

The Basilica of St. John

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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987
Elevated to the rank of Minor Basilica by Pope John Paul II, October 4, 1989

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

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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell

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

Your are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The question could be asked, "What has become of our understanding of power and authority?" They, like the gift of fatherhood, have suffered philosophical and practical revolution whose roots are very complex. Today's readings invite us to rediscover the link between God the Father and the entrustment of power and authority to God's Church from the divine perspective.

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!

Confirmation will be next Sunday 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.

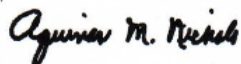
Please remember to make your ADA pledge. We still owe \$47,653.00. Envelopes are obtainable at the doors of the Basilica. And please keep an eye on our giving versus our needs, a summary of which is in the bulletin each week.

There will be a second universal collection this weekend for the Church in Africa. Marked donation baskets are at the entrances of the Basilica.

I thank you for your patience last week when the storm took out our power for three days. Mercifully, we had very little damage. The lights in the parking lot will have to be replaced, and some tiles on the roof repaired. But all things considered we were spared any serious damage.

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

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 8/16/20

Total - \$8,879.50
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$93,398.56
YTD Need - \$104,232.48

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 22 TO AUGUST 30

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT	4:00PM	+Ron Wells
22	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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SUN	8:30AM	+Hanh & +Trac Pham
23	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
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MON	12:00PM	+Chuck & +Kay Davis
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TUE	12:00PM	Intentions of Madeline Hemberger
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WED	12:00PM	+Madeline James
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THU	12:00PM	Intentions of Samantha Gibbons
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FRI	12:00PM	+Helen Wright
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SAT	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA	
29	9:00AM	+Jon Farrington
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	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Whipple & Gabriel Families
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SUN	8:30AM	+Joseph Tran
30	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors High School Confirmation

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 are the sacraments efficacious?

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
(Look for the answer in next week's bulletin)

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





The Basilica of St. John
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
AUGUST 24 THRU AUGUST 30

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration
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TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
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WED 9:00AM NO Adoration
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THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
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FRI 9:00AM NO Adoration
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SAT 8:30AM NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
29 **St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Collection**

SUN 8:00AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%
30 **St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Collection**

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 24, 2020:

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29
 Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

LIFELINES: Protesters Speak for the Silent: A woman recently wrote a letter to the editor to the protesters of abortions saying, "Don't you dare tell me what I can and can't do with my body." We protesters will not say a word if she wants to cut off her own leg, her arm, or her ear. (We may wonder why.) Yes, that is her body to do with what she pleases. But the baby she is carrying in her womb, is an individual little human being with its own heart, arms, legs, mind and soul. This baby would ask "Why do you want to kill me?" But as yet, can't speak for himself or herself. We are, therefore, speaking up for them. When a woman has an abortion, she is not stopping her heart from beating or her lungs from breathing or her mind from thinking. Her body remains whole. Her baby's body does not. The baby is dead. {*Ruth Weber, Davenport, Iowa (Pro-Life Articles)*}

SECOND COLLECTION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30: Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Baskets marked "Second Collection" will be located at the front and back entrances inside the church. Please give as you are able. The collections for March & May were missed due to Covid-19!



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.

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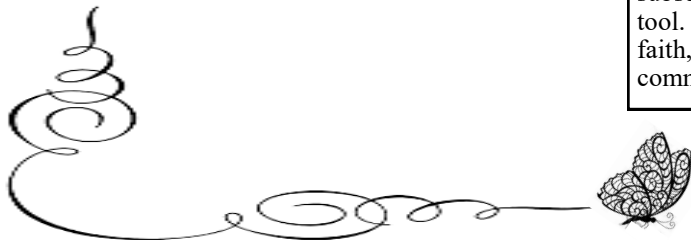
Bring Your Mask: If you're coming to Mass, please bring your mask. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick. Thank you for doing all you can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Bishop's Golf Classic: Catholic Charities' annual golf outing/the Bishop's Golf Classic, is August 31 at Echo Valley Country Club in Norwalk. While it may look a little different with some restrictions and social distancing, it will be a great day on the links, while supporting Catholic Charities mission of empowering individuals and strengthening families. Make your reservation by going to catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Hear The Bishop: Bishop William Joensen's weekly radio show airs on Fridays at 9 a.m., on Iowa Catholic Radio and the Spirit Catholic Radio Network. Tune in to hear "Making it Personal With Bishop Joensen."

Campus Ministry: We can help your college student connect with his or her campus Catholic community. Send their name, school and contact information to campusminister@stcatherinedrake.org. Our Campus Ministry program will share that information with the college Catholic community at the school your student attends.

The Catholic Mirror: Our diocesan newspaper is in the midst of its annual subscription drive. Please consider supporting this important evangelization tool. It brings us the bishop's monthly column, stories of inspiration and faith, and helps us see our parish as part of a broader, diocesan faith community. You can take a subscription by going to dmdiocese.org/giving.



PART-TIME JANITOR POSITION

The Basilica Parish is looking to hire a part-time janitor for 20 hours per week. This would be Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 11:00 a.m.

This person would work with our Director of Maintenance, Thang Dinh.

Duties would include normal janitorial work, yardwork, light maintenance and snow removal during the winter.

Starting salary would be \$15.00 per hour. Those interested should contact the Business Manager (515-244-3101, ext. 205) for further information.

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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 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 _____

Address _____

State and Zip code _____

Phone # (____) ____--____

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

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

EXAMPLES

**Mom and Dad
We love you
John and Mary**

**John and Mary
Kennedy - Wed
April 27, 1960**

**Our Son, Jacob
b. 7-23-39
d. 2-26-40**

**Fr. John Smith
Ordained
June 17, 2010**

**Whatever else you would like to say as long as it fits on no
more than fifteen spaces in each line.**

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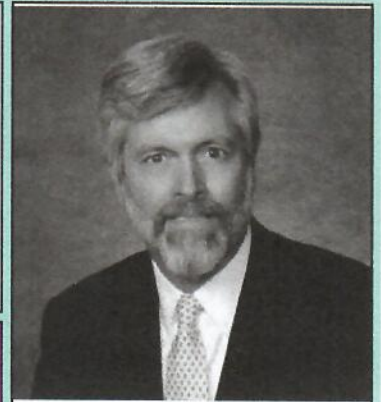
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