

The Basilica of St. John

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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell
Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante

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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

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

We all like to think that we have made a difference. When Jesus sends out his followers, it is to do just that, but not merely so that they feel good, but that God is glorified in their efforts. We are also called to make a difference, a difference in this world and a difference in our lives and the lives of others. Let us, then, take the Lord's words to heart as we seek to glorify him with our lives.

Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. We still owe \$45,356.00 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. Pledges have been slowly coming in to help make our goal. Please respond now if you have not already done so.

We have begun a new fiscal year. We did well last year, basically 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,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 7/4/21

Total - \$18,148.18
Need - \$17,895.19

Year to Date (YTD)–Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
YTD Total - \$18,148.18
YTD Need - \$17,895.19

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$45,356.00

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.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JULY 10 TO JULY 18

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 10	4:00PM 6:00PM	Intentions of Judy Tieskoetter Spanish Mass
SUN 11	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors +Nancy Holland
MON 12	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
TUE 13	12:00PM	Intentions of Kim Selgrade
WED 14	12:00PM	+Jim Deery
THU 15	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
FRI 16	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
SAT 17	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Deb Ulrich
SUN 18	8:30AM 10:30AM	Intentions of Adam & Kara Storey Parish & Benefactors

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: **How Is Christian Initiation brought about?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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

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





The Basilica of St. John

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11, 2021

**Respect
Life**



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK JULY 12 THRU JULY 18

MON 12	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Hispanic Choir Practice**
TUE 13	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 14	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ St. Joseph Consecration Class**
THU 15	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 16	7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice+++
SAT 17		No scheduled events
SUN 18	7:30AM 12:00PM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Kitchen in use until 2pm Vietnamese Adoration##

SIGN INDICATORS

+++ = Choir Loft; ** = School; @ = Chapel; * = Rectory; += Fr. Mulvihill Hall;
= Church; %=Conference Room; (NH)=(North Hall); (SH)=(South Hall)

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of July 12, 2021:

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

LIFELINES: A Well-Formed Conscience - The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church. Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere "feeling" about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil. Conscience always requires serious attempts to make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith. As stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "Conscience is a judgement of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right". *USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*



CONGRATULATIONS: To Gilberto Garcia & Teresa Gonzalez who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on June 12.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Trang Bui & Nia Tran who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on June 19.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Jazmine Alaniz & Corbin Buttrey who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on June 26.

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

Emmaus House: Is seeking a part-time Office Assistant to support the day-to-day communications, administration, and financial bookkeeping of the organization. For more detailed information regarding this position, as well as instructions for applying, please visit the Emmaus House website.

Volunteers Needed: The Catholic Circle of Faith, a coalition of Des Moines-area parishes, needs help building walls on July 29 for a new Habitat for Humanity home. This one-day event will be at the Dowling Catholic High School parking lot. Full and half-day shifts available. Register at gdmhabitat.secure.force.com/volunteer/VolunteersJobListing.

You are Invited: Bishop William Joensen invites you to join him for a Holy Hour every Monday at 5 p.m. at St. Ambrose Cathedral, or you can join him virtually at Facebook.com/dmdiocese. Bishop is praying for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we emerge from the pandemic.

Support The Catholic Mirror: We encourage you to take a subscription to our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Mirror. Our newspaper was critically important in reaching all of our households during the pandemic. Whether you receive it digitally or through the Post Office, The Catholic Mirror brings to us a monthly message from Bishop William Joensen, news and inspirational stories of faith. You can give online at: www.dmdiocese.org/giving/special-collection-giving.

Pledge today!: CTO Offers 75% Iowa Tax Credits. At the end of the legislative session, the Iowa tax credits for the Catholic Tuition Organization were increased to 75%, retroactive to January 1! If you've already given, you will automatically receive the 75% tax credits this year! Contact us with any questions or concerns. We're here to help! Jeanne Wells: 515-237-5010 or jwells@dmdiocese.org.

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.

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). During this sixth Annual Ignatian Retreat, presenter, Fr. Dan 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) to learn more and register. Contact us at www.theemmaushouse.org/contact with questions.

Volunteers to help water the outdoor flower-beds: 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.



