

# God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

(2 Corinthians 5:19)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Though few of us think of ourselves as prophets or judges in the biblical sense, the life of the disciple is one that sometimes calls on us to speak out, and to evaluate what is happening in the world around us. We must make the distinction between judging a person and judging an action. Only God can justly judge a person because he sees the heart and knows the intention. However, if we see people acting in a way that is unloving, we are obliged to point this out, for their own good as well as for the good of those around them.

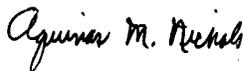
Our annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser for the Foundation will take place next Sunday in the rectory from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00. They will be on sale after the Masses, or you can call the office and reserve a ticket and pay at the door. Come out and support us in what is always a very enjoyable evening.

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.**

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

**ATTENTION: Parents, Teachers & Students—Religious Ed.** starts this Wednesday, September 13 at 6:15pm in the school. We are looking forward to a fulfilling new year. Any questions, please contact Maria Walters at 515-953-9188.

**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.

**FOUNDATION NOTES:** Over the past several years the Basilica of St. John Foundation, through your generosity, has accumulated cash assets to meet future financial needs of the parish. Please continue your support by joining us for the Annual Fall Wine & Cheese Party to be held in the Rectory on Sunday, September 17, from 5-8pm. Tickets are available for \$25/person, after Mass or call the parish office at 515-244-3101, ext. 0.

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER 09 TO SEPTEMBER 17**

#### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 09</b>	4:00PM +Donna Blaskovich 6:00PM Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 10</b>	8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro 10:30AM Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 11</b>	12:00PM Intentions of Patricia Walsh
<b>TUE 12</b>	12:00PM +Jim Brookhart Jr.
<b>WED 13</b>	12:00PM +W. E. Lowery
<b>THU 14</b>	12:00PM +Elizabeth Brien
<b>FRI 15</b>	12:00PM +Carl & Florence Reelitz
<b>SAT 16</b>	9:00AM +Lucille Molloy  (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Gary Kiernan
<b>SUN 17</b>	8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ

#### 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 Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

#### CATECHISM CORNER:

*What does it mean to say that the Church is the universal sacrament of salvation?*

**ANSWER:** This means that she is the sign and instrument both of the reconciliation and communion of all humanity with God and of the unity of the entire human race.



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** The Holy Family School Board will meet Thursday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. Next Friday, September 15, is the next 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 to donate to the missions.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*September 10, 2017*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**SEPTEMBER 11 THRU SEPTEMBER 17**

MON 11	9:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Adoration Begins@ KC Council Meeting+ RCIA**
TUE 12	9:00AM 4:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Columbus Academy Class**
WED 13	9:00AM 6:15PM	Adoration Begins@ Religious Ed. **
THU 14	8:00AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Choir Room in use+++ Choir Practice+++
FRI 15	9:00AM 9:00AM	Adoration Begins@ Columbus Academy Class**
SAT 16	8:30AM 10:00AM 1:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Secular Franciscans-Meeting** Kitchen in use until 4pm
SUN 17	8:00AM 12:00PM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ Pastoral Council Meeting%

*5-8pm Foundation Wine & Cheese Party*  
**Diocesan 2nd Collection for Seminarians**

**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 September 11, 2017:**

**Monday:** Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**LIFELINES:** -Prior to the legalization of abortion, advocates for abortion held out the panacea of the elimination of "unwanted children" if only abortion was legal. In fact, it was Planned Parenthood, which led this charge, coining the familiar slogan, "Every child a wanted child". Despite the fact that some 60 million "unwanted" babies have died in the intervening period, the pro-choice lobby still uses this argument to justify abortion. To make sense, the slogan: "Every child a wanted child" has to be completed "and if not wanted, aborted." To complete the sentence removes the mask from this misleading slogan and reveals it for the evil that it is! (pro-lifearticles.org)

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Bishop Drumm Garage Sale:** All items are now half price and the 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. Come see all the bargains. All proceeds go back to the residents of Bishop Drumm.

**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 p.m. to 8:30 p.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.

**MUSIC AT THE BASILICA:** We need you! Choir members, bell choir ringers, instrumentalists- there are spots ready and waiting! Please don't assume we will continue without new members every year. People come and go with health and schedule changes. Would you like to join this year? Please prayerfully consider offering your talents to the Lord! The Basilica Choir meets Thursdays 7:00-8:30. Contact Gail Johll. 641-919-5431

**WANTED:** Due to the resignation of Tim Carlson, we are in need of another accomplished Organist. Where: The Basilica of St. John Catholic Church. 1915 University, Des Moines, IA. Requirements: Rehearsal Accompanist for choir practice Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm. Play weekly for the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Warm-up at 10:00 with choir. Opportunity to play traditional and classical prelude and postlude music. Contact Gail Johll. 641-919-5431.

**How Can You Help the Basilica's Mission?** How can you help the Basilica's mission? One of the goals at the Basilica is to promote the sacred. It is not defined as being traditional, it is defined as displaying the beauty of God! We are called to live holy lives in a very secular world. Sunday liturgies lift us up to accept this call, to energize us for this mission. Are we listening to God's call? How can we live out this call by supporting our Basilica family? Time, talent, treasure? Support comes in many forms. The Basilica needs everyone to help. Take a leap of faith. Make a commitment. Pray about how you can more fully experience the Lord's grace in your life by becoming active in parish life. Contact any of the staff for information on how to help.

**SUPPORTIVE CARE IOWA:** The Iowa bishops' "Supportive Care Iowa" project is available to help people seeking guidance on making decisions about end-of-life health care that is aligned with Catholic values. Often we cannot foresee situations that will arise in regard to our health. Therefore it may be important, in advance, to choose a person who knows us and can speak on our behalf if we are not capable of doing so. There are now trained volunteers, called "Catholic Advanced Care Planning Consultants," that can help individuals with the completion of documents that designate another person with power of attorney for health care in the event of incapacity. It is our parish's goal to help Catholics have these faith-filled discussions with friends and family in advance of a crisis and to provide guidance in completing advance directive forms in alignment with Catholic moral principles. This service is available without charge. Please contact the parish office (515-244-3101, ext 0) if you are interested in this service.

**DIVORCED? The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group begins November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at St Catherine of Siena Parish, 1150 28th St, Des Moines, IA 50311.** Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill) 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilysm@gmail.com. For more information visit [www.catholicsdivorce.com](http://www.catholicsdivorce.com)