

# The Basilica of St. John

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**Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987**  
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Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

Deacons: *Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter*  
*Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell*  
*Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante*

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Pastor's Secretary/Office Manager:

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Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Coordinator:

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Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter (249-1327)

Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell

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. 0

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

# Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Gospel for today presents another parable. This one is about the generosity of the vineyard owner. The parables of Jesus often feature an inverting of the expectations of the world. When he does this, it shows us that the reign of God was, is and will be an upside-down reality from what we would normally expect.

**PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING, AS REQUESTED BY BISHOP JOENSEN:**

- \*\*\*Use of face masks. THE BISHOP STRONGLY URGES THIS.
- \*\*\*Use of hand sanitizer. Provided at the door.
- \*\*\*Proper social distancing. Maintain a distance of 6 feet
- \*\*\*Come up to Holy Communion LAST if you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. Either sit in the back or wait until the rest have received. The Minister of Holy Communion will wait for you.

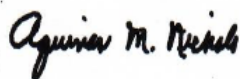
Because of increased vandalism in Catholic Churches, and because someone tried to dismantle our gate and enter the grounds in the middle of the night, in order to protect our grounds, please be advised that the gate will be closed earlier from now on as long as there are no cars in the parking lot. If you plan to be on the grounds after 8:00 p.m. any evening, please advise the office ahead of time. On Sundays and holidays it may be closed after the last Mass.

The Parish Council will meet today after the 10:30 Mass in the Mulvihill Hall. It has been six months since we have had a meeting and so we will attend to the parish business at hand.

Please note that we are falling behind in our budget needs. I ask you all to step up to the plate to see that we remain financially stable. Our deficit grows every week. We cannot take up a collection yet so please avail yourselves of the online option and the secure boxes and the baskets in the Basilica. We also still owe \$43,786.00 for the 2020 ADA.

The Lord bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols  
Pastor

## WEEKLY INCOME – 9/13/20

Total - \$10,358.81  
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021  
YTD Total - \$145,928.85  
YTD Need - \$191,092.88

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$43,786.00**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER 19 TO SEPTEMBER 27**

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT</b> <b>19</b>	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Anna Hong Nguyen Spanish Mass
<b>SUN</b> <b>20</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Ben Homan & +Frances Kolner Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON</b> <b>21</b>	12:00PM	+Mary Sokolik
<b>TUE</b> <b>22</b>	12:00PM	+Sylvester F. Ryan
<b>WED</b> <b>23</b>	12:00PM	+Helen Wright
<b>THU</b> <b>24</b>	12:00PM	+Stephen Selgrade
<b>FRI</b> <b>25</b>	12:00PM	+John T. O'Leary
<b>SAT</b> <b>26</b>	9:00AM	<b>NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA</b> +Jon Farrington
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Tom Salsberry
<b>SUN</b> <b>27</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	Intentions for Kim & Vuong Dinh Family Parish & Benefactors

## THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

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

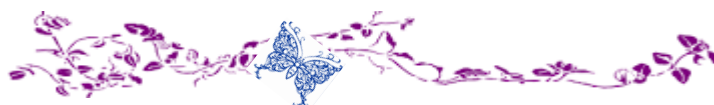
## CATECHISM CORNER:

*Question: What is sacramental grace?*

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*  
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*September 20, 2020*

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**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**SEPTEMBER 21 THRU SEPTEMBER 27**

MON 21	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 22	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 23	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration First Communion Mtg/Year 1 Students-- and one parent --meet in the hall
THU 24	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 25	9:00AM 6:00PM	NO Adoration Wedding Rehearsal##
SAT 26	8:30AM 12:00PM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Haro Wedding##
SUN 27	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of September 21, 2020:**

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
**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:** Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

**LIFELINES: There is forgiveness after abortion.**  
 We who reject abortion do not reject those who have had abortions. Counseling, forgiveness, and healing can be found after abortion. Priests for Life facilitates the world's largest ministry for healing after abortion. Known as "Rachel's Vineyard," this ministry holds hundreds of retreats worldwide each year and provides follow-up services as well. To access the healing that Rachel's Vineyard and other ministries provide after abortion, enter your zip code at [www.AbortionForgiveness.com](http://www.AbortionForgiveness.com) (Priests for Life)

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.): ARE YOU** interested in becoming Catholic? **DO YOU** know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Faith? **ARE YOU** curious about the Catholic Faith? RCIA classes will begin in September. If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning more about the faith, or if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please call Margaret Stastny at 515-244-3101 ext. 220.

