

# The Basilica of St. John

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**Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987**  
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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

# Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of All the Saints. We recall their witness and their joy now in heaven as they surround the throne of God and pray for us. Let us take their example of fidelity and strive to do the will of the Lord ever more perfect in our lives.

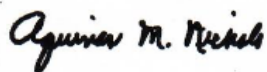
Please note that there will be only one Mass on All Souls Day, Monday 02 November at 12:00 noon. There will not be any evening Mass at this time.

Please note our financial deficit. We are behind by \$67,861.77 as far as sacrificial giving versus budget goes. We also still owe \$37,871.00 for the 2020 ADA. Please do what you can to bring this under control.

Let us continue our precautions and stay safe from the virus. We are heading into flu season and we do not want those who are vulnerable to have their health compromised in any way.

May the Lord continue to bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols  
Pastor

## WEEKLY INCOME – 10/25/20

**Total - \$16,958.24**

**Need - \$17,372.08**

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

**YTD Total - \$227,463.59**

**YTD Need - \$295,325.36**

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$37,871.00**

**Our Debt to the Foundation: \$14,500.00**

## The following is a statement from Bishop William Joensen.

In itself, the statement of the Holy Father regarding civil unions drawn from the recently produced documentary is surprising, and for many Catholics seeking to be true to Christ's teaching, troubling. It seems that he was offering a longstanding personal opinion and not invoking his office to issue an authoritative teaching. One is led to speculate: perhaps he is simply trying to dissociate the Church's practice of sacramental marriage between a woman and a man from those unions recognized by the state that entail social and economic benefits for individuals in households who would otherwise not be afforded them? Regardless of his intent, surely he and all Christians are called to recognize all individuals, including those who self-identify within the LGBTQIA+ community, as children of God bearing ultimate dignity and full members of the human community meriting respect and protection from ostracism or harm. As with his previous, often-cited "Who am I to judge?" comment, which was lifted out of context and given a very different interpretation than what the Holy Father was addressing at the time, we will all need to examine the larger context of this conversation and look for Pope Francis to provide further clarification before offering further comment.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 8**

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT</b>	4:00PM	+Jon Farrington
<b>31</b>	6:00PM	Spanish Mass
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	Parish & Benefactors
<b>01</b>	10:30AM	+Alice M. Ryan
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<b>MON</b>	12:00PM	+Janet Laudel
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<b>TUE</b>	12:00PM	+Bob Robson
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<b>WED</b>	12:00PM	For all the Saints
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<b>THU</b>	12:00PM	+Matt Davis
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<b>FRI</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Fr. John Acra
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<b>SAT</b>	<b>NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA</b>	
<b>07</b>	9:00AM	+Leo O'Leary
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	(Vigil Mass)	
	4:00PM	+Cheryl Fetters
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<b>SUN</b>	8:30AM	+Mary Dinh
<b>08</b>	10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors

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:

*Question:* **Who celebrates the heavenly liturgy?**

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*  
*All Saints Day*  
*November 1, 2020*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**NOVEMBER 2 THRU NOVEMBER 8**

MON 02	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 03	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 04	9:00AM	NO Adoration
THU 05	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 06	9:00AM	NO Adoration
SAT 07	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 08	8:00AM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group%

**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 November 2, 2020:**

Monday:	Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

**LIFELINES:** "I assisted with an ultrasound-guided abortion of a 13 wk old baby. I saw the face, the little feet on the screen. I SAW THE BABY FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE... then I saw the baby crumble. My hand was on the mother's belly and I realized... a moment ago there was life in that belly, and now it's gone." --Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood clinic director



**NOVEMBER MASSES:** If you would like to have a loved one remembered at the Masses for the month of November you can place their names on the All Souls envelope you receive in your tithe packets or there are extra envelopes at the entrances of the church. Place them in the offering basket or drop them off at the parish office. The envelopes will be placed at the front of the altar and the loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the month of November.

