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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



Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

With this Sunday we begin the holy Season of Advent, which is a four week preparation period for the upcoming Solemnity of Christmas. During these weeks let us listen to the Sacred Scriptures closely as we prepare our minds and hearts to celebrate once again the coming of the Lord among us in time and history.

This weekend there will be a second collection for our local St. Vincent de Paul Chapter. This collection was put off from last month. Please do what you can to help this work of the Church.

My annual Christmas Appeal has gone out. I ask that you respond as generously as you are able, as you have done in the past, as we begin the New Year and prepare for the financial challenges ahead. There are some major projects coming up in the new year.

Use the coming Season of Advent well to prepare for the Lord's coming on Christmas. I wish you all of God's peace and blessings!

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 – 11/21/21

Total - \$ 8,927.22

Need - \$17,895.19

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

YTD Total - \$408,905.25

YTD Need - \$375,798.99



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.



ADVENT ANGEL TREE: The Advent Angel Tree is up in the ramp area of the church. If you take an angel, please wrap the item you purchase, tape the angel to the package and return it to the Basilica by Wednesday, December 15 so all items are available for pickup by the families on Saturday, December 18. If you are unable to shop, monetary donations can be dropped off in the parish office, or call one of the telephone numbers provided, and we will shop for you. If you have questions, please call 515-681-9368 or 515- 554-2429. Thank you!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 27 TO DECEMBER 5

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 27	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Dominic Dinh Spanish Mass
SUN 28	8:30AM 10:30AM	1st Sunday of Advent +Dominic Do Parish & Benefactors
MON 29	12:00PM	+Mary Do
TUE 30	12:00PM	+Maria Hanian
WED 01	12:00PM	+Sharon K. Sagaguchi
THU 02	12:00PM	+Danny Papich
FRI 03	12:00PM	Deceased Members of Deery & Robson Family
SAT 04	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Daniel Fish
SUN 05	8:30AM 10:30AM	2nd Sunday of Advent Parish & Benefactors +Anthony & +Bernedene Casteline

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.

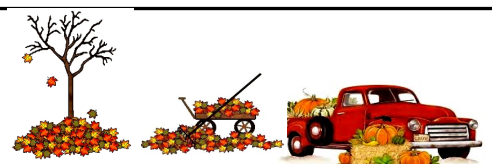
CATECHISM CORNER:

Last week's question: **Who can baptize?**

ANSWER: The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and the priest. In the Latin Church the deacon also can baptize. In case of necessity any person can baptize provided he has the intention of doing what the Church does. This is done by pouring water on the head of the candidate while saying the Trinitarian formula for Baptism: "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."



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. **Prize drawing is TODAY, November 28th**, you don't need to be present to win. You can purchase tickets right up to the drawing.





The Basilica of St. John

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 29 THRU DECEMBER 5

MON 9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
29 6:30PM RCIA**

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

WED 9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@
01 6:15PM Religious Ed.

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++
02 6:30PM Dead Theologians Society**
7:00PM Choir Practice+++

FRI 7:00PM Hispanic Baptism Class**
03 7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice**

SAT Altar & Rosary Bake Sale
04 Before & After each Mass

SUN Altar & Rosary Bake Sale
05 Before & After each Mass
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 29, 2021:

Monday Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

LIFELINES: Women Who Have Had Abortions Speak Out - The most powerful and convincing advocates for the pro-life movement are the courageous women who have had an abortion yet are willing to speak out. This is increasingly evident and was very clear during a recent legislative hearing on a Right to Know bill (providing more information to any expectant mother considering an abortion) in the Wyoming legislature. The pro-life side of the debate packed the hearing room with women. They consisted of mothers who have had abortions and have personal experience of the subsequent problems. These brave women who testified spoke of being "treated like cattle" at the Planned Parenthood abortion center. They talked about the lack of choices and information and how staff at the abortion business "sold" the abortion to them. They talked about spiritual and mental health issues they faced following their abortion, referred to the miscarriages and problems in subsequent pregnancies, spoke of the breast cancer they battled, and of the regret and guilt they had to overcome. (cont'd next week) Pro-Life Articles



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 holyday 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). 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 and we'll make arrangements for me to pick up your donations.

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: dmdioocese.org/Advent2021.

School Help Wanted: Pius Pals, the before and after school program for St. Pius X Catholic School, is looking for individuals age 16 on up to work part-time. Hours are Monday - Friday: 3:00 - 5:30 pm with the opportunity for additional hours on no school days. Additional information can be found on the school website - stpiusxurbandale.org/our-school/employment-opportunities

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@dmdioocese.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.

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, 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines. A Lunch from Chick-fil-A will be available for a free-will offering. Register at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>.



November 16, 2021

OFFICE *of the* BISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

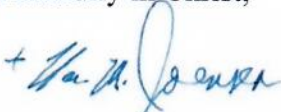
The weekend of the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11 – 12, 2021, we will take up a special collection for our retired religious--an appeal that benefits 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Recently Pope Francis noted that “there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel.” Surely this is true for our senior religious who never retire from their vows.