OFFICE of the BISHOP

June 16, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

This coming July 25th, the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation will be restored in the Des Moines Diocese. It was a profoundly sobering decision to suspend public Masses and the Sunday obligation over a year ago, and throughout this pandemic I know we have all longed for a more ordinary rhythm in our life of faith and communal worship. Reinstating the Sunday obligation is an encouraging step forward; it is being taken in response to a much improved public health situation, and the widespread accessibility of effective vaccines against COVID-19.

We have all experienced times when an unchosen period of absence has helped us to more deeply appreciate the many gifts in our lives, and my hope is that the same will be true in our experience of Sunday Eucharist and the obligation that points the way toward shared presence with Jesus and one another. Our society often views obligations as burdens to be endured or obstacles to freedom. A healthier “human ecology” recognizes that obligations can often orient us toward the good, especially if we are mixed in our dispositions toward that good. I hope that the restoration of the Sunday obligation will give us all an opportunity to reflect on the marvelous generosity of the “One who alone is good” (see Mark 10:18), yet whose goodness is instilled in everything in this world in which we live, move, and have our being.

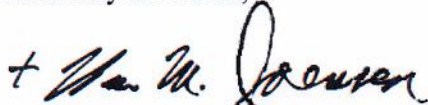
Fundamentally, our participation in communal worship on Sundays and holy days is both an entry into, and an expression of, an intimate personal relationship with Jesus. This intimacy is the transforming experience that gives life “a new horizon and a decisive direction” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus caritas est*/God is Love n. 1). We are invited to worship God who has gratuitously given us everything we have, including life itself. Further, the Mass draws us ever more deeply into the communal Body of Christ, the People of God whom Jesus calls and redeems. Our participation in Mass is not a supplemental practice in the life of discipleship; it is the beating heart of faith, the source and summit of our entire Christian life. If you have been away from Mass, whether due to the pandemic or for any other reason, I’d like to personally invite you to join us again at the wellspring of God’s love.

While the general dispensation from the obligation will be lifted on July 25th, there will always be cases where individuals are excused or dispensed for serious reasons (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 2181). These reasons would include, but are not limited to, personal illness, known or suspected exposure to COVID-19, or if you are a caretaker of a member of the vulnerable population and your participation in Mass would expose him or her to a significant risk of contracting COVID-19. If you are unsure of your situation, please consult with your pastor who can assist you in your discernment.

On July 25th, the Gospel at Mass will recount Jesus' feeding the 5,000, and in the following weeks we will hear successive passages from the John 6 account of Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. As we prepare for the reinstatement of the Sunday obligation, please join me in praying for a greater awareness of, and attraction to, Jesus as the Bread of Life. Jesus nourishes and sustains us in all seasons of life. May we grow in our appreciation of Mass, and in our observance of Sunday itself, a day of rest and feasting "which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world... the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*/On Care for Our Common Home n. 237).

Let us continue to pray for Eucharistic Renewal in our own Diocese and in the world. Please know of my prayers for you and all your loved ones. May you receive the blessing Jesus promises to those whose Eucharistic hunger inspires all they do: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6).

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. M. Joensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the left of the signature is a small, stylized cross symbol.

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

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 repellent
- 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 18th. 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

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



Back to School Needs

We are collecting school supplies for students for the upcoming school year. If you would like to donate any back-to-school items, please bring them to the Basilica **by August 11**. Please put items in the boxes marked "Back to School" located in the parish hall.

Some items needed include:

- #2 pencils
- pocket folders
- Pocket Folders with prongs
- Kleenex
- Glue sticks
- Pens (Black, blue and red)
- Pencil cases – zip top
- Colored pencils – 12 count
- Washable markers
- Scissors – blunt top and regular
- Highlighters (yellow)
- Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
- Crayons – box of 24
- Spiral notebook
- Avery 5-tab page dividers
- 3-ring binders
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- *Any other items as noted on lists in the stores*



Supplies will be available for students to pick up after all Masses on Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15. All students are welcome to choose some supplies.

If you have questions, please contact either
Jenifer, 515-681-9368, or Dodie, 515-554-2429.

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