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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

You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We call to mind the great mercy of God who invites us into his life with our sins forgiven if we but accept his invitation to repent and turn toward him. This should bring us great peace and consolation. Let us rejoice in God's gift of mercy as we continue our joyous celebration of the holy Easter Season.

Today we will begin having coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses. Come and join us as we strive to return to normal parish life.

The Bishop has allowed us to remove the barriers on the pews. Try to keep spacing as much as possible if we are not totally full. The mask mandate is still in effect at the direction of the Bishop.

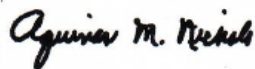
Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. Envelopes are available at the doors in the ADA boxes which are clearly marked. We all need to do our part to make our goal this year.

After much prayer and reflection, I have decided that the Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. Mass will not be re-instated, at least for the foreseeable future. As it is, I have Mass seven days a week with no day off. I have determined that I need to have at least a little time to myself each week and Saturday morning seems to be the only possibility. That being said, I will still have weddings as they arise. We will satisfy all of the Mass intentions scheduled thus far for Saturday morning and they will be said at St. Joseph Abbey. As of today, we will no longer take a scheduled Mass for Saturday morning. We can continue to send Mass stipends to either St. Joseph Abbey or Conception Abbey to get the Masses offered faster instead of them piling up here in the parish and these can be arranged through the parish office.

The scammers are at it again. Some of you have received requests from me for money or gift cards. Please DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY OF THESE REQUESTS. I would never ask for this kind of help from individuals or through the internet or E-Mails. Ignore and delete such requests.

May the Lord continue to bless you with every good thing during this holy season of Easter!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 4/4/21

Total - \$20,452.74
Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$715,240.23
YTD Need - \$694,883.20

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$84,320.00



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of Margaret Murray, who passed away April 5. Please also pray for her family & friends in their time of need.



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of Vic Tilotta, who passed away April 1. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL 10 TO APRIL 18

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 10	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Lucille Molloy Spanish Mass
SUN 11	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Phanxico Niem Tran Parish & Benefactors
MON 12	12:00PM	+Don Quinn
TUE 13	12:00PM	+Karl & Madge Sinclair
WED 14	12:00PM	+Jim Brookhart, Jr. & +Jackie Brookhart
THU 15	12:00PM	+Frank & Mary Russo
FRI 16	12:00PM	+Sheila Gallop
SAT 17	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Ilva Locatelli & Calmatta Manaugh
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Sharon Behlmer
SUN 18	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Intentions of Zachariah Gordon

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: ***Does the Church need places in order to celebrate the liturgy?***

ANSWER: The worship "in spirit and truth" (John 4:24) of the New Covenant is not tied exclusively to any place because Christ is the true temple of God. Through him Christians and the whole Church become temples of the living God by the action of the Holy Spirit. Nonetheless, the people of God in their earthly condition need places in which the community can gather to celebrate the liturgy. (From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*)



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Arto Contreras & Coronado Zacapala and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



The Basilica of St. John
Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 12 THRU APRIL 18

MON 12	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 13	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 14	9:00AM 6:45PM	NO Adoration Adoration, Prayer ##
THU 15	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 16	9:00AM	NO Adoration
SAT 17	11:00AM	Quincenara Prep. Class **
SUN 18	8:00AM 12:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Pastoral Council Meeting+
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 April 12, 2021:

Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

LIFELINES: America's Deadly Silence! Abortion is the most common, least regulated medical procedure and the number one killer in America. More lives are lost each year through abortion than all deaths due to cancer, heart attacks, accidents, AIDS, natural disasters, wars, illness and diseases combined. Women are denied critical information on the risks of an abortion, including increased risk of Breast Cancer, Post Abortion Syndrome, the sale of body parts etc. The truth about abortion has been censored by the media, silenced by our courts, politicized by our politicians and even silenced in our churches and schools. Babies in the womb have no voice except yours and mine. We cannot remain silent any longer! *Pro-Life Articles Author*

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

MASS REQUESTS: Mass Intentions are full through the summer and very few are left for the rest of the year. Mass requests for this Fall will not be scheduled until August. If you would like a Mass said sooner we are still able to send them to St. Joseph's Abbey in Louisiana. No specific dates, but they are said as soon as possible.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE WENT GREAT! There were several good conversations on the sidewalks. Hopefully some hearts and minds were changed. Thanks to all who participated. We couldn't do it without you. Keep your eyes and ears open for people who you think would do a great job, then invite them next time. Thanks again and God bless you all. Have a glorious Easter season. The Basilica Pro-life group.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL LINEN DRIVE: During the month of April, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will participate in the annual memorial linen drive, collecting new & gently used linens in memory of Phyllis Davis. At the time of her death she was active in collecting these items for the needy. Her friends have carried on her work in her memory. The following items are needed: bedding, blankets, towels, dish cloths, hand towels, wash cloths, table cloths & curtains. There will be a collection box in the parish hall or you may take donations to the SVdP store, 1426 6th Ave., Des Moines.

