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Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

Deacons: *Rev. Mr. Frank Lopez*
Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter
Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell

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Holy Family School Principal:

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Masses:

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil), 6:00p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Festive Sung Mass)

Holy Days:

Usually 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. (check voicemail for Mass Schedule changes)

National Holidays:

Usually 9:00 a.m. (or check Mass Schedule on the inside of this bulletin)

Weekdays:

12:00 noon

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism:

Parishioners contact the parish office - (515)244-3101 ext.204

Marriage:

Parishioners contact the office at least 6 months prior to requested date of marriage

Visit to Sick:

Please inform office of any illness or hospitalization in the family

New Parishioners:

Please contact the Parish Office to register as a member of our parish

Mass Homily:

BasilicaofStJohn.org click on Live Telecast tab.

Pregnancy Hotline:

For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The command to be holy, as God is holy, can seem like a return to the sin of Eden, that is, thinking that we are gods. Rather, we are to let God's grace guide us and draw us near, so that we are filled with divine holiness. This is a daily struggle for us, and only with God's grace can we succeed to make some progress.

I had a good retreat and some days of rest at St. Joseph Abbey. Now I am back and ready to begin with you the holy Lenten Season, which begins with Ash Wednesday this week. There will be two Masses for Ash Wednesday with the distribution of ashes, one at 12:00 noon and the other at 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending one of them.

Do not forget our annual Fish Fry, which will begin this coming Friday. Details are in the bulletin. The Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Basilica at 7:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent, up to Holy Week.

May we have a fruitful Lenten Season and go towards Easter with joy!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 2/16/20

Total - \$14,466.20

Need - \$21,311.35

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

YTD Total - \$685,604.90

YTD Need - \$703,274.55

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$53,700.00

DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$18,700.00

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.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of Chuck Davis, who passed away on February 9. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of Jim Dake, who passed away February 13. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 1 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 22 4:00PM +Art Whipple
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 23 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Ruth Selgrade

MON 24 12:00PM +Virginia Biddle

TUE 25 12:00PM +Steve Asjes

WED 26 12:00PM *Ash Wednesday*
7:00PM +Ronald Smith
+Cody Henritzy



THU 27 12:00PM +Bob Kharouf

FRI 28 12:00PM +Jane Dal Corso

SAT 29 9:00AM +Peter Nguyen

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +Gary DeVore

SUN 01 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Deceased Members of Deery & Robson Families

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

www.BasilicaofStJohn.org and click on the link...
..... "LIVE TELECAST" 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 is the hope of the new heavens and the new earth?*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
(Look for the answer in next week's bulletin)



Your 2019 tithing/tax letters are ready. You can pick them up in the parish office Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm. If you have questions or can't pick it up, please call or email the office at 244-3101, ext. 0; basilicadm@msn.com.



The Basilica of St. John
Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 24 THRU MARCH 1

MON 24 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 6:30PM RCIA**
 7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice**

TUE 25 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 9:30AM Youth Choir+++
 12:45PM Youth Choir+++
 6:30PM Adult Faith Class**

Mardi Gras Party: 6-8pm

WED 26 **Ash Wednesday-Day of Fasting & Abstinence**
 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 6:15PM NO Religious Ed. **+
 6:30PM NO Youth Group**

THU 27 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
 5:45PM Bell Choir+++
 7:00PM Choir+++
 7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice**

FRI 28 9:00AM Adoration Begins@
 4:45PM Lenten Fish Fry until 6:45pm
 6:00PM Hispanic Baptism Class**

SAT 29 8:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy##

SUN 01 8:00AM Vietnamese Prayer Group%

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory; + = Fr. Mulvihill Hall;
 ## = Church; % = Conference Room; (NH) = (North Hall); (SH) = (South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 24, 2020:

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

LIFELINES: Abortion teaches us that violence is an acceptable way to deal with difficult life problems. It teaches us that human beings are only valuable if they meet certain criteria, and it teaches us that the strong have a legal right to kill the weak and defenseless. When the unique value of individual human life is trampled upon, society inevitably suffers. Abortion advocates argue just the opposite. They purport that aborting "unwanted" children will reduce child abuse, neglect, poverty and violence and will generally lead to happier families. However, our experience since 1973 proves that this theory does not work. During that time, over 60 million "unwanted" babies have been denied the right to live, yet we have more crime, more violence, more dead-beat dads, and more gangs.

(Pro-lifearticles.org)



LENTEN FISH FRY: This coming Friday marks the first of six Fish Fry dinners of the Lenten season. The dinners are parish fundraisers. The meals are delicious and filling (all you care to eat!). You will have fun and fellowship. Please join us from 4:45-6:45pm for one, if not all Fridays during Lent.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: School will be dismissed at 1:00pm on Wednesday, March 4. ACES will be available for after school childcare. Please call the school if you are in need of the ACES program.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Divorced? *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide* 12-week group begins March 23rd at 6 pm in **The Blessed Mother Room, 820 Porter Ave, Des Moines, on the Christ the King Campus.** Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. For more information call Deacon Tony Valdez at 515-979-2301 or email him at t.valdez@me.com. Visit www.catholicdivorce.com

Donate Bus Tokens: Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter is in need of bus tokens. Tokens can be dropped off at the shelter, 1535 11th Street, Des Moines 50314, between 7am and 8pm. See the DART website for a list of locations where you can purchase tokens: <https://www.ridedart.com/fares/passsales-outlets#PassSales#City>.

