# The Basilica of St. John

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Deacons: Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter

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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell

Masses:

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil), 6:00p.m. (Spanish Mass)

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Festive Sung Mass)

Sunday: Holy Days:

Usually 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. (check voicemail for Mass Schedule changes)

Usually 9:00 a.m. (or check Mass Schedule on the inside of this bulletin)

**National Holidays:** 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

# Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Today we begin Passiontide, the last part of Lent leading up to Holy Week. The liturgy now will start to concentrate more and more on the events leading up to the Passion of the Lord. The statues are covered to focus our attention on the cross and the Lord's coming Passion and Crucifixion.

I encourage you to attend one of the remaining nights of prayer and reflection which are being held on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. We are still having the Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Fridays, and a Holy Hour on Wednesdays up to Good Friday. On Good Friday the Stations will be at 3:00 p.m. The Holy Week schedule spells everything out for you. Let us enter fully into these sacred days as we meditate on the Lord's great love for us.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is currently underway. Please pledge as much as you are able to, so we can meet our assessment this year. For your convenience, there are extra envelopes at the doors of the church.

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

Devotedly in the Lord,

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(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols Pastor

#### WEEKLY INCOME - 3/14/21

Total - \$18,814.08 Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$662,251.02 YTD Need - \$642,766.96

#### **2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$100,449.00**

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 20 TO MARCH 28 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 4:00PM +M. Can Nguyen 20 6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN

21 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors 10:30AM Deceased Family Members of the Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ

 MON
 12:00PM
 Intentions of Michelle Ann Thommi

 TUE
 23
 12:00PM
 +Anna Harrington

 WED
 24
 12:00PM
 +Ryan Jones

THU
25 12:00PM +Julie Knudsen

FRI
26 12:00PM +Don Quinn

6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SAT NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA 27 9:00AM +Rosalyn M. Halpin

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +Tom Salsberry

SUN Palm Sunday
28 8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Jim Brookhart

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 Liturgy of the Hours?

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

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21, 2021

Respect Life



#### YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK MARCH 22 THRU MARCH 28

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration 22 6:30PM RCIA

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice

WED 9:00AM NO Adoration 24 5:00PM Meeting+

6:45PM Adoration, Prayer ##

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice 25

FRI 9:00AM NO Adoration 26 **NO Fish Fry Dinners this year** 

SAT 8:30AM NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy

27 10:00AM RCIA Retreat+##

SUN Palm Sunday
8:00AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group
6:00PM Vietnamese Adoration ##

SIGN INDICATORS
+++ = Choir Loft; \*\* = School; @ = Chapel; \*= Rectory; += Fr. Mulvihill Hall;
## = Church; %=Conference Room; (NH)= (North Hall); (SH)=(South Hall)

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

LIFELINES: Girls younger than AGE 20 who use BIRTH CONTROL PILLS increase their risk of AGGRESSIVE BREAST

CANCER by more than 1000%. "The birth control pill is a Group 1 Carcinogen...a Molotov Cocktail in that young woman's breast." --Breast cancer surgeon/researcher Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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.

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

**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.



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**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 a pro-abortion 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 <u>Friday. March 26th, 2021 at the 1000 E. Army Post location</u>. The hours to choose from are 7am to 6pm. There will be someone 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 send a text to 515-975-2534 to sign up or for questions.—Basilica Pro-life

**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.



#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

Chrism Mass – At which the bishop blesses and consecrates oils used in sacraments throughout the year, will be livestreamed this year due to the pandemic. Everyone is invited to watch and join our prayers with others around the Diocese on March 26 at 2 p.m. on Facebook @stpatrickimogeneiowa.

Get your copy of The Catholic Mirror online: Our monthly source of trustworthy news about the Catholic Church and our local faith communities is now available online. To get the new digital version of The Catholic Mirror, email communications@dmdiocese.org with your name and parish/town, or go to www.dmdiocese.org/catholic-mirror/digital-version. We're committed to ensuring that every registered Catholic household gets The Catholic Mirror every month. Now you can choose to continue to receive the newspaper through the mail or get it online.

**CYC Registration:** Open Registration for the best summer ever is open! Head to stmcenter.com to secure your spot for CYC 2021.

Holy Hour: Where are we, as a parish and as a diocese, going after the pandemic? Join us in prayer for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us as we near the end of the pandemic and for direction going forward. We're invited to join Bishop William Joensen for a Holy Hour at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. We can watch it at Facebook.com/dmdiocese. The Basilica's Holy Hour is schedule at 6:45pm on Wednesdays.

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 <a href="https://hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org">https://hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org</a>.





## Basilica of St. John Holy Week Schedule

(March 29 through April 4, 2021)

#### Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week:

Daily Mass-12:00 Noon

NO Adoration on Monday, Wednesday & Friday of Holy Week

### HOLY THURSDAY — THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Livestreamed

April 1, 2021

Parish Office closed at noon on Holy Thursday, re-opens Tuesday, April 6, 8:00 a.m. NO Mass at 12:00 Noon.

7:30 p.m.

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass, until 10:00 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY — THE LORD'S PASSION: Livestreamed

NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament NO Mass at 12:00 Noon.

April 2, 2021

Parish Office closed

12:00-3:00 p.m.

Church open for personal prayer time

3:00 p.m.

**Solemn Stations of the Cross** 

7:30 p.m.

Solemn Liturgical Service of

the Passion of our Lord





### HOLY SATURDAY OF THE LORD'S REST: Livestreamed

**Easter Vigil** 

April 3, 2021

NO Mass at 9:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

NO Reconciliation.

**NO 6pm Spanish Mass** 

11:00 a.m.

**RCIA Practice in the Basilica** 

7:15 p.m.

**RCIA Meet in Parish Hall** 

8:00 p.m.

Solemn Easter Vigil

\*\*\*RCIA Reception following Mass - (Parish Hall)

EASTER SUNDAY:

Livestreamed

April 4, 2021

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 a.m.

Mass

10:30 a.m.

Mass

EASTER MONDAY:

Livestreamed

April 5, 2021

**Parish Office Closed** 

12:00 Noon —

Weekday Masses resume as usual

A Blessed and Grace-filled Easter to all!!



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