

The Basilica of St. John

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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

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This First Sunday of Lent calls us to repentance. It is a theme preached by St. John the Baptist, and the example is given to us by the Lord himself. Let us use these weeks of Lent to deepen our spiritual lives and to turn back fully to the Lord.

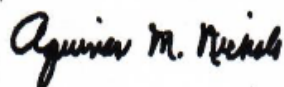
Due to the pandemic, there will be no Fish Fry Suppers again this year. Hopefully by next year we will be back to our normal routine. Present plans are to begin the coffee and donuts once again after the Sunday Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter. Let us make Lent truly penitential so that we can rejoice during the holy 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.

I encourage you to attend one of the nights of prayer and reflection which will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. Although we are not having Fish Fry Suppers, we are still having the Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Fridays.

May the Lord continue to bless you with every good thing during this holy season.

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 2/14/21

Total - \$13,227.26
Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$584,165.19
YTD Need - \$573,278.64

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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Augustine Reising and his family on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 28

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 20	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Robert & +Berdeana Piziali Spanish Mass
SUN 21	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
MON 22	12:00PM	+David Dorrian
TUE 23	12:00PM	+Manuel Munoz, Jr.
WED 24	12:00PM	+Rose O'Reilly
THU 25	12:00PM	+Sr. Angeline Dal Corso
FRI 26	12:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross
SAT 27	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Fredericka Goheen
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Bob Kharouf
SUN 28	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Special Intention

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 center of the liturgical season?**

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



The Basilica of St. John
First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
FEBRUARY 22 THRU FEBRUARY 28

MON 22	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA(H)
TUE 23	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 24	9:00AM 6:45PM	NO Adoration Adoration, Prayer (Ch)
THU 25	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 26	9:00AM	NO Adoration NO Fish Fry Dinners this year
SAT 27	8:30AM 10:00AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy Confirmation Retreat (H & Ch)
SUN 28	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of February 22, 2021:

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

LIFELINES: Lets Face the Facts and Tell the Truth about Abortion: *Abortion is not about "a woman making a decision about her own body". The child in the mother's womb is a separate, human being with its own heartbeat, DNA, blood type and finger prints. About 50% of the time; the child is not even the same gender! *The vast majority of abortions are done as a form of birth control because the baby is "inconvenient", "too expensive" or a "burden". Very few abortions have anything to do with the health of the mother and less than 1 % is performed as a result of rape or incest. *Pro-Life Articles*

WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS.
FOR THEY BECOME WORDS.
WATCH YOUR WORDS.
FOR THEY BECOME ACTIONS.
WATCH YOUR ACTIONS.
FOR THEY BECOME HABITS.
WATCH YOUR HABITS.
FOR THEY BECOME CHARACTER.
WATCH YOUR CHARACTER.
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Registration has begun. Now more than ever, since we have an anti-life administration in the White House, WE need to do our "peaceful witness" on the sidewalks of the abortion mills. Also, during this Lenten journey, we have the opportunity to fast and pray for the most vulnerable in our world, the unborn. The Basilica will be taking Friday, March 19th, 2021 at the Drake location, 2304 University and Friday, March 26th, 2021 at the 1000 E. Army Post location. The hours to choose from for both are 7am to 6pm. I will be at the back of the church, after the Sunday Masses to sign you up for your hour. Thank you so much for your responsible participation. You always come through. You may also text me at 515-975-2534 to sign up or for questions. Basilica Pro-life Group

Pass the word! If you haven't done so yet, sign up for the Basilica of Saint John Newsletter...Use the following link to sign-up... <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>

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.



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).

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Pastoral Care For Those With Concerns About Baptism: Last summer, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith responded to questions about baptism by saying that when a minister strays from using the essential sacramental formula, the baptism is not valid. The Catholic Church presumes all baptisms are celebrated validly. However, if a parishioner has video of a baptism in which the celebrant can be heard using words that are not the essential sacramental formula, or if a parishioner has witnesses who can verify that words other than the essential sacramental formula were used, they should contact the Diocese at worship@dmdioocese.org or 515-243-7653.

Making It Personal With Bishop Joensen: Check out Bishop William Joensen's radio show this Friday featuring author Carrie Gress on her book "The Anti-Mary Exposed." Making It Personal With Bishop Joensen airs each Friday at 9 a.m. on Iowa Catholic Radio and Spirit Catholic Radio Network.

The Third Option: Meet some great people while spending some time with your spouse at The Third Option. This is a program for couples that are hurting and for couples that want to make a good thing better! We go through 14 skill-based workshops that help couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. We meet each second and fourth Monday of the month, from 7-9 p.m. at All Saints Church in Des Moines, 650 NE 52nd Ave.

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.

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