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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



WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany. The Magi go to search for the New-born King. What do they find? They find a wonderful star that leads them to the manger and there they find the Son of God. They bow down in worship and do him homage, and they offer him three precious gifts. Today we, too, kneel at the manger as we adore the Son of God. May we adore him worthily all throughout the coming year.

Thank you for your sacrifices in answer to my appeal. We made some good progress this year and we will proceed with some needed improvements in the coming year.

Come to the Pastor's Open House tonight from 5-8 p.m. Bring something to share and enjoy the spirit of this beautiful season.

Again, my sincere thanks to all those who worked so hard to make our Christmas liturgies and our environment inside the Basilica so very beautiful. May the Lord bless all of you in this New Year of 2022!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

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.



2022 CALENDARS are now available. They are located in the vestibule of the church and in the parish hall, just outside of the office.

TEAMS OF OUR LADY: You are invited to an information night for Teams of Our Lady, on 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.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 9

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

Happy New Year

SAT 4:00PM
01 6:00PM

+Frank Vasquez
Spanish Mass

SUN **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
02 8:30AM +Joseph Sciorrotta
10:30AM Parish & Benefactors

MON 12:00PM Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
03

TUE 12:00PM +James D. Brien, Jr
04

WED 12:00PM +Ryan Jones
05

THU 12:00PM +Kathryn Mauro
06

FRI 12:00PM +Benedicto Sr., +Corazon & +Rosario Barroa
07

SAT 4:00PM +Joe Koesters
08

SUN **The Baptism of the Lord**
09 8:30AM Intentions of Lily Waddle
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: **What are the effects of Baptism?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Jeanette Nichols, and her family on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Megan & Cahlen Brancheau & Family, Ty & Cecilia Flood & Family, Silma Barco & Oscar Servera & Family, Rita Meinhardt, and Ariana Hernandez & Family.





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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

**Respect
Life**



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK JANUARY 3 THRU JANUARY 9

MON 03	9:00AM 5:30PM 6:30PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Conference Room in use% NO RCIA**
TUE 04	8:00AM 10:00AM 1:00PM	Organ Practice +++ Bosco Boy Practice+++ Youth Choir+++
WED 05	9:00AM 6:15PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ RE Teachers Mtg, NO Religious Ed.
THU 06	8:00AM 6:30PM 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Dead Theologians Society** Choir Practice+++
FRI 07	7:00PM 7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice** Hispanic Baptism Class **
SAT 08		NO Altar & Rosary Mtg
SUN 09	3:30PM 6:00PM	School of Mary-Epiphany Party (H) 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 3, 2022:

Monday 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or
 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

LIFELINES: Anti-Catholicism and Abortion: You do not have to be Catholic (or even religious) to know that medical and scientific evidence confirms that what grows in a mother's womb is a new, distinct human being. Moreover, everyone can understand that each human being---without discrimination---merits dignity and respect. At the very least, respecting human life must exclude the deliberate and direct destruction of life--- and that is exactly what abortion is. However, the fact is that no institution has stood up against the abortion industry more than the Catholic Church. The Church has consistently and will continue to teach that abortion is evil, whether its words are popular or unpopular, politically correct or incorrect, because the "values" of different cultures may change from time to time, but the truth does not change. Pro-abortionists disparage Catholicism because it is the bulwark against abortion, just as the communists vilified Catholicism because it was a bulwark against communism. Bernard Nathanson, a renowned and reformed abortionist, admitted that demonizing the Catholic Church was a specific tactic of the pro-abortion movement. He stated, "We systematically vilified the Catholic Church and its 'socially backward ideas'.....We fed the media such lies as 'we all know that opposition to abortion comes from the hierarchy and not from most Catholics'.....and that Catholics in favor of abortion are enlightened and forward looking". What is even more disturbing about Nathanson's statement is that the pro-abortion propaganda fed to the mainstream media is uncritically accepted by it.

Pro-Life Articles

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY: Please note we will not be having our January monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be February 12th where we will discuss our upcoming events and sign "thinking of you cards" for our Homebound Ministry. Thank you.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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.

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 dmdiocese.org/fripod.

CTO Offers 75% Iowa Tax Credits: Did you hear the good news? You'll now receive 75% Iowa tax credits on every dollar you donate to CTO! You receive amazing tax benefits while providing essential tuition assistance to families right here in our diocese! Donate or learn more at CTOIowa.org today.

MAN UP: Our January meeting will be a two-part meeting. First, **Matt Willkom, Iowa Catholic Radio's Executive Director, will join us to launch our 4th year of ManUp West Power Lunch.** A discussion of Lenten activities will follow. **Friday, January 14th, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines.** A lunch from Chick-fil-A will be available for a free-will offering. Program is at 12pm, December 10th, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church- 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266. Register for this event at <https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events>





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Liturgical Etiquette

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From time to time it is good for all of us to be reminded of proper etiquette in this beautiful Basilica. External gestures of reverence can become a witness to the truths of our faith. For this reason, we wish to remind our guests and parishioners of habits and practices which are not appropriate. I ask you to prayerfully pay attention to the following as we begin a New Year:

--The rule of fasting from solid food for an hour before one receives the Holy Eucharist still holds, and thus makes the chewing of gum in church completely disrespectful and inappropriate.

--Although the Church does not require everyone to be dressed in their "Easter finest" every week for Mass, please remember that the way we dress for church is, oftentimes, a sign of how important the celebration of the Eucharist is to us. Overly revealing clothing, shorts way above the knees or bare midriffs, are never appropriate.

--Churches are meant to be sacred spaces, places where everyone can pray and worship. While a cordial greeting is never out of place, carrying on an audible and protracted conversation is not appropriate, especially before the Mass while people are preparing for the celebration. After Mass, please exit the church and conduct visiting in the parish hall or in the vestibule.

--The bow immediately before receiving Holy Communion should be done with the conscious recognition that it is the Lord Himself before Whom we bow. He is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, in both the host and the cup, and the extension of the hands, if one receives in the hand, must acknowledge the acceptance of a gift, not a grabbing for something owed us. Receiving with one hand while holding a child is not the proper way. Personally, I prefer only Communion on the tongue, especially for children.

--Our spoken and sung responses at Mass are always meant to be done communally, with whatever abilities were bestowed on us by our Father. What is believed and held in our hearts ought to be expressed outwardly during the Mass in word and in music.

--Bulletins and other materials should not be left in the pews for someone else to pick up. The books and other items that belong in the holders should be neatly put in place before departing from Mass. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Father Aquinas



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1.17.2022 | 7-8:00 PM

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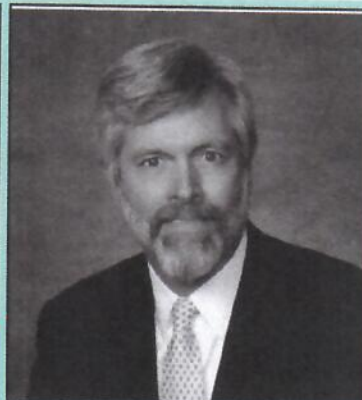
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