

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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Bookkeeper:

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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. 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

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Gospel reminds us today that we do not always see things as the Lord sees them. The phrase "Jesus is Lord!" comes off the tongue easily enough, but have we stopped to examine the many implications of this exclamation, the truly radical nature of that claim? Have we stopped to consider all that the Lord has done for us?

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.

Congratulations to all of our young people who are making their Confirmation this morning. We pray that God's Holy Spirit will accompany them throughout their lives and that they will be faithful witnesses to Christ.

Please remember to make your ADA pledge. We still owe \$46,141.00. Envelopes are obtainable at the doors of the Basilica. And please keep an eye on our giving versus our needs, a summary of which is in the bulletin each week. We are somewhat behind on what is needed to meet our expenses.

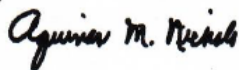
There will be a second collection this weekend for the disasters mentioned in the Bishop's letter, which is in the bulletin. Please do what you can to help. Next weekend we will have a second collection for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Unfortunately, last week at Holy Family School the outside statue of the Blessed Mother was destroyed, and a monument of the 10 Commandments was vandalized with spray paint. In order to protect our grounds, please be advised that the gate will be closed earlier in the evening 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. please advise the office ahead of time.

The Parish Council will meet on the third Sunday of September. I will discuss with them the idea of returning to coffee and donuts on Sunday morning beginning September 27th. It will depend on a number of factors, including volunteers to prepare things, serve and clean up afterwards. We may have to look at a new procedure for all of this. We will put an announcement in the bulletin the week before we begin.

Let us continue to go forward in faith. You are always in my daily prayers!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

Weekly income 8/24/20

Weekly total \$13,890.26
Weekly need \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$107,288.82
YTD Need - \$138,976.64

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 29 TO SEPTEMBER 6

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 29	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families Spanish Mass
SUN 30	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Joseph Tran Parish & Benefactors
MON 31	12:00PM	Intentions of Grace Gibbons
TUE 01	12:00PM	+Walt McManus
WED 02	12:00PM	+Souls of Relatives
THU 03	12:00PM	+Jim Brookhart
FRI 04	12:00PM	Intentions of Bishop Joseph Charron, C.P.P.S.
SAT 05	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Judy Tatz
(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	+Madeline James
SUN 06	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors + Mary Sokolik

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:

Last week's question:

Last week's question: ***Why are the sacraments efficacious?***

ANSWER: The sacraments are efficacious *ex opere operato* ("by the very fact that the sacramental action is performed") because it is Christ who acts in the sacraments and communicates the grace they signify. The efficacy of the sacraments does not depend upon the personal holiness of the minister. However, the fruits of the sacraments do depend on the dispositions of the one who receives them.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$46,141.00



The Basilica of St. John
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
AUGUST 31 THRU SEPTEMBER 6

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration
31

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
01

WED 9:00AM NO Adoration
02

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
03

FRI 9:00AM NO Adoration
04

SAT 8:30AM NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
05 **St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Collection**

SUN 8:00AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%
06 **St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Collection**

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 31, 2020:

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; k 5:1-
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

LIFELINES: It's Time for a Spiritual Audit!: In virtually every aspect of Life, -corporate, athletic, education etc., -there is a constant evaluation process to measure growth and improvement. Now it is a good time to assess our spiritual progress. Have we made a difference? If God were totally our "faith in action" would He be pleased with what we have done (or failed to do)? Evils plague our society, such as abortion, pornography "comprehensive sex" education, tax funding of Planned Parenthood, and other anti-God, anti-life and anti-family issues. As Christians, we know that the Bible commands us to be active in serving God. Service is an action word, so we know that we cannot serve God by sitting on the sidelines, or being a "fence sitter". Are we as Catholics influencing our world, or is today's relativism and secularism influencing us much more? Are we setting an example to the next generation to protect marriage and to defend life, from conception until natural death, or are we just "passively" pro-life? Do we speak up when in a position to defend innocent life? Do we hold our elected representatives accountable? Obviously, we cannot do it all, but we can certainly do something! Literally, thousands of lives are at stake each and every day. If we do nothing we collude with the pro-aborts, the purveyor of pornography and those that wish to remove God from society. By doing nothing, we reap what they sow! "Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins" (James 4:17) By Pro-Life Articles Author



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to **Chloe Roush** and her family on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Cintia Garcia and Fernando Alvarez & Family; Maria Reyna Antonio and Valentin Conseco Cruz & Family.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND WILL BE FOR DERECHO & BEIRUT DISASTER RELIEF. Next weekend, September 5 & 6, there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Baskets marked "Second Collection" will be located at the front and back entrances inside the church. Please give as you are able. The SVDP collections for March & May were missed due to Covid-19!

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.



PLEASE NOTE: Labor Day is Monday, September 7th. There will be only one Mass at 12:00 noon.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Registration for Religious Education in August: Please register after Mass or online August 15 through August 30th. Grades 1-8 will do Home Study. Books will be ordered September 1st. Online class is available if your home has a computer or phone connection. High school will view *Symbolon* on Formed.org. with online only sessions. The four Confirmation Sessions will be IN PERSON with Year 1 meeting one week and Year 2 meeting the following week. Register and pick up your schedule today! Please send your questions to Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or 515-244-3101 ext. 220

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bring Your Mask: If you're coming to Mass, please bring your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Campus Ministry: We can help your college student connect with his or her campus Catholic community. Send their name, school and contact information to campusminister@stcatherinedrake.org. Our Campus Ministry program will share that information with the college Catholic community at the school your student attends.