St. Serra Club: Has a Priest been special in your life? Give others the opportunity to have that same experience! Join the St. Serra Club of Des Moines in praying for and supporting priesthood and religious vocations. Come to any of our monthly events and see what we're all about. For more information, contact Jim at 515-422- 0960; or visit dmserra.com.

Victim Assistance Advocate: The diocese encourages anyone with allegations of abuse by clergy to contact their local police department or diocesan Victim Assistance Advocate Sam Porter at Sam.Porter@polkcountyiowa.gov or call 515 -286-2015. He can assist the person with making a complaint, and with receiving support and counseling services.

Summer Camp: Are you thinking about summer plans already? Catholic Youth Camp is! Registration is open for summer 2020! Get your children signed up now. They'll be among the first to use the NEW cabins being built at CYC. Go to stmcenter.com for details.

Fried Chicken Dinner: St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Norwalk will be serving a Fantastic Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday March 15th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, dinner rolls, coffee, tea and pie. Adults \$10.00, Ages 6-12 \$5.00, under 5 Free. Questions contact St. John's Church office at 515-981-4855. Located at 720 Orchard Hills Drive, Norwalk.

Radix, a Diocesan Retreat for High-School Seniors: All high-school seniors, public or private school, involved in youth ministry or not, are invited to attend. There are two opportunities to go on a Radix retreat this year: **March 6th-8th and May 1st-3rd** (Radix goes from 5pm Friday to 4pm Sunday). Held at the St. Thomas More Center, Radix is a tremendous opportunity for our second-semester seniors to take a deep breath, relax for a couple days, and reflect on what they're rooted in as they prepare to leave their high-school years. Cost is \$150, and more information along with registration can be found at www.dmdiocese.org/radix. Registration for the March retreat needs to be in by February 21st, and for the May retreat by April 17th (registration is still possible after these dates, but a bit more involved).

Des Moines Area Communal Penance List

St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianola:	February 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM & 7 PM
St. Francis of Assisi, West Des Moines:	March 3, 2020 at 7 PM
Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's:	March 8, 2020 at 9 AM
All Saints, Des Moines:	March 8, 2020 at 2 PM
Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Ankeny:	March 9, 2020 at 7 PM
Holy Trinity, Des Moines:	March 10, 2020 at 7PM
St. Boniface, Waukee:	March 22, 2020 at 1 PM
St. Joseph, Des Moines:	March 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Assumption, Granger:	March 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM
St. Theresa Church of the Child Jesus, Des Moines:	March 25, 2020 at 7 PM
St. Pius, Urbandale:	March 26, 2020 at 7 PM
Ss. John and Paul, Altoona:	March 26, 2020 at 7 PM

****Basilica of St. John, Des Moines: March 28, 2020 at 10 AM****

St. John the Apostle, Norwalk:	March 29, 2020 at 1 PM
St. Mary, Elkhart:	March 29, 2020 at 1 PM
St. Mary's of Nazareth, Des Moines:	March 29, 2020 at 3 PM
St. Luke the Evangelist, Ankeny:	March 31, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Sacred Heart, West Des Moines:	March 31, 2020 at 7 PM
St. Augustin, Des Moines:	April 1, 2020 at 6 PM

Individual Reconciliation Times:

- **St. Catherine of Siena, Des Moines 4/2/2020 6 PM - 8 PM**
- **St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlisle Saturdays at 3:30 PM**
- **St. Ambrose, Des Moines:**
 - **Saturdays: February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4— 2:30-3:30pm**
 - **Tuesdays of Lent, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7, 11-11:30am**
 - **Wednesdays of Lent March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 11am-noon and after the 12:10 noon Mass**
 - **As needed or call for an appointment. Reconciliation times during Holy Week will be published in the parish bulletin.**



Basilica Mardi Gras
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Tuesday evening,
February 25, 2020

6:30 – 9:00 p.m., parish hall



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LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

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Fridays of Lent:
February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
April 3, 2020

FROM 4:45PM-6:45PM

COST

ADULTS-\$10.00
CHILDREN 4 - 10 YEARS -\$3.00
CHILDREN 3 YEARS AND YOUNGER - FREE
FAMILY RATES AVAILABLE

MENU INCLUDES:

FRIED CATFISH OR BAKED SEASONED POLLOCK,
FRIED CATFISH NUGGETS (SAME BREADING) FOR THE KIDS &/OR FOR "SECONDS",
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CARRY OUT AVAILABLE.



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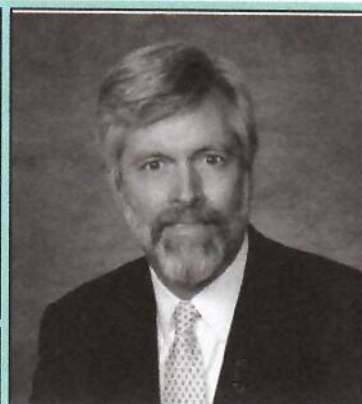
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