

The Basilica of St. John

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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987
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Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter
Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell

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Marriage Ceremonies:
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:	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

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

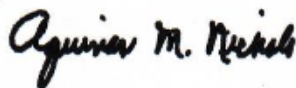
We continue with our lockdown for the time being because the pandemic is far from over. Please go online to see the Bishop's most recent letter, which all the Bishops of Iowa have signed.

Things are quiet in the parish. We continue to offer the Mass online, along with the bulletin and other pertinent news on our website. My thanks to all those who continue to send in their tithing for the financial support of the parish. Life has to go on in this regard.

Continue to pray for all the sick. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us to bring this pandemic to an end very soon.

Let us continue to go forward in trust and patience in this holy Easter Season! The Lord is still with us during our present crisis, for he is truly risen! Alleluia!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols

WEEKLY INCOME – 4/26/20

Total - \$19,739.50

Need - \$21,311.35

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

YTD Total - \$877,888.98

YTD Need - \$916,388.05

REMAINING ELEVATOR DEBT: \$40,425.00

DEBT TO FOUNDATION: \$13,000.00

Annual Diocesan Appeal-Amount still owed: \$84,717.00

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.



BASILICA TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE: Attention dads and boys! You are invited to join the Basilica Troops of St. George. We are a Catholic organization focused on getting outside, teaching our boys the challenges and wonder of God's creation, and most importantly, teaching our boys to be manly servants of God. We will go camping once each month with a monthly meeting prior to camp outs, once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. For more information or to join, please contact Mike Barten at boltf16@hotmail.com or 515-350-6466.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MAY 2 TO MAY 10

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 02	4:00PM	Intentions of Cheri Fernandez
	6:00PM	NO Spanish Mass
03	8:30AM	Intentions of Doan Tran
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
MON 04	12:00PM	+Maria Nguyen
TUE 05	12:00PM	+Bob Kharouf
WED 06	12:00PM	+Tino Zenti
THU 07	12:00PM	+Nancy Dorsett
FRI 08	12:00PM	+Charlie Wilson
SAT 09	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary
(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	+Gary DeVore & +Diane DeVore
SUN 10	8:30AM	+Dorothy Halliburton
	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:

Question: In what way is the Father the source and the goal of the liturgy?

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

**Coincidence is when God
chooses to remain anonymous.**



The Basilica of St. John
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 4 THRU MAY 10

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration
 04 6:30PM NO RCIA**
 7:00PM NO Hispanic Choir Practice**

TUE 8:00AM NO Organ Practice+++
 05 12:45PM NO Youth Choir+++
 6:30PM NO Adult Faith Class**

WED 9:00AM NO Adoration
 06 10:30AM NO Adult Faith Class**
 6:15PM NO Religious Ed.**+

THU 8:00AM NO Organ Practice+++
 07

FRI 9:00AM NO Adoration
 08

SAT 8:30AM NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
 09

SUN 8:00AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%
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Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 4, 2020:

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

LIFELINES: Adoption: The Loving and Caring Option.

In the U.S., there are approximately two million couples waiting to adopt. Clearly, this is absolutely tragic. Many good, loving families are waiting throughout our nation for a baby whom they want to cherish, value, and raise for the rest of that baby's life. Adoption – especially the adoption of a newborn baby – almost always involves a loving, excited couple who have dreamed for years of holding and caring for their own special treasure. Do mothers considering abortion realize that families actually go on waiting lists to adopt newborn babies? Do they realize that some couples wait years to adopt the baby they've desperately waited to hold in their arms? Do mothers realize how many experienced parents with wisdom, resources, and plenty of love are reaching out to adopt another child – no matter his or her race, gender, or disability? We need to let mothers know that they can handpick their babies' adoptive families. They can choose an open adoption, where they see their babies at certain times throughout the year. They can choose a partially open adoption, where they receive photos and updates about their children's lives. Or they can choose a closed adoption and give their babies completely over to their adoptive families. We must let expectant mothers know that adoption is the loving, caring option. *Pro-Life Articles*

Pass the word! Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John Newsletter...Use the following link to sign-up...

<https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

Corona Virus Novena: This is a novena asking for the intercession of several saints to come to our aid in the current global crisis. Follow each of the specific daily prayers with the: Memorare, St. Michael's Prayer, and a Glory Be.

Day 1: St. Anthony the Great: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking for your aid in the present crisis. Be with all of those who have the coronavirus both in our nation and abroad. We ask that all those who have contracted the virus would be able to receive appropriate medical attention and recover. St. Anthony the Great, patron saint of those afflicted with infectious diseases, pray for us.

Day 2: St. Edmund the Martyr: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking that the coronavirus pandemic would quickly and swiftly end. We ask that through the intercession of St. Edmond the Martyr, this pandemic would end in a way that could only be attributed to your divine interventions and mercy. St. Edmund the Martyr, patron saint of the victims of pandemics, pray for us.

Day 3: St. Quirinus of Neuss: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking for a miraculous end to the present coronavirus crisis. We ask that through the intercession of St. Quirinus of Neuss, who saw miracles and converted, that these miracles would bring more souls to you. St. Quirinus of Neuss, patron saint of those affected by bubonic plague, pray for us.

Day 4: St. Luke: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking that you would place a hedge of protection over the doctors and other health care providers who are caring for those afflicted with coronavirus. We ask that through the intercession of St. Luke they would be kept safe so that they may continue to provide the care that patients need to survive. St. Luke, patron saint of physicians, pray for us.

Day 5: St. Albert: Gracious Father, we thank you for the ability you have given scientists to co-create with you. We ask, through the intercession of St. Albert, that you would inspire scientists around the world with the needed solutions to the present crisis. St. Albert, patron saint of natural scientists, pray for us.

Day 6: St. Joseph: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking that we would see your churches reopen soon. We ask that through the intercession of St. Joseph, Catholic Churches would return to celebrating the Mass, so that all Catholics may again participate in the source and the summit of their faith. St. Joseph, patron saint of the Universal Church, pray for us.

Day 7: St. Matthew: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking that you would preserve the global economy. We ask, through the intercession of St. Matthew, that a global recession would be avoided and individual economies would recover quickly from the present crisis. St. Matthew, patron saint of finances, pray for us.

Day 8: St. Raphael: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking that you would provide miraculous healing for those who have coronavirus. We ask, through the intercession of St. Raphael, that carriers and those with symptoms would be miraculously healed. St. Raphael, patron saint of healing, pray for us.

Day 9: Mary Mother of God: Gracious Father, we come before you today asking for a rapid end to the coronavirus pandemic. We ask, through the intercession of Mary, that the present crisis would end and that the solution would reflect your majesty. Mary, patron saint of all humanity, pray for us.

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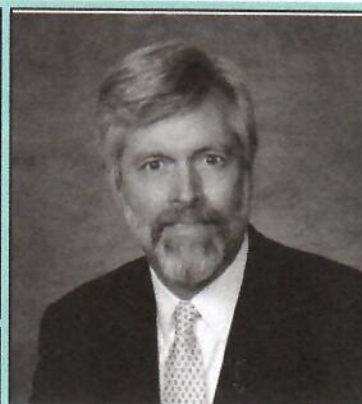
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