

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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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

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Holy Gospel Jesus describes a situation in which a person has left his possessions in the hands of his servants. He then departs for a lengthy journey. Upon his return the Master evaluates how well the servants have lived up to their responsibility. So, it will be for us when the Lord comes for us. Let us be good stewards of what the Lord has given to us that we may hear the comforting words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Master."

The raffle tickets have been steadily coming in. Tickets must be in by November 29th when the drawing will take place. I thank all those who have participated thus far.

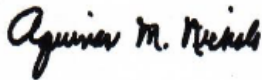
Please be conscious of the need to keep us financially strong. We still have a deficit to the Foundation and we still owe the diocese for the present ADA.

After consulting the Parish Council, the Finance Council, the Building and Grounds Committee and the Art and Architecture Committee, and having researched the requirements of the Historical Society, we have begun to place a new floor covering under the pews. The side aisles are done and look very nice. Years of wear and salt from the winters resulted in some serious deterioration of the wood under the pews over the years. All of the work should be completed in the next couple of weeks. This falls under normal repairs for the facilities and there are sufficient funds in the Building Fund to cover the expense.

Let us continue our precautions and stay safe from the virus. We are heading into flu season, and there has been an increase of Covid cases. We do not want those who are vulnerable to have their health compromised in any way. Those who may be vulnerable and anyone who feels sick are asked to stay home and view the Mass online.

May the Lord continue to bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 11/8/20

Total - \$14,342.50
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$257,727.59
YTD Need - \$330,069.52

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$36,391.00

Our Debt to the Foundation: \$12,500.00

COMMUNAL PENANCE: This year, due to Covid 19 we will not have our annual Advent Communal Penance service. Please avail yourself to the regularly scheduled Saturday Reconciliation times – from 2:45pm-3:45pm every Saturday.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 14 TO NOVEMBER 22

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 14	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro Spanish Mass
SUN 15	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Intentions of Nicholas & Ashley Fey
MON 16	12:00PM	+Lucille Molloy
TUE 17	12:00PM	+Maria
WED 18	12:00PM	+Vigie Munoz-Fry
THU 19	12:00PM	Friends & Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
FRI 20	12:00PM	+Jon Farrington
SAT 21	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Ted Mileski
(Vigil Mass)		
	4:00PM	+Tom Salsberry
SUN 22	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Helen Homan & +John Lamont 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:

Question: **How does the Church on earth
celebrate the 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

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

**Respect
Life**



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 16 THRU NOVEMBER 22

MON 16	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 17	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
WED 18	9:00AM 6:15PM	NO Adoration 2nd Year Students Confirmation Class+ <i>One Parent must attend with the student.</i>
THU 19	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 20	9:00AM	NO Adoration
SAT 21	8:30AM	NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy##
SUN 22	8:00AM 12:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group% Pastoral Council Meeting%
Diocesan 2nd Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development		
Daily Scripture Readings for the week of November 15, 2020:		
Monday:	Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43	
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10	
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28	
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44	
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48	
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40	
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46	

LIFELINES: Saving Human Lives: This Article is in regard to a 1998 comic strip, B.C.: Two little ants sitting on a rock by the ocean see the Statue of Liberty in the distance. One says, "That statue in the harbor-didn't it used to have a light?" The other one says, "Yes." The first one replies, "When did it go out?" Then the second one says, "1973." The trial of Roe vs. Wade that made abortion legal was 1973. Not only did America's light go out but our heart and our conscience died that day also. We should hang our heads in shame for having allowed this atrocity to happen. For a country to make legal the killing of our very own children - flesh and blood - is a country without morals, without pride, without conscience - a country headed for its own destruction. We're not talking about saving whales, or eagles, or the spotted owls here. We're trying to save human lives. We as a nation have conditioned our minds with so-called "reasons" and "excuses" and "choices." They are just smoke screens to hide our sins behind. Let's call abortion what it really is -- murder -- a sin against God's Fifth Commandment. Our day of reckoning is coming.
By Pro-Life Articles Author



PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of the soul of **Don Quinn** who passed away this past week. Please also pray for his family & friends in their time of need.

