

# 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



# Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

To be a follower of Jesus is to live in his love. To live on in his love means to stop sometimes on the road of life for those who have been abandoned and for those who are lost. Further, our joy is complete when we love the Lord and keep the commandments of God. Jesus calls us to do so, and as his faithful disciples, we must respond to this call.

Happy Mothers Day to all our Mothers, both here and in heaven! May God bless you all abundantly!

We will once again return 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. In this apostolate of prayer for the parish, please consider whether or not you can help out on 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 \$74,887.00 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.

Next Sunday 16 May, there will be NO COFFEE AND DONUTS THAT MORNING, DUE TO THE HALL BEING PREPARED FOR THE JUBILEE RECEPTION. If you plan to attend the reception after the 10:30 Mass, please sign up in the back of the church so we can get a round number of those attending. It will be a sit-down meal.

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

Devotedly in the Lord,

*Aquinas M. Nichols*

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols  
Pastor

## WEEKLY INCOME – 5/2/21

Total - \$16,256.35  
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021  
YTD Total - \$773,930.45  
YTD Need - \$764,371.52

**2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$74,887.00**

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.



There is a **SECOND COLLECTION** today, for Catholic Charities. Please give as you are able.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**MAY 8 TO MAY 16**

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 08</b>	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Art & +Bev Whipple Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 09</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Henry & +Violet Sikorski Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 10</b>	12:00PM	Deceased Members of the Dal Corso Family
<b>TUE 11</b>	12:00PM	+Arthur Cutler & +Marcelline Cutler
<b>WED 12</b>	12:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro
<b>THU 13</b>	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
<b>FRI 14</b>	12:00PM	+Hanh Pham & +Trac Pham
<b>SAT 15</b>	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Joan Harkin
<b>SUN 16</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Lucille Molloy Parish & Benefactors

THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

## CATECHISM CORNER:

Last week's question: **\*What are the privileged places inside sacred buildings?\***  
**ANSWER:** They are: the altar, the tabernacle, the place where the sacred Chrism and other holy oils are kept, the chair of the bishop (cathedra) or the chair of the priest, the ambo, the baptismal font, and the confessional.

**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.



**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.



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 9, 2021

Respect  
Life



#### YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK MAY 10 THRU MAY 16

MON 9:00AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10
TUE 8:00AM	Organ Practice 11
WED 9:00AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12
6:30PM	Adoration, Prayer # <b>Registration for Religious Ed. 2021/22 - From 5-8pm in the school</b>
THU 8:00AM	Organ Practice 13
6:30PM	Choir Loft in use
FRI 5:00PM	Organ Practice until 6pm 14
SAT	Kitchen and Parish Hall in use all day 15
SUN 8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group 16
10:30AM	<b>Fr. Aquinas' 40th Jubilee Celebration, Lunch/Reception following Mass, in the parish hall.</b>
6:00PM	Vietnamese Adoration##

#### Daily Scripture Readings for the week of May 10, 2021:

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

**LIFELINES: A Tribute to Mothers on Mother's Day:** This Mother's Day, we express our heartfelt thanks to our mothers for their unconditional love and guidance. President Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or businessman, or artist, or scientist." Today, mothers continue to play a vital part of our national character. On Mother's Day, we honor the women whose steadfast love and wisdom have made America a great nation. Motherhood is a rewarding and often difficult job. A mother is a child's first teacher and affects a child's life like few others can. Loving and selfless mothers can inspire their children to love themselves and others, work hard, make healthy choices, serve causes greater than self, and achieve their dreams. Mothers who protect, teach, and nurture their children with all their hearts strengthen their families and help build a better future for our country. *Pro-Life Articles*

**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](mailto: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.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, Masses & well wishes while I was at Bishop Drumm. They were all helpful in contributing to my regaining my strength & healing to enable me to come home. It has meant so much to me!! I'm so very grateful to God & to everyone. God bless you all! Mother Kathleen



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Fiona Treacy and Alessandro DeCoss and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Bishop Joensen will be here to confirm our young people on 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.**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Is open until May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 after Masses on May 8-9 and on Wednesdays, May 12 and 19, 5-8pm (Wednesdays -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](mailto:MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org) or call 515-244-3101, ex. 204. This includes prep for First Communion and Confirmation. On-line registration is available on the parish website.

#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide:** Divorced or separated and wondering what your next step is? Join us each Tuesday, 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!*





*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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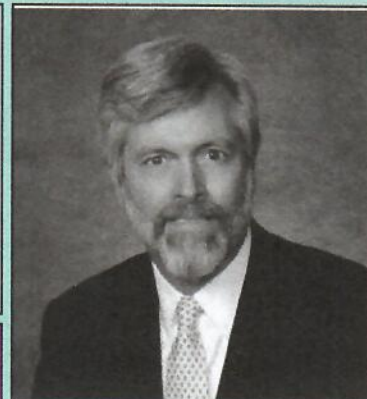
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