

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

*(Galatians 6:14)*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Suffering of various sorts is an integral part of being human. Jesus knew this, for he shared fully in human suffering. But he shows us that our ultimate hope is in the restorative healing power of God. Only in uniting our sufferings with those of Christ do we find meaning in our own human suffering. A serious meditation on the sufferings of Christ while looking upon a crucifix helps us to realize this reality.

This weekend there will be a second collection for the support of our seminarians. We are blessed to have one of our own parishioners, Stanley Asjes, now studying for the Sacred Priesthood up in St. Paul. This is his first year. These are our future priests. I ask you to be as generous as possible in your support of their education.

Bishop Pates will again be hosting an Andrew dinner for young men interested in the Sacred Priesthood. It will be held at St. Augustin's Parish on Thursday, 23 October beginning at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be served and there will be interaction with the Bishop and priests. I invite all young men eighth grade and above to come and spend the evening with the Bishop and other priests. Please let Hugh O'Hagan know if you would like to attend and he will give a final number to the Vocations Office. I encourage all young men to "Come and see." Perhaps the Lord is calling you to service in the Sacred Priesthood.

Let us try and keep Fridays of September as days of fast and penance to atone for the past failings in our Church, as requested by our Bishop. I would encourage you to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays since it is already exposed throughout the day in the adoration chapel. Please pray for all priests, deacons, and bishops that they may remain faithful to the sacred calling which the Lord has entrusted to them.

Now that we have settled into the regular school year, may the Lord bless all of our children and keep them safe, and may they grow in wisdom and in love of the Lord.

Devotedly in the Lord,

Pastor 

**Basilica of St. John WEEKLY INCOME:** 9/9/18

Total - \$14,753.55

Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$183,143.00


YTD Need - \$233,178.88

**ELEVATOR FUND**

Current Donations.....\$ 772,458.42

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

**Annual Diocesan Appeal-Current balance due: \$65,752.14**

 **BASILICA ADULT CHOIR:** It's not too late to join the Basilica Choir! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30! Come for an evening of song to take part in this very important ministry! You will be glad you did! For more information, call Gail Johl, 641-919-5431

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 15 TO SEPTEMBER 23**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT</b>	4:00PM	+Ben Homan & Frances Kolner
<b>15</b>	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	+Lucille Molloy
<b>16</b>	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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<b>MON</b>	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
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<b>TUE</b>	12:00PM	+Corrine Graziano
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<b>WED</b>	12:00PM	+Rachel Hanian
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<b>THU</b>	12:00PM	+Bill Tegeler
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<b>FRI</b>	12:00PM	+Members of Maysonet & Prado Family
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<b>SAT</b>	9:00AM	+David Miklesh
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	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	+Anna Bui Thi Suot
<b>23</b>	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

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

**[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

**CATECHISM CORNER:**

*Question: Why did Christ institute an ecclesiastical hierarchy?*

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



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Holy Family will hold a special fundraiser jeans day September 21. This fundraiser will help raise money for our school library. Students are asked to bring \$1 to donate if they choose to dress out of uniform that day. Parent/student/teacher conferences will be held September 26 & 27. If you have not received notification of a conference time, please call Mrs. Lechuga at the school to make an appointment.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*September 16, 2018*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**SEPTEMBER 17 THRU SEPTEMBER 23**

MON 17 Altar & Rosary set up this week for Garage Sale +  
 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 4:00PM Organ Practice+++  
 6:30PM RCIA\*\*

TUE 18 8:00AM Organ Practice+  
 5:00PM H.S. Humanities Class\*\*  
 5:00PM Organ Practice+++  
 6:30PM Faith Formation Class\*\*

WED 19 8:00AM Catholic School House Classes\*\*  
 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 6:15PM Religious Ed. \*\*+  
 7:30PM St. Jude's R.E. \*\*+

THU 20 8:00AM Organ Practice+++  
 8:00AM Faith Formation+  
 10:00AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class  
 1:30PM Organ Practice+++  
 5:45PM Choir Room in use+++  
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal+++

FRI 21 9:00AM Adoration Begins@  
 9:00AM H.S. Humanities Class\*\*  
**9am-3pm Altar & Rosary Garage Sale**

SAT 22 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##  
**9am-6pm Altar & Rosary Garage Sale**

SUN 23 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group+  
**\*\*RE Open House After Both Masses\*\***  
 12:00PM Divine Mercy Meeting+  
 2:00PM Oblate Meeting+  
**8am-1pm Altar & Rosary Garage Sale**

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 17, 2018:**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15  
**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**LIFELINES: Prevent your tax dollars funding abortion**—Planned Parenthood, is funded in large part by your hard earned tax dollars. In 2012, Planned Parenthood performed 327,166 abortions while collecting well over half a billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers. That is according to its own Annual Report, & it works out to an average of one abortion every 94 seconds! In addition to Planned Parenthood's abortion business, it uses this money to promote, advertise & market the "benefits" of abortion, including partial birth abortion. Take a stand against Planned Parenthood and this horrible misuse of public funds. Let your Senator know that you do not want your money spent on the abortion industry. (pro-lifearticle.org)



**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP:** We are in full swing for renewal memberships as well as any new members for the Altar & Rosary Society. We meet every second Saturday of the month from September thru June and would like for you to join us. Please complete the membership form included in the bulletin and return it to the church office at your convenience. Our membership drive completes October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your interest in the Altar & Rosary Society. Please contact Lisa (515) 418-2004 with any questions you may have.

**DES MOINES BENEDICTINE OBLATES:** There will be a meeting for Oblates **next Sunday, September 23**, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Basilica parish hall. This meeting is being held one week earlier due to the Christ Our Life Conference. Learn about the Rule of St. Benedict and praying the Liturgy of the Hours. All who are interested in becoming an Oblate are welcome. **NO pot-luck dinner this month.**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** Now more than ever, 40 Days for Life is so important. The numbers are growing. Since the beginning, 14,643 babies' lives have been saved, 172 abortion workers have left their jobs at Planned Parenthood, and 96 abortion centers (and numerous referral centers) where campaigns have been hosted have closed their doors forever. So we are making progress. Please do what you can to be a visible witness at either the Army Post location on Fri., Oct. 12th or at the Drake location on Fri., Oct 19th. We will be in the back after Mass for sign ups. We sincerely thank you. The Basilica Pro-life group

**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 plan to come to the Basilica Altar & Rosary Garage Sale, in the parish hall, on **September 21, 9-3pm, September 22 from 9-6pm & Sunday, 23rd from 8am-1pm.**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** With the Fall season getting underway, we would like to put out this reminder for bulletin announcements. Please have requests ready to be placed in the bulletin by either writing/typing it out or by emailing it to **basilicadm@msn.com**. If you want a flyer in the bulletin, please have it proof read and ready to be copied. **The deadline for any submission to the bulletin is by 4pm on Tuesdays.**

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Prayer and Fasting:** Bishop Pates is inviting all of us to pray and fast on the Fridays in September. This is in response to a letter from Pope Francis regarding the abuse that has occurred in our Church. The Holy Father encourages all of us to "take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit." Please join us in asking God for healing.

**Catechetical Sunday:** This Sunday is a day the Church celebrates the role each person plays in handing on the faith to the next generation. On Catechetical Sunday we ask catechists to rededicate themselves to being witnesses to the Gospel and the mission of our community of faith. Thank you, to all who participate in big ways and small, toward helping us teach our children how to live like Jesus did.