

The Basilica of St. John

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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987
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Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter
Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell

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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.204
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

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Canaanite woman in today's Holy Gospel shows great faith in the Lord. Even when he puts her off, she perseveres in her request and it is granted by the Lord. How strong are we in our perseverance in following Christ? We must trust him in all things and be faithful to him and to his Church.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING, AS REQUESTED BY BISHOP JOENSEN:

***Use of face masks. THE BISHOP STRONGLY URGES THIS.

***Use of hand sanitizer. Provided at the door.

***Proper social distancing. Maintain a distance of 6 feet.

***Come up to Holy Communion LAST if you wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. Either sit in the back or wait until the rest have received. The Minister of Holy Communion will wait for you.

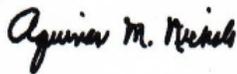
Let us all work to keep each other safe, especially the most vulnerable among us!

RCIA reception into the Church will take place this morning. We welcome the newest members of our Church into our community. They have persevered with patience waiting for this big day. Confirmation will be on 30 August at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. First Confession will be made on Saturdays at the scheduled time or by appointment and First Holy Communion will be done individually this year on any Sunday. Please make arrangements ahead of time with Margaret.

Please remember to make your ADA pledge. We still owe \$51,000.00. Envelopes are obtainable at the doors of the Basilica. And please keep an eye on our giving versus our needs, a summary of which is in the bulletin each week.

Let us go forward in faith. You continue to be in my daily prayers!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 8/9/20

Total - \$16,010.50

Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$84,519.06

YTD Need - \$104,232.48

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$47,653.00

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

AUGUST 15 TO AUGUST 23

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 15 4:00PM +Alice M. Ryan
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 16 8:30AM +Lucille Molloy
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 17 12:00PM +Anthony & +Berendene Castelline

TUE 18 12:00PM Intentions of Julia Strause

WED 19 12:00PM +George Selgrade

THU 20 12:00PM +Jim Boesen

FRI 21 12:00PM +Sheila Goode

SAT 22 **NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA**
9:00AM +Jim Deery

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +Ron Wells

SUN 23 8:30AM +Hanh & +Trac Pham
10:30AM 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:

Last week's question:

Last week's question: ***What is the relationship between the sacraments and faith?***

ANSWER: The sacraments not only presuppose faith but with words and ritual elements they nourish, strengthen, and express it. By celebrating the sacraments, the Church professes the faith that comes from the Apostles. This explains the origin of the ancient saying, "*ex orandi, lex credendi,*" that is, the Church believes as she prays.



The Basilica of St. John
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
AUGUST 17 THRU AUGUST 23

MON 9:00AM	NO Adoration
17	
TUE 8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
18	
WED 9:00AM	NO Adoration
19	
THU 8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
20	
FRI 9:00AM	NO Adoration
21	
SAT 8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
22	
SUN 8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%
23	

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 17, 2020:

Monday:	Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

LIFELINES: Who Remembers the Aborted Children:

In 1999, I was deeply moved by the Memorial Day concert shown on TV from Washington D.C. honoring the men and women who fought and died for their country so we could all be free. They fought for all of us - the elderly, the middle aged, the young and all the babies. Yes, I am proud of my country but I'm ashamed of the law that allows the killing of babies in the womb of their mothers and the laws that forbids mentioning God in public schools and buildings. Charles Durning, an American Movie Star, gave an impassioned speech and his moving words could well be applied to the aborted babies of our country. "We grieve for each and everyone. You are precious in our eyes. We wonder what great heights you could have achieved had your life not been taken." I couldn't help but wonder if some day we might hold a national memorial for the over 62 million babies killed, not by an enemy from a distant land, but by our own laws and by their own mothers.

Ruth Weber, Davenport, Iowa (pro life Articles)



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to **June Parenza and Joseph Reising** and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Registration for Religious Education in August: Please register after Mass or online starting August 15 through August 30th. Grades 1-8 will do Home Study. Books will be ordered September 1st. Online class is available if your home has a computer or phone connection. High school will view *Symbolon* on Formed.org. with online only sessions. The four Confirmation Sessions will be IN PERSON with Year 1 meeting one week and Year 2 meeting the following week. Register and pick up your schedule today! Please send your questions to Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or 515-244-3101 ext. 220

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A): **ARE YOU** interested in becoming Catholic? **DO YOU** know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic Faith? **ARE YOU** curious about the Catholic Faith? RCIA classes will begin in September. If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning more about the faith, or if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please call Margaret Stastny at 515-244-3101 ext. 220.

MASS INTENTIONS are full through the end of the year. If you would like a Mass said as soon as possible, we are able to send it to a monastery, so the Mass intention can be offered sooner. I will be able to start taking Mass requests for 2021 after Thanksgiving. Thanks, Barb

Pass the word! Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John Newsletter...Use the following link to sign-up...

<https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>

SECOND COLLECTION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD: Next weekend there will be a second collection for the church in Africa. Baskets marked "Second Collection" will be located at the front and back entrances inside the church.

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 so others
 can see you.
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 through you
 others can see
HIM.
C.S. Lewis

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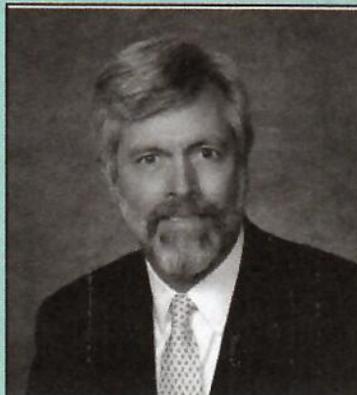
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