

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

(Luke 4:18)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Today's Holy Gospel tells us of Jesus being rejected in his native place, by his own neighbors. How often that happens! We think we know the other person so well, but in reality we do not know everything about someone. We do not know about their struggles and crosses, nor do we often know about all the talents they possess. It is so easy to make superficial judgments. We must be constantly on guard to refrain from doing so.

Financial Update: Elevator Debt: We still owe \$275,199.07 to the Knights of Columbus on this loan, and the payments are \$9,000.00 a month.

We also still need you all to make a pledge towards our ADA. We still need pledges to raise \$80,595.14 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?

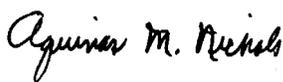
Foundation Debt: We presently owe our Foundation \$40,000.00 since we borrowed from it to get current with the schools. Please do what you can to help us! We are presently caught up with everything else at the moment. But we must also face these budget items. I ask you to prayerfully consider doing whatever you can to help the parish in this regard. Beginning this month we will publish in the bulletin each week what is needed to meet all of our obligations, and what the actual income is, as we begin with a new budget for the fiscal year. The Finance Council has worked very hard with our Business Manager to come up with a workable budget. My thanks to all of the members of the Council and our financial staff.

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. Let us continue to face our financial challenges together. 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,



Pastor

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 754,800.93
Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$80,595.14

MEMORIAL MASS: For Art Whipple will be Saturday, July 14 at 10am. A luncheon will follow in the parish hall, after Mass.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, JULY 07 THRU JULY 15 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
07	4:00PM	Intentions of Dino, Desiree & Deborah Whipple
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SUN	8:30AM	+Kathryn Mauro
08	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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MON	12:00PM	+Corrynne Graziano
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TUE	12:00PM	+Cody Henritzky
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WED	12:00PM	+Mary Jean Gouger
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THU	12:00PM	+Jose & Ramona Rocha
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FRI	12:00PM	+Bev Mahon
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SAT	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar/Rosary & Basilica Seminarians
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	4:00PM	+Jim Kolner
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SUN	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
15	10:30AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ

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: **Why is the Church apostolic?**

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



We are looking for volunteers to help with running the video equipment for 10:30am Sunday morning Mass. This ministry is a wonderful way to broadcast our Basilica of Saint John Mass to those who can't be at our wonderful liturgies. Please call the Business Manager's office (515-244-3101, ext. 205) for more information.



The Basilica of St. John
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JULY 9 THRU JULY 15

MON	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ 09
TUE	8:00AM	Organ Practice 10
WED	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
11	9:30AM	Book Study+
THU	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++ 12
FRI	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
13	6:00PM	Quincenara Rehearsal##
SAT	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
14	11:00AM	Hall in use+
	12:00PM	Quincenara##
SUN	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group% 15 <i>Catholic Charities 2nd Collection-Diocesan</i>

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of July 9, 2018:

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

LIFELINES: Love for the Unborn and Our Eternal Reward: In Luke Chapter 14:12-14, Jesus tells us that the good we do for those who cannot repay us in this world is the most beneficial, because He assures us that we will "be repaid in the resurrection of the just". Congressman Henry Hyde, one of the greatest pro-life advocates ever to serve in Congress, expressed this idea when he said: "When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face the awesome moment, the final judgment those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world ...and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, "Spare him, because he loved us". The unborn are even less able to repay us than the beggars and the crippled and the lame and the blind (to whom Jesus referred). At least, these poor people know that we love them and are able to say "Thank you". *The child in the mother's womb not only has no voice whatsoever, but cannot even tell you "Thank you". Indeed, love and action for the unborn is the most selfless form of love. In this world, nothing comes from them in return.* (Pro-lifearticles.org)

FOUNDATION NOTES: The legacy of your charity can be preserved by considering the Basilica of St. John Foundation in some of the following ways: 1) gifts of cash, 2) naming the Foundation as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy, 3) a provision in your will, 4) timely use of the yellow/gold envelope in your tithe package.



BASILICA GARAGE SALE: August 10 and 11th. As you declutter your homes this summer, please consider donating items: kitchenware, linens, books, furniture, knick-knacks and other suitable items. No clothing, old computers or mattresses. Contact Sue Jansen at 279-1843. Details to follow.

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

History Buffs: Looking for some summer reading? Get Father Steven Avella's new book *The Catholic Church of Southwest Iowa*, the detailed and fascinating history of the early years of the Diocese of Des Moines from Bishop Dowling to Bishop Dingman. *Please stop by Divine Treasures on July 10 from 5:30 - 7pm to meet Fr. Steven and purchase a book. Receive 20% discount off retail price on the night of the book signing (A savings of \$4.99 per book) Wine and Cheese will be served. Join us!*

Bishop Drumm Garage Sale: Is every Thursday from 9:30am-1:30pm thru September. 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 contact Sue (279-1843) or Joyce (987-1199). No beds, old TVs or computers. To volunteer, please call the above phone numbers.

Ignatian Retreat Day: Come to St. Mary of Nazareth Parish on Saturday, July 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a discussion on becoming a discerning person. Damian Zynda, ThD and Bob Muhlneckel, PhD from Rochester, NewYork will be our presenters. For more information about the day, our presenters, and to register, go to TheEmmausHouse.org and the upcoming events page.

Victim Assistance: The diocese's Victim Assistance Advocate is a staff member at Polk County Victim Services. She helps victims of sexual abuse of minors by clergy through a complaint process and in seeking support and counseling services. She can be reached at 515-286-2024 or advocate@dmdiocese.org.

Lend a Hand at Catholic Charities Food Pantry: Looking for service hours? Catholic Charities Outreach Center has re-opened as a choice food pantry. Call Brooke at 515-262-7290 to learn how you can volunteer to feed the hungry. Need support after losing a spouse?

Beginning Experience Open House: Will meet on three Friday nights in August- 10, 17 and 24, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Augustin Church Hall, 42nd and Grand Ave. in Des Moines. This is a ministry for those who lost their spouses through death, divorce or separation. The open houses offer the beginning steps of healing and is also an invitation to attend our weekend of September 14,15 and 16. If you wish to know more about the healing process, contact Dana Reed at 515-975-3745, Mike Losee 515-360-8268 or Father Bob Schoemann 515-418- 1938.



FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION PICTURES: If you would like to purchase a group picture of your child's First Communion or Confirmation they are in the parish office. It is a 5x7 photo, for \$5.00 each.