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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:
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



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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin the holy Season of Advent. This is a beautiful season where we reflect on and prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. Make it a good time of quiet preparation through extra prayer and perhaps daily Mass when possible.

By order of His Excellency Bishop Joensen, the **WEARING OF A MASK IS MANDATED FOR ALL CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE OF DES MOINES FOR ALL FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE CHURCHES.** This includes Mass and any other liturgical functions, as well as in the vestibule until you have exited the Basilica. This mandate is in place until at least 02 February 2021. **ALL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS ARE ALSO TO BE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Those with physical or psychological reasons are exempted from the mandate. I know that there are many different opinions about this. But I ask you to please be obedient to the wishes of the Bishop and follow the guidelines that he has issued in this regard. Christ was obedient unto death. He gives us the example to follow.

The raffle tickets have been steadily coming in. Tickets must be in by the end of the Masses today. I thank all those who have participated thus far.

You will be receiving my annual Christmas Appeal in the mail. We rely on a generous response to this appeal to make up our deficit and to carry us along into the new year. I ask that you generously respond to the appeal and make whatever extra sacrifice you are able to help in this regard. As you know, this has been a difficult year for the parish financially. May the Lord reward you ahead of time for your sacrifice and generosity.

The present pandemic challenges us to respond as is necessary. 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.

The schedule of Masses for Christmas is in the bulletin this week. There will be an extra Mass at 6:00 p.m. this year. There will be no Children's Mass as such. I ask that you spread out for these Masses, especially since there is an extra Mass on Christmas Eve. Seating in the Basilica will be on a first come basis. Please do not remove the ribbons that mark off the pews not to be used. There will be the opportunity for the overflow to watch the Mass in the Mulvihill Hall. Holy Communion will be brought down to the hall at the appropriate time.

May the Lord continue to bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 11/22/20

Total - \$17,403.50
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$266,931.56
YTD Need - \$364,813.68

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL-Amount still owed: \$33,873.00

Our Debt to the Foundation: \$12,000.00

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 6

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 28 4:00PM +Madeline James
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 29 **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:30AM +Joseph
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 30 12:00PM +Don Quinn

TUE 01 12:00PM +Millie Deery

WED 02 12:00PM +Danny Papich

THU 03 12:00PM +Carmen Munoz-Luevano

FRI 04 12:00PM +Kent Gearhart

SAT 05 **NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA**
9:00AM +Alice Ryan

(Vigil Mass)
4:00PM +Madeline James

SUN 06 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:30AM +James Teehan
10:30AM 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 is the Liturgy celebrated?**

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
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
NOVEMBER 30 THRU DECEMBER 6

MON 9:00AM NO Adoration
 30 6:30PM RCIA(H)

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice
 01

WED 9:00AM NO Adoration
 02 6:45PM Prayer & Adoration (Ch)

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice
 03

FRI 9:00AM NO Adoration
 04

SAT 8:30AM NO Chaplet of Divine Mercy
 05

SUN 8:00AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group
 06

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of November 30, 2020:

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 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: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

LIFELINES: PLANNED PARENTHOOD
 abortionist Timothy Liveright, was charged in May, 2013, with multiple counts of **incompetence and negligence**...he posed a "clear and immediate danger to the public...including failing to provide appropriate emergency care"... he "ogled, slapped, and played peek-a-boo with abortion patients", and "sang hymns to Jesus as he was performing abortions... refused to wear sterile gloves during abortions and wore smelly, blood-stained scrubs".
 --LifeNews.com

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: 2:45pm-3:45pm every Saturday.

THANK YOU: So much for all the comforting thoughts, prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy at my mother's passing. Although the Covid would prevent our family's celebration of her life for nearly two months, she is finally at rest next to my father in New Mexico. With much gratitude, Melody Taninies, OFS.

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM: Join us every Wednesday night during Advent for prayer and Adoration of our Lord, from 6:45pm until 8pm, starting Wednesday, December 2. The evening will begin with a brief reflection and prayer before exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS: The Catholic Youth Choir of Central Iowa 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Hope in the Midst of the Storm: The holidays are going to be tough this year as we experience pandemic fatigue. We miss seeing family & friends and yet we want to protect those we love. Join us in an online Advent retreat. We'll intertwine prayer, find inspiration from Pope Francis, allow time for silent reflection and build community. This is a three-week online retreat that is not about adding one more thing to your holiday schedule. It's meant to offer you solace and hope. Join us the first three Thursdays in December either at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Email jgaffney@dm-diocese.org for more information or to receive the Zoom link.

Looking for a special gift for a young person this year? Registration is open for Catholic Youth Camp! Campers will discover new cabins, a renovated Dingman Lodge and twice the number of paid summer staff hired to ensure we have a safe, wonderful week of faith and fun. Register at stmcenter.com.

Catholic Charities needs help: Catholic Charities food pantry in Des Moines needs volunteers on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Personal protective equipment and safe working conditions are in place. If you can help, email Holly at hackermann@catholiccharitiesdm.org.

Hear The Bishop: Bishop William Joensen's weekly radio show airs on Fridays at 9 a.m. on Iowa Catholic Radio and the Spirit Catholic Radio Network. Tune in to hear "Making it Personal With Bishop Joensen."

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/>.

It is the
Season
 to
 be
Thankful





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The Very Rev. Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

Advent 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have begun our preparation for the great feast of Christmas as we enter this holy season of Advent. I pray it will be a time of many graces and blessings for all of you.

Bishop Joesnen has issued guidelines for the Christmas Masses as we continue to fight the Covid Pandemic. First of all, our Christmas schedule will be the following:

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. (Church will open at 3:00 p.m.)

6:00 p.m.