NOVEMBER CONFIRMATION CLASS: Second Year Students (grade 10) meet Wednesday, November 18 from 6:15-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. One parent must accompany the student. Questions-Contact Margaret Stastny at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org

HIGH SCHOOL RE CLASSES: Call or email me if you wish to do the Book Study and come pick up your books. On-line students need to access Formed.org and go to SEARCH and SYMBOLON video sessions. Questions? Contact Margaret Stastny at 515-244-3101 ext. 204 or MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org



CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS: The Catholic Youth Choir of Central IA will be offering last year's Christmas CD, *O Light Most Blessed*, after Masses for a small donation of \$15 or more to the Basilica of St. John. This makes a lovely Christmas gift, so stop in the back of church to pick up your CDs for friends and family near and far! They will also be available at the parish office and Divine Treasures.



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.



RAFFLE TICKETS: Are available for purchase through Sunday, November 29. The winning ticket will be drawn on the 29th, you don't need to be present to win! Please sell or purchase the tickets that were mailed to you and turn in the stubs to the parish office. If you are in need of more, they are available through the Basilica website or in the parish office, M-F, 8am-4pm. First prize-25% of the proceeds; 2nd-\$250; & three \$100 prizes.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Registration for Catholic Youth Camp: Registration for Catholic Youth Camp opens this Sunday, November 15, at noon. Check out all the changes at camp and increased number of staff for enhanced safety precautions. We're planning for the most amazing summer ever! Register at stmcenter.com.

No Room at the Inn VIRTUAL!: Join Bishop Joensen and the Catholic Charities Board of Directors for 2020 No Room at the Inn VIRTUAL. This year the entire family can join in from the comfort and safety of your home. We will listen to some holiday music, have some fun trying to spot all the candy canes, and go on virtual tours of Catholic Charities programs and learn how we address homelessness in our community. To register online, go to: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/nri/> To purchase raffle tickets for a hand-carved nativity scene, go to: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/nativity/>.





Dear Friends in Christ,

I am acutely aware in the State of Iowa and in our country the incidence of infection, hospitalization, and mortality due to the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 is rising significantly just as we as enter the holiday and winter seasons. I conclude that it is necessary to **require** face masks or coverings at all public Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other events in Church buildings in the Diocese of Des Moines, effective immediately. This requirement extends through February 2, 2021 (The Feast of the Presentation), at which time it will be reviewed. I have taken this critical step so we may responsibly continue to gather around the Eucharistic altar – the source and summit of our faith – and worship together.

The Eucharist is the pearl of great price won at the cost of Christ's saving sacrifice on the Cross. The personal and communal sacrifice entailed in wearing a mask, while it involves for many a yielding of our will and personal preference and comfort, pales in comparison to the privilege of participating in the Mass. Our ability to continue to experience God's grace in the sacramental life of the Church is directly linked to our ability to mitigate the risk of COVID infections; therefore, a mask requirement is prudent at this time. Moreover, simple charity obliges us to take into account the physical health of all parishioners as a way to ensure that worship is relatively safe and accessible to as many parishioners as possible. None of us wants to be the cause for someone else to withdraw or refrain from Mass attendance because certain members of a congregation fail to employ this basic means of protection for our neighbor.

This diocesan requirement applies to all those over the age of five, who do not have a medical or psychological condition prohibiting mask use. A personal preference opposed to mask use, or the belief that masks are not effective, does not qualify as a condition exempting one from mask use. If parishioners are unsure whether an exemption applies to them, they should consult with their pastor who can assist in discernment.

The Diocese asks parishes to communicate this requirement to all parishioners, and to ensure observance by the faithful. Again, the one thing needful is to be able to place ourselves at Jesus'

feet, to heed his command to take, eat, and drink his Body and Blood. We are consoled and revived in our belief that Jesus continues to meet us in the Eucharist; we continue to support each other as the family of God, and we remain in God's providential care. As Cardinal Robert Sarah has reminded us in his letter, *Let us Return to the Eucharist with Joy*, "The Church will continue to cherish the human person as a whole. She bears witness to hope, invites us to trust in God, recalls that earthly existence is important, but much more important is eternal life: sharing the same life with God for eternity is our goal, our vocation."

The Sunday Mass obligation remains suspended. For those who do not attend Mass during the pandemic, God's infinite grace and mercy remain abundantly available.

Faithfully in Christ,

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

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