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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

GOD HAS CALLED US THROUGH THE GOSPEL TO POSSESS THE GLORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

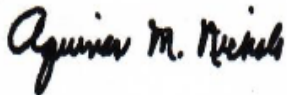
My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am away for a couple weeks of rest and for my annual retreat.

Let us thank Msgr. Beeson and Father Ken Gross for their generous service in my absence.

I am extremely grateful for your generosity during the holy season of Christmas, both to the parish obligations and the gifts given to me personally. This truly is a wonderful parish family. I remember you all in every Mass I celebrate. May the Lord bless you now, and throughout the year ahead. My prayers and blessings are with you!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 1/9/22

Total - \$16,156.74
Need - \$17,895.19

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

YTD Total - \$626,066.55
YTD Need - \$501,065.32

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.



TEAMS OF OUR LADY: You are invited to an information night for Teams of Our Lady, Monday, January 17, 2022, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This program is designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. TOOL helps couples grow closer to God and each other. Childcare will be provided by the Basilica DTS teens. RSVP to Maria Campbell-maria.campbell@msn.com/515-419-1697.

END OF YEAR TITHING STATEMENTS: *The 2021 "End of Year" tithing statements are now ready.* If you would like a statement please call or email the parish office to request it (515-244-3101, ext. 0 or basilicadm@msn.com). They will be printed at each person's request. Please call or email ahead of time, to ensure your letter is ready for pick-up or to have it mailed.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 15 TO JANUARY 23

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 15	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Jim & Pat Lakers Spanish Mass
SUN 16	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Lucille Molloy Parish & Benefactors
MON 17	12:00PM	+Daniel Fish
TUE 18	12:00PM	+Joe Koesters
WED 19	12:00PM	+Maria Ngo Thi Tran
THU 20	12:00PM	Intentions of Teresa Thompson
FRI 21	12:00PM	+Eileen Hesselmann
SAT 22	4:00PM	+Alan Rodts
SUN 23	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Joseph Sciorratta Parish & Benefactors

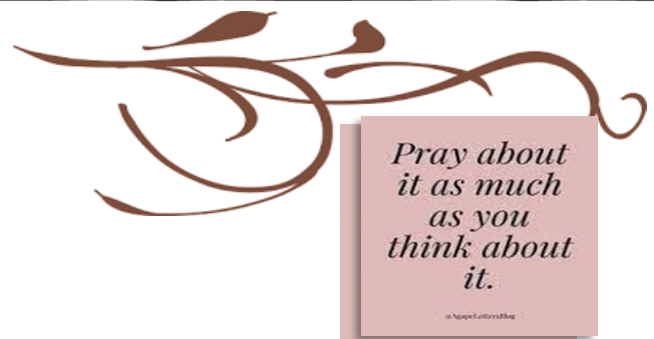
THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:
www.BasilicaofStJohn.org home page, scroll down to "Streaming Masses" & click on the tab to watch daily Mass and the Sunday Mass.

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: **What is the meaning of the Christian name received at Baptism?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
(Look for the answer in next week's bulletin)





The Basilica of St. John

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK JANUARY 17 THRU JANUARY 23

MON 17	9:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ RCIA** Teams of our Lady Info. Meeting+**
TUE 18	8:00AM 1:00PM	Organ Practice +++ Youth Choir Practice+++
WED 19	9:00AM 6:15PM 6:30PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Religious Ed. Class**+ 1st Communion Parents Meeting**
THU 20	8:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Dead Theologians Society** Choir Practice+++
FRI 21	5:30PM 7:00PM	Hispanic Guadalupe Practice** Hispanic Choir Practice**
SAT 22	7:00PM	1st Communion Parents Meeting** (In Spanish)
SUN 23	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 January 17, 2022:

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/ Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:2-21

THE BISHOP WANTS TO HEAR FROM US: Bishop William Joensen invites us to take part in a brief survey that will assist our visioning process for the Diocese of Des Moines. We want to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future. To complete the survey in English, go to: <https://forms.gle/1mp721t5b8TFcAid8> or scan the QR code. En espanol: <https://forms.gle/nnPzXFtVJcs4oTXj6>. The Bishop also invites us to pray that God will grace us with clear vision of His will for the way forward.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Do You Know Someone Interested In A Vocation To The Priesthood?

Sometimes, a very good step in the discernment process of young men considering a vocation to the priesthood is to visit a seminary and meet other seminarians. If you know someone who is discerning, please have him contact Father Ross Parker to discuss a visit to a seminary. **Father Parker** can be reached at 515-237-5050.

Looking For A Job In A Faith-Filled Environment? The Diocese of Des Moines is looking for an internal controls specialist and Catholic Charities has a number of positions open. Learn more at www.dmdiocese.org/aboutus/employment.

Alpha Is Coming: St. Francis Parish in West Des Moines invites everyone to participate in Alpha, a 12-week opportunity during which we explore faith questions in a friendly, open and nonjudgmental environment. Each week includes time to connect with others, hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith and a chance to share questions. Register here: <http://saintfrancischurch.org/formation/alpha>. For questions you can email sfaalpha@saintfrancischurch.org or call 515-440-1030.

Young Catholic Network: All young adult professionals in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Young Catholic Network Speaker Series on Tuesday, January 25th! Join us at 6pm for an evening of networking and fellowship at the Catholic Pastoral Center in downtown Des Moines. Enjoy complimentary drinks and appetizers while meeting other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual growth. Sharon Krause of Krause Group (parent company of Kum & Go) and Dalla Terra Ranch will be our featured speaker. She will talk about the alignment of one's personal and faith-based mission in the workplace and beyond! Free childcare is provided if you register by January 17. Register today at www.dmdiocese.org/ycn!

