

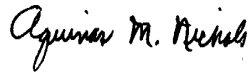
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

(Matthew 11:25)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am on vacation with my cousins in Minnesota for the next two weeks. Be good to Father Albert and Father Paul who will be covering for me during this time.

Sincerely in Christ,



Pastor

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$59,888 has been paid on our 2017 assessment of \$132,297. Forty-five percent has been paid by about one-quarter of our parishioners and several visitors. We need 100% participation, please.

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 631,841.98
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.

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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JULY 22 TO JULY 30

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Darrell Gass
22	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN	8:30AM	+Dominic Du
23	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON	12:00PM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
TUE	12:00PM	+Roger & Ron Gass
WED	12:00PM	+Ramona & Jose Rocha
THU	12:00PM	+Opal Van Kerckvoorde
FRI	12:00PM	Intentions of Joyce
SAT	9:00AM	+Jose & Ramona Rocha
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Carl & Florence Reelitz
SUN	8:30AM	+ Kathryn Mauro
30	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

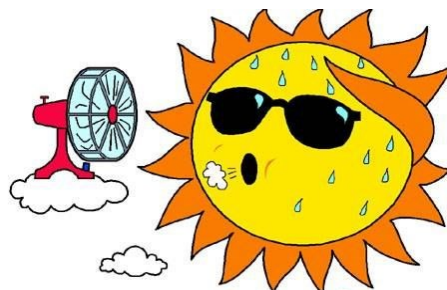
www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn

<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:

Question: Are there other names and images with which the Bible speaks about the Church?






The Basilica of St. John
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JULY 24 THRU JULY 30

MON 24	9:00AM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice+++
TUE 25	9:00AM 2:00PM 6:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Church Tour## Organ Practice+++
WED 26	9:00AM 10:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Book Study+
THU 27		Holy Family School back in session! 
FRI 28	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
SAT 29	8:30AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Organ Practice
SUN 30	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+

St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Collection!!

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 24, 2017:

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**LIFELINES: "For thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb."
 Psalm 139:13.**

PRAY DAILY.
 God is easier
 to talk to than
 most people.

SUPPORTIVE CARE IOWA: The Iowa bishops' "Supportive Care Iowa" project is available to help people seeking guidance on making decisions about end-of-life health care that is aligned with Catholic values. Often we cannot foresee situations that will arise in regard to our health. Therefore it may be important, in advance, to choose a person who knows us and can speak on our behalf if we are not capable of doing so. There are now trained volunteers, called "Catholic Advanced Care Planning Consultants," that can help individuals with the completion of documents that designate another person with power of attorney for health care in the event of incapacity. It is our parish's goal to help Catholics have these faith-filled discussions with friends and family in advance of a crisis and to provide guidance in completing advance directive forms in alignment with Catholic moral principles. This service is available without charge. Please contact the parish office (515-244-3101, ext 0) if you are interested in this service.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady of the Americas Festival: Join us at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church, 1271 E. 9th St. on Sunday August 6 for a fun day of games, bounce house, Latino-American food, Mariachi Band and much more. The day starts with Mass at 9:30am and activities end at 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome!!

YouTube Videos Available: The diocese has produced a number of videos over the last few years: vocation stories of seminarians, Bishop Pates on mercy and living our faith, and more. While you're surfing the internet this summer, stop by YouTube.com/dmdiocese and see what we have to offer.

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 for event sponsorships and team reservations.

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.

Join Us For Our Annual Anniversary Mass!: On August 20th 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@dmdiocese.org**

We Want to Hear From You! The Diocese of Des Moines wants to hear from you: What are the challenges and opportunities in your parish for reaching out to those who are not active in our faith? Take this brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Joyofthegospel>. Local representatives want to bring your perspective to a national convocation this summer at which the U.S. bishops will be asking, "Where is the Holy Spirit leading us?" The convocation has been called to make Pope Francis's document "The Joy of the Gospel" ("Evangelii Gaudium") a living document for the Church in the United States.