**THANK YOU:** To all who participated in one way or another at the 40 Days for Life campaign. There were a few people who talked to us on the sidewalk, learning why we oppose Planned Parenthood. Hopefully their lives are changed. Thanks again for participating and hopefully next time more people will get the opportunity to participate. Your help is always appreciated. God bless. The Basilica Pro-life group.



**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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**BEAVERDALE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2020:** This exciting online event will be held from November 1st-11th, 2020 on our Facebook Beaverdale Holiday Boutique page & dedicated website, htbeaverdaleboutique.com. Artisans, crafters and vendors will sell a variety of items through our Facebook storefront. Shoppers can purchase gifts plus pre-order select bakery items from Mrs. Kringle's Bakery, as well as the Knights of Columbus' Famous Chili (in quarts or half gallon sizes). All items must be pre-ordered & pre-paid on our dedicated Beaverdale Holiday Boutique site, htbeaverdaleboutique.com. **Curbside pickup** for customer purchases, baked goods, and chili will be available on **November 13th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and November 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Please email beaverdaleholidayboutique@gmail.com with any questions.


**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](mailto:hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org).

**Walking With God? Walk with us!** The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18 - 40 who are considering religious life, to attend a Virtual Monastic Experience via zoom Nov. 20-22, 2020. We hope to digitally show discerners around, introduce some of our Sisters, and share some tips on prayer and discernment. The experience will include one hour of input each day. There will also be an opportunity to connect with the vocation director one on one. There is no cost to attend. To learn more, please visit [www.benedictinesisters.org](http://www.benedictinesisters.org). To register, contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or e-mail [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org).



# November 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1) <u>All Saints Day</u>  <i>Day light savings ends!            Set your clocks back            one hour!</i></p> <p>8:00a NO Viet Pr. Gr.</p>	<p>2) <u>All Souls Day</u>  <i>Mass: 12pm, No            evening Mass or            Procession</i></p> <p>6:30p: RCIA (H)            6:30p: KC Council Mtg            (S)</p>	<p>3) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>4)</p>	<p>5) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>6)</p>	<p>7)            6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>8) 8:00a NO Viet Pr. Gr.</p>	<p>9) 6:30p: RCIA (H)</p>	<p>10) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>11) 6:15-7:30pm:            Confirmation Class for            First year Students and            one parent (H)</p>	<p>12) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>13)</p>	<p>14)            6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>15) 8a NO Viet Pr. Gr.            12p: Pastoral Council            Mtg</p>	<p>16) 6:30p: RCIA (H)</p>	<p>17) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>18) 6:15-7:30pm:            Confirmation Class for            Second year Students            and one parent (H)</p>	<p>19) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>20)</p>	<p>21)            10am-12pm: Hall in            use            6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>22) 8a NO Viet Pr. Gr.            2nd Collection: Catholic            Campaign for Human            Development</p>	<p>23) 6:30p: RCIA (H)</p>	<p>24) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>25)</p>	<p>26) <i>Happy Thanksgiving!!!            Mass at 9am            (NO noon Mass)            Parish Office Closed</i>  </p>	<p>27) <i>Parish Office Closed</i></p>	<p>28)            6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>29) <u>First Sunday of            Advent</u>            8a NO Viet Pr. Gr.            2nd Collection:            St. Vincent de Paul</p>	<p>30) 6:30p: RCIA (H)</p>					<p>Ch-church            S-school            H-hall            SVDP-St. Vincent de Paul            K-Kitchen            R.E.- Religious Ed.            CL- Choir Loft            CR-Conference Room</p>

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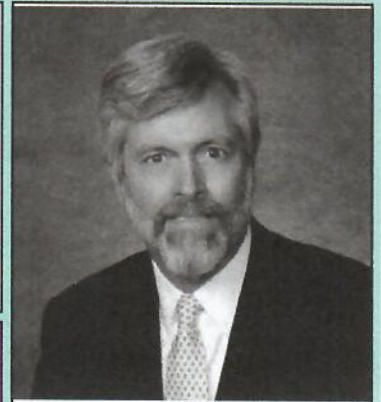
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