

# 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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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. 0  
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

# God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

## My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Sunday to rejoice, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The rose vestments are used, only one of two times in the liturgical year. We rejoice because our Lenten journey is half over. The Sacred Scriptures call us to rejoice. We rejoice for more than Lent being half over. We rejoice because of the tremendous love that God has for all of his people.

At the 10:30 Mass one of our Candidates, Garrett McGhee, will be received into the Church, Confirmed and receive Holy Communion early because he is being deployed before Holy Week. Please welcome him and keep him in your prayers.

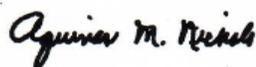
His Excellency Bishop Joensen has extended the mask mandate through Easter. Please obey his wishes in this regard. He has also allowed us to enter into Phase III. Meetings and other small gatherings can be held provided that the guidelines of wearing masks, social distancing and sanitizing is followed.

The main repair on the front stairs is nearing completion. As it turned out, the problem was not as great as we thought it was and so the work was completed for \$15,000.00. Soon the very bottom stairs will be repaired, and new concrete poured in the front of the Basilica. Some repair work had to be done on the boiler this week. In the coming year we may be looking for a more efficient system of heat for our facilities. The pipes are old and there appears to be some leaks in the system. Some of the pipes have been repaired, but this is only a necessary stop-gap repair.

I encourage you to attend one of the nights of prayer and reflection which are being 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, and a Holy Hour on Wednesdays.

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 – 3/7/21

Total - \$26,633.13  
Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$643,436.94  
YTD Need - \$625,394.88

**2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$113,814.00**

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.



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**MARCH 13 TO MARCH 21**

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 13</b>	4:00PM	+Ed & +Kathryn Fish
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 14</b>	8:30AM	+Maria Tu Tran
	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 15</b>	12:00PM	For the Covid victims & their families
<b>TUE 16</b>	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
<b>WED 17</b>	12:00PM	+Karl & Madge Sinclair
<b>THU 18</b>	12:00PM	+Deceased Members of Whipple/Gabriel Families
<b>FRI 19</b>	12:00PM	+Charlie Dautremont
	6:30PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 
	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>SAT 20</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA</b>	
	9:00AM	+Danny Bragg
	<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	
	4:00PM	+M. Can Nguyen
<b>SUN 21</b>	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	Deceased Family Members of the Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ

## THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

## CATECHISM CORNER:

Last week's question: **\*What is the function of the liturgical year?\***

**ANSWER:** In the liturgical year the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from his Incarnation to his return in glory. On set days the Church venerates with special love the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. The Church also keeps the memorials of saints who lived for Christ, who suffered with him, and who live with him in glory.

**END OF YEAR TITHING STATEMENTS:** Please contact us to request your statement and it will be mailed, emailed or you can pick it up. Call the parish office (515-244-3101) for your statement.





*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 14, 2021*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**MARCH 15 THRU MARCH 21**

MON 15	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA(H)
TUE 16	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 17	9:00AM 6:45PM	NO Adoration Adoration, Prayer (Ch)
THU 18	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 19	9:00AM	NO Adoration <b>NO Fish Fry Dinners this year</b>
SAT 20	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy
SUN 21	8:00AM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Vietnamese Adoration

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of March 15, 2021:**  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**LIFELINES:** *There's a reason* that we were born into this dark time in our history. *There's a reason* that each one of us has been given even a little bit of insight into the **culture of death**: so we can be used **together** to ultimately be victorious, to **end abortion** in our country and **build a culture of life**. -- Lila Rose, age 22 (2010), Pro-Life Activist

Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John monthly Newsletter. Use the following link to sign-up: <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>.

**NO COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE:** Due to the Covid pandemic there will not be an Easter Communal Penance Service this year. Weekly Reconciliation times are Saturdays, 2:45-3:45pm or by appointment (515)-244-3101, ext. 0). *We also will not have our annual Seder Meal. We hope to have it take place next year.*

**ONLINE VIDEO STREAMING SYSTEM:** Would you like to help with our online video streaming system at the Basilica of St. John? Our current online video streaming is in need of some attention and upgrading of equipment. Since the beginning of the Pandemic our viewership has increased immensely. Please consider helping with a donation toward the upgrade of our online video streaming equipment at the Basilica of St. John. If you have any questions, please reach out to Charles Stastny, Business Manager (515) 244-3101, ext. 205. Thank you for your consideration.



**EASTER LILIES:** We are asking for donations of Easter lilies to help with decorating the church. Please have them wrapped in gold foil, if possible. If you would like to donate them in memory of a loved one you may include a note with their name and who donated it. **Delivery can take place during Holy Week, March 29 through April 2.**

**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. **Mgr. Beeson will be here on March 17th (The Feast of St. Patrick) to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**



**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Annual Diocesan Appeal:** Thank you to the families who made a one-time gift or pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal last weekend. This year our goal for the Basilica is \$113,814.00! If you have not yet made your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so. It is not too late.

**Year of St. Joseph:** Bishop William Joensen will celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 19 at St. Joseph Church in Winterset. The Mass can be viewed via the parish's social media or on its website [www.saintjosephchurch.net](http://www.saintjosephchurch.net).

**Catholic Radio In Spanish:** "Fortaleciendo Nuestra Fe" provides the Catholic Church's news and topics about the faith. Tune in Saturdays at noon on La Reina 1260AM -- 96.5FM or [Lareina1260.com](http://Lareina1260.com).

**Lent With Little Ones:** The themes of Lent can be hard for little children to grasp. The Diocese's web page has resources for children at [dmdiocese.org/Lent](http://dmdiocese.org/Lent) or their new social media platform at [Pinterest.com/dmdiocese](https://www.pinterest.com/dmdiocese).

**Racial Justice:** We are called by the Church to actively engage in the dismantling of injustice around us, including racial injustice. The Diocese is offering a new study session on Catholic racial justice here: [dmdiocese.org/resources/social-justice/racism/online-study-session-on-racism](http://dmdiocese.org/resources/social-justice/racism/online-study-session-on-racism). Use this for your own Lenten journey and feel free to share with others. It includes prayers, videos, reflection questions and more.

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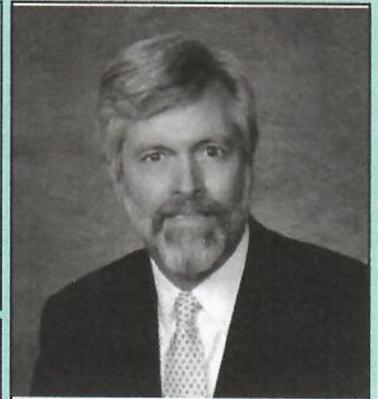
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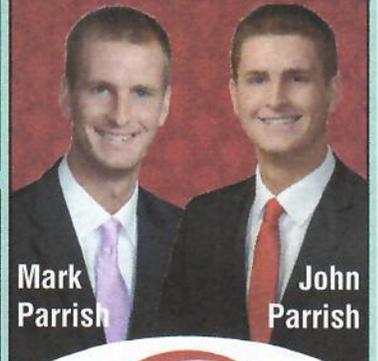
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