

# The Basilica of St. John

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**Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987**  
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Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

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

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Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Coordinator:  
Holy Family School Principal:  
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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell

Hispanic Office-Secretary:  
Homebound Ministry:  
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:  
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



# The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, we should thank God for this great nation where we enjoy freedom and many benefits which come to us from God. Let us remember the members of our armed forces who gave their lives for this freedom and for those who continue to serve and defend our nation.

Our Holy Gospel for today recalls Jesus going to his hometown and not finding faith among those who think they know him. At times we fall into a sense of familiarity and think we have someone all figured out, when in reality there is much more to every person than what we see. We never know the hidden talents of every individual, nor do we know what each person we meet is suffering or struggling with. We must be willing to accept people and help them along the way in their search for the Lord.

Please make your pledge for ADA 2021, if you have not already done so. We still owe \$47,179.00 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. Please respond now if you have not already done so.

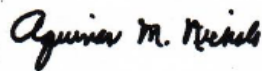
We begin a new fiscal year this weekend. We did well last year, keeping up with our needed income, only falling slightly behind. Please continue to watch the bulletin each week where the summary is given as to what we need and what the actual income is.

Please be mindful of proper and fitting attire when you attend Mass during the summer. Hotter weather does not mean we should present ourselves in Church in an unfitting manner. The air conditioning works quite well!

Beginning the weekend of 25 July, His Excellency Bishop Joensen is putting back into effect the obligation to attend Mass on holydays and Sundays. Therefore, we will no longer be excused from attending Holy Mass beginning that weekend. Exceptions, as always, can be made for the vulnerable and the elderly who have physical weaknesses. Let us plan ahead to get back into a regular routine of Mass attendance at the Sunday Masses and holydays.

God's blessings and graces be yours!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols  
Pastor

## WEEKLY INCOME— 6/27/2021

Total - \$17,169.79  
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021  
Total - \$894,780.09  
Need - \$903,348.16

**2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$47,179.00**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**JULY 03 TO JULY 11**

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 03</b>	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Margaret Murray Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 04</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	<i>Happy 4th of July!!</i> Parish & Benefactors +Rachel Hanian
<b>MON 05</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Trisha Marie Thommi
<b>TUE 06</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Fr. Joseph Taphorn
<b>WED 07</b>	12:00PM	+Karl & +Madge Sinclair
<b>THU 08</b>	12:00PM	+Maria Mai Pham
<b>FRI 09</b>	12:00PM	+Mollie, +John, & +Jack Leporte
<b>SAT 10</b>	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	Intentions of Judy Tieskoetter
<b>SUN 11</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors +Nancy Holland



## 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: **How are the sacraments of the Church divided?**

**ANSWER:** The sacraments are divided into: the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist); the sacraments of healing (Penance and Anointing of the Sick); and the sacraments at the service of communion and mission (Holy Orders and Matrimony). The sacraments touch all the important moments of Christian life. All of the sacraments are ordered to the Holy Eucharist "as to their end" (Saint Thomas Aquinas).

Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John monthly Newsletter. Use the following link to sign-up: <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter> or call the parish office at 515-244-3101, ext. 0, ask for Pamela.

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.



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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### July 04, 2021

Respect  
Life



#### YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK JULY 05 THRU JULY 11

MON 05	9:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM	<u><b>Parish Office Closed</b></u> <b>NO</b> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament KC Council Meeting (H) Hispanic Choir Practice (Sch)
TUE 06	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 07	9:00AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
THU 08	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 09	7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice (Sch)
SAT 10		No scheduled events
SUN 11	7:30AM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Vietnamese Adoration##

#### Daily Scripture Readings for the week of July 5, 2021:

<b>Monday:</b>	Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gn 41:55-57, 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
<b>Thursday:</b>	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29, 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
<b>Sunday:</b>	Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

**LIFELINES: Life and Death** - An unborn baby has a measurable heartbeat at twenty-one days and brainwaves at forty days---long before the earliest abortions. What do you call it when there is no longer a heartbeat or brainwaves? Death! What do you call it when there is a heartbeat and brainwaves? Life! So, what does abortion do? *Pro-Life Articles*



**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Randy & Sue Greenwood, Martin & Carolyn Pease & Family, Lexis Smith Ruiz & Joshue Ruiz & Family, Yolanda & Marcos Chavez, Ana & Bulmaro Lopez, & Family, Gloria Santos & Family, Karin & Jose de Leon & Family, Selene & Urbano Rodriguez & Family.



