

# The Basilica of St. John

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*Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell*  
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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

# I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

In these Sundays of St. John's Bread of Life Discourse, we explore the many ways that people reacted to that presence in their midst. How do we react during the solemn liturgy, especially when we come up to Holy Communion?

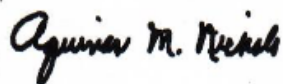
Please continue to be mindful of proper and fitting attire when you attend Mass during the summer. Hotter weather does not mean we should present ourselves in Church in an unfitting manner. The air conditioning works quite well!

His Excellency Bishop Joensen has put back into effect the obligation to attend holy Mass on holydays and Sundays. Therefore, we will no longer be excused from attending Holy Mass. Exceptions, as always, can be made for the vulnerable and the elderly who have physical weaknesses. Let us now be diligent in getting back into a regular routine of Mass attendance at the Sunday Masses and holydays. The pastor's permission is needed to be excused from the obligation to attend. I also remind everyone that there is a minimum of a one hour Eucharistic fast before receiving Holy Communion unless there is a health or physical reason.

Slowly, parish life is getting back to normal. Enjoy the last month of summer! We have much to be grateful for.

God's blessings and graces be yours!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols  
Pastor

## WEEKLY INCOME – 8/1/21

Total - \$21,891.10  
Need - \$17,895.19

YTD Total - \$82,634.52  
YTD Need - \$89,475.95

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$45,356.00 (monthly report)

**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.



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 7 TO AUGUST 15

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 07</b>	4:00PM 6:00PM	Intentions of Mother Kathleen, FEHJ Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 08</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Giosep Sang Pham Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 09</b>	12:00PM	+Joe, +Betty & +Dan Hiatt
<b>TUE 10</b>	12:00PM	+Daniel Fish
<b>WED 11</b>	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
<b>THU 12</b>	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
<b>FRI 13</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Mary Thomas
<b>SAT 14</b>	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Fr. Jim Kiernan
<b>SUN 15</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Lucille Molloy Parish & Benefactors

## THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN STREAMING ONLINE:

[www.BasilicaofStJohn.org](http://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](mailto:tieskoetterluke3@gmail.com) or Terri at 321-2743 or [sinc2@aol.com](mailto:sinc2@aol.com).

## CATECHISM CORNER:

Question: **How is Baptism prefigured in the Old Covenant?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

(Look for the answer in next week's bulletin)

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL-** Is seeking classroom associates for our PK-8 grade school in Des Moines, Iowa. Candidates will work closely with classroom teachers to assist students with academic skills. We serve a diverse student population, in a faith-filled environment, where parents and teachers work collaboratively to ensure our students reach their highest potential. Please call Mr. Flaherty at 515-262-8025 for more information.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*August 8, 2021*

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**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK  
 AUGUST 9 THRU AUGUST 15**

**MON 9:00AM** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@  
**09 7:00PM** Hispanic Choir Practice\*\*  
**7:00PM** 4th Degree KC Meeting+

**TUE 8:00AM** Organ Practice+++  
**10 2:00PM** Organ Practice until 3:30PM

**WED 9:00AM** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@  
**11 7:00PM** St. Joseph Consecration Class\*\*  
**Last day to drop off school supplies**

**THU 8:00AM** Organ Practice+++  
**12 1:00PM** Organ Practice+++

**FRI 7:00PM** Hispanic Choir Practice\*\*  
**13**

**SAT**  
**14 Pick up School supplies at 5:00pm & 7:00pm**

**SUN 7:30AM** NO Vietnamese Prayer Group  
**15 12:00PM** Conference Room in use  
**6:00PM** Vietnamese Adoration##

**Pick up School supplies at 5:00pm & 7:00pm**

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 9, 2021:**

**Monday** Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26  
**Wednesday:** Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20  
**Thursday:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1  
**Friday:** Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12  
**Saturday:** Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15  
**Sunday:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1Cor 5:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**LIFELINES:** "I've done hundreds of abortions, and that's direct, hands-on involvement... with the forceps in your hand, **reaching into somebody's uterus and tearing out a baby.** People ask, **why do doctors do abortions?** **IT'S PROFITABLE, A LOT OF MONEY IN IT!** --Dr. Anthony Levantino, former abortionist

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**If you're looking for resources for the disabled,** go to [dmdioocese.org/disabilityministry](http://dmdioocese.org/disabilityministry). For more information on resources or joining a support group, email Patty Origer at [poriger@dmdioocese.org](mailto:poriger@dmdioocese.org).

**Ready for golf?** Join Catholic Charities Golf Outing at Tournament Club of Iowa in Polk City on August 30. Registration and box lunch at 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m. shotgun start. Space is limited so sign up early at: [www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/2021-golf](http://www.catholiccharitiesdm.org/2021-golf).

