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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

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Celebrating this great Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension, we are reminded that Christ sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes for us. This should give us all great joy and consolation that we have the Lord looking out for us at all times.

We have returned to exposition and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Mondays and Wednesdays. If we get enough people involved, we can also have exposition on Fridays. Please consider whether or not you can help out in this apostolate of prayer for the parish any day that we will have adoration during the week.

Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. We still owe \$68,802.00 for our assessment and are in need of more pledges. 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.

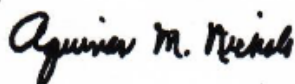
The mask mandate is still in effect at the Masses by order of His Excellency Bishop Joensen.

This weekend there will be NO COFFEE AND DONUTS DUE TO THE HALL BEING PREPARED FOR THE JUBILEE RECEPTION. Thank you for your understanding.

As I prepare to celebrate my 40th Jubilee of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood today I wish to thank all of you for your support and love over these past nearly 21 years here with you. Please continue to keep praying for me. We welcome in a special way today our good Bishop and my two classmates and some other priests of the diocese who are here to celebrate with us, as well as some of my cousins who have come to join in the celebration from Michigan and Minnesota.

May the Lord continue to bless you with every good thing as we quickly come to the end of this holy season of Easter!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 5/9/21

Total - \$16,363.72

Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$790,294.17

YTD Need - \$781,743.60

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$68,802.00



BIBLE STUDY: Plans are being made for a Bible Study to start at the end of August. If interested, please call Deacon Juan Bustamante at 515-868-9218.

BENEDICTINE OBLATES: Are you interested in deepening your spiritual growth through study and prayer in The Benedictine tradition? The Des Moines chapter of Oblates of Conception Abbey meets monthly at the Basilica. This month's meeting is Sunday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m. Please Note: Due to the Confirmation Mass and luncheon, our meeting will be held in the School. No potluck due to Covid-19 restrictions. We would love to have you join us!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MAY 15 TO MAY 23

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 15	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Joan Harkin Spanish Mass
SUN 16	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Lucille Molloy Parish & Benefactors
MON 17	12:00PM	+Gerald Sikorski
TUE 18	12:00PM	+Ed & Kathryn Fish
WED 19	12:00PM	+Charles Frey
THU 20	12:00PM	+James D. Brien, Jr.
FRI 21	12:00PM	+Giosep Chi Pham
SAT 22	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Mary Lou Weuve
SUN 23	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Intentions of Des Moines Benedictine Oblates

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: **Why is the one Mystery of Christ celebrated by the Church according to various liturgical traditions?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

(Look for the answer in next week's bulletin)

ADORATION & PRAYER: You are invited to join us every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm to experience the beauty and power of spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. This Wednesday there will be 2 priests to hear your confession.

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.





The Basilica of St. John
The Ascension of the Lord
May 16 2021

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
MAY 17 THRU MAY 23

MON 17	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Hispanic Choir Practice (Sch)
TUE 18	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 19	9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration, Prayer, Reconciliation (Ch) <i>Registration for Religious Ed. 2021/22 - From 5-8pm in the school</i>
THU 20	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 21	7:00PM 7:00PM	Confirmation Practice (Ch) Hispanic Choir Practice (Sch)
SAT 22		Parish Hall in use
SUN 23	8:00AM 9:15AM 12:00PM 2:00PM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Confirmation Students meet in the school Hall in use Oblate Meeting (Sch) Vietnamese Adoration##

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 17, 2021:

Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15

LIFELINES: "It is proper for the noblest hearts to discover the **most urgent need** of their epoch and to **consecrate themselves to it**...many of those who strive for holiness today will consecrate themselves to the most urgent need of our epoch: namely, **putting an end to the wholesale slaughter of the innocents**". --Father Henri Lacordiere

SCHEDULING USE OF PARISH HALL: If you wish to use the parish hall for any type of function, you **MUST** first check with the parish office (call or email) for availability, ask for Barb. Recently there have been events taking place that were not scheduled and interrupted events/meetings that were scheduled. Please be aware that every effort is made to accommodate your function, but there will be times when changes can't be made.



