

The Basilica of St. John

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Deacons: *Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter*
Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell
Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante

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Baptism Preparation/Youth Ministry/Annulments:

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

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Celebrating this great Solemnity of Pentecost, we rejoice with our young people who today will be confirmed. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit and strengthened with his power all the days of their lives. We are happy to welcome our Bishop once again for this celebration.

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 \$65,677.00 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.

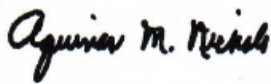
The mask mandate has been lifted by His Excellency Bishop Joensen. Please see the insert in the bulletin from the Bishop.

We rejoiced in a fitting manner last Sunday as we celebrated my 40th anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, even though it was postponed from last year. It will soon be 41 years on 29 June. I am very lucky to have such a wonderful parish and parishioners and to have been your pastor for nearly 21 years. I want you to know that I am very proud to be your pastor here. My special thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the liturgy so beautiful and all the hard work that went into the reception last Sunday. None of this could have taken place without your generosity. My gratitude to all of you for your many good wishes and gifts which you gave to me on this occasion. I will remember you always in the Holy Mass.

I will be taking a little time off beginning this Tuesday. Father Paul from Conception Abbey will be covering for me.

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

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 5/16/21

Total - \$ 9,000.23

Need - \$17,372.08

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

YTD Total - \$799,294.40

YTD Need - \$799,115.68

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$65,677.00

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 TODAY, Sunday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m. Please Note: Due to the Confirmation Mass and luncheon, our Oblate 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 22 TO MAY 30

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 22	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Mary Lou Weuve Spanish Mass
SUN 23	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Intentions of Des Moines Benedictine Oblates
MON 24	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
TUE 25	12:00PM	Intentions of Susan Anthony
WED 26	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
THU 27	12:00PM	+All the Souls of the Nguyen Family
FRI 28	12:00PM	+Mary Thompson
SAT 29	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Madeline James
SUN 30	8:30AM 10:30AM	<i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Parish & Benefactors +David Campbell

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

ANSWER: The answer is that the unfathomable richness of the mystery of Christ cannot be exhausted by any single liturgical tradition. From the very beginning, therefore, this richness found expression among various peoples and cultures in ways that are characterized by a wonderful diversity and complementarity.

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. The night will conclude with Benediction.



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

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK MAY 24 THRU MAY 30

MON 24	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Hispanic Choir Practice (Sch)
TUE 25	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 26	9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration, Prayer (Ch)
THU 27	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 28	7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice (Sch)
SAT 29		No Scheduled Events
SUN 30	8:00AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Pastoral Council Meeting (CR) Vietnamese Adoration## St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 24, 2021:

Monday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday	Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52
Friday	Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

LIFELINES: Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, MD (breast cancer researcher) confirms that ABORTION has caused 300,000 additional BREAST CANCER DEATHS since the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs Wade decision. Dr. Lanfranchi testified under oath against **Planned Parenthood** that she had private conversations with leading experts who agreed abortion raises breast cancer risk, **but they refused to discuss it publicly, saying it was "too political"**.

--abortionbreastcancer.com

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.

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.**

ALTAR SERVERS AND MCs: There will be a group meeting in the Church proper on June 22nd from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will review serving procedures for the Mass and provide all with an opportunity to walk through the main points of the Mass. Young men who are current altar servers are expected to be present. Any boys who have made their first Communion and wish to serve at the Altar should attend as well.

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.



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

You Are Invited: Iowans for LIFE Summer Fundraising Dance is Friday, July 23, 2021 from 6:30-10:00pm at Jasper Winery Open Air Tent, 2400 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, IA 50321. You will enjoy live music from "The Fabulous Riviera's" (50's & 60's Classic Rock). There will be appetizers, sweets, beverages, a cash bar (beer/wine) available. Also, a dancing contest with prizes and a live auction. Tickets are on sale now-\$25, at www.iowansforlife.org or mail your check to Iowans for LIFE, 1450 E.33rd St. Des Moines, IA 50317. Questions? Contact Maggie DeWitte at 515-255-4113

Companions On The Journey - The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18-40 who are considering religious life, to attend our Monastic Experience, July 16-22, 2021. Those who come will experience our rhythm of prayer, work and recreation. There will be daily input on prayer, monastic life and discernment, as well as time for personal prayer and faith sharing. There is no cost to attend. Participants must be fully vaccinated before attending. To learn more, visit www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or email vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

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://hfcscdm.org/foundation/golf/> for more information and to register.





OFFICE *of the* BISHOP

May 14, 2021

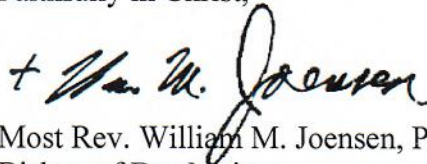
Dear Friends in Christ,

Following recently released CDC recommendations, effective immediately, the Diocese of Des Moines will no longer require masks at liturgies and parish events. Parishioners who are not yet fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to continue to wear a mask at Mass and other parish activities. Additionally, the Diocese continues to consult with local medical experts to enact other changes in our mitigation practices that will draw us toward a more normal, yet safe, experience of our communal worship.

These changes are a hopeful step in our battle against COVID-19, and yet we should remember that we have not yet fully emerged from this pandemic, and a need for vigilance persists. Other mitigation practices such as washing hands, staying home when sick, and social distancing when appropriate remain important. Let us all—whether vaccinated or not—show solicitude and charity for each other, so that all members of the Body of Christ feel welcome at the Mass and all parish events. Pastors have been encouraged to communicate with those who may desire more caution. Pastors retain the discretion to continue to offer liturgies with more extensive mitigation practices, such as requiring masks at certain Masses or events.

The pandemic has caused suffering for all of us in different ways. In God's providence, it has also afforded us an opportunity to show greater care for our neighbor, and to do our part to advance the common good. As we implement these latest changes, let us continue to be mindful of our brothers and sisters, to make spiritual and practical sacrifices for each other, and to pray for a speedy end to the pandemic.

Faithfully in Christ,



Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Bishop of Des Moines

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 Basilica of Saint John.

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.

I would like my brick to read as follows:

My name is _____
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State and Zip code _____
Phone # (____) ____ -- _____

If you have any questions, please call the Basilica of Saint John @ (515) 244-3101 Ext. 205

Whatever you would like to say that is appropriate if it fits on no more than fifteen spaces in each line. Subject to the approval of the pastor.

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