**Dowling Catholic High School** is seeking a part-time Gate Ticket Manager for the 2021-2022 school year. The Gate Ticket Manager is responsible for managing all facets of gate ticket operations for Dowling Catholic High School athletic events. Questions can be directed to Tom Wilson, Athletic Director [twilson@dowlingcatholic.org](mailto:twilson@dowlingcatholic.org).

**PRAYING AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD:** There is an organized effort to pray at Planned Parenthood on 1000 East Army Post Rd., on all Saturdays. We have signs and everything. Come at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for some or all and pray the four mysteries of the rosary to save babies and be a pro-life witness. No need to sign up for this, just come with your rosary.

**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Grades K-High School—on-line registration is now available on the website at [www.Basilicaofstjohn.org](http://www.Basilicaofstjohn.org). Click on Ministries and then choose Religious Education to fill in the form on the right side of the page. In-person registration will be held August 25 from 5-8pm and after all Masses the weekend of August 28/29. Classes begin September 15 from 6:15pm to 7:30pm in the school.



**SIGN UP FOR RCIA NOW!** - Sessions begin September 13. Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you looking to be Baptized, Confirmed, or receive First Eucharist? Are you Baptized, but not Confirmed and/or did not receive First Eucharist? Have you been a member of another faith community and now wish to discern your call to the Catholic Faith? Perhaps you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic but is unsure how to get started. To learn more, please contact Margaret at [MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org](mailto:MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org) or call 515-244-3101, ext. 204.

**BASILICA CHOIR NEWS!** The Basilica Choir will be starting soon! You may think, "How can I contribute anything? I only sang in high school and that was 20 or 30 years ago!" or "I don't read music," or "I don't want to be tied down." Well, many of the present choir members fit into these categories. However, with a little commitment, practice and fun, the results can be amazing. You may also find some new friends! The Basilica Choir rehearses Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30pm, beginning August 26! We normally sing for the 10:30 Mass every Sunday. Please email Gail Johll at [celestialchoirs@gmail.com](mailto:celestialchoirs@gmail.com) or call 641-919-5431 for more info. or catch her or another choir member after Mass. We are also looking for instrumentalists to complement our liturgies: strings, woodwinds, brass. If you are not a singer, but like to dabble in music, maybe you could contribute your talents to the Handbell Choir. The Bell Choir rehearsals start later in the fall usually on Thursday nights from 5:45-6:45. Please, pray about how God is calling you to use your musical gifts in our parish and fulfil His Divine plan for you!!

**MUSIC DIRECTOR MUSINGS FROM GAIL – Music Director Musings from Gail** - We have an amazing opportunity at the Basilica of St. John with parishioners from so many walks of life, Asian, African, Hispanic, Caucasian, and many more. Let's not miss out on the opportunity to experience the benefits of our members. Let's not shy away from helping or asking for help despite our race or status in life. We truly are God's children, brothers and sisters in the Lord. Take a chance! Smile and say hello to a parish member whose life is very different than yours, old or young, city-slicker or country person. When you do, you are living out the Body of Christ!





## Back to School Needs

We are collecting school supplies for students for the upcoming school year. If you would like to donate any back-to-school items, please bring them to the Basilica **by August 11**. Please put items in the boxes marked "Back to School" located in the parish hall.

### Some items needed include:

- #2 pencils
- pocket folders
- Pocket Folders with prongs
- Kleenex
- Glue sticks
- Pens (Black, blue and red)
- Pencil cases – zip top
- Colored pencils – 12 count
- Washable markers
- Scissors – blunt top and regular
- Highlighters (yellow)
- Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
- Crayons – box of 24
- Spiral notebook
- Avery 5-tab page dividers
- 3-ring binders
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- *Any other items as noted on lists in the stores*



Supplies will be available for students to pick up after all Masses on Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15. All students are welcome to choose some supplies.

If you have questions, please contact either  
Jenifer, 515-681-9368, or Dodie, 515-554-2429.



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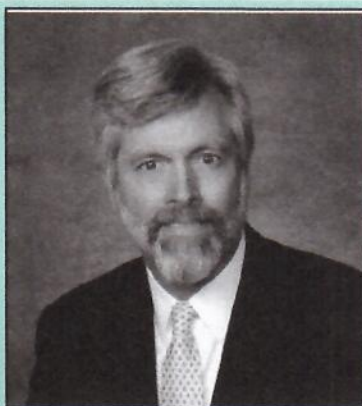
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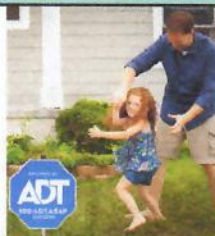
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