

The Basilica of St. John

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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:
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

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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

On this Third Sunday of Lent we hear of the cleansing of the Temple by the Lord. He wished his Father's house to be a house of prayer. We should take that example to heart, preserving our beautiful Basilica only for sacred things and keeping a spirit of reverence for the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us truly make the Basilica a house of prayer where we converse with the Lord and worship him as is fitting and right. Let us make Lent truly penitential so that we can rejoice during the holy Easter Season! By fasting and praying more we arm ourselves against the power of the devil, who is always lurking about. The Lord himself gives us this example in the Lenten Scriptures.

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 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.

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 – 2/28/21

Total - \$19,839.13
Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$616,803.81
YTD Need - \$608,022.80

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.



HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PREP: Students preparing for Confirmation have class in March. **Second Year (Grade 10)** meets **THIS** 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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MARCH 6 TO MARCH 14

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

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| SAT 06 | 4:00PM 6:00PM | +Lawrence Potter Spanish Mass |
| SUN 07 | 8:30AM 10:30AM | Parish & Benefactors +Jasmine & +Jordan Linder |
| MON 08 | 12:00PM | +Albert R. Manaugh |
| TUE 09 | 12:00PM | Intentions of Susan Anthony |
| WED 10 | 12:00PM | Deceased Members of the Dubec Family |
| THU 11 | 12:00PM | +Kathryn Mauro |
| FRI 12 | 12:00PM 6:30PM 7:00PM | +May Farmer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Stations of the Cross |
| SAT 13 | NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA 9:00AM +Janet Laudel | |
| | (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Ed & +Kathryn Fish | |
| SUN 14 | 8:30AM 10:30AM | +Maria Tu Tran 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 function of the liturgical year?**

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

Please consider donating a lily to decorate the church for Easter this year!! Details for when to deliver them will be in upcoming bulletins.





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Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK MARCH 8 THRU MARCH 14

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| MON 08 | 9:00AM 6:30PM | NO Adoration RCIA(H) |
| TUE 09 | 8:00AM | Organ Practice |
| WED 10 | 9:00AM 6:15PM 6:45PM | NO Adoration Confirmation Prep- 2nd Year Students Adoration, Prayer (Ch) |
| THU 11 | 8:00AM | Organ Practice |
| FRI 12 | 9:00AM | NO Adoration NO Fish Fry Dinners this year |
| SAT 13 | 8:30AM | NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| SUN 14 | 8:00AM 6:00PM | NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Vietnamese Adoration |

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of March 8, 2021:

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

LIFELINES: 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

Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John monthly Newsletter. Use the following link to sign-up: <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>. The Newsletter is a great way to update you on current events, such as Holy Week, Divine Mercy Sunday, Sacraments, etc. Sign up now to ensure you get the March Newsletter!



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **John Brown** who passed away on March 2. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Br. Patrick Harris, OSB**, who passed away on March 1. Br. Patrick was a Benedictine Monk in the early 2000's when St. Gabriel's Priory was here. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

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.

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women: The Covid 19 Pandemic cancelled the Des Moines Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's spring conference last March 2020. We decided we did not want to cancel again this year! As a result, ALL Catholic women are invited to join us on April 10, 2021, for a virtual encounter to RENEW AND REFRESH in these difficult times. We are delighted to have as our featured speaker Barbara Heil. Bishop William Joensen will also join us. It will be a morning only event and it is FREE. We do ask that you register on the diocesan website and we will send you a link to join us. Come in your PJs, bring your coffee and enjoy the morning with other Catholic women around the diocese.

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.

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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."



Perhaps you were wondering about RCIA . . .

Sunday, March 14 will be a special day for a young man seeking to join the Catholic Church. **Garrett McGhee** is in the Iowa Air Guard and a participant in RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). He was baptized in another denomination, but he seeks full communion in the Catholic Church. Garrett will be deployed mid-March. Therefore, Fr. Aquinas has permission to administer Confirmation and First Communion and to receive Garrett into the Catholic Church on March 14th at the 10:30am Mass. These sacraments are usually celebrated in the Easter Season and not during Lent, but this is a special circumstance. Please keep Garrett in your prayers.

Where do the people go after the Homily?

The people who leave the Mass after the Homily are the Catechumens. These adults are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. They are dismissed to go to a quiet place to study the Word of God proclaimed at Mass. They receive special instruction to prepare them for Baptism. During Lent, these people are now called the Elect. They are answering the call of Jesus to come to Him through His Church in the Sacraments of Initiation. This year there are six adults who are known as the Elect.

Who are all the people in RCIA?

This year there are a total of thirteen participants at the Basilica of St. John. Six adults are seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion as they join the Catholic Church. Eight other adults are baptized, but they are seeking Confirmation and Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Each person has a parishioner stand up with them as their sponsor. The sponsor is much like a Godparent who is faithful, prayerful, in good standing in the Church, and promises to pray for and to support the participant in RCIA.

How can I get involved in RCIA?

Pray for all the people involved. Be a living witness with your words and your deeds. You may know someone you need to invite to consider learning more about the Catholic Faith and possibly joining if they hear the Lord's call. Volunteer your time next fall if you are able to come weekly to the sessions in order to support each candidate in their faith journey. Welcome the new members into our Parish Family.

Please send your questions or inquiries to MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101 ext. 204.

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.

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