

# 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

# Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

With this Sunday and this great Solemnity of Christ the King, we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year. Next week will be the first Sunday of the Church's new liturgical cycle. We will be in Sunday Cycle C and Weekday Cycle II.

This great Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus is Lord of all and King of the Universe. He is a King crowned with thorns, enthroned on a cross and abandoned in death. But he is also the King of new life given to us by virtue of his Resurrection. All hail, to our glorious King now and for all ages unending. Amen.

This weekend 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.

This past week saw the passing into eternal life of John Kean, the father of Barb Kean, as well as Sarah Luft, the wife of Deacon Dennis Luft who was assigned here some years ago. Please remember them and their families in your good prayers.

Use the coming Season of Advent well to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas. God's blessing and peace be yours!

Devotedly in the Lord,

*Aquinas M. Nichols*

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols  
Pastor

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

WEEKLY INCOME – 11/14/21

Total - \$48,934.66  
Need - \$17,895.19

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022  
YTD Total - \$399,982.03  
YTD Need - \$357,903.80



**ALTAR & ROSARY:** It's time for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 20 TO NOVEMBER 28

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT</b> <b>20</b>	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Al Remetch Spanish Mass
<b>SUN</b> <b>21</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe</b> +Leland Harris Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON</b> <b>22</b>	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
<b>TUE</b> <b>23</b>	12:00PM	+Karl & +Madge Sinclair
<b>WED</b> <b>24</b>	12:00PM	+Jerry Castonguay
<b>THU</b> <b>25</b>	9:00AM	<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> +Robert Piziali
<b>FRI</b> <b>26</b>	12:00PM	+Mary Do
<b>SAT</b> <b>27</b>	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Dominic Dinh
<b>SUN</b> <b>28</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Dominic Do 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 can baptize?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

(Look for the answer in next week's bulletin)



**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 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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*  
*The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*  
*November 21, 2021*

Respect  
Life



**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**NOVEMBER 22 THRU NOVEMBER 28**

**MON 22** 9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 5:30PM Choir Practice+++  
 6:30PM RCIA\*\*

**TUE 23** 8:00AM Organ Practice+++  
 10:00AM Adult Faith: Church History+  
 10:00AM Youth Choir-Bosco Boys+++  
 1:00PM Youth Choir+++  
 6:30PM Adult Faith: Church History##

**WED 24** 9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@  
 6:15PM NO Religious Ed.

**THU 25** Happy Thanksgiving!!  
**Parish Office Closed**

**FRI 26** **Parish Office Closed**  
 7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice\*\*  
 7:00PM Adoration##  
 8:00PM Family Game Night+

**SAT 27** NO Scheduled Events

**SUN 28** 10:30AM Rite of Acceptance-RCIA##  
 6:00PM Vietnamese Adoration##

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 22, 2021:**

**Monday** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**LIFELINES:** Taxpayer Funding of Abortion-The disastrous 1973 Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, thrust abortion-on-demand upon the nation, resulting in the deaths of millions of preborn babies every year. But that isn't enough for pro-abortionists. They also force taxpayers to pay for it. Whether it is spending taxpayer money to fund abortion through private insurance mandates, Medicaid, health plans for federal employees, military personnel, women in abroad, there seems to be no end to the abortion industry's thirst for tax dollars. Abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood continue to receive hundreds of millions of tax dollars every year under Title X, which subsidizes their overhead for promoting abortion, as they divert more and more resources towards abortion. In 2012, Planned Parenthood reported a total income of \$1.14 billion. Taxpayers shelled out \$542 million to pad the abortion provider's bottom line through federal and state grants and contracts (or 45% of its entire income). All the while, Planned Parenthood reduced non-abortion related programs like breast cancer screening and infertility treatment, and demanded that all its affiliate centers offer surgical abortion. If we want to reduce the number of deaths induced by Planned Parenthood and other abortionists, we need to end their life line: taxpayer funding. Pro-Life Articles

**Oblate Meeting:** Are you interested in deepening your spiritual growth through study and prayer in the Benedictine tradition? The Des Moines chapter of Oblates of Conception Abbey meets **TODAY, November 21**, at 2:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please come and join us.



**MUSIC NEWS:** The Catholic Youth Choir of Central Iowa will hold their Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 pm at the Basilica of St. John. We invite you to come and enjoy a festive evening of sacred song! The annual Basilica Christmas Concert will be held at 11:00 pm on Friday night December 24, Christmas Eve, prior to the Midnight Mass. Consider making your holiday plans to include this sacred time to usher in the celebration of Christ's birth!

**PRO LIFE ACTION:** Here is an easy way to help families in need, especially those with babies on the way. There is a new ministry that is being run by Sacred Heart Parish in West Des Moines called Mary's Helping Hands. Take a look at the website Mary's Helping Hands - Sacred Heart Church - West Des Moines, IA ([sacredheartwdm.org](http://sacredheartwdm.org)). They accept any items that could possibly help a family with a new baby. They take clothing from newborn to size 5 for children. Contact me at my email address: [Theresa.dowd@gmail.com](mailto:Theresa.dowd@gmail.com) and we'll make arrangements for me to pick up your donations.

**CATHOLIC PROGRAMMING:** [Formed.org](http://Formed.org) has 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](http://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 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](http://dmdiocese.org/Advent2021).

**Man-Up West, December 2021: Lunch with Bishop William Joensen. Bishop Joensen will join Man-Up West for the 1st time. He will cover topics such as:** His background, Life as a college professor and dean of campus spiritual life, Life as a Bishop, Eucharistic Renewal and Revival, The Ignite Capital Campaign. **Friday, December 10th, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines.** A Lunch from Chick-fil-A will be available for a free-will offering. Program: Noon, December 10th, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266. **Register** for this event at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>.

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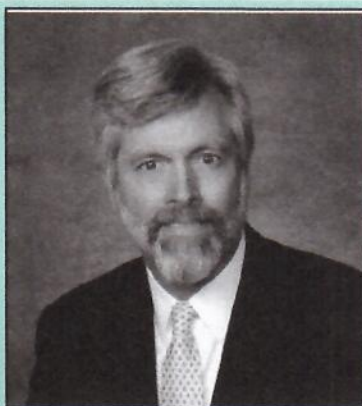
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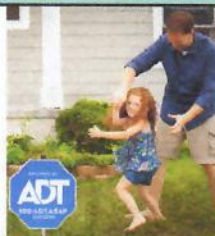
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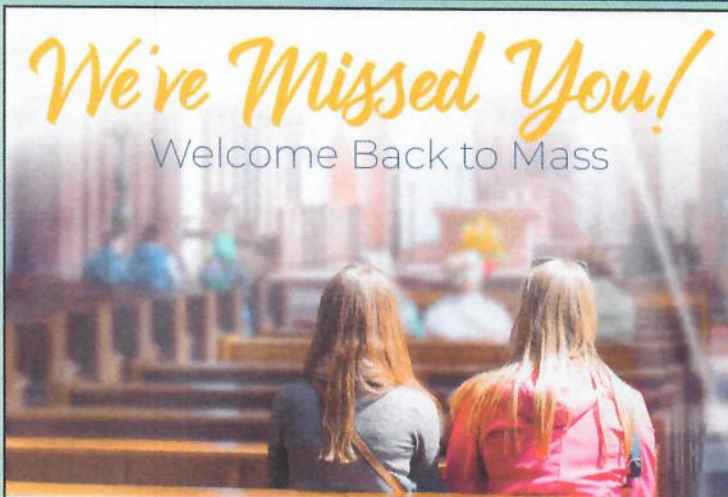
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