

The Basilica of St. John

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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987
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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell
Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante

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Hispanic Office-Secretary:
Homebound Ministry:
Baptism Preparation/Youth Ministry/Annulments:

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:
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Baptism:
Marriage:
Visit to Sick:
New Parishioners:
Mass Homily:
Pregnancy Hotline:

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Saturday: 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment
Parishioners contact the parish office - (515)244-3101 ext. 0
Parishioners contact the office at least 6 months prior to requested date of marriage
Please inform office of any illness or hospitalization in the family
Please contact the Parish Office to register as a member of our parish
BasilicaofStJohn.org click on Live Telecast tab.
For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Gospel for this weekend reminds us of the sudden return of the Master after he has been away and entrusted his servants with responsibility. These final weeks give us the message to be prepared for the Lord's coming, a theme which will pervade the holy Advent Season that will soon be upon us. This is a good reminder for us to be always prepared to meet the Lord since we do not know the day nor the hour of his return.

By order of his Excellency Bishop Joensen, the WEARING OF A MASK IS MANDATED FOR ALL CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE OF DES MOINES FOR ALL FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE CHURCHES. This includes Mass and any other liturgical functions, as well as in the vestibule until you have exited the Basilica. This mandate is in place until at least 02 February 2021. ALL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS ARE ALSO TO BE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. I know that there are many different opinions about this. But I ask you to please be obedient to the wishes of the Bishop and follow the guidelines that he has issued. These are posted on the doors and throughout the Basilica. Christ was obedient unto death. He gives us the example to follow.

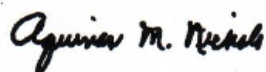
The raffle tickets have been steadily coming in. Tickets must be in by next Sunday, November 29th. I thank all those who have participated thus far.

Please be conscious of the need to keep us financially strong. We still have a deficit to the Foundation and we still owe the diocese for the present ADA.

The present pandemic challenges us to respond as is necessary. We do not want those who are vulnerable to have their health compromised in any way. Those who may be vulnerable and anyone who feels sick are asked to stay home and view the Mass online.

May the Lord continue to bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 11/15/20

Total - \$9,203.97

Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

YTD Total - \$266,931.56

YTD Need - \$347,441.60

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$35,391.00

Our Debt to the Foundation: \$12,000.00

COMMUNAL PENANCE: This year, due to Covid 19 we will not have our annual Advent Communal Penance service. Please avail yourself to the regularly scheduled Saturday Reconciliation times – from 2:45pm-3:45pm every Saturday.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 21 TO NOVEMBER 29

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 21 4:00PM +Tom Salsberry
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 22 8:30AM +Helen Homan & +John Lamont
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 23 12:00PM +Judy Tatz

TUE 24 12:00PM +Fr. John Tan Tran

WED 25 12:00PM +Dominic

THU 26 9:00AM +Ron Wells

FRI 27 12:00PM +Walt McManus

SAT 28 **NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA**
9:00AM +Jan Ferrari

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +Madeline James

SUN 29 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:30AM +Joseph
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:

Last week's question:

Last week's question: ***How does the Church on earth celebrate the liturgy?***

ANSWER: The Church on earth celebrates the liturgy as a priestly people in which each one acts according to his proper function in the unity of the Holy Spirit. The baptized offer themselves in a spiritual sacrifice; the ordained ministers celebrate according to the Order they received for the service of all the members of the Church; the bishops and priests act in the Person of Christ the Head.

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
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22, 2020

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
NOVEMBER 23 THRU NOVEMBER 29

MON 23	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 24	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 25	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration NO Youth Group**
THU 26	Happy Thanksgiving! Parish Office Closed 8:00AM NO Organ Practice+++	
FRI 27	9:00AM	NO Adoration Parish Office Closed
SAT 28	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy## St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection
SUN 29	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group% St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of November 23, 2020:

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

LIFELINES:

"When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Ryan Jones, son of Steve & Teresa Jones**, who recently passed. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM: Join us every Wednesday night during Advent for prayer and Adoration of our Lord from 6:45pm until 8pm starting Wednesday, December 2. The evening will begin with a brief reflection and prayer before exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

HIGH SCHOOL RE CLASSES: Call or email me if you wish to do the Book Study and come pick up your books. On-line students need to access Formed.org and go to SEARCH and SYMBOLON video sessions. Questions? Contact Margaret Stastny at 515-244-3101 ext. 204 or MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org



CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS: The Catholic Youth Choir of Central Iowa will be offering last year's Christmas CD, *O Light Most Blessed*, after Masses for a small donation of \$15 or more to the Basilica of St. John. This makes a lovely Christmas gift, so stop in the back of church to pick up your CDs for friends and family near and far! They will also be available at the parish office and Divine Treasures.



RAFFLE TICKETS: Are available for purchase through Sunday, November 29. The winning tickets will be drawn on the 29th, you don't need to be present to win! Please sell or purchase the tickets that were mailed to you and turn in the money & stubs to the parish office. If you are in need of more, they are available through the Basilica website or in the parish office, M-F, 8am-4pm. First prize-25% of the proceeds; 2nd-\$250; & three \$100 prizes.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Registration for Catholic Youth Camp: Registration for Catholic Youth Camp started last week. Check out all the changes at camp and increased number of staff for enhanced safety precautions. We're planning for the most amazing summer ever! Register at stmcenter.com.

No Room at the Inn VIRTUAL!: Join Bishop Joensen and the Catholic Charities Board of Directors for 2020 No Room at the Inn VIRTUAL. This year the entire family can join in from the comfort and safety of your home. We will listen to some holiday music, have some fun trying to spot all the candy canes, and go on virtual tours of Catholic Charities programs and learn how we address homelessness in our community. To register online, go to: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/nri/>. To purchase raffle tickets for a hand-carved nativity scene, go to: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/nativity/>.

DIVORCED? The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide 12-week group begins December 6th at Holy Trinity Parish, 2926 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA 50310. Meetings are from 6-7:30 pm. Cost of \$30 per person includes a "Personal Survival Guide" and all materials for 12 weeks. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Bill and Ann Moore for more information, or to register, at 515-480-3314 (Bill), 641-425-0109 (Ann) or email moorefamilysm@gmail.com. For more information visit www.catholicdivorce.com



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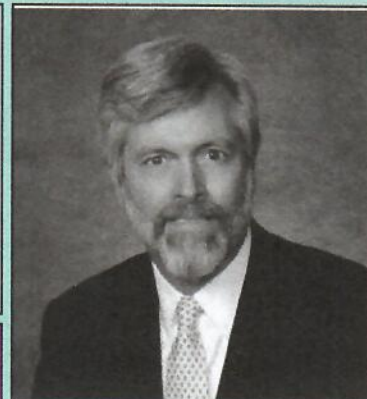
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