

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*

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

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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

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus' parable mirrors the Old Testament prophets' solemn warnings to the leaders of Israel. The "Great-I-Am" is looking for fruit. But there is no fruit. God's distress is with caregivers who do not give care. Leadership means to cherish and tend the vineyard, to do everything necessary to bring it to fruition. God is merciful and kind, but God also wants justice.

Please observe the restrictions, social and otherwise, that are in place to keep everyone safe from the Covid 19 virus, by instruction of the Bishop. A reminder to consider getting the flu shot now before the flu season begins.

Because of increased vandalism in Catholic Churches, 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 or events taking place.

I arrived here at the Basilica 20 years ago today on the feast of St. Francis, and now have been your pastor for 20 years. Where have the years gone? I thank you for all of your many kindnesses to me and your cooperation in the running of our beautiful parish family. As it is said, "The best is yet to come!"

We have begun selling our annual raffle tickets for this year's raffle. Tentatively, the winning tickets will be drawn on the First Sunday of Advent.

OUR DEBT TO THE FOUNDATION IS NOW \$14,500.00, ONCE AGAIN. Please note that we are falling behind in our budget needs. We are \$59,180.19 short of the needed income. BECAUSE OF THIS WE HAVE HAD TO BORROW FROM THE FOUNDATION THIS WEEK TO PAY BILLS. I ask you all to step up to the plate to see that we remain financially stable for the good of our parish family. Our deficit is growing every week. Since we cannot take up a collection in the normal way, it is extremely important that you avail yourselves of the online option or the secure boxes and the baskets in the Basilica, as well as mailing in your donations. We also still owe \$41,138.00 for the 2020 ADA. We need to stay ahead of the financial side of things before we get much farther behind. PLEASE KEEP THE PARISH'S FINANCIAL NEEDS IN MIND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Because I have not had a day off since February, I will take two weeks off for a rest beginning 08 October. Father Parker will cover for me. During this extended period from February until now, I have offered Holy Mass daily in the Basilica and tended to the business of the parish. But I do need a break and a rest. I will be back to work on 23 October.

The Lord bless you all!
Devotedly in the Lord,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 9/27/20

Total - \$9,728.50

Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

YTD Total - \$166,656.85

YTD Need - \$225,837.04

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$41,138.00

Our Debt to the Foundation: \$14,500.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 3 TO OCTOBER 11

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 03	4:00PM	+Parish & Benefactors
	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
SUN 04	8:30AM	+Niem, +Hue & +Nhien Tran
	10:30AM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
MON 05	12:00PM	+Dottie Basteyns
TUE 06	12:00PM	Intentions of Fr. John E. Gouger, CSsR
WED 07	12:00PM	+Lynn O'Leary
THU 08	12:00PM	+Mary Ann Stastny
FRI 09	12:00PM	+Mary Sokolik
SAT 10	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA	
	9:00AM	Living/Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary
	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro
SUN 11	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
	10:30AM	+Judy Tatz

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: *What is the relationship between the sacraments and everlasting life?*

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 account.





The Basilica of St. John
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
OCTOBER 5 THRU OCTOBER 11

MON 05	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 06	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 07	9:00AM 6:15PM	NO Adoration Confirmation Class/ Year 1 Students-- and one parent --meet in the hall
THU 08	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 09	9:00AM 6:00PM	NO Adoration Wedding Rehearsal
SAT 10	8:30AM 11:00PM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy## Tujetsch/Pierce Wedding
SUN 11	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of October 5, 2020:

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

LIFELINES: Why We Catholics, Both Clergy and Laity, Need To Do More...Much More!: Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, more than 60 million innocent children have lost their lives to abortion. On our judgment day, Christ might well ask us, "what did you do to prevent the holocaust in your society?" The Catholic Church remains the most vocal voice on behalf of the 4,000 innocents, made in God's image and likeness, who every day lose their lives in our great nation. However, the Church certainly has not lived up to its possibilities, in large part because its hierarchy and its rank-and-file lay people have been intimidated into silence, inactivity and even apathy. Sadly, only a very small percentage of Catholics do anything to prevent the slaughter.....The famous Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a founder of the abortion industry who later became pro-life (and converted to Catholicism) said that he and his pro-abortion allies would never have gotten away with what they did if the clergy had been more outspoken, united, and purposeful. We would do well to keep foremost in our minds the wise words of Mother Teresa when she said, "We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral evils, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killings by abortion." *"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."* -- Pope John Paul II
Pro-Life Articles



BASILICA RAFFLE: Would you like a chance to win a cash prize? Basilica Raffle tickets are now available for only \$10 each. Don't miss this opportunity to win big. Prizes include 25% of the proceeds, \$250, and three \$100 prizes. The parish has mailed 5 tickets to each family. Please sell or purchase these tickets and return the stubs & money to the office or the collection basket. If you need more tickets you can purchase them through the Basilica website or contact the office. Don't miss this opportunity to support the Basilica and also have a chance to put some extra cash in your pocket. Prize drawing will be November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent, and you don't need to be present to win. For questions contact the parish office or Mike Barten at 515-350-6466.

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.

BASILICA PROLIFE NEWS—LIFE CHAIN: TODAY, Sunday, October 4, is this year's Life Chain. It takes 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Begins September 23 through November 1. The Basilica will be taking Friday, October 9 & Friday, October 16, 2020. Go to docs.google.com/spreadsheets/1EX8x75jUtWpOmMVgmFnUmZuKLSb6DzpNWG1d4lGcQ/editusp=sharinglink to sign up. It's important now more than ever. Be that witness for life, by praying on the sidewalk, fasting and being a visible witness. Call Mary with questions: 515-975-2534. Thank you, The Basilica Pro-life group



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL: There will be no classes October 2 through 9. Students and staff are on Fall Break. Classes will resume Monday, October 12, 8:00 a.m.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CSS Bible Study: There will be a Zoom Bible Study starting October 7 on Wednesdays at 1:30pm for 18 weeks. It will be on the Gospel of Mark. Cost is \$39.95. For more information & how to sign up, contact Jane at 515-779-8280. Books can be purchased at Divine Treasures.

Volunteer Opportunity: Fall Help Needed! We are looking for volunteers to help at the Catholic Charities food pantry on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 - 3:45 pm. PPE and safe working conditions are in place! If you are able to help, please contact Holly at hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org

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.





Basilica Raffle



- Chance to Win Cash
- Help the Basilica
- Only \$10 per ticket

We mailed each family 5 tickets and ask you to purchase and/or sell them. With all the restrictions and isolation, this may be a good opportunity to call a friend or a family member or an excuse to reach out to a neighbor.

Prizes Include:

25% of the Proceeds

\$250 Cash

Three \$100 prizes

Please return the ticket stubs and money to the parish office M-F, 8am – 4pm:

**Basilica of St John
1915 University Ave
Des Moines, IA 50314**

If you need more tickets there are a few options:

- Purchase tickets at our website, <https://basilicaofstjohn.org/>
- Contact the parish office, 515-244-3101, ext 0

God Bless You!!

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 _____

City, 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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