

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

Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

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

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Bookkeeper:

Pastor's Secretary/Office Manager:

Director of Religious Education &
Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Coordinator:

Holy Family School Principal:

Music Director:

Altar & Rosary President:

Knights of Columbus:

Finance Council:

Pastoral Council:

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Hispanic Office-Secretary:

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Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter (249-1327)

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

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Gospel reminds us today that fraternal correction is sometimes necessary. Resolving conflicts is often difficult. In the context of the Church it can be downright tricky. Disciples are called to continual discernment through the Holy Spirit for the well-being of the community, and their behavior must always be in agreement with Gospel teaching.

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.

Congratulations to all of our young people who made their Confirmation last Sunday. We pray that God's Holy Spirit will accompany them throughout their lives and that they will be faithful witnesses to Christ.

Please remember to make your ADA pledge. We still owe \$44,886.00. 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. We are somewhat behind on what is needed to meet our expenses.

There will be a second collection this weekend for our chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please do what you can to help.

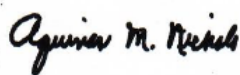
Because of increased vandalism in Catholic Churches, and because someone tried to dismantle our gate and enter the grounds, in order to protect our grounds please be advised that the gate will be closed earlier from now on as long as there are no cars in the parking lot. If you plan to be on the grounds after 8:00 p.m. any evening please advise the office ahead of time.

The Parish Council will meet on the third Sunday of September. I will discuss with them the idea of returning to coffee and donuts on Sunday morning beginning September 27th. It will depend on a number of factors, including volunteers to prepare things, serve and clean up afterwards. We may have to look at a new procedure for all of this. We will put an announcement in the bulletin the week before we begin.

Please note: MASS ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 07TH, WILL BE AT 12:00 NOON.

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 – 8/30/20

Total - \$14,884.72
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$122,173.54
YTD Need - \$156,348.72

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 5 TO SEPTEMBER 13

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 05	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Madeline James Spanish Mass
SUN 06	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors +Mary Sokolik
MON 07	12:00PM	Happy Labor Day! +Dominic
TUE 08	12:00PM	Special Intention
WED 09	12:00PM	+Jim Glenn
THU 10	12:00PM	+Marie Jordan
FRI 11	12:00PM	+William Manion
SAT 12	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Donna Marasco
SUN 13	8:30AM 10:30AM	Kathryn Mauro 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: For what reason are the sacraments necessary for salvation?

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.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$44,886.00

The Basilica of St. John
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 7 THRU SEPTEMBER 13

MON 07	9:00AM	Labor Day—Parish Office Closed NO Adoration
TUE 08	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 09	9:00AM	NO Adoration
THU 10	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 11	9:00AM	NO Adoration
SAT 12	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 13	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 31, 2020:

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Sir 27:30-28:7; Rom 14:7-9Mt 18:21-35

LIFELINES: Some who defend abortion claim that one is "truly human" only when able to reason, to choose, and to be creative. Yet a book about how to perform abortions contains this quote: "Surely embryos and fetuses do none of these things. In fact, neither do newborns, and there's the rub. Presumably it would be equally as acceptable to destroy newborns as fetuses, since both are in the same prehuman boat" (*Second Trimester Abortion: Perspectives After a Decade of Experience*, Berger et al., eds., p. 215). Think about it. (*Priests for Life, bulletin insert items*)

Jesus died for you in public, so
don't only live for him in private.

PLEASE NOTE: Labor Day is Monday, September 7th.
There will be only one Mass at 12:00 noon.

BASILICA PROLIFE NEWS: LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 4, 2020 is the date for this year's Life Chain. It will once again take place at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, lining up along Merle Hay Road and University Ave. This will be a prayerful, peaceful witness to the sanctity of life, the right to life of the children who have yet to be born. It begins at 2 pm and ends at 3:30 pm. Come for the whole time or come when you are able. God bless us all and God bless the little ones.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEKEND WILL BE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. Baskets marked "Second Collection" will be located at the front and back entrances inside the church. Please give as you are able. The SVDP collections for March & May were missed due to Covid-19!

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Diocesan-Wide Special Collection for Seminarians will be conducted next weekend, September 12 and 13. Registered parishioners will be receiving a brochure and return envelope in the mail from Bishop Joensen. Gifts to this collection are used to cover tuition, room and board, and provide a small monthly stipend for pre-theologians and theologians. This year, more than \$250,000 is needed to enable the academic formation of our nineteen seminarians. Heartfelt thanks for your prayers and charitable donation to support the seminarians.

