

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

(Matthew 4:23)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Holy Gospel an outsider approaches Jesus: a Canaanite woman who asks Jesus to heal her daughter. A first, Jesus observes the ancient distinction between Jew and Gentile, noting that his mission is to the Israelites. He even insultingly compares the woman to a dog, casting the insider-outsider distinction in sharp relief. In doing so, he awakens faith in the woman that can overcome all of our human distinctions. The woman brushes aside the implied insult and acknowledges her dependence on God. Jesus praises her faith and her daughter is healed. It is Jesus who heals us and all of our divisions.

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 are at about 50% of our goal. **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.

Please mark your calendars, planning ahead for next Sunday, August 27th for our annual parish picnic. Please call the parish office to let us know if you will be attending so we can get a count of how many people to prepare for. Please bring a salad or a dessert, chips, etc. to share and, your own drinks.

May God's grace always grow in your hearts!
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Agustin M. Nichols

Pastor

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$66,026.41 has been paid on our 2017 assessment of \$132,297. We still owe \$66,270.59 or 50 percent. Please help, we need 100% participation!

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 634,660.98
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11: RCIA classes begin on

Monday evening, September 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the school. Participants will learn about basic Catholic beliefs as well as be provided with opportunities to develop and grow in a closer relationship with God by attending weekly Mass and through prayer. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact Jenifer Parsons at 244-3101 ext. 204.

SCHOOLS SUPPLIES: School supplies are available for pickup in the church hall after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses today. Please come if you are in need of items such as pencils, notebooks and folders.

Wojciech Jozewicz

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 19 TO AUGUST 27

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

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| SAT 19 | 4:00PM | +Gary Kiernan |
| | 6:00PM | Spanish Mass |
| SUN 20 | 8:30AM | Parish & Benefactors |
| | 10:30AM | +Jon Farrington |
| MON 21 | 12:00PM | +Gary Kiernan |
| TUE 22 | 12:00PM | +Jim Deery |
| WED 23 | 12:00PM | +W.E. Lowery |
| THU 24 | 12:00PM | +Kay Davis |
| FRI 25 | 12:00PM | +Pat Capen |
| SAT 26 | 9:00AM | +Jose & Ramona Rocha |
| | ----- (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM Intentions of the Remetch Family | |
| SUN 27 | 8:30AM | +Anna Tran |
| | 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:

What is the mission of the Church?

ANSWER: The mission of the Church is to proclaim and establish the Kingdom of God begun by Jesus Christ among all peoples. The Church constitutes on earth the seed and beginning of this salvific kingdom.

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.



The Basilica of St. John
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 20, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
AUGUST 21 THRU AUGUST 27

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| MON 21 | 9:00AM 6:00PM | Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice+++ |
| TUE 22 | 9:00AM 6:00PM | Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice+++ |
| WED 23 | 9:00AM | Adoration Begins@ |
| THU 24 | 6:00PM | Parent/Teacher Meeting-School of Mary+ |
| FRI 25 | 9:00AM | Adoration Begins@ |
| SAT 26 | 8:30AM 10:00AM 10:00AM | Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Carmelite Meeting* Organ Practice## |
| SUN 27 | 8:00AM | Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Parish Picnic 1-7pm |

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 21, 2017:

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

LIFELINES: Iowans for LIFE 7th Annual Fundraising Banquet: Thursday, October 12th, 2017, 6pm. The Meadows Bishop Ballroom, Prairie Meadows, Altoona, \$50 per person, \$500 sponsors a table of 8. RSVP before October 7th, 2017 at iowansforlife.org or call 515-255-4113.

To view the bulletin online go to: basilicaofstjohn.org, click on home, click on the current week's bulletin.



9TH ANNUAL BUS TRIP ACROSS IOWA: The September 21st bus trip is full!

For those who reserved a seat, please turn in your payments of \$65/person to the parish office as soon as you are able. If there is anyone who is not able to make the trip please let the office know as soon as possible as there is a waiting list for others to go. Thanks!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: is **this WEEKEND, August 19/20 and NEXT WEEKEND 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, 6:15pm-7:30pm in the school, grades K-8; High School in the parish hall.

Choir News! *Basilica Choir will begin practicing Thursday nights, 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning September 7. New members are very welcome!!!*

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE - AN EIGHT-WEEK STUDY COURSE: If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then plan to attend an eight week study, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. Through eight half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins followed by discussion, you will be guided through salvation history and learn how the Bible reveals God's loving plan for your life. This is an eight-week study course held Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. in the parish hall. The course begins on Tuesday, September 19 and ends November 7. Pre-registration is required in order to have the correct number of books. Cost is \$20.00. Please call Jenifer Parsons at 515-244-3101, ext. 204 to register.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: Friday, August 25, is an out of uniform day at Holy Family. If a student chooses to dress out of uniform this day, he/she must bring \$1 to school which will be donated to the missions. School pictures will be taken Tuesday, August 29. Wear your nice clothes and great smiles that day! The students of Holy Family celebrate Mass every Wednesday at Our Lady of the Americas Church at 8:15 a.m. We welcome everyone and encourage you to join us.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: Membership Drive & Renewal -- In a couple of weeks we will begin our annual membership drive for the Basilica's Altar & Rosary Society. Dues are \$10.00. Members can be active or supportive and one benefit remains the same -- Mass is offered monthly for both living and deceased members. Our first meeting will be September 9 following the 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass. Consider becoming a member. It's a great way to meet other parishioners and make new friends. Any questions -- call Chris Killough 279-6774

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Dowling and St Joseph Academy Class of 1968: Is planning our 50 year reunion on June 22 & 23, 2018. Please go to www.classcreator.com Dowling/St Joseph Academy High School Class of 1968 to update your information and to let us know if you are interested in attending. This information will not be shared. Also if you know any members of our class, please pass this information onto them. Contact Tom Biegger with any questions at 515-829-0385.

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. For more information or to apply, go to www.ssjohnpaul.org. Also, here is a link to the job posting on our website: <https://ssjohnpaul.org/job-openings>

