shelter A) on July 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm. The main course and drinks will be provided, and families are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. In order to plan for food, please RSVP to Adam Storey at [astorey@dmdioocese.org](mailto:astorey@dmdioocese.org) or 515-237-5056 by July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Life In The Spirit-** the Life and the Holy Spirit Community is having a seven week Holy Spirit seminar starting June 22 from 7:00-8:30pm, in the parish hall at St Ambrose Cathedral. We will be learning about the divine promises and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All supplies will be free. Everyone is invited to join us for study, prayer, and music. Call Darlene at 515-965-0053 or Joe at 515-276-6614 for more information.

**Save The Date:** Make plans now to experience a spirit-filled Our Lady of Fatima Conference on Saturday, 14 October 2017 hosted by KCRD (98.3 FM) at the Grand River Center, Dubuque, IA. Speakers include Drew Mariani, David Carollo, Dr. Peter Howard, and others. The event is free with RSVP. See [kcrd-fm.org](http://kcrd-fm.org) for additional details and registration.

**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.

**Join Us For Our Annual Anniversary Mass!** On August 20<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 am Mass at St. Augustin's Parish in Des Moines. Bishop Pates will be honoring those couples in our diocese who have celebrated a milestone anniversary in the last year, with a reception to follow. A certificate of blessing is available with registration for couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (5 year increments and 50+ years). Reserved seating will be available for these couples and their families. This Mass is open to all families who would like to honor and celebrate marriage! **To register call Adam Storey at 515-237-5056 or email him at [astorey@dmdioocese.org](mailto:astorey@dmdioocese.org)**

