

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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Bookkeeper:

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Director of Religious Education &
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Holy Family School Principal:

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Altar & Rosary President:

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Finance Council:

Pastoral Council:

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Hispanic Office-Secretary:

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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

I give a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God has generously provided for us and continues to shower us with merciful love. We are called to share God's generosity and love with everyone as today's Holy Gospel points out to us.

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.

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. On Sundays and holidays it may be closed after the last Mass.

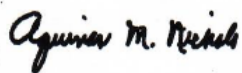
The Parish Council will meet next Sunday 20 September. It has been six months since we have had a meeting and so we will attend to the parish business at hand.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the education of our seminarians. God willing, there will be five new ordinations to the Sacred Priesthood in June. These men are the future priests for our diocese. The cost to educate all of our 19 seminarians is roughly \$250,000.00 per year. Please do what you can to help with this appeal.

We welcome Benjamin Peterson onto our Staff for the Maintenance Department and Pamela Meis who will be Barb's Office Assistant in the parish office. They will both be working part-time.

The Lord bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 9/6/20

Total - \$13,396.50
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$135,570.04
YTD Need - \$173,720.80

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$44,931.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 12 TO SEPTEMBER 20

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 12	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Donna Marasco Spanish Mass
SUN 13	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Kathryn Mauro Parish & Benefactors
MON 14	12:00PM	+Mary Sokolik
TUE 15	12:00PM	Intentions of Michael Munoz
WED 16	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
THU 17	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
FRI 18	12:00PM	+Doris Landwehr
SAT 19	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Fr. John Tan Tran
		(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Anna Hong Nguyen
SUN 20	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Ben Homan & +Frances Kolner 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:

Last week's question:

Last week's question: ***For what reason are the sacraments necessary for salvation?***

ANSWER: For believers in Christ, the sacraments, even if they are not all given to each of the faithful, are necessary for salvation because they confer sacramental graces, forgiveness of sins, adoption as children of God, conformation to Christ the Lord and membership in the Church. The Holy spirit heals and transforms those who receive the sacraments.

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.





The Basilica of St. John
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 14 THRU SEPTEMBER 20

MON 9:00AM	NO Adoration
14	
TUE 8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
15	
WED 9:00AM	NO Adoration
16	
THU 8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
17	
FRI 9:00AM	NO Adoration
18	
SAT 8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
19	
SUN 8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%
20	12:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting%
Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 31, 2020:	
Monday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

LIFELINES: There are alternatives to abortion!
Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. She never has to feel that abortion is the only option. Thousands of pregnancy centers, Churches and other organizations are providing counseling, medical services, legal advice, job and education opportunities, adoption services, or just the understanding ear of a friend. People anywhere in the country can find assistance as follows: Option Line of Heartbeat- 1-800-712-HELP (4357) • www.PregnancyCenters.org. Please publicize this number and website! (Priests for Life)

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, GRADES 1-12: Please register on-line or grab a paper copy. Deadline is September 21 in order that books and on-line materials may be ordered and arrive on time. Go to basilicaofstjohn.org and choose Religious Education. The on-line form is along the side of the page. Questions?--Contact Margaret Stastny at 515-244-3101 ex. 204.

PARENT/CHILD MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION: Students in First Year (child in grade 2 or higher, that has never been in any religious education)—meet Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Students in Second Year (child in grade 2 or higher, that is in their second year of RE and will receive First Communion in May of 2021)—meet Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. **Please have at least one parent accompany their child to the meeting.**

FYI CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Students preparing for Confirmation have class in October. First Year (grade 9) meets Wednesday, October 7 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Second Year (grade 10) meets Wednesday, October 14 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring one parent with you. Questions?--Contact Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Third Option: Want to strengthen your marriage? Then join our marriage enrichment ministry, The Third Option, which meets the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, 650 NE 52nd Ave, Des Moines, IA 50313. The Third Option is an on-going support group for marriages, built upon 14 skill-based workshops that cover a comprehensive set of tools to help couples develop better understanding, sensitivity and trust. This is a program meant for couples that are hurting and for couples that just want to make a good thing better! Come join a community focused on the skills that help marriages thrive! For more information contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmidioecese.org or Barb Berenguel at barbberenguel@yahoo.com or visit dmidioecese.org and click on Marriage and Family Life.

