

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

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This great Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany recalls his manifestation to the whole world. The Lord has truly shown us the way to salvation. Let us rejoice in this great gift of salvation and be ever grateful.

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 function, 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.** Those with physical or psychological reasons are exempted from the mandate. Please heed the Bishop's wishes in this matter.

Again, my thanks for your generous response to the Christmas Appeal. We are financially good for the time-being. Please continue to remember the financial needs of the parish as we begin this New Year.

Devotedly in the Lord,

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 12/20/20

Total - \$55,737.73
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$393,416.58
YTD Need - \$434,302.00

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.



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PREP: Students preparing for Confirmation have class in January. First Year (grade 9) meets Wednesday, January 13 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you or bring your sponsor. Second Year (grade 10) meets Wednesday, January 20 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Questions? Contact Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, JANUARY 2 TO JANUARY 10 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Janet Laudel
02	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN		
03	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Dorothy Castonguay
MON		
04	12:00PM	+Patty McCormick
TUE		
05	12:00PM	+James D. Brien, Jr.
WED		
06	12:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro
THU		
07	12:00PM	+Judy Tatz
FRI		
08	12:00PM	+Lupe Munoz
SAT		
09	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members Altar & Rosary
	4:00PM	+Madeline James
SUN		
10		Baptism of the Lord
	8:30AM	+Fr. John Tan Tran
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:
www.YouTube.com/BasilicaStJohn

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: ***What is the link between the actions and the words in the celebration of the sacraments?***

ANSWER: Actions and words are very closely linked in the celebration of the sacraments. Indeed, even if the symbolic actions are already in themselves a language, it is necessary that the words of the rite accompany and give life to these actions. The liturgical words and actions are inseparable both insofar as they are meaningful signs and insofar as they bring about what they signify.

*The 2021 Calendars are here!
You can pick one up outside the parish office
or in the vestibule of the church.*



The Basilica of St. John

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK JANUARY 4 THRU JANUARY 10

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration
04 6:15PM RCIA
6:30PM KC Council Mtg. **

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
05

WED 9:00AM NO Adoration
06

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
07

FRI 9:00AM NO Adoration
08

SAT 9:00AM NO Altar & Rosary Meeting
09

SUN 8:00AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%
10

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 January 4, 2021:

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

LIFELINES: Resolution for New Year:
Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies. Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us? As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life. Let us do more to change our culture of death. (*Pro-Life Articles*)

Thank You to those who donated a
Poinsettia for Christmas and in
whose memory they were made.

In memory of Ferd, Anna &
Carolyn Brunk ... From the Brunk Family

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT... You are invited to the Basilica on Wednesday nights to reflect on the birth of our Savior and adore him in the Blessed Sacrament. Our evening will begin at 6:45pm with a short reflection before entering into a holy hour of Adoration.

END OF YEAR TITHING STATEMENTS: Due to the large number of "end of year" tax/tithing letters not picked up this past year and in order to save money, the 2020 tax letters will not be pre-printed in bulk. They will instead, be printed at each person's request. Please call or email ahead of time (515-244-3101, ext. 0; basilicadm@msn.com) to ensure your letter is ready for pickup or to be mailed. If you come in without calling ahead, it may not be available the same day. **The statements will be ready by the end of January.** You can call or email now to reserve it.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Calling All High School Seniors: Radix is our weekend away for high school seniors looking for a relaxing and prayerful weekend to contemplate how they'll continue to root themselves in Christ after high school. All necessary COVID protocol will be followed during this retreat March 5-7 at the St. Thomas More Center. Go to dmidiocese.org/Radix for details.

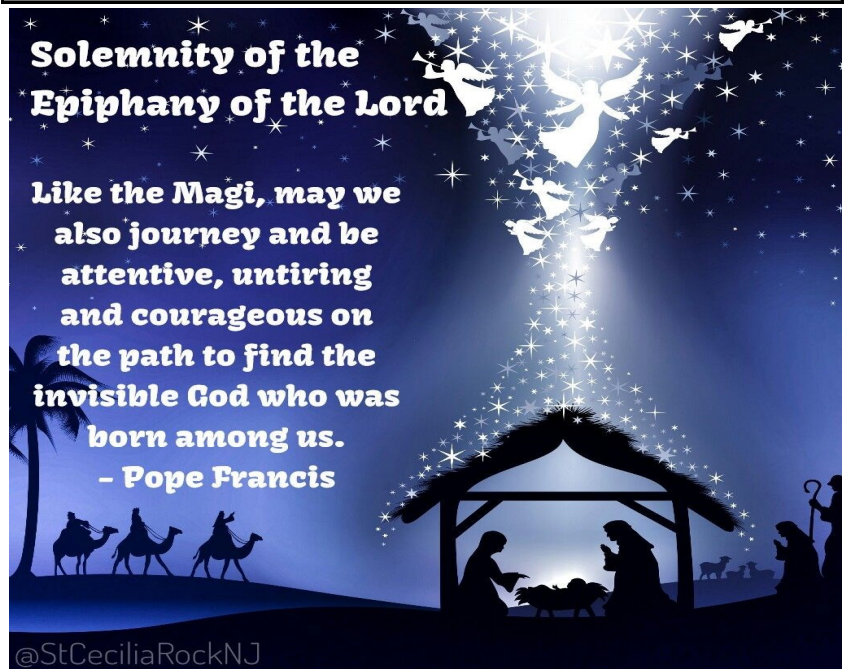
Getting Your Financial House in Order: The Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa has a new series of 15-minute educational webinars covering a range of financial planning options from 529 educational plans to planned giving and gifts of grain. Go to CatholicFoundationIowa.org/webinars for details.

Holiday Cheer: Kick off the new year with joy and hope! Bishop William Joensen invites you to celebrate the nativity by watching The Lessons, Reflections, and Carols of Christmas, a livestream Christmas concert/prayer service presented by Umeri, the Drake University alumni choir, and representatives of the Diocese of Des Moines. This event, which features music, Scriptures, and reflections written especially for this celebration, was filmed at St. Ambrose Cathedral and can be accessed anytime between December 12 and January 6 at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd1rPwPhXYIW0od6Ln6npWg>.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Like the Magi, may we
also journey and be
attentive, untiring
and courageous on
the path to find the
invisible God who was
born among us.

- Pope Francis



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