

*God has called us through the Gospel  
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(2 Thessalonians 2:14)

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

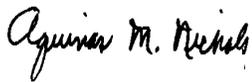
Try as we might to live good and righteous lives, we sometimes lose focus through jealousy or envy of others. It is better for us to stay focused on how we can serve others. Our second reading today from the Letter to St. James reminds us: "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exists, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

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 Tuesday, 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 the remaining 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.

May the Lord bless all of you!

Devotedly in the Lord,



Pastor

**Basilica of St. John WEEKLY INCOME from: 9/16/18**

Total - \$17,440.59

Need - \$21,198.08

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

YTD Total - \$200,583.59

YTD Need - \$254,376.96

**REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$244,965.78**

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

**DES MOINES BENEDICTINE OBLATES:** There will be a meeting **TODAY**, Sunday, September 23, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Basilica parish hall. Learn about the Rule of St. Benedict and praying the Liturgy of the Hours. The Des Moines Oblates meet every last Sunday of the month (with the exception of this month). All who are interested in becoming an Oblate are welcome. **NO pot-luck dinner this month.**

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 22 TO SEPTEMBER 30**

**TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS**

<b>SAT</b> <b>22</b>	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>SUN</b> <b>23</b>	8:30AM	+Anna Bui Thi Suot
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON</b> <b>24</b>	12:00PM	+Art Whipple
<b>TUE</b> <b>25</b>	12:00PM	+Joseph Dien Nguyen
<b>WED</b> <b>26</b>	12:00PM	+Dorsett & Dal Corso Family
<b>THU</b> <b>27</b>	12:00PM	+Peter Rettinger
<b>FRI</b> <b>28</b>	12:00PM	+Abigail & Judah Finney
<b>SAT</b> <b>29</b>	9:00AM	Special Intention
		(Vigil Mass)
	4:00PM	+Jerry Kluesner & Intentions of Jeanie Kluesner
<b>SUN</b> <b>30</b>	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Jon Farrington

**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:**

Last week's question: **\*\* Why did Christ institute an ecclesiastical hierarchy? \*\***

**ANSWER:** Christ instituted an ecclesiastical hierarchy with the mission of feeding the people of God in his name and for this purpose gave it authority. The hierarchy is formed of sacred ministers: bishops, priests, and deacons. Thanks to the sacrament of Orders, bishops & priests act in the exercise of their ministry in the name and person of Christ the Head. Deacons minister to the people of God in the *diakonia* (service) of word, liturgy and charity.



**BASILICA ADULT CHOIR:** It's not too late to join the Basilica Choir! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30p.m.! 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



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*September 23, 2018*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**SEPTEMBER 24 THRU SEPTEMBER 30**

MON 24	9:00AM 4:00PM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ Organ Practice+++ RCIA**
TUE 25	8:00AM 2:30PM 5:00PM 5:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+ Youth Choir+++ H.S. Humanities Class** Organ Practice+++ Faith Formation Class**
WED 26	8:00AM 9:00AM 6:15PM 7:30PM	Catholic School House Classes** Adoration Begins@ Religious Ed. **+ St. Jude's R.E. **+
THU 27	8:00AM 8:00AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 5:45PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Faith Formation+ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Class Organ Practice+++ Choir Room in use+++ Choir Rehearsal+++
FRI 28	9:00AM 9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration Begins@ H.S. Humanities Class** Hispanic Baptism Class**
SAT 29	8:30AM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy###
SUN 30	8:00AM	Vietnamese Prayer Group+ <b><i>St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection</i></b>

**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 24, 2018:**

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51  
**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**LIFELINES: Are We Observers or "Doers" in the Abortion Debate?:** Are we doing enough? The answer is an emphatic "no" as it is so easy to simply tune out and put this horror out of our minds and sight. Yet, nearly all violence done against human beings involves three types of people: the Perpetrator, the Victim and the Observer. This is sometimes called the "Tragic Triangle" With abortion, the abortionist, in collusion with the parent(s) is the perpetrator, the child is the victim, and the observers are all the rest of us. Some believe that we as observers have an equal or greater responsibility than the perpetrators because we can be more objective and if we were really motivated, we could stop this daily slaughter of the innocents. We can start by making sure we vote for LIFE in the forthcoming elections. (pro-lifearticle.org)



**ANNUAL FOUNDATION WINE & CHEESE PARTY:** Mark your calendars for November 4th, for our Annual Wine & Cheese party in the Rectory. Starts at 5:00 pm. Tickets will soon be available. More information will come.



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Parent/student/teacher conferences will be held this week on September 26/27. If you have not received notification of a conference time, please call Mrs. Lechuga at the school to make an appointment. Classes will be dismissed early at 1:00pm on Thursday, September 27 for conferences. Please be at the school to pick up your child at that time. There will be no school on Friday, September 28. There will be no classes October 1-8. Students and staff are on Fall Break. Classes will resume Tuesday, Oct. 9, 8:00 a.m.



**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.

**CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE: September 29th & 30th.** **TICKETS for the upcoming Christ Our Life Conference** will be sold in the back 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.

**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.

**Mark Your Calendars!** On Sunday October 7th at 6p.m. Bishop Pates will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination and his upcoming retirement as Bishop of Des Moines at St. Ambrose Cathedral, 607 High Street, Des Moines, IA with Mass, and a reception to follow. A special invitation is extended to our international community! A great chance to say congratulations and thank you to Bishop Pates!

**Boldly Sent:** The deadline for registering for the 2018 youth rally, Boldly Sent, is October 5. The rally has grown to a full weekend of opportunities for evangelization, charity, praise music, discussions, prayer and more. Go to [dmdiocese.org/BoldlySent](http://dmdiocese.org/BoldlySent) for details.

**Tom Chapman at St. Catherine of Siena Wednesday, October 10th:** Tom Chapman, executive director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, will discuss how the Church's social teaching might shape how individuals view their participation in the political life of our state and country. The event will take place at 7 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 1150 28<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines.