

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate today this great Solemnity of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ. This solemnity is a solemn yearly reminder of the Real Presence of the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. What a wonderful lasting gift the Lord has given his Church until he comes again in glory!

PUBLIC DAILY MASSES will begin tomorrow in the Basilica, at noon on MONDAY 15 JUNE. For the time being, the daily Mass will be Monday through Friday only. Until further notice, there will be no Masses on Saturday or Sunday. This is Phase I of the plan for gathering for Masses once again. The obligation continues to remain lifted, and those who may be vulnerable are encouraged to remain at home. IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS OR THINK YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE THE VIRUS, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS UNTIL YOU ARE SURE THAT YOU ARE TOTALLY HEALTHY. Phase II, the weekend Masses, WILL BEGIN DOWN THE ROAD. We will keep you posted. When coming for Mass, please take time to read the instructions posted on the Basilica doors.

When coming to Holy Communion, please come up in a single line keeping six feet apart. Those wishing to receive on the tongue should wait until the end of the line. But be aware that it will be impossible for the minister to sanitize his hands after giving each individual Holy Communion. The minister will sanitize his hands before distributing Holy Communion.

I thank you most sincerely for your continued financial sacrifices for the sake of our parish. It is allowing us to continue with our work and to keep current with our expenses.

In the meantime, continue to pray for all the sick. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us to bring this pandemic to an end very soon. Keep asking for her help!

Let us continue to go forward in trust and patience. As we settle once again into Ordinary Time, let our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus be extraordinary!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 6/7/20

Total - \$10,785.50
Need - \$21,311.35

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020
YTD Total - \$946,555.53
YTD Need - \$1,044,256.15

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$33,385.00

DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$0

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Amount still owed: \$76,910.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JUNE 13 TO JUNE 21

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 13 4:00PM Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
6:00PM NO Spanish Mass

SUN 14 8:30AM **The Body & Blood of Christ**
10:30AM +Dorothy Halliburton
Parish & Benefactors

MON 15 12:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families

TUE 16 12:00PM +Chuck Davis

WED 17 12:00PM +Lucille Molloy

THU 18 12:00PM Intentions of Norbert Hemberger

FRI 19 12:00PM +Ron Wells

SAT 20 9:00AM +James Strolt

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +Whipple & Gabriel Families

SUN 21 8:30AM +Kathryn Mauro
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

www.BasilicaofStJohn.org home page, scroll down to "Streaming Masses" & click on the tab to watch daily Mass and the Sunday Mass.

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 Terri at 321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Question: *What are the sacraments and which are they?*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

(Look for the answer in next week's bulletin)

New ways to give to the Basilica of Saint John: Text-To-Give phone number. With Text-To-Give you simply put in a dollar amount and send a text to the following: (515) 293-4810. Scan the following QR Code for a one-time gift or setup an account.



The Basilica of St. John
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
June 14, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
JUNE 15 THRU JUNE 21

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration
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TUE 8:00AM NO Organ Practice+++
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WED 9:00AM NO Adoration
17 6:30PM NO Youth Group**

THU 8:00AM NO Organ Practice+++
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FRI 9:00AM NO Adoration
19

SAT 8:30AM NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
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SUN 8:00AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%
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Daily Scripture Readings for the week of June 15, 2020:

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Lk 2:41-51
 Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

LIFELINES: Men with abortion in their past all have different stories and as many reasons for why and how they were impacted by abortion. If they were involved in more than one abortion, they may have experienced a variety of traumas. Very often the pain that abortion causes men is ignored by most of us, but...that pain is very real and impacts every area of a man's life. Let us not forget that for every woman who has been wounded by abortion, there is also a man who is likely suffering in silence.... Only Jesus Christ, the Lover of our souls, can bring complete healing after the trauma of abortion. And that is the truth for women AND for men. The ultimate expression of love only comes from our Father in heaven through His good and perfect gift of forgiveness. "Grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God the Father and from Jesus Christ—the Son of the Father—will continue to be with us who live in truth and love." 2 John 1:3 By raising your awareness of the truth about men and abortion, you can be a life advocate to the men that you may encounter this Father's Day. Men who are your brothers, your fathers, your friends. (carenet.com: Posted by Mary Chapman on Jun 18, 2015)

MASS INTENTIONS are full through September. The Fall months are getting full too. If you would like a Mass said as soon as possible, we are able to send them out to monasteries, so the Mass intention can be offered sooner. Otherwise I will be able to start taking limited, new requests the first part of October—for the remainder of 2020. Thanks, Barb

Not ours to know the reason why,
 unanswered is our prayer,
 but ours to wait for God's own time
 to lift the cross we bear.
 not ours to know the reason why
 from loved ones we must part
 but ours to live in faith and hope
 though bleeding to the heart
 not ours to know the reason why
 this anguish, strife and pain
 but ours to know a crown of thorns
 sent graces for us to gain
 a cross, a bleeding heart and crown
 what greater gifts are given?
 be still, my heart and murmur not
 these are the keys of heaven.
 (author unknown)

