

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,

We hear often today that nothing has changed in the world. There are still wars and violence, and life's burdens are present everywhere. But it is through making the presence of our loving God known that peace can come to reign. The Lord tells us to come to him and our burdens will be light. We must learn to trust more in Divine Providence.

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.

Corrections have been made to the names for the Elevator Memorial Board and work will soon begin on that. Thanks to all who have donated towards completing this project, and who continue to donate to help us reach our goal.

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.

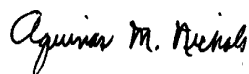
Next week there will be a second collection for Catholic Charities for the various works of the diocese. Please do what you can to help.

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



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE JULY 8 TO JULY 16 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS		
SAT 08	4:00PM	+Opal Van Kerckvoorde
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 09	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, +Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
MON 10	12:00PM	+Sylvia Burke
TUE 11	12:00PM	+Darrell Gass
WED 12	12:00PM	+Cathy O'Hara
THU 13	12:00PM	+Kendra Delashaw
FRI 14	12:00PM	+Jim Deery
SAT 15	9:00AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families & Ricky Gabriel
SUN 16	8:30AM	Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family
	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: What does the word **church** mean?*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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



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.

The Basilica of St. John
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2017

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JULY 10 THRU JULY 16

MON 10	9:00AM 6:00PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice+++
TUE 11	9:00AM 6:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice+++
WED 12	9:00AM 9:00AM 10:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Church Tour Book Study+
THU 13	7:00PM	Serra Club+
FRI 14	9:00AM	Adoration Begins@
SAT 15	8:30AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 10:00AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Organ Practice Secular Franciscans Meeting** Kitchen in use until 9pm
SUN 16	8:00AM 1:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Kitchen in use until 4pm Diocesan 2nd Collection: Catholic Charities

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 10, 2017:

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

LIFELINES: In videotaped testimony, a 5 1/2 month pregnant mother went to **Planned Parenthood** for an abortion. Upon being told of the details of the abortion procedure, she asked **what would happen if the baby was "accidentally" born alive.** This is the response she received from the **Planned Parenthood abortionist:**

"We don't tell women this, but if the baby would come out STILL ALIVE AND ACTIVE, most likely, WE WOULD BREAK THE BABY'S NECK."
LifeSiteNews, July, 2017



CONGRATULATIONS: To Emily Kluesner and Isaac Hillaker on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in need of 3 Religious Ed. Teachers for this Fall 2017/18. We will need one for **2nd Grade (First Communion) and one for Kindergarten**, both will need to have first level Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training. We also need a teacher for the **5th grade class.** 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DOWLING CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL STUDENTS: 9th grade-Orlando Rojas Pacheco, 10th grade-Gabriel Camper and Caleb Davila, 11th grade-Luke Wadle, 12th grade-Joseph Dohrmann and Eric Mendoza Martinez.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Counseling Services: Struggling with how to handle personal challenges? Contact our receptionist at the diocese, Cheryl Maes at 515-237-5045 for more information or to set up a professional counseling appointment. Most major insurance is accepted, and a sliding fee scale is available for those without insurance.

Would You Like To Make A Difference? Catholic Charities is currently recruiting for a number of openings in our Des Moines and Council Bluffs offices. Please visit our website at www.CatholicCharitiesDM.org to learn more!

Volunteer Meal Providers Needed Over The Summer: Are you looking for a way to help the hungry in our community? Emergency Family Shelter - Call Ashley Raske, Shelter Coordinator, at 515-282-1235 to schedule a night to provide a meal for our Emergency Family Shelter. We have a high need during the summer months. Food Pantry - Call 515-262-7290 to schedule a time to volunteer at our food pantry.

Find A Mass: Don't take a vacation from God! While you're on vacation, check out 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 17th, 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@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5056 by July 14th.

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 for additional details and registration.

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.