Calling All High School Seniors: As you enter the last semester of your high school years, pause and consider what it will mean to stay rooted in Christ after high school. Come to a Radix retreat and escape for a weekend of prayer and relaxation. Get more information at dmdiocese.org/radix.

FRIPod Podcast: Check out all the latest episodes from the "Friends, Romans, Iowans" podcast, also known as FRIPod. Weekly casual conversations with Catholic leaders around our Diocese can be found on Spotify, Apple Podcast and just about anywhere else you get your podcasts. You can find more information at dmdiocese.org/fripod.

LIFELINES: He Will Ask! Please people, search your conscience for the truth. Did you know that abortion in our country used to be considered murder back before 1973? Have you also heard recently that approximately 63 million babies have been murdered by abortion since 1973? Do you remember the Holocaust in Germany where the Nazis were responsible for the deaths of over six million Jews? The United States helped win that war over the evils of Hitler and his army. What are we doing now to combat abortion that has us pitted against one another? Our courts and even our Supreme Court justices are arguing an abortion case at this time- do doctors who perform abortions deserve rights to a hospital? And a tiny baby that has a fetal heartbeat is considered "alive" and don't they deserve the right to live? We cannot allow them to be killed. We are not a cruel country. We need to strive for "peace". Then, did you know our federal law protects the Bald Eagles with fines of over \$20,000 for killing or even wounding an eagle? Are they that far superior to a tiny human baby?.....Finally, and most important, what will you say to our God when he asks what did you do to help put an end to abortion? And he will ask! (R. Weber Pro-Life Articles)





January 4, 2022
Christmas 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

OFFICE of the BISHOP

Some nine months before Jesus was born, Mary hastened to be with her pregnant and senior cousin, Elizabeth. In the joyful outburst of their encounter, Elizabeth exclaims, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Luke 1:45).

God's promise is only partially fulfilled in the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We join with the shepherds and angels in the seasonal hymns that all declare, "God has visited his people!" God is forever Emmanuel, with us in all the burdens and blessings that accompany our human path toward perfect peace. Jesus is the favor bestowed on Mary who delivers us from all that would cloud our vision, chill our charity, and bury hope.

As the ordeal of the pandemic persists, I continue to encounter persons who sense that God is fulfilling his plan amid the mixed evidence of our time. I am blessed to consider myself among their company. Our parishes, Diocese, and larger communities remain "pregnant" with possibilities and signs that portend even greater joy, spiritual solidarity and fruitfulness.

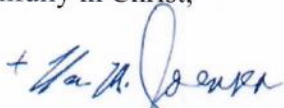
The outpouring of support from diocesan parishes for the St. Mary Parish, Hamburg, IA, faith formation center project is one such sign. The significant amount of time spent this fall sharing and listening in groups as part of our diocesan strategic visioning process is another. Thanks to so many of you who took part; you have helped give birth to a new chapter in the story of Catholic faith in Southwest Iowa. You are all God's gift to us.

As I offer gratitude and Christmas Mass for our entire diocesan family, I make two modest appeals—and no, they do not involve money! ☺ One, I invite you to take part in a brief survey in various languages that will round out our visioning consultation with the faithful during Masses at your local parish the weekend of January 8-9, 2021, or anytime online on our diocesan website. We need to hear of your joys and disappointments, your hopes and priorities for our diocesan future.

Second, I invite you to join in prayer that the God who visits us at Christmas will grace us with clear vision of his will for the way forward. The group of women and men who have responded to the call to help shape this vision rely on God's Spirit given in response to our mutual prayers. May we continue to pray each day the prayer that follows below all from this Christmas through next Pentecost, when we aim to share with you our diocesan strategic plan.

Thank you for being prayer champions for us. Merry Christmas and a richly Blessed New Year 2022!

Faithfully in Christ,



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

Visioning Prayer

O God, you share with your people, your Church, the mission to be the saving love of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

As a people of faith in southwest Iowa, send the Holy Spirit to ignite in us:

sincere conversion to see, hear, think and act as Jesus;

greater unity and bonds of peace;

missionary zeal to spread good news that will spark a world aflame with love;

genuine care for each other, especially those feeling lost or left out; and

willingness to bear together the yoke that Christ makes light.

May our strategic visioning in the Diocese of Des Moines make us ever more focused, discerning, and free to fulfill our calling as a people made whole by the Heart of your Beloved Son.

Accompany us along the Way that leads to heaven, surrounded by Holy Mary, Joseph, and all the saints with whom we hope to dwell forever in communion with you,

+Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



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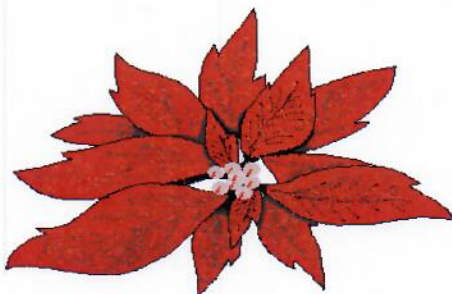
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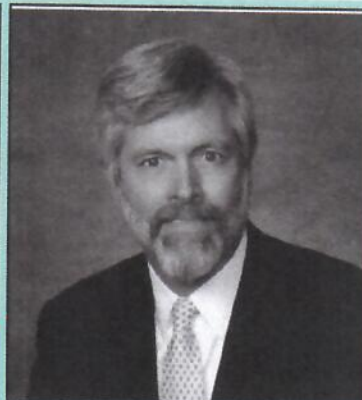
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