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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



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, or the Sunday to rejoice. We rejoice because the great feast of the Lord's Incarnation is now very near. The Prophet Zephaniah says in our first reading, "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel." That joy should permeate our whole being as we commemorate and meditate once again upon the Lord's presence among us.

Please carefully note the Mass times and Mass obligations which are printed on the insert for the celebration of Christmas this year. The schedule is there for the Christmas Season. Please plan ahead to come to the Pastor's Open House on January 2nd. Bring a snack to share with others.

Thank you for the extra donations which have been coming in from my Christmas Appeal. We are striving to build up our Building Fund for a number of projects which we hope to complete in the coming year, as well as pay up the schools through the end of the fiscal year. Your generosity throughout the fiscal year up to the present has indeed kept us very much ahead of things.

This weekend there is a second collection for the retired religious of the United States. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Let us go forward in joy and confidence towards our Christmas celebration. May the Lord bless you in every way!

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 12/5/21

Total - \$54,177.50
Need - \$17,895.19

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

YTD Total - \$485,551.08
YTD Need - \$411,589.37

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.



CATHOLICS COME HOME: Postcards went out to invite people to come and get their questions answered as to how they can return to the Church, to Mass, and the sacraments. The next session is TONIGHT, December 12 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Invite a friend, or pass along your postcard to someone you know that may be interested. For more information contact Margaret at margarets@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101 ext. 204.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 11 TO DECEMBER 19

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 11 4:00PM +Joe Koesters
6:00PM Spanish Mass

SUN 12 **3rd Sunday of Advent**
8:30AM Parish & Benefactors
10:30AM +Charles Frey

MON 13 12:00PM +Daniel Fish

TUE 14 12:00PM +Charlotte A. Brien

WED 15 12:00PM Intentions of Judy Tieskoetter

THU 16 12:00PM +Lucille Molloy

FRI 17 12:00PM +Joseph Dinh

SAT 18 (Vigil Mass) 4:00PM +Kathryn Mauro

SUN 19 **4th Sunday of Advent**
8:30AM +Judy Ritchie McNerney
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:

Last week's question: **Is Baptism necessary for salvation?**

ANSWER: Baptism is necessary for salvation for all those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament.

(From the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

We want to hear from you! Help the Evangelization Committee by filling out a survey. We want to grow our Parish community and our faith in the Holy Eucharist. Look out for the Pink Survey Papers with the candy canes at the entrances to the Basilica on the weekends of December 18/19, 25/26, and January 1/2.





The Basilica of St. John

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK DECEMBER 13 THRU DECEMBER 19

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| MON 13 | 9:00AM 1:00PM 5:30PM 6:30PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Hall & Kitchen in use-4th Degree KC's 4th Degree KC Mass and Christmas Dinner ###+ RCIA** |
| TUE 14 | 8:00AM 5:30PM | Organ tuning in the church all day Christmas Practice## |
| WED 15 | 9:00AM 5:30PM 6:15PM | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Pastoral Council Meeting Religious Ed. |
| <u>Last day to drop off Angel Tree Gifts</u> | | |
| THU 16 | 8:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM | Organ Practice+++ Dead Theologians Society** Choir Practice+++ |
| FRI 17 | 12:00PM 1:00PM 7:00PM | Parish Office Closed Hall in use for Angel Tree set up Hispanic Choir Practice** |
| SAT 18 | 10:00AM 7:00PM | Distribution of Angel Tree Gifts + Hall in use: Hispanic Posada Celebration |
| SUN 19 | 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 December 13, 2021:

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

LIFELINES: Abortion, Harbinger Of Decline - It has been said that there is nothing worse for a mother than to lose a child. If this is so, just think of the 62 million women in our country who are suffering from their great loss after having had an abortion. They must be devastated knowing it was their own decision to kill their baby. Then we ask how these terrible abortions could be allowed? Back in 1973, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled to make abortion legal. It made a horrible mistake. Those justices were only human and we humans, led on by the devil, make mistakes called sin. They took it upon themselves to override God's Fifth Commandment, which states 'Thou shalt not kill.' **Absolutely no one can change God's law - ever.** And since then, it seems our country has gone downhill, anything goes. If it's OK to kill babies, then they believe it's OK to kill anyone. If it's OK to kill, it's OK to steal; then it's OK to pedal dope and to use dope, and so it's OK to lie and to cheat. We are in big trouble people. We need our elected officials to stop squabbling and turn our country around and put God back into our lives where He belongs. Now. (Ruth Weber Davenport, Iowa Pro Life Articles)



POINSETTIAS: Please consider donating a poinsettia to the Basilica this year to help decorate the church. It can be delivered/dropped off starting tomorrow, Monday, December 13. If possible, please have it wrapped in gold foil. You may attach a card to the poinsettia with a loved one's name on it, in their memory. An insert will be placed in the bulletin after Christmas acknowledging the memory of your loved one.