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.



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR YOUTH:

First Communion will be celebrated on May 2nd at 10:30am Mass. Please keep these students in your prayers. Seats will fill up, so plan ahead if you wish to come early or plan to attend Mass at another time. On May 23rd at the 10:30am Mass Bishop Joensen will be conferring the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on 26 youth who have completed their two-year preparation. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Seats will fill up, and there is very limited seating. You may wish to plan ahead to attend Mass at another time.

SAVE THE DATE!: We are having Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the Basilica of St. John on June 7-11, 2021 from 9am to 2pm. The School Sisters of Christ the King from Lincoln, NE are coming to Des Moines to lead their VBS called **Cor Jesu Rex**. Students in grades 1-8 may attend. High school age youth are encouraged to volunteer during the day. The evening program is TBA for teens. More to come in future bulletins!



ADORATION & PRAYER: You are invited to join us every Wednesday from **6:30pm to 7:30pm (New time)** to experience the beauty and power of spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. The night will conclude with Benediction.



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Basilica of Saint John Memorial Landing

Remember the special people and events in your life by purchasing a Memorial Brick in their name, to be placed in the landing in front of our beautiful Basilica of Saint John.

Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, the names of your
Parents, Children, Brothers, Sisters
Whomever and whatever you wish to remember in brick.

The cost is \$100 for each brick and there is no limit as to
how many you wish to purchase.

When paying by check, make your checks payable to the
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The brick can be engraved with up to three lines of fifteen characters on each line. The space between words is counted as one of the characters. Print clearly on the spaces below exactly how you want your brick engraved.

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(Some examples are shown on the back of this form)

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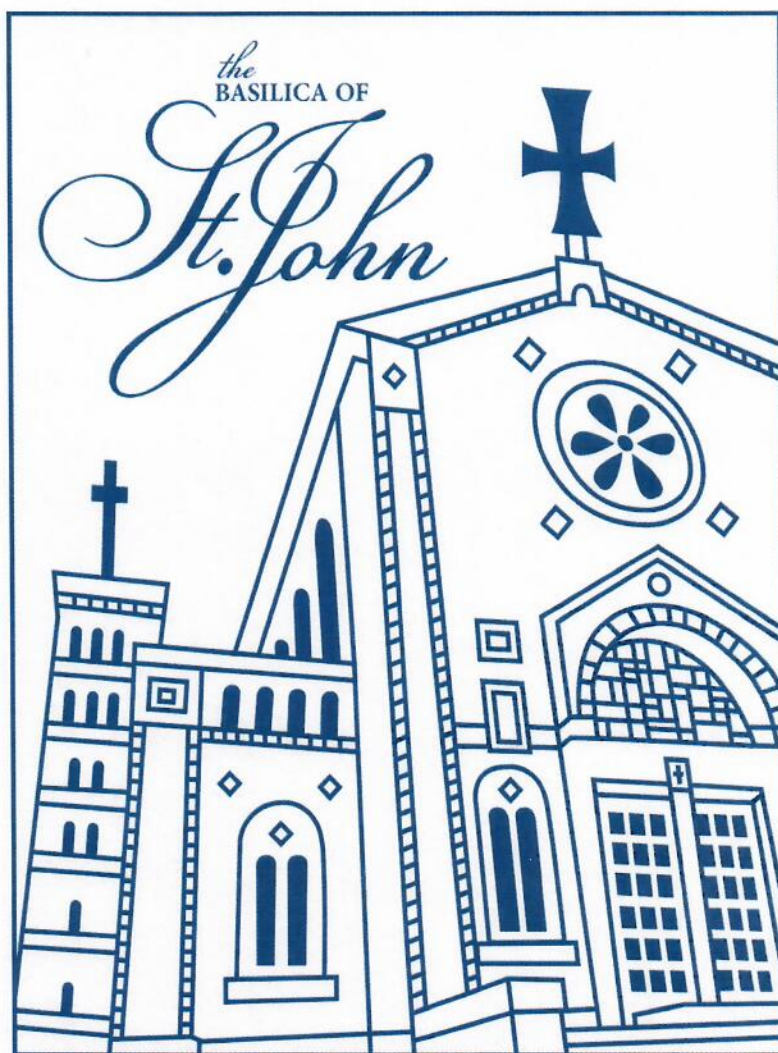
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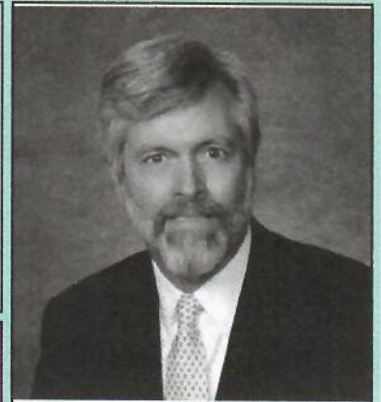
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