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Amelia Brookhart and Leandro Reyes and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



**Volunteers to help water the outdoor flowerbeds:** Help is needed to water the flowers in the memorial garden & along the East side of the church. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office, 515-244-3101, ext. 0, for more information.

**ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION:** All are invited to join us Wednesday nights at the Basilica, **July 14 thru August 18, 7-8:30pm** in preparation for a Consecration to St. Joseph. Using Fr. Donald Calloway's book, "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father", we will discuss and pray our way through this special devotion. A celebration Mass for everyone in the Diocese will be held on August 21st at St. Patrick's Irish Settlement at 10:00am. Please contact Deacon Mark Campbell for more information-campbell.markh@yahoo.com.

#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

**The Heart of Ignatian Spirituality:** Join us July 31 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church for the sixth annual Ignatian Retreat (also accessible through Zoom). Presenter Fr. Dan Krettek's favorite description of Ignatian Spirituality comes from Jesuit Father Gene Merz (one of the founders of Emmaus House): "The heart of Ignatian Spirituality is reflection on experience in light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ." During this sixth Annual Ignatian Retreat, Fr. Krettek will share with us his reflections on experience of Ignatian Spirituality, as both a spiritual director and directee, and then invite us into our own reflections on experience. We hope you will join us in person or via Zoom. No prior experience with Ignatian Spirituality is required. All are welcome! Visit the Emmaus House website ([theemmaushouse.org](http://theemmaushouse.org)) to learn more and register. Please contact us at [www.theemmaushouse.org/contact](http://www.theemmaushouse.org/contact) with any questions.

**The Bishop Drumm Garage Sale** will be held from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Thursday from June-September at the Bishop Drumm campus at 5837 Winwood Dr., in Johnston. Donations of good household items, furniture and clothing will be accepted at the time of the sale.

**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 [benedictinesisters.org](http://benedictinesisters.org). To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or email [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org).



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are often aware of the needy during the winter months and close to Christmas, but during the summer they are often forgotten. As the pandemic lifts and we celebrate fine weather I hope that we remember there are those with nothing, living outside in this heat.

Over the past month I've taken it upon myself to volunteer with Joppa Homeless Outreach after Mass, and all of us there are working hard to get the homeless the help they need, which culminates in getting them off the street. With mental health and addiction issues we work slowly developing trust so that we can approach them and facilitate change. I ask you all to remember Christ's commandment in love of neighbor and help with contributions to assist Joppa this summer.

These are some of the items that are most needed at present:

- Flip top, canned hearty meals (pasta, hearty soups, chicken, etc.) and other non-perishables
- AAA and AA batteries (especially AAA)
- small tubes of Triple Antibiotic ointment
- DART bus tokens
- DEET insect repellant
- body wipes
- sunscreen
- toilet paper
- small boxes or pods of laundry soap
- socks, new or gently used

Last day to drop off items is Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Boxes are located in the vestibule of the church and in the parish hall.

If you wish to donate clothes, they cannot be accepted at the Basilica, but Joppa would gladly accept them at River Plaza, 2326 Euclid Avenue.

Anyone that would be interested in volunteering can contact:

Kim Roush: Volunteer Director  
515-288-5699 x704 or [kim.roush@joppa.org](mailto:kim.roush@joppa.org)

Just one small act of kindness can change the trajectory of our community, thank you and God bless.

Yours In Christ,

Phoenix DeYoung  
Deputy Grand Knight, Council 644Des Moines, IA



# 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  
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When paying by check, make your checks payable to the Basilica of Saint John.

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*I would like my brick to read as follows:*

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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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