

The Basilica of St. John

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Masses:

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.(Sunday Vigil), 6:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Sunday:

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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 3:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism:

Parishoners contact the parish office - (515)244-3101 ext. 0

Marriage:

Parishoners contact the office at least 6 months prior to request date of marriage

Visit to Sick:

Please inform office of any illness or hospitalization in the family

New Parishoners:

Please contact the Parish Office to register as a member of our parish

Mass Homily:

BasilicaofStJohn.org click on Live Telecast tab.

PregnancyHotline:

For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

In the end, all things will pass away. All that will remain will be the fullness of God's kingdom. Jesus points us in that direction in today's liturgy. As we come to the end of the regular liturgical season and prepare for Advent, we should meditate on how fleeting the things of this life are.

Next week there will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please do what you can to help this work of the Church.

The new St. Michael Hymnals have arrived. There is a greater selection of hymns, including the traditional as well as new ones, and it is just a hymnal. The readings will continue to be found in the other bound book along with the proper antiphons for Mass. Unfortunately, the accompaniment is not yet ready and may not be until January. Also, Year C has not yet been printed and sent out and it might be January before we get that final volume for Year C. So, we will have to work with what we have for the next two months. Please be patient as we get things in order. The readings can still be found in the old red hymnals once Cycle C begins at the end of November. Once we have everything we will be in terrific shape! A recent article regarding Church music said that sadly most parishes do not use the proper antiphons for the Mass and solely rely on worn out hymns, many of which are bad compositions from 40 years ago! So, we are already far ahead of most parishes in that regard. As a Basilica, we are called to imitate the Papal liturgy of Rome and are doing a fine job of it! I can assure you of that from my time in Rome under Pope St. John Paul the Great.

We have entered the beautiful Fall Season. Let us enjoy it before the cold and snow of winter sets in. God's blessing and peace be yours!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$15,646.00 (monthly report)

WEEKLY INCOME – 11/7/21

No Report



ALTAR & ROSARY: It's time for the 3rd Annual Christmas Bake Sale, December 4 -5, 2021; and we can't do it without you. Please plan to donate a few baked items for the sale. It can be cookies, pies, cakes, breads or anything that is your specialty that you would like others to experience. Then come down after Mass on December 4th – 5th to pick up some treats to munch on through Advent. We will also be offering tamales, enchiladas and egg rolls. The Altar & Rosary Society will be sponsoring this event and we would welcome any help you would like to donate. Proceeds of the bake sale will help offset the cost of the Year C missals and the new St. Michael hymn books.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 21

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 13	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Mary Dinh Spanish Mass
SUN 14	8:30AM 10:30AM	+John O'Leary Parish & Benefactors
MON 15	12:00PM	+Daniel Fish
TUE 16	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
WED 17	12:00PM	+Fr. John Tan Tran
THU 18	12:00PM	+Frances, +Patricia & +Barbara Griffin
FRI 19	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
SAT 20 (Vigil Mass)	4:00PM	+Al Remetch
SUN 21	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Leland Harris 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: **What is required of one who is to be baptized?**

ANSWER: Everyone who is to be baptized is required to make a profession of faith. This is done personally in the case of an adult or by the parents and by the Church in the case of infants. Also the godfather or the godmother and the whole ecclesial community share the responsibility of baptismal preparation (catechumenate) as well as for the development and safeguarding of the faith and grace given at baptism.

BASILICA RAFFLE: Would you like a chance to win a cash prize? Basilica Raffle tickets are still available for only \$10 each. Prizes include 25% of the proceeds, \$250, and three \$100 prizes. Five tickets have been mailed 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 contact the office, 515-244-3101, ext. 0. **Prize drawing will be November 28th**, the first Sunday of Advent, and you don't need to be present to win. For questions contact Mike Barten at 515-350-6466 or the parish office.



The Basilica of St. John
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021

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YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
NOVEMBER 15 THRU NOVEMBER 21

MON 15	9:00AM 6:30PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament RCIA**
TUE 16	8:00AM 10:00AM 1:00PM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Adult Faith: Church History+ Youth Choir+++ Adult Faith: Church History##
WED 17	9:00AM 5:30PM 6:15PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Pastoral Council Meeting Religious Ed. & Confirmation Session**+
THU 18	8:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Dead Theologians Society** Choir Practice+++
FRI 19	7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice**
SAT 20	Hall & School in use all day Diocesan 2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development	
SUN 21	2:30PM 6:00PM	Oblate Meeting+ Vietnamese Adoration## Diocesan 2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
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 15, 2021:		
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43	
Tuesday:	2Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10	
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28	
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44	
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48	
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20-27-40	
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37	

