

*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.  
(Matthew 16:18)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus very wisely chose, when he was looking ahead to the continuation of his mission, to build on a rock: St. Peter. Rocks may have cracks and flaws, but they are strong and stable and enduring. Peter stands as the foundation of the Church, chosen directly by Christ. St. Peter and his successors continue in their function to guide and lead the Church through all the trials and tribulations of the world. Let us always remember to pray for the Holy Father that his faith may not fail.

Steve Tatz has resigned as our Business Manager, effective the first part of October. Charles Stastny will be replacing him. We would like to thank Steve for his year and a half of service to the parish, and we welcome Charles to his new position.

We have also hired Karen Hoff as a part-time bookkeeper. We thank her for taking on this important responsibility. She will be starting in the next two weeks.

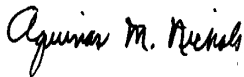
Please keep our ADA campaign for 2017 in mind. It is extremely important that we make our goal to take the burden off of our financial resources. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge now in a spirit of good support for our parish. Blank pledge cards are in the back of the Basilica in the 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 you fulfilling your pledge to the Sharing God's Gifts Campaign.**

Today is our annual parish picnic. Please bring a salad or a dessert, chips, etc. to share and, your own drinks. Come out for a good time!

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

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%.

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 668,403.90  
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.

**THANK YOU:** To everyone who donated back-to-school items. They were very much appreciated!

**On Wednesday, August 30, the parish office will be closed for the day due to attendance at a diocesan meeting.**

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST 26 TO SEPTEMBER 3**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

**SAT 26** 4:00PM Intentions of the Remetch Family  
6:00PM Spanish Mass

**SUN 27** 8:30AM +Anna Tran  
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

**MON 28** 12:00PM +Lillian Wilson

**TUE 29** 12:00PM +Elizabeth Brien

**WED 30** 12:00PM +Fr. P.J. Xavier

**THU 31** 12:00PM +Jim Powers

**FRI 01** 12:00PM Intentions of Ned Marasco

**SAT 02** 9:00AM +Martin Harkin

**(Vigil Mass)**

4:00PM +Carl & Florence Reelitz

**SUN 03** 8:30AM Intentions of Maria Nguyen Family  
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

**THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:**

[www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or call him at 515-249-1327; or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

*Question: In what way is the Church a mystery?*

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED:** We are in need of 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](mailto:mlkluesner@gmail.com). Classes start September 13, 2017.

*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
*August 28, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**AUGUST 28 THRU SEPTEMBER 3**

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
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TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++  
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WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
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THU 1:00PM Kitchen in use  
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FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
01 9:00AM Kitchen in use

SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy###  
02 8:00AM Kitchen in use

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 28, 2017:**

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30  
**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

**LIFELINES:** In the last 5 months, **PLANNED PARENTHOOD**, the country's **#1 killer of preborn babies**, has sent **23 women** to the **EMERGENCY ROOM** from their **abortion clinics**. **Abortion kills children and maims, and kills women.** --Operation Rescue, June, 2017

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Membership Drive & Renewal -- Soon we will begin our annual membership drive for the Basilica's Altar & Rosary Society. Dues are \$10.00. Members can be active or supportive--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.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** School pictures will be taken Tuesday, August 29. Wear your nice clothes and great smiles that day! There will be no school on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. Classes will resume as usual on Tuesday, September 5. The students of Holy Family celebrate Mass every Wednesday at Our Lady of the Americas Church at 8:15am. We welcome everyone & encourage you to join us.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Javier Gallegos Jr., Margaret Scheve, & Fulton Manley and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Maury Mendoza, Evaristo Abreo & Family, Laura Nesbit, Maria Sevillana & Alfredo Arcos & Family, Nicacio & Brenda Quintana & Family.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Kenia Mendoza and Javier Gallegos on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION:** is **NEXT WEEKEND, September 2nd/3rd** 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 mlkuesner@gmail.com. Classes start September 13, 6:15pm-7:30pm in the school, grades K-8; High School in the parish hall.

**TIME, TALENT, TREASURE?:** What are you giving back to the Lord? Have you prayed about how can you best use your gifts for His honor and glory? How can you help the Basilica parish family during this next year? Can you sing in the choir? Assist with Religious Education? Help with coffee and donuts? Volunteer to minister to the sick? Pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament? The Basilica Parish family needs whatever you can offer! God has blessed us each with different talents in our stages of life. No matter what your season of life, you have something to offer. It helps lighten everyone's load when each lends a helping hand. How will you give back to the Lord in thanks for all He has done for you?

**Choir News:** Basilica Choir begins rehearsals Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00-8:30.

**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 30 minute 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. Call Jenifer Parsons at 515-244-3101, ext. 204 to register.

**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!

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Rural Life Mass:** Please join us in a relaxed rural setting to come together with Christ. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Life Mass will be held September 10, 2:30 pm at the farmstead of Art and Marcia Pontier located at 1643 Hwy 34, Osceola, IA (5 ¼ miles west of the intersection of I-35 and Hwy 34 - watch for signs). Following Mass, enjoy walking tacos, home-baked treats, and displays of livestock, equipment and more! Event sponsored by St. Bernard's Parish and Fr. David Polich. For more information, contact Ken Bresnan at 515-237-5089 or kbresnan@catholiccharitiesdm.org.