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to make a final gift/tithe offering for the year, please be sure to have it post marked by December 31, 2021.



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 THIS 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!



MUSIC NEWS: 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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Bishop's Discernment Retreat: It's not too late to sign up for a unique retreat December 17-19. This is for men who are high school seniors or older who are considering a vocation to the priesthood. Meet seminarians, hear vocation stories, and learn about discernment. For more information, email vocations@dmidioecese.org.

Healing Service: Join us at St. Ambrose Cathedral every 3rd Wednesday of the month for a Healing Service.

Advent in the Home & Heart: It is ultimately at home where a child's faith will take deep root and grow strong. Check out family faith resources that include hands-on activities, a list of family-friendly holiday movies, dinnertime conversation topics and more at dmidioecese.org/advent2021. Feel empowered to find meaningful and fun practices to help make our Catholic faith come alive in your home during Advent!

Keep the Christmas Spirit Alive: New this year! We have family faith resources at dmidioecese.org/christmas2021 to help parents keep the celebration of the birth of Jesus alive throughout the Christmas liturgical season.

We're Hiring: Catholic Charities has job openings and signing bonuses. See all the opportunities where you can empower individuals and strengthen families. Go here to see the openings: <https://catholiccharitiesdm.bamboohr.com/jobs/>.

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 dmidioecese.org/fripod.





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The Very Rev. Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With Christmas falling on a Saturday this year please note the following:

Christmas Obligation: This obligation is fulfilled by the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve
The Midnight Mass
The 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

Please note that there will be no morning Mass on Christmas Day since the Mass at 4:00 p.m. must be of the Christmas Solemnity. There will be no confessions on Christmas Day.

Sunday Obligation: This obligation is fulfilled by either of the two morning Masses on Sunday but not by the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, since the Saturday Mass must be of Christmas Day. The Sunday Masses will be for the Feast of the Holy Family.

The following weekend there is no Mass for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God this year, since there is no obligation because it falls on a Saturday. The 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the two Sunday morning Masses will be for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, and they all fulfill the Sunday obligation. There will be no confessions again on Saturday, New Year's Day.

I hope this makes everything clear for this year. The Lord's blessings be with all of you during this holy time.

Father Aquinas

Christmas and New Year's Schedule

Friday, December 24th: **(Parish Office Closed)**

12:00 Noon Last Mass of Advent
4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
11:00 p.m. Choir Concert
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass of Christmas

Saturday, December 25th: **NO CONFESSION** ****NO Morning Mass****

4:00 p.m. Mass of Christmas Day
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 26th:

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass—*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

Monday, December 27th: **(Parish Office Closed)**

12:00 Noon Mass—*Feast of St. Stephen*

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH THRU 30TH:

Masses are at 12:00 Noon

Friday, December 31st: **(Parish Office Closed)**

Mass at 12:00 Noon

Saturday, January 1st, 2022: **NO CONFESSION**

4:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022:

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass of the Epiphany

5:00—8:00 P.M. **PASTOR'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE IN THE RECTORY**

*May the Lord's blessing be yours both
now and throughout
the New Year of 2022
Father Aquinas*



Peace
You are cordially invited to

The Pastor's Open House

On

Sunday, January 2, 2022

from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Come and enjoy some
good refreshments
and share the spirit of
this holy season with each other.**

Fr. Aquinas

Please bring an appetizer to share.

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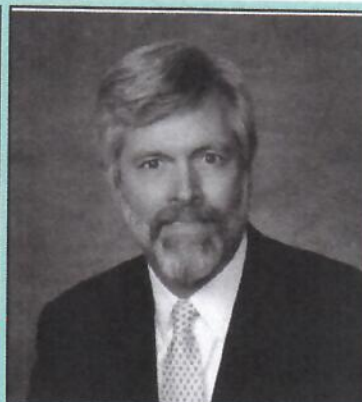
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