Pass the word! Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John Newsletter... Use the following link to sign-up... <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, GRADES 1-12:** Please register on-line or grab a paper copy. Deadline is September 21 in order that books and on-line materials may be ordered and arrive on time. Go to [basilicaofstjohn.org](http://basilicaofstjohn.org) and choose Religious Education. The on-line form is along the side of the page. Questions?--Contact Margaret Stastny at 515-244-3101 ex. 204.

**PARENT/CHILD MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION:** Students in First Year (child in grade 2 or higher, that has never been in any religious education)—will meet Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Students in Second Year (child in grade 2 or higher, that is in their second year of RE and will receive First Communion in May of 2021)—will meet Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. **Please have at least one parent accompany their child to the meeting.**

**FYI CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Students preparing for Confirmation have class in October. First Year (grade 9) meets Wednesday, October 7 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Second Year (grade 10) meets Wednesday, October 14 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Questions?--Contact Margaret Stastny at [MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org](mailto:MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org).

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY:** Thank you for your life of service to our parish community. The fourth Sunday of September (27<sup>th</sup>) is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest as central to the life of the Church. This event offers an opportunity for all parishioners to honor our pastor, Fr. Aquinas Nichols and to express our support and appreciation for his service to the Church, and in particular to our parish.

All parishioners are invited to leave a card with words of gratitude and tribute for our priest.

This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International, an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in the USA. More than 7,700 Serrans nationwide, including the Serra Club of Des Moines and the Serra Club of Council Bluffs, collaborate with their bishops, parishes, and vocation directors to fulfill this mission.



**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL:** Holy Family will hold a special fundraiser jeans day on Friday, September 25. This fundraiser will help raise money for our 7th grade. Students are asked to bring \$1 to donate if they choose to dress out of uniform that day.

**BASILICA PROLIFE NEWS—LIFE CHAIN:** Sunday, October 4, 2020 is the date for this year's Life Chain. It will once again take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, lining up along Merle Hay Road and University Ave. This will be a prayerful, peaceful witness to the sanctity of life, the right to life of the children who have yet to be born. It begins at 2 pm and ends at 3:30 pm. Come for the whole time or come when you are able. God bless us all and God bless the little ones.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Christ Our Life Expands Options For Attending:** The Christ Our Life Catholic Conference is offering the opportunity for people to attend in person or by livestream. All attendees, volunteers and vendors will be required to wear masks in common areas such as when entering or exiting Wells Fargo Arena, while in adoration or confession and anywhere on the concourse such as visiting exhibitors, restrooms, concession stands, etc. **For more information on in-person or livestream tickets, safety precautions and the lineup of speakers, go to [christourlifeiowa.com](http://christourlifeiowa.com).**



OFFICE *of the* BISHOP

September 14, 2020  
Feast of the Triumph of the Cross

Dear Friends in Christ,

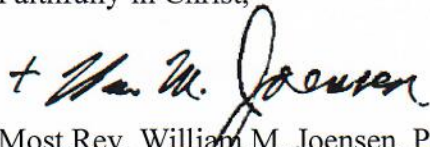
As you recall, the pandemic brought our observance of the Sacred Triduum to a halt earlier this year. With Good Friday services in our churches not open to the public, there was no opportunity for the traditional Holy Land Collection to be gathered. However, the need for support of Christians in the Holy Land remains great. It is my hope that you will respond to that need as we focus on a collection on September 26-27, 2020. This is the opportunity when we respond to the direction of the Holy Father and reach out to assist our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land.

The Franciscans have been in the Holy Land since 1209, walking in Jesus' footsteps, caring for the poor, educating young people, providing scholarships, protecting the holy shrines, conducting pastoral ministries and keeping Christianity alive. In countless ways, their ministry gives voice to the voiceless.

Through this collection, we are united in a special way to the land that was made sacred by Our Savior's redemptive mission. The flourishing of Franciscan ministries in the Holy Land depends on the support they receive from each of us. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a tenacious community that strives to provide unbroken witness to apostolic faith.

I urge you to be generous in your support of the Holy Land Collection. May God bless you as you respond with generous hearts to this special appeal.

Faithfully in Christ,



Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.  
Bishop of Des Moines



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