

This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

(Matthew 4:4b)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration today. It is a reminder to us of the glory of the Lord's resurrection and the promise given to us for the life to come. As Jesus strengthened the faith of his disciples, so may he strengthen our faith to realize that there is a great future ahead for us.

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.

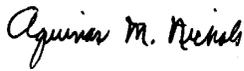
Please mark your calendars planning ahead for Sunday, August 27th for our annual parish picnic.

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.

Today there will be a second collection for the Church in Africa. Please do what you can to help with the evangelization of the Gospel on that continent and to support all of the missionaries there.

Continue to enjoy the summer break. It is passing quickly. May grace always grow in your hearts!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: \$59,888 has been paid on our 2017 assessment of \$132,297. Forty-five percent has been paid by about one-quarter of our parishioners and several visitors. We need 100% participation, please.

ELEVATOR FUND

Current Donations.....\$ 631,841.98
Goal.....\$ 800,000.00



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Leonard Rife** who recently passed away. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Lola Brooks, Lillie Richmond, Shantai Richmond, Kayden Brooks, & Victoria Rodriguez and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Jeanette Duron & Family, Samantha Claman, & Victoria Conoan.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 5 TO AUGUST 13

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 05	4:00PM	+Danny Papich
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 06	8:30AM	+Jim Kolner
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 07	12:00PM	+Ron Weindel, Zach Walz, David Rachuy, Andrew & Dorothy Wieberg
	TUE 08	12:00PM
WED 09	12:00PM	Intentions of Maryann
	THU 10	12:00PM
FRI 11	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of the Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
	SAT 12	9:00AM

(Vigil Mass)		
4:00PM +Brian Haege		
SUN 13	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 call him at 515-249-1327; or Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

What is the origin and the fulfillment of the Church?

ANSWER: The Church finds her origin and fulfillment in the eternal plan of God. She was prepared for in the Old Covenant with the election of Israel, the sign of the future gathering of all the nations. Founded by the words and actions of Jesus Christ, fulfilled by his redeeming death and Resurrection, the Church has been manifested as the mystery of salvation by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. She will be perfected in the glory of heaven as the assembly of all the redeemed of the earth.



The Basilica of St. John
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
AUGUST 14 THRU AUGUST 20

MON 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 07 6:00PM Organ Practice+++
 6:30PM KC Council Meeting+

TUE 9:00AM Organ Practice+++
 08 6:00PM Organ Practice +++

WED 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 09

THU No Scheduled Events
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FRI 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
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SAT 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 12 10:00AM Organ Practice

SUN 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+
 13 8:30AM Scheve Baptism
 10:30AM Baptism

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 7, 2017:

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

LIFELINES: Why do Pro-Lifers Focus on Abortion?--It is a fair question since we do not self-identify as anti-abortion but rather as pro-life. In India, during one of my speaking tours there, people asked me why not focus your efforts on preventing drug addiction that takes many lives every year or trying to end wars? etc. The answer is simple, as in every other endeavor, one has to prioritize. Who here knows how many children have died from abortion worldwide last year? (over **40 million**). The leading recorded cause of death worldwide, is Heart disease with **7.4 million deaths** according to the World Health Organization. In the USA heart disease kills **600,000** people a year. Abortion takes about a **million** lives. With an estimate of over 40 million abortions annually, how many human beings died by abortion since 1966? **Over 2 billion people**. It is shocking, and provides the definitive answer as to why pro-lifers prioritize ending abortion over other evils that take human lives. As pro-lifers we need to know why we prioritize abortion over other causes of death, and we need to educate others about the incredible damage that abortion is doing to our world. Globally, 20% of established pregnancies end with induced abortion. Historically, one has to go back to the 14th Century and the Black Plague, when **30% of humanity** perished, to find a worse catastrophe. (Life Site News-Joseph Meaney)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Will be held on the weekends of **August 19/20 and 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.

ARE YOU ...*Curious About the Catholic Faith? *Already Catholic but interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? *Seeking a relationship with Jesus? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then plan to attend an informal gathering on Wednesday, August 16! This evening will provide an opportunity to meet others, ask questions, and learn about the Catholic Faith. There is no commitment - just come. This is a good opportunity to evangelize - tell your friends and others. **Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Church tour at 8:30 (optional), Basilica of St. John, Parish Hall. Tell Others... Bring a friend! Call Jenifer Parsons (515-244-3101, ext. 205) if you have questions.**

RELIGIOUS ED./CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRAINING: To those who are interested in teaching religious education with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program here at the Basilica, we are looking at sending people for training. Scholarships will be available upon approval. If you are interested in taking classes please contact Maria Walters at 515-953-9188 or mlkluesner@gmail.com.

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.

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. Call Jenifer at 244-3101 ext. 204.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady of the Americas Festival: Join us at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church, 1271 E. 9th St. on Sunday August 6 for a fun day of games, bounce house, Latino-American food, Mariachi Band and much more. The day starts with Mass at 9:30am and activities end at 8:00pm. Everyone is welcome!!

Volleyball: St. Theresa Catholic School is opening up our volleyball program to Basilica of St. John's middle school (grades 6 - 8) parishioners. The volleyball season runs from early August through early October. Team practices will be held in the evenings (e.g. 6 - 7:30 PM) with games being held on Saturdays. The cost to register is \$40 and we need to have all players registered by August 12. Please contact stcsathletics@gmail.com for registration forms or more information.

Dowling Catholic High School: Is seeking a part-time server to start in the 2017-2018 school year. Hours: 10:00am to 2:30pm, Monday-Friday. Student tuition/fee discounts available. If interested, please contact Molly Ryan @ mryan@dowlingcatholic.org or 222-1028.