

The Basilica of St. John

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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987
Elevated to the rank of Minor Basilica by Pope John Paul II, October 4, 1989

Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

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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

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Following Jesus and living his Gospel always requires movement. We are invited to move toward the Lord by fully embracing him and his holy Church and converting ourselves daily to the teachings of the Lord as they are handed down to us. As we approach the Lenten Season very soon, let us reflect on our need for true conversion.

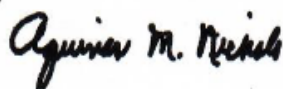
Due to the pandemic, there will be no Fish Fry Suppers again this year. There would be too many people coming from all over the city not from our parish, and filling our hall with the large crowds we normally get is not advisable at this time. Hopefully by next year we will be back to our normal routine. Present plans are to begin the coffee and donuts once again after the Sunday Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. Let us make Lent truly penitential so that we can rejoice during the Easter Season! His Excellency Bishop Joensen has extended the mask mandate through Easter. Please obey his wishes in this regard. He has also allowed us to enter into Phase III. Meetings and other small gatherings can be held provided that the guidelines of wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing is followed.

We were unable to find a guest for Divine Mercy Sunday this year due to the pandemic and conflicts of scheduling, and so I will have to take care of this feast myself.

In the meantime, at all liturgical functions in the Basilica please continue to follow the Bishop's mandate regarding masks, sanitizing your hands and social distancing. Anyone feeling ill should stay home and away from others until they feel better.

May the Lord continue to bless you with every good thing.

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 1/31/21

Total - \$57,931.62
Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$553,282.12
YTD Need - \$538,534.48

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 6 TO FEBRUARY 14

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 06	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Patricia Behlmer Spanish Mass
SUN 07	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Bob Kharouf Parish & Benefactors
MON 08	12:00PM	+David Dorrian
TUE 09	12:00PM	+Tom Munoz
WED 10	12:00PM	+Mary Worster
THU 11	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
FRI 12	12:00PM	+Brenda Rasile
SAT 13	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary
	4:00PM	(Vigil Mass) +Chuck Davis
SUN 14	8:30AM 10:30AM	Intentions of Ian & Tamara Steward 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: **What is the purpose of holy images?**

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



The Basilica of St. John
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 8 THRU FEBRUARY 14

MON 08	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA(H)
TUE 09	8:00AM 5:30PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice Finance Council Meeting (H) First Communion Parents Meeting (Ch)
WED 10	9:00AM 6:45PM	NO Adoration Adoration, Prayer, Reconciliation (Ch)
THU 11	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 12	9:00AM	NO Adoration
SAT 13	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy
SUN 14	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group



Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 8, 2021:
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**LIFELINES: "Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you. No child should be deprived of the right to be born, the right to be fed, the right to go to school."
 --His Holiness, Pope Francis**

if you need
 someone
 just to listen,
 then just
 pray.



FIRST COMMUNION MEETING: Tuesday, February 9, 7pm – 8pm in the church. Bring a copy of your Baptism certificate if you have not done so already. Do not bring one if your child was baptized at the Basilica. Child and one parent must attend. Meeting is for students who are receiving First Communion this coming May 2nd. This includes Year 2 RE students. For questions contact Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org

ADORATION & PRAYER: You are invited to join us every Wednesday from 6:45pm to 8pm to experience the beauty and power of spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. The night will conclude with Benediction. On select nights the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Fr. Ross Parker will be here on the evening of February 10th to hear confessions.



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Will hold their Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up on Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 pm at the school. Please come to learn more about our free four-year-old Preschool program and Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. We ask that parents wear masks and leave children at home to allow us to maintain social distancing. If you would like to attend "virtually" over Zoom, please contact the school for a Zoom invite, 515-262-8025

END OF YEAR TITHING STATEMENTS: When requested, statements will be mailed, emailed or can be picked up. If you wish to receive a statement, please call the parish office (515-244-3101, ext. 0).

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.



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.

Catholic Charities Needs Help: Catholic Charities food pantry in Des Moines needs volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Personal protective equipment and safe working conditions are in place. If you can help, email Holly at hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Hear The Bishop: Bishop William Joensen's weekly radio show airs on Fridays at 9 a.m. on Iowa Catholic Radio and the Spirit Catholic Radio Network. Tune in to hear "Making it Personal With Bishop Joensen."

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