Christ Our Life Expands Options For Attending: The Christ Our Life Catholic Conference is offering the opportunity for people to attend in person or by livestream. All attendees, volunteers and vendors will be required to wear masks in common areas such as when entering or exiting Wells Fargo Arena, while in adoration or confession and anywhere on the concourse such as visiting exhibitors, restrooms, concession stands, etc. **For more information on in-person or livestream tickets, safety precautions and the lineup of speakers, go to christourlifeiowa.com.**

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.





**Annual Seminarian Collection
Diocese of Des Moines
September 12 -13, 2020**

August 31, 2020

Dear Reverend Monsignors, Fathers, and Deacons,

Fall signals the return of students and faculty back to school, including our nineteen diocesan seminarians. As you know, formation of a priestly vocation is a commitment of deep prayer and financial support on the part of the entire faith community and each seminarian. An annual seminarian collection taken up in mid-September each year supplements support from the Annual Diocesan Appeal and the endowed seminarian fund at the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa. This year more than \$250,000 is needed to enable the academic formation of our seminarians.

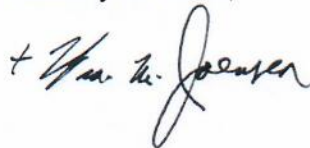
Funds are used to cover tuition, room and board, and provide a small monthly stipend for the pre-theologians and theologians. The college seminarians are expected to help pay for some of their tuition, but the diocese provides a grant each year to reduce their tuition to a level comparable to Iowa's regents' universities. With scholarships and loans the men are able to graduate with little debt. Those in advanced theological study or theologians rely entirely on the support of the faith community.

On Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13, I am asking every parish to provide an opportunity for the faithful to participate in the annual collection for our diocesan seminarians. I advise each parish to provide an extra collection basket marked for the seminarian collection over this weekend. Moreover, each registered household will receive a brochure and return envelope through the mail. They may return their gift directly to the Diocese, place the gift in the parish collection, or make a gift online at dm-diocese.org/giving.

Also provided with this mailing are petitions and bulletin announcements for use in promoting this special collection. Please announce this appeal during the weekends of September 5 and 12. The repetition in the announcements will help call special attention to the appeal and will assist us in reaching as many people as possible.

Please accept my genuine gratitude for your generous participation. May God continue to send us many more workers for the harvest!

Faithfully in Christ,



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



SEPTEMBER 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6)	7) <i>Labor Day</i> *Parish Office Closed *Mass: 12-noon	1) 8a: Organ Practice	2)	3) 8a: Organ Practice	4)	5) 6p: Spanish Mass
13)	14) RCIA	8) 8a: Organ Practice	9)	10) 8a: Organ Practice	11) 6p: Wedding Rehearsal (Ch)	12) 1pm: Niyorukundo & Nizigiyimana Wedding 6p: Spanish Mass
Diocesan 2nd Collection: For the Seminarians	14) RCIA	15) 8a: Organ Practice	16) Religious Ed. Starts Online!	17) 8a: Organ Practice	18)	19)
20) 12p: Pastoral Council Mtg. (CR) 2:30p: Oblate Mtg. (H)	21) <i>Fall is here!</i> RCIA	22) 8a: Organ Practice	23) 6:30pm: First Communion Mtg. (H) (First Year Students and one Parent)	24) 8a: Organ Practice	25) 6p: Wedding Rehearsal (Ch)	26) 12p: Haro Wedding 6p: Spanish Mass
27)	28) RCIA	29) 8a: Organ Practice	30) 6:30pm: First Communion Mtg. (H) (Second Year Students and one Parent)			

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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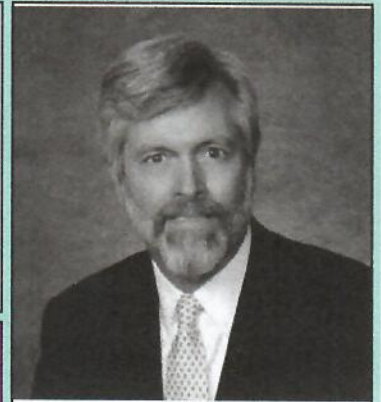
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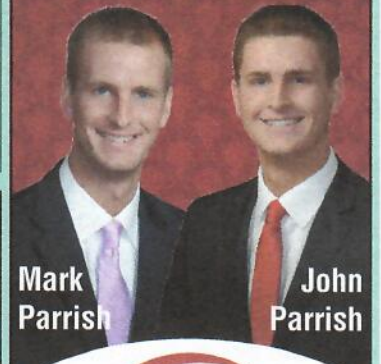
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