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.**

We are Seeking a New Spanish Teacher for our School: Holy Trinity Catholic School is currently seeking a full time Middle School Spanish Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. At Holy Trinity, Spanish is part of the middle school instructional core, not a related arts class. This position will be responsible for teaching Spanish to all middle school students on a block schedule as well as Religion to their homeroom (with the support of a partner teacher). Each middle school teacher has access to 1:1 chromebooks as well as a Promethean interactive white board. Holy Trinity is a two section PreK through 8th grade building of approximately 400 students located in the Beavertdale. Qualified candidates are able to create a classroom atmosphere that nurtures students to recognize their gifts and talents through learning, faith, and collaboration while maintaining a rigorous literacy curriculum. **Responsibilities overall:** Learning Facilitator; Professional Staff Member; Communicator; Active Faith Community Member; Other duties as assigned. Minimum Qualifications: **Education:** Bachelor's degree, including all courses needed to meet and maintain credential requirements. **Credential:** Valid Iowa teaching license with endorsements in Spanish is required. **Experience:** Experience preferred but not necessary for hiring. Please contact **Melissa Reder, Principal, at 255-3162 ext 117 or mreder@htschool.org.**



Basilica of Saint John

The Very Rev. Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

13 September 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

From time to time it is good to remember non-negotiable moral issues that we must defend as Catholics. Recently, His Excellency Bishop Nickless of Sioux City reminded the faithful of some of these key issues in our Church today. I summarize for you some of the points that the Bishop made, especially since we celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross tomorrow, which recalls Christ's death upon the Cross for all of humanity.

These are issues that we must defend and pray about in a serious and mature manner as Roman Catholics. We must see that our voices are heard and that the teachings of the Church are defended.

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Abortion

The deliberate killing of the most innocent and defenseless of all human beings, the child in the womb, remains the single most grievous and corrosive evil in our midst. Euphemisms about "choice" and "reproductive rights" cannot hide what abortion actually is: child murder. Not only are we still killing a million children a year in our country, which is already appalling enough, but to accept that one class of human beings can have their humanity denied and their right to life removed at the stroke of a pen, puts every right and every person at risk.

Euthanasia

The deliberate killing of the elderly, the very ill and the mentally ill is increasingly common. Here we see the risk just mentioned, manifest. Again, appeals to "mercy" and "dignity" try to hide the murder actually taking place. There is an enormous difference between allowing a life to end naturally while offering "palliative care," and causing that life to end.

Embryonic Stem-cell Research and Human Cloning

Another result of abortion's fundamental injustice, both these practices likewise treat unborn human beings as nothing more than laboratory material to be created, used and disposed of however we will, without regard to the child's humanity. Fortunately, stem cells can be collected ethically, for example from bone marrow and umbilical cord blood, and these alternatives have consistently proved better for actual therapeutic use than embryonic stem cells. Likewise, the push for human cloning seems to be somewhat muted at the moment, although accepted versions of it remain "in vitro" fertilization techniques.

Infringements upon Religious Freedom

Globally, this is a huge issue. In our country, it crops up in unexpected places, such as health care (we must preserve conscientious objection to being forced to participate in or pay for unethical practices, including, again, abortion) and education (we must defend the right of religious schools to hire their own teachers and school choice for parents.)

Racism

Prejudice or hatred toward persons or a class of people, based only on skin color or ethnic heritage, still causes harm in our society. Although we have spent more than six decades striving to root out this evil, and although we have made much progress, there is still more to do, as recent events clearly demonstrate.

As disciples of Christ, we strive to bring his truth, grace and mercy into the darkness of all such grave moral evils. We reject these evils, because we want to build a society that is, in fact, just and good for all, even as we realize that perfect justice and goodness cannot be found in this world. Our faith must be our guide and our inspiration.

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Let us seriously reflect on these issues and resolve to do what we can in our country to see that the Gospel truth is respected and defended.

Sincerely in the Lord,

The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols
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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
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The brick can be engraved with up to three lines of fifteen
characters on each line. The space between words is
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I would like my brick to read as follows:

My name is _____
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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

(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 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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