Midnight (Church will open at 11:00 p.m.)

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. (Church will open at 9:30 a.m.)

This year there will be no Children's Mass. A small gift will be on tables in the vestibule for the children. The music is limited to the organ and one Cantor and there will be no choir concert before the Midnight Mass. You are asked to try and spread out evenly among the scheduled Masses, especially on Saturday. I know this will require some sacrifice, but the Bishop would prefer not to have the church overly packed. The vestibule can be used for an overflow, but space there is rather limited.

The Bishop strongly urges the use of masks since there will be many different people in attendance from all over. Please take his recommendation seriously, as well as using the hand sanitizer. Please do not try and sit in the pews that have been taped off. The other restrictions continue to be in place such as distancing, especially when coming up for Holy Communion.

Let us do all we can to keep ourselves, and others, safe. I wish you all a most blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas Season!

Devotedly in the Lord,

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
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Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2020/21



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:

12:00p.m. *Last Mass of Advent*
4:00 p.m. *Christmas Vigil Mass / Church opens at 3:00 p.m.*
6:00 p.m. *Christmas Vigil Mass*
11:00 p.m. *NO Basilica Choir Concert / Church open at 11 p.m.*
12:00 a.m. *Solemn Midnight Mass of Christmas*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH:

10:30 a.m. *Solemn Mass of Christmas Day / Church open at 9:30 a.m.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH:

Mass Times: NO 9:00 a.m. Mass; 2:45p.m.-3:45p.m.-Confessions;
4:00 p.m.- Sunday Vigil Mass; 6:00 p.m.-Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH: *Mass: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH THRU FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST: *Mass at 12:00 Noon*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST 2021:

Mass at 12:00 Noon

The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 2021:

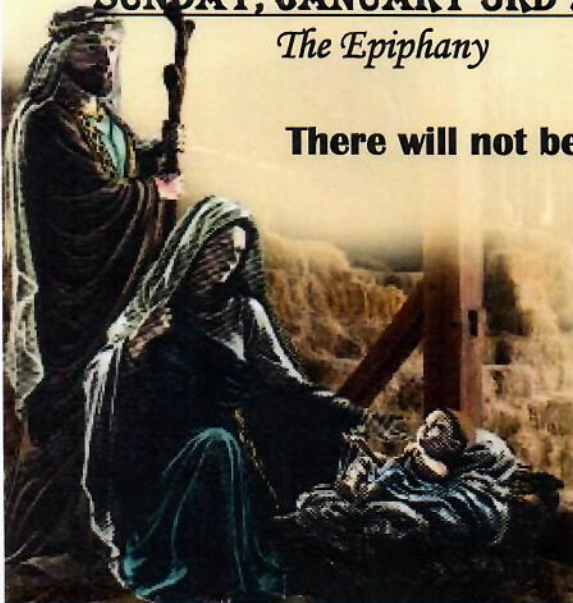
NO 9:00 a.m. Mass; Regular Saturday Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD 2021:

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

The Epiphany

There will not be a Pastor's Open House this year!



*May the Lord's blessing be yours, both
now & throughout the New Year of 2021
Father Aquinas*

Sponsored by the
Altar & Rosary Society,
the Youth Group and YOU!

BAKE SALE



December 12th & 13th after each Mass

Please donate a delicious yummy to sell and come
prepare to stock up for Christmas celebrations. All
proceeds help to fund our new Sing a New Song
books for Year B.

Please bring your yummy donations to the church hall
on Saturday, December 12th after 2:00 p.m.

Available items include cakes, pies cookies, sweet
breads and of course cinnamon rolls (both baked and
frozen). If you are missing movie popcorn, we'll have
that too! Thank you for your support!

December 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1) 8a: Organ Practice	2) 6:45-8pm: Prayer & Adoration (CH)	3) 8a: Organ Practice	4)	5) 6p: Spanish Mass
6) <u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> 8:00a NO Viet Pr. Gr.	7) 6:30p: RCIA (H) 6:30p: KC Council Mtg (S)	8) Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) <u>Parish Office Closed</u> Mass at 12pm 8a: Organ Practice	9) 6:45-8pm: Prayer & Adoration (CH)	10) 8a: Organ Practice	11)	12) 2-7p: Altar & Rosary Bake Sale 5:30p: Guadalupe Rosary (CH) 6p: Spanish Mass	
3) <u>Third Sunday of Advent</u> 8:00a NO Viet Pr. Gr. 8-1p: Altar & Rosary Bake Sale 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	14) 6:30p: RCIA (H)	15) 8a: Organ Practice	16) Can start delivering Poinsettias to decorate the church 6:45-8pm: Prayer & Adoration (CH)	17) 8a: Organ Practice	18)	19) 6p: Spanish Mass	
20) <u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> 8a: NO Viet Pr. Gr 12p: NO Pastoral Council Meeting Volunteers needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas, after the 10:30 am Mass!	21) 6:30p: RCIA (H)	22) 8a: Organ Practice	23) 6:45-8pm: Prayer & Adoration (CH)	24) <u>Office closed at noon Christmas Masses:</u> 3pm Church is open 4pm Mass 6pm Mass, 11pm: Church is open 12am-Solemn Midnight Mass	25) Merry Christmas! <u>Parish Office Closed</u> 9:30am Church opens Mass at 10:30am	26) 6p: Spanish Mass	
27) 8a: NO Viet. Pr. Gr. 2:30p: NO Oblate Mtg.	28) <u>Parish Office Closed</u> 6:30p: RCIA (H)	29) 8a: Organ Practice	30) 6:45-8pm: Prayer & Adoration (CH)	31) <u>Parish Office Closed</u> at noon Mass at 12:00pm			

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