Instead, these holy women and men continue to be spirited ambassadors of the joy of the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for the Catholic schools, hospitals and other works of mercy. Today many serve in volunteer ministry and continue to advocate for the needs of the poor and the powerless. Others remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and the world.

The Diocese of Des Moines has been abundantly blessed by the dedication and ministry of religious throughout our history. Our gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that enables religious communities to care for older members while also ensuring younger members can sustain the mission of those who paved the way before them.





The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as “Gaudete Sunday,” where the joy of the approaching birth of Jesus quickens hearts and stirs hope. The priest at Mass may elect to wear rose-colored vestments. We may not send roses to our retired religious, but our participation in this appeal is a spiritual and material bouquet on their behalf. I recognize that you may be experiencing your own financial challenges. I ask only that we give what we can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God’s continued blessing on our nation’s elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Faithfully in Christ,



Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Bishop of Des Moines

Sun
Mon
Tue
Wed
Thu
Fri
Sat

Ch-church S-school H-hall SVPD-St. Vincent de Paul K-Kitchen R.E.- Religious Ed. CL- Choir Loft CR-Conference Room			1) 9-3:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:15p: Religious Ed. (S & H)	2) 8a: Organ Practice 4-9:30p: Kitchen in use 6:30-8:30p: Dead Theologians Society (S) 7-8:30p: Adult Choir Practice (CL)	3) 7p: Hispanic Baptism Class (S) 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)	4)  Altar & Rosary Bake Sale 6p: Spanish Mass
5) <u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> Altar & Rosary Bake Sale  6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)	6) 1-4p: Youth Choir Dress Rehearsal (Ch) 6:30p: RCIA (H) 6:30p: KC Council Mtg (H)	7) 8a: Organ Practice 5:30p: Hall in use 7p: Youth Choir Concert & Reception (Ch & H)	8) Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) NO Adoration <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Mass at 12pm & 7pm 6:15p: Religious Ed., then Mass (S & H)	9) 8a: Organ Practice 6:30-8:30p: Dead Theologians Society (S) 7-8:30p: Adult Choir Practice (CL)	10) 3-9pm: Kitchen in use 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)	11) 5p: Guadalupe Rosary (Ch) 5:30p: Procession 6p: Spanish Mass 7p: Reception (H)
12) <u>Third Sunday of Advent</u> 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch) 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	13) 9-3:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Hall & Kitchen in use 5:30p: 4th Degree KC Mass & Christmas Party (Ch & H) 6:30p: RCIA (S)	14) 8a: Organ Practice 10a: Adult Faith-Church History (H) 6:30p: Adult Faith-Church History (H)	 15) <u>Can start delivering Pointsettias</u> Deadline for delivering Angel Tree gifts 5:30p: Pastoral Council Meeting 6:15p: Religious Ed. (S & H)	16) 8a: Organ Practice 6:30-8:30p: Dead Theologians Society (S) 7-8:30p: Adult Choir Practice (CL)	17) 1pm: Office Closed 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)	18) Angel Tree Gift Pickup (H) 6p: Spanish Mass 7p: Posada Celebration (H)
19) <u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)	20) 9-3:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30p: Choir Practice 6:30p: NO RCIA	21) 8a: Organ Practice NO Youth Choir	22) 9-3:30p: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament NO Religious Ed.	23) 8a: Organ Practice Finish decorating the church for Christmas NO Choir	24) <u>Office closed</u> 12p: Last Mass of Advent <u>Christmas Masses:</u> 4pm Mass 11pm: Choir Concert 12am-Midnight Mass	25) Merry Christmas! <u>NO Confessions</u> 4p: Christmas Mass 6p: Spanish Mass 
26) NO Oblate Mtg. 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)	27) <u>NO Adoration</u> <u>Parish Office Closed</u> 6:30p: NO RCIA	28) 8a: Organ Practice NO Youth Choir	29) NO Religious Ed.	30) 8a: Organ Practice NO Choir	31) <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Mass at 12:00pm 7-8p: Adoration 8-9:30p: Family game Night	Happy New Year!



THIRD ANNUAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN BAKE SALE

December 4-5
Before and after each Mass

Please drop off your bake sale items starting at 2:00 p.m.
on Saturday, December 4th or before each mass on Sunday.

*All proceeds will go towards the purchase of the new St. Michael's hymnal
and our new Year C Missals.*

Please come and stock up for your Christmas celebrations.

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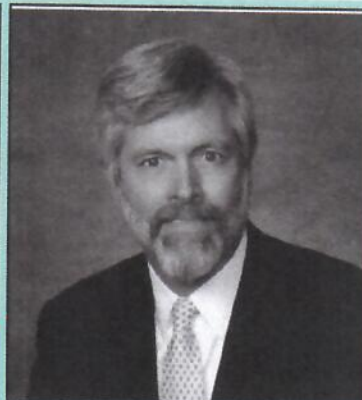
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