

The Basilica of St. John

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Deacons: *Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter*
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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard. This is my beloved Son, hear him.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Second Sunday of Lent puts before us the event of the Lord's Transfiguration. This took place to prepare the disciples for the scandal of the Cross that was to follow. The Lord gives them a glimpse of his glory in order that their faith in him may be strengthened. So, also our faith should be strengthened in the person of Jesus, who promises us glory in the life to come.

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 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,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 2/21/21

Total - \$12,799.49

Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$596,964.68

YTD Need - \$590,650.72

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 **Rasir Beard** and his family on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 7

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 27	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Bob Kharouf Spanish Mass
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SUN 28	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Special Intention
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MON 01	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters FEHJ
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TUE 02	12:00PM	Deceased Members of Deery & Robson Families
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WED 03	12:00PM	+Don Quinn
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THU 04	12:00PM	+Mildred & +Frank Piziali
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FRI 05	12:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM	+Maria Dao Pham Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross
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SAT 06	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA	
	9:00AM	+Walt McManus
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(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	+Lawrence Potter
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SUN 07	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors +Jasmine & +Jordan Linder

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: ***What is the center of the liturgical season?***

ANSWER: The center of the liturgical season is Sunday which is the foundation and kernel of the entire liturgical year and has its culmination in the annual celebration of Easter, the feast of feasts.





The Basilica of St. John
Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MARCH 1 THRU MARCH 7

MON 01	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA(H)
TUE 02	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 03	9:00AM 6:15PM 6:45PM	NO Adoration Confirmation Prep-First Year Students Adoration, Prayer (Ch)
THU 04	8:00AM 1:00PM	Organ Practice Conference Room in use
FRI 05	9:00AM	NO Adoration NO Fish Fry Dinners this year
SAT 06	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy
SUN 07	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of March 1, 2021:

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

LIFELINES: Lets Face the Facts and Tell the Truth about Abortion: * We are told that we should not tell a woman when to have a child. Abortion is not about children who might come into the world, but it is about children who are already in the world, living and growing~ in the mother's womb. When a woman is pregnant she already has the child. The only thing to be decided is whether she will have a live or a dead baby. * We are also told that we should not interfere with a woman's "relationship" with her doctor. The fact is that in the vast majority of abortions, the expectant mother meets the abortionist for the first time about five minutes before the abortion. There is no relationship! *Pro-Life Articles*

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>



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PREP: Students preparing for Confirmation have class in March. First Year (Grade 9) meets Wednesday, March 3rd from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you or bring your sponsor. Second Year (Grade 10) meets Wednesday, March 10th from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Any questions? Contact Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org

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

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.



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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in West Des Moines: Is seeking a Director of Family Faith Formation. This position is responsible for working in a team environment with the larger Family Formation Team to equip families as the first educators of the faith. This position will implement, support and evaluate family-based formation, parent-led sacramental preparation programs and youth offerings for Sacred Heart families with children from birth through 6th grade. This is a full-time, exempt position reporting to the Pastor. **Bilingual applicants (English/Spanish) highly encouraged to apply.** Full job description and details to apply can be found at sacredheartwdm.org/employment

Job Posting: BUSINESS MANAGER: St. John the Apostle Parish in Norwalk has an opening for a full time Business Manager. The Business Manager assists the Pastor with the stewardship of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the parish. A Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Finance with a major in accounting along with business experience and management/supervisory experience is required. In addition, skills in fiscal planning and management, accounting, payroll, competence in computer software, mathematical and reasoning are preferred. St. John the Apostle is looking for a Business Manager with vision and strategic planning experience to help align the Parish growth with the rapidly growing community of Norwalk. The job description is available on the parish website. If you desire to work in a positive environment with a growing parish, please send your resume to Fr. Dan Kirby, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 720 Orchard Hills Dr., Norwalk, IA 50211-9669

The Diocese of Des Moines: Has partnered with one of the nation's top spiritual facilitators to bring a virtual Lenten Mission & Retreat to our parish community. The title for the mission/retreat is *Jesus: A Companion in Our Suffering*. The dates for the Mission & Retreat are March 4 & 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. There will be live music beginning at 6:30 pm with the mission beginning at 7:00 pm. Register for this free event at dmdiocese.org/2021LentenMission. Each person registering will watch on ZOOM and will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the retreat. For more information contact John Gaffney at jgaffney@dmdiocese.org.

