

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 two weeks. Be good to Father Albert and Father Paul who have been covering for me during this time.

Sincerely in Christ,

Aguinon M. Nichols

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Will be held on the weekends of **August 19/20 and September 2/3** in the parish hall, after all the weekend Masses (4pm, 6pm, 8:30am & 10:30am). To register for Religious Education, the family must be current, registered members of the Basilica of St. John, attending Mass here on the weekends. If you have questions, please contact the R.E. Director, Maria Walters at 515-953-9188 or mlkluesner@gmail.com. Classes start September 13, from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the school.

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.

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 29 TO AUGUST 6

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 29 4:00PM +Carl & Florence Reelitz
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 30 8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 31 12:00PM +Edward G. Binkerd

TUE 01 12:00PM +Michael Munoz

WED 02 12:00PM +Gary Kiernan

THU 03 12:00PM +Kathryn Mauro

FRI 04 12:00PM +Elizabeth Brien

SAT 05 9:00AM +Bill Tegeler

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM +Danny Papich

SUN 06 8:30AM +Jim Kolner
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 call him at 515-249-1327; or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Question: What is the origin and the fulfillment of the Church?

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
(Look for the answer in next weeks bulletin.)





The Basilica of St. John
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JULY 24 THRU AUGUST 6

MON 31	9:00AM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice+++
TUE 01	9:00AM 6:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice+++
WED 02	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
THU 03		No Scheduled Events
FRI 04	9:00AM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Quincenara Rehearsal
SAT 05	8:30AM 12:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Quincenara##
SUN 06	8:00AM 1:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Organ Practice+++ <i>Diocesan 2nd Collection for the Church in Africa</i>

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 31, 2017:

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

LIFELINES: You do not have to be Catholic (or even religious) to know that medical and scientific evidence confirms that what grows in a mother's womb is a new, distinct human being. Moreover, everyone can understand that each human being---without discrimination---merits dignity and respect. At the very least, respecting human life must exclude the deliberate and direct destruction of life---and that is exactly what abortion is. (pro-lifearticles.org)



ARE YOU ... *Curious About the Catholic Faith? *Already Catholic but interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? *Seeking a relationship with Jesus? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then plan to attend an informal gathering on Wednesday, August 16! This evening will provide an opportunity to meet others, ask questions, and learn about the Catholic Faith. *There is no commitment - just come.* This is a good opportunity to evangelize - tell your friends and others. **Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Church tour at 8:30 (optional), Basilica of St. John, Parish Hall. Tell Others... Bring a friend! Call Jenifer Parsons (515-244-3101, ext. 205) if you have questions.**

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

Volleyball: St. Theresa Catholic School is opening up our volleyball program to Basilica of St. John's middle school (grades 6 - 8) parishioners. The volleyball season runs from early August through early October. Team practices will be held in the evenings (e.g. 6 - 7:30 PM) with games being held on Saturdays. The cost to register is \$40 and we need to have all players registered by August 12. Please contact stcsathletics@gmail.com for registration forms or more information.

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!!

Dowling Catholic High School: Is seeking a part-time server to start in the 2017-2018 school year. Hours: 10:00am to 2:30pm, Monday-Friday. Student tuition/fee discounts available. If interested, please contact Molly Ryan @ mryan@dowlingcatholic.org or 222-1028.

Join Our Marriage Enrichment Ministry-The Third Option, which meets the first and third Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm, in the Mercy Hospital Conference Rooms, 1111 6th Ave East Tower in Des Moines. A new session begins August 21st. The Third Option is an on-going support group for marriages to help struggling couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. For more information visit: dmdiocese.org/the-third-option.cfm.

Faith Formation Office Assistant: Ss. John and Paul Parish, Altoona seeks a part-time person to assist the Faith Formation Director and Youth Ministry Coordinator in administering the faith formation programs. Proficient in data entry, typing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Experience in use of Microsoft Office products and the operation of office and technological equipment required. Go to www.ssjohnnpaul.org for more information and to apply.

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.