Bishop Joensen will be here to confirm our young people NEXT Sunday 23 May at the 10:30 Mass. Due to spacing and seat reservations, you might consider attending one of our other weekend Masses that Sunday, since seating at the 10:30 Mass will be basically limited to the pews off to the sides of the Basilica.

FUNDRAISING: After Mass this weekend there will be the opportunity for people to sign up to work the concession stands at Principal Park. This is a fundraiser for the Basilica.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Is open until May 30th. Limit of 60 Students for ages 6-12. Parishioners will get first preference. **There are registration forms in the back of the church.** VBS is held June 7-11 from 9am to 2pm, M-F. A generous donor covered expenses for the School Sisters of Christ the King. Your \$15 donation will buy a Basilica t-shirt if you have not purchased one already. Send your questions to Margaret at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101, ex. 204.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021: Register your child for K-High School RE on Wednesday, May 19, 5-8pm in the school. Classes meet Wednesday nights 6:15-7:30pm, September-April. Book/Supply Fee: One Child=\$50, Two=\$75, Three or More=\$100. For more information contact Margaret at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101, ex. 204. This includes prep for First Communion and Confirmation. Online registration is available on the parish website.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Holy Family Catholic School Foundation 2021 Golf Classic: Join us on Monday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. (check-in opens at 9:45 a.m.) at The Legacy Golf Club in Norwalk for golf, games and fun with all donations going to Holy Family Catholic School! Your registration includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, a golf cart, a player gift, and more. You can register as an individual or a team of four. Can't play? You can donate a player or team for priests, teachers, or students! Visit <https://hfcsdm.org/foundation/golf/> for more information and to register.

Corpus Christi Procession: Come adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Augustin Church, 545 42nd St., Des Moines on June 6 at 3pm. Dinner to follow.

Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide: Divorced or separated and wondering what your next step is? Join us Tuesdays, starting May 11, 6pm at Christ the King Parish. We will help untangle the knots from a Catholic perspective in our 12 week program. \$35 for the materials. Call Deacon Tony Valdez at 515-979-2301 to pre-register.

Rosary for the Unborn: Please join us in saying the Rosary for the unborn each Saturday morning at 10 am in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 E Army Post Rd, Des Moines, IA on the public sidewalk. For questions call Kathy at 641-660-8446.

From Darkness Into Light: Former Satanist Shares His Miraculous Journey to Faith. "I was a high wizard, committing incredible evil. But one miraculous day in 2008 Jesus' mother appeared to me, and my life has been forever changed for good. I want only to serve Jesus Christ the rest of my life." - *Zachary King*. **Zachary King will share his phenomenal testimony in person, Thursday evening, May 20, 7:00pm, St. Augustin's Church 42nd & Grand Ave. Free will offering. All Are Welcome!**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE: As activities in the parish start to increase, we would like to put out this reminder for requests for bulletin announcements. Please have requests proof-read and ready to be placed in the bulletin by either writing or typing it out or by emailing it to barbk@basilicaofstjohn.org. If you want a flyer in the bulletin, please have it proof read and ready to be copied. **The deadline for any submission to the bulletin is by 4pm on Tuesdays.**

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You are cordially invited
to attend the
40th Jubilee Mass
of the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood
of
The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols
on
Sunday 16 May 2021
at the 10:30 Mass

A reception and lunch will be provided
in the Mulvihill Hall after Mass.

Please sign up for the lunch / reception with the number of people attending in your family.
The form is located on the table in the vestibule of the church.

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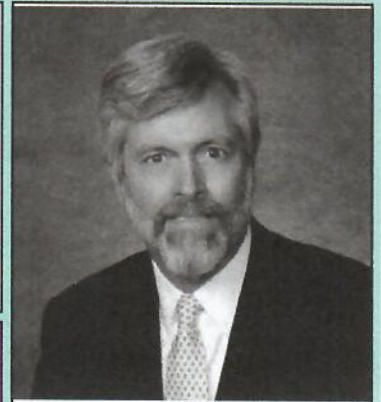
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