August 24, 2020

OFFICE *of the* BISHOP

Derecho & Beirut Disaster Relief

Dear Friends in Christ,

On August 10, 2020, a straight-line windstorm, called a derecho, hit Iowa with hurricane-force winds. The storm caused severe damage to crops, businesses, and homes. Tens of thousands of individuals and families, more than a week afterwards, are still without power, assessing damages, and removing debris from their properties.

Six of the 23 counties within the Diocese of Des Moines are part of Governor Kim Reynold's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency including Audubon, Cass, Dallas, Guthrie, Madison, and Polk. Out of these six counties, Polk and Dallas counties have been declared Federal Disaster Areas. The recovery process it expected to be lengthy and costly.

The Diocese of Des Moines is working with our local Catholic Charities to help the individuals and families most severely affected by the derecho. A Derecho Relief Fund has been established for this work of mercy. If you are able to help, your donation will provide direct relief to those in most need. If our collective generosity meets the scope of need in the Diocese of Des Moines, we will be contacting neighboring dioceses with significant damage such as the Archdiocese of Dubuque and the Diocese of Davenport to share these relief funds. We are in the process of exploring a further collaboration with the three other dioceses in Iowa to provide statewide assistance to all the affected peoples and areas.

In addition to the foregoing, our Church mourns the terrible suffering of those impacted by the tragic explosion in Beirut, Lebanon that killed so many without warning in early August, 2020. 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate detonated at the city's port resulting in the deaths of at least 160 people. Thousands of people remain injured or homeless and the scope of suffering has only begun to be grasped. We have been asked by the bishops of the United States to offer a response of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and advocacy.

OFFICE *of the* BISHOP

In response to these local and global disasters, I ask that a special collection be taken up at our parishes the weekend of August 29-30. Donations can be made directly to the Diocese with the notation they are for Beirut disaster relief and/or derecho disaster relief. Gifts can also be made online dmdiocese.org/giving. Contributions to disaster relief efforts in Beirut will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

May the God who is never outdone in generosity bless you as you reach out to those in need – locally and globally.

Faithfully in Christ,



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

PART-TIME JANITOR POSITION

The Basilica Parish is looking to hire a part-time janitor for 20 hours per week. This would be Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 11:00 a.m.

This person would work with our Director of Maintenance, Thang Dinh.

Duties would include normal janitorial work, yardwork, light maintenance and snow removal during the winter.

Starting salary would be \$15.00 per hour. Those interested should contact the Business Manager (515-244-3101, ext. 205) for further information.

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

Confirmation
The Basilica of St. John
Sunday, August 30, 2020

Congratulations to the following . . .

<i>Teresa Trujillo</i>	<i>David Omar Juarez</i>
<i>Alex Imanishimwe</i>	<i>Jimmy Le</i>
<i>Ana Bonilla</i>	<i>Omar Jimenez-Castro</i>
<i>Aaron Brookhart</i>	<i>Aubrey Nichols</i>
<i>Gabriel Carey</i>	<i>Rosemary Tatz</i>
<i>Jessica Chavez</i>	<i>Victoria Lara-Marquez</i>
<i>Isabella Davis</i>	<i>Tonatiuh Merlos-Rojas</i>
<i>Leslie Natalia Delgado</i>	<i>Alexis Miron-Lopez</i>
<i>Alejandro Delgado</i>	<i>Javier Nava-Perez</i>
<i>Jennifer Duron</i>	<i>Anna Vu</i>
<i>Jose Luis Flores Ibarra</i>	<i>Jocelyn Ramirez-Adame</i>
<i>Zitlalic Flores Ibarra</i>	<i>Jaqueline Ramirez-Adame</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>Maritza Romero</i>

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful,
and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love."*

Basilica of Saint John Memorial Landing

Remember the special people and events in your life by purchasing a Memorial Brick in their name, to be placed in the landing in front of our beautiful Basilica of Saint John.

Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, the names of your
Parents, Children, Brothers, Sisters
Whomever and whatever you wish to remember in brick.

The cost is \$100 for each brick and there is no limit as to
how many you wish to purchase.

When paying by check, make your checks payable to the
Basilica of Saint John.

The brick can be engraved with up to three lines of fifteen
characters on each line. The space between words is
counted as one of the characters. Print clearly on the
spaces below exactly how you want your brick engraved.

I would like my brick to read as follows:

My name is _____

Address _____

State and Zip code _____

Phone # (____) ____--____

If you have any questions, please call
the Basilica of Saint John @ (515) 244-3101 Ext. 205

(Some examples are shown on the back of this form)

EXAMPLES

**Mom and Dad
We love you
John and Mary**

**John and Mary
Kennedy - Wed
April 27, 1960**

**Our Son, Jacob
b. 7-23-39
d. 2-26-40**

**Fr. John Smith
Ordained
June 17, 2010**

**Whatever else you would like to say as long as it fits on no
more than fifteen spaces in each line.**

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