LIFELINES: (cont'd) Pro-lifers are criticized for being "fetus-lovers" who are insensitive to women. But one cannot, and pro-lifers do not, love the child without loving the mother. Abortion defenders claim they care for women, even as they admit they are killing their children. But one cannot love the woman without loving the child. Nor can one harm the child without harming the mother. The message must be clear that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that the challenge the pro-life movement gives to society is, "Why cannot we love them both?" One reason why many who think abortion is wrong will not actively oppose it is that they think they have to make a choice between defending the rights of the baby or those of the mother, or that they have to consider the baby as more important than the mother. But the authentic pro-life message is a message of equality. At a time when we are preparing to welcome the newborn Christ, our challenge is to expand the circle of welcome, love, and protection to all those expectant mothers AND their babies waiting to be born. Pro-Life Articles

PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION: If your child is in grade 9 or higher, please attend the parent meeting for Confirmation. The first one is Saturday, November 13 at 7:00pm after the Spanish Mass. We will meet in the church. The meeting is in Spanish. On Sunday, November 14 at 12:30pm we meet in the Parish Hall. The meeting is in English. Send your questions to MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101, ext. 204.

CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING: Formed.org has wonderful Catholic programming at the click of a button just waiting for you. Sign in for FREE and enjoy both adult and children's Catholic programs and movies that will help enrich your Catholic Faith. **How to Access FORMED:** Go to Formed.org and sign up like you are new. Enter the email you will use to access the account. Choose that you are signed up through the **Basilica of St. John, Des Moines, Iowa**. The company will send you an email that gives the access button. Select this and you should directly enter FORMED where there are lists and categories of all the programs for your viewing. You sign up just once. From now on you just enter this **FORMED** program by choosing to [Sign In](#). They send you an email and you again choose the access button they provide for you.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Holiday Planning: As you make plans for the holidays, keep this in mind: Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year. As the solemn celebration of Jesus' birth, this day remains a Holy Day of Obligation. Likewise, the Sunday obligation (for the Feast of the Holy Family) also remains in force. Thus, we will have 2 Mass obligations to fulfill between December 24 and December 26, one for Christmas and one for Sunday. Please note, one cannot "kill two birds with one stone." We must go to two Masses, one for each obligation.

Living Advent: With Advent right around the corner, you might want to check out a wealth of resources our diocese has posted online for families. No matter how well we share faith in our parishes and schools, it is ultimately at home where a child's faith will take deep root and grow strong. Check out some hands-on Advent activities, conversation topics for the dinner table, and other ideas that empower parents to find meaningful and fun practices to help make our faith come alive during the Advent season: dmdiocese.org/Advent2021.

Thinking About Priesthood? - Bishop William Joensen is offering a unique opportunity December 17-19 for men who are high school seniors or older and thinking about priesthood. Come to Bishop's Discernment Retreat and learn more about what discernment is and what life as a diocesan priest is like. Email Vocations Director Father Ross Parker at vocations@dmdiocese.org or call 515-237-5050 for more information.

Save the Date: Catholic Charities Family Christmas Fest will be Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 601 Grand Ave. in downtown Des Moines. Parents, grandparents and kids of all ages will enjoy this new event supporting the programs and services of Catholic Charities. Food and fun for the whole family includes children's game and crafts, a reading of the Christmas story by the bishop at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., an auction and more. For more information, go to CatholicCharitiesDM.org/event.

Vocations to the Priesthood: Are you (or someone you know) interested in learning more about a vocation to the priesthood? Men aged 16 and older are invited to join Bishop William Joensen, Vocation Director Father Ross Parker and other priests from the area at the Andrew Dinner on Monday, November 22. The Andrew Dinner is an evening of prayer, good food and fun for young men interested in learning more about the vocation of priesthood. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a Holy Hour at St. Albert School followed by a simple dinner. For more information visit vocationsonline.org, or contact the Vocations Office at vocations@dmdiocese.org or 515-237-5014.

CTO Offers 75% Iowa Tax Credits: Did you hear the good news? You'll now receive 75% Iowa tax credits on every dollar you donate to CTO! You receive amazing tax benefits while providing essential tuition assistance to families right here in our diocese! Donate or learn more at CTOIowa.org today.

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 Report

Income = \$1,024,000

Expenses and capital improvements were around \$900,000 including \$65,000 of improvements to front steps, tuckpointing, and new flooring for the sanctuary, all of which were fully paid for. Apart from the capital improvements, expenses were down from the previous year.

Income includes a \$56,842.50 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan which was forgiven in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Having online donation in place facilitated continued sacrificial giving when Mass was halted, accounting for 16% of the year's income.

The Christmas offering exceeded \$131,000.

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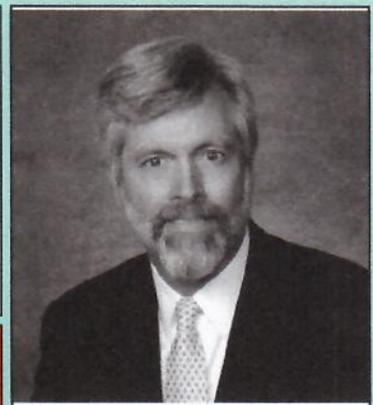
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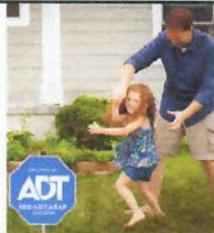
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