

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven,
says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

(John 6:51)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Plenty of things in our day-to-day living can cloud our vision. By allowing Christ to heal our vision, we are able to see and love again as the Father sees and loves us. Only those who listen and learn from God can come to Jesus. This is clear from the words of Jesus in today's Holy Gospel.

This Wednesday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses on Wednesday, 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

Financial Update: Elevator Debt: We still owe \$262,538.58 to the Knights of Columbus on this loan.

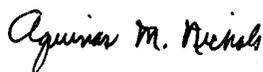
ADA: We also still need you all to make a pledge towards our ADA. We still need pledges to raise \$68,264.00 for the 2018 ADA. Please make your pledge if you have not already done so. It is extremely important for us to make this assessment so that the extra income we may receive through the Christmas 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 \$27,600.00 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.

Progression on the remodeling of the school bathrooms is on schedule. We should be done by the end of the month. It will be a big improvement over the condition that they were in before the work began.

As we start to wind down the summer and prepare for the new school year, we pray for the Lord's continued help and blessings upon us.

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

Basilica of St. John WEEKLY INCOME: 8/5/18

Total - \$ 23,071.97

Need - \$ 21,198.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019:

YTD Total - \$ 94,694.37

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 767,461.42

Goal.....\$ 1,030,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$68,264.00

BASILICA BUS TRIP, September 13, 2018: The bus is full!! For those who have signed up please make your payments in the parish office by August 21st. Those who are on the waiting list will be contacted if there is an opening.

There are quite a few dishes left in the kitchen from funeral luncheons, various dinners, etc. Please stop in the kitchen before September 1st to see if any are yours. Any unclaimed items will be put in the garage sale.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 11 TO AUGUST 19

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 11 4:00PM Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 12 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Jon Farrington

MON 13 12:00PM +Dominic & Anna Nguyen

TUE 14 12:00PM +Rachel Hanian

WED 15 *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
12:00PM +Mary Jean Gouger Holy Day of
7:00PM +Dominic & Anna Nguyen Obligation

THU 16 12:00PM +Lucille Molloy

FRI 17 12:00PM +The Nguyen Family

SAT 18 9:00AM +Bill Tegeler

(Vigil Mass)

4:00PM +Joseph & Mary Nguyen

SUN 19 8:30AM +Anna Bui Thi Suot
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:
www.BasilicaofStJohn.org and click on the link...
..... "LIVE TELECAST" tab

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:

Last week's question: **** What is the apostolic succession? ****

ANSWER: Apostolic succession is the transmission by means of the sacrament of Holy Orders of the mission and power of the Apostles to their successors, the bishops. Thanks to this transmission the Church remains in communion of faith and life with her origin, while through the centuries she carries on her apostolate for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ on earth.





The Basilica of St. John
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
AUGUST 13 THRU AUGUST 19

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 13 7:00PM 4th Degree KC Meeting+

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+
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WED *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 15 9:00AM NO Adoration
 9:30AM NO Book Study
Parish Office Closed

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 16 1:30PM Organ Practice+++

FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 17 6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal##

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 18 10:00AM Secular Franciscan Meeting**
 1:00PM Trujillo Wedding Validation##

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
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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 August 13, 2018:

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

LIFELINES: The movie "The Silent Scream" depicts the evil of abortion. Ronald Reagan (who had been pro-choice in his young life) became strongly pro-life as a result of watching "The Silent Scream," a movie he considered so powerful and convicting that he screened it at the White House. Since then, many abortion advocates (including those working in abortion clinics) have changed their minds and become strong advocates for the pre-born as a result of watching this DVD. "When the lives of the unborn are snuffed out, they often feel pain, pain that is long and agonizing."—President Ronald Reagan to National Religious Broadcasters Convention, January 1981. The modern technology of real-time ultrasound now reveals the actual responses of a 12-week old fetus to being aborted. As the unborn child attempts to escape the abortionists suction curette, her motions can be seen to become desperately agitated and her heart rate doubles. Her mouth opens as if to scream, but no sound can be heard. Her scream does not have to remain silent, however-----not if you will become her voice. (By Pro-Life Articles Author, pro-lifearticle.org)

BASILICA SHIRTS: If you ordered a Basilica T-shirt or sweatshirt and have not yet received it, you can pick it up on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY OR FRIDAY between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the church hall. Payment is due at the time of pickup. Please see Jenifer to pick up your shirt.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Parents of students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are to attend a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 6:00 p.m. at the school. At least one parent must attend. Please join us as we celebrate Mass on the feast day of the Assumption of Mary on Wednesday, August 15, 8:15 a.m. at Our Lady of the Americas church. There will be no school on Friday, August 17, due to a Diocesan-wide Teacher's Mass and then professional development in the afternoon.

CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE: September 29th & 30th. **TICKETS for the upcoming Christ Our Life Conference** will be sold in the back vestibule of the church following various Masses in the weekends to come. Credit cards, checks or cash will be accepted. The ticket is good for the entire weekend! Come and go as needed. \$25 Adults/ \$15 Students (6 through College age)/ children 5 and under are FREE. If you miss the ticket booth or have any questions, please call the parish office at 244-3101, ext. 0.

BASILICA GARAGE SALE: Please consider donating items: kitchenware, linens, books, furniture, knickknacks and other suitable items to our garage sale to be held in September. No clothing, old computers, tv's or mattresses. You can bring items to the stage in the parish hall. **Contact** Linda Murphy at 865-1050 for more info.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Come to the Rural Life Mass: The eighth annual Rural Life Mass is Sunday, Aug. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Marty and Debbie Arganbright Farm, 2414 Redwood Ave., near Guthrie Center (2 miles south of Hwy 44). Everyone is invited to come together to show solidarity with rural Iowans and celebrate their important role in the diocese. Lunch will follow Mass. For more information, contact Deacon Luke Tieskoetter at 515-249-1327 or tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Cathedral Concert August 28: Stop by the Zimpleman Family Plaza at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave., in downtown Des Moines for a wonderful evening of music, food and fun. Food trucks will be open at 5 p.m., Parranderos Latin Combo and **Josh & Nick Sinclair (Basilica Parishioners)** will provide music starting at 6 p.m. No cost to pull up a chair and enjoy, but bring some money for food and drinks.

Beginning Experience: If you've lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation, consider coming to our open house. We've been in your shoes and would like to help you on your journey toward healing. Open houses are Fridays, Aug. 17 & 24 at St. Augustin Parish Hall, 7-8:30 p.m. Retreat is Sept. 14-16. For more info., contact Dana Reed at 515-975-3745, Mike Losee at 515-360-8268 or Father Bob Shoemann at 515-418-1938.

Iowa State Fair: The Catholic Church will be at the Iowa State Fair! You can stop by Pioneer Hall on Sunday, August 19 for Mass at 7:15 a.m. And, you can swing by the Iowa Catholic Radio booth near the Riley Stage to visit with deacons and priests.

Help! Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter needs folks to provide a meal for those staying at the shelter. Contact Greg Davisson at 515-282-1235 to schedule a night when your family can feed the homeless.