March 2021

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1) 6:30p: RCIA (H) 6:30p: KC Council Mtg. (S)	2) 8a: Organ Practice	3) 6:15p-7:30p: Confirmation Session- first year Students & one Parent or Sponsor (H) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)	4) 8a: Organ Practice	5) 6:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Ch) 7p: Stations of the Cross	6) 6p: Spanish Mass
7) 10:30am: FIRST SCRUTINY	8) 6:30p: RCIA (H)	9) 8a: Organ Practice	10) 6:15p-7:30p: Confirmation Session- second year Students & one Parent (H) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)	11) 8a: Organ Practice Begin St. Joseph Novena	12) 6:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Ch) 7p: Stations of the Cross	13) 6p: Spanish Mass
14)  <u>Day Light Savings Begins</u> 10:30am: SECOND SCRUTINY	15) 6:30p: RCIA (H)	16) 8a: Organ Practice	17)  5-6:45p: St. Thomas Academy Mtg (H) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)	18) 8a: Organ Practice	19) End St. Joseph Novena 6:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Ch) 7p: Stations of the Cross	20) NO Communal Penance 6p: Spanish Mass
21) 10:30am: THIRD SCRUTINY 12p: Pastoral Council Mtg	22) 6:30p: RCIA (H)	23) 8a: Organ Practice	24) 5-6:45p: St. Thomas Academy Mtg (H) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)	25) 8a: Organ Practice	26) 6:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Ch) 7p: Stations of the Cross	27) 10-2:30p: RCIA Retreat (Ch & H) 6p: Spanish Mass
28) PALM SUNDAY  2:30p: Oblate Meeting – Via Zoom	29)  Holy Week 6:30p: RCIA (Ch & H)	30) 8a: Organ Practice	31) 6:45p: Adoration, Prayer (Ch)			
					Codes: Ch-church S-school H-hall SVDP-St. Vincent de Paul K-Kitchen	CR-Conference Room R.E.- Religious Ed. CL- Choir Loft HFS-Holy Family School

Year of St. Joseph

2021

Proclaimed by Pope Francis

Fr. Aquinas suggests you pray this *NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH*
from March 11th to March 19, 2021.



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great,
so prompt, so strong,
before the throne of God, I place in you
all my interests and desires.
Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me
by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all *spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ,*
our Lord. (pause to add your intentions)

So that, having engaged here below
your heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage
to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating
you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while he reposes
near your heart.
Press him close in my name and
kiss his fine head for me
and ask him to return the kiss
when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls -
pray for me.
Amen.

LENTEN SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

During the holy Season of Lent this year you are invited to participate in the following events to better prepare yourselves for the great Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

6:45 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction

On some Wednesdays confession will also be available.

FRIDAY EVENINGS:

6:30 P.M.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament with time for private prayer.

7:00 P.M.

Stations of the Cross followed by



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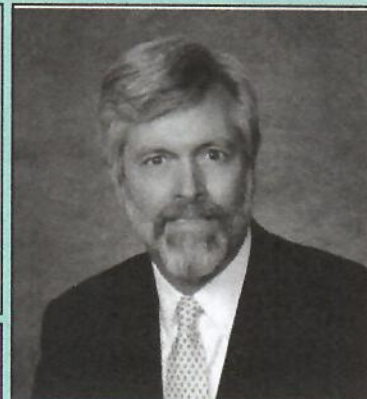
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