

The Basilica of St. John

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Baptism Preparation/Youth Ministry/Annulments:

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

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

The Holy Gospel for this Third Sunday of Easter recalls the Lord meeting his disciples on the road to Emmaus and his subsequent appearance. He makes it clear that he is not a ghost, but a real person risen from the dead. Thus, he strengthens the hope of his disciples and brings them great joy.

Come join us for coffee and donuts after the Sunday Masses. Lots of new families in the parish to meet.

The Bishop has allowed us to remove the barriers on the pews. Try to keep spacing as much as possible if we are not totally full. The mask mandate is still in effect at the direction of the Bishop.

Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. Envelopes are available at the doors in the ADA boxes which are clearly marked. We all need to do our part to make our goal this year.

After much prayer and reflection, I have decided that the Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. Mass will not be re-instated, at least for the foreseeable future. As it is, I have Mass seven days a week with no day off. I have determined that I need to have at least a little time to myself each week and Saturday morning seems to be the only possibility. That being said, I will still have weddings as they arise. We will satisfy all of the Mass intentions scheduled thus far for Saturday morning and they will be said at St. Joseph Abbey. As of today, we will no longer take a scheduled Mass for Saturday morning. We can continue to send Mass stipends to either St. Joseph Abbey or Conception Abbey to get the Masses offered faster instead of them piling up here in the parish and these can be arranged through the parish office.

The scammers are at it again. Some of you have received requests from me for money or gift cards. Please DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY OF THESE REQUESTS. I would never ask for this kind of help from individuals or through the internet or E-Mails. Ignore and delete such requests.

May the Lord continue to bless you with every good thing during this holy season of Easter!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 4/11/21

Total - \$16,295.00
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$731,535.23
YTD Need - \$712,255.28

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$80,430.00

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

APRIL 17 TO APRIL 25

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 17	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Sharon Behlmer Spanish Mass
SUN 18	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Intentions of Zachariah Gordon
MON 19	12:00PM	+Daniel Fish
TUE 20	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
WED 21	12:00PM	+Jim Brookhart
THU 22	12:00PM	+Margaret Murray
FRI 23	12:00PM	+Ed & Kathryn Fish
SAT 24	9:00AM	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA +Madeline James
	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+John Israel
SUN 25	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Intentions of Zachariah Gordon

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 sacred buildings?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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

ADORATION & PRAYER: You are invited to join us every Wednesday from **6:30pm to 7:30pm (New time)** to experience the beauty and power of spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. The night will conclude with Benediction.





The Basilica of St. John

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK APRIL 19 THRU APRIL 25

MON 19	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 20	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 21	9:00AM 5:00PM 6:30PM	NO Adoration St. Thomas Academy Mtg. (NH) Adoration, Prayer ##
THU 22	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 23	9:00AM	NO Adoration
SAT 24		No scheduled events
SUN 25	8:00AM 2:30PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Oblate Mtg. (NH)

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 April 19, 2021:

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

LIFELINES: Are we hypocrites? We say we are against war yet we are in the midst of the biggest battle of our lives going on in our own home front, a battle between good and evil. We say we are appalled by the number of deaths of our military in wars yet we condone 4,000 deaths of the unborn each and every day right here in America. We have killed more babies than all the soldiers who have died from all the wars we have ever been in! We turn a deaf ear to the cries of the babies in the mothers' wombs pleading to be born, to be loved, to have a chance to live. We deplore the actions of terrorists, the beheadings and the killings. Yet are we any better? The abortionists do the same to the helpless and defenseless in the womb, things so-called civilized people just don't do. We rush to the aid of helpless hurricane and earthquake victims, yet some believe we should euthanize the elderly and the sick when they can no longer help themselves and have become a 'burden' to those around them. Take a good look around. Do you like what we've become? Why have we become so immoral? Do you suppose it's because we've pushed God aside and believe we are in charge? *Pro-Life Articles*

Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John monthly Newsletter. Use the following link to sign-up: <https://www.basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter>.

40TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION: All are invited to come celebrate Fr. Aquinas' 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on May 16 at the 10:30am Mass. A lunch & reception will be provided after Mass. Due to Covid restrictions it will not be a potluck. Instead it will be a sit-down meal where the food will be brought out to each table. For this reason we will need an approximate count for those who are planning to attend. Next weekend there will be a sign up sheet in the vestibule, so that the Altar & Rosary Society will have an idea of how many people to prepare for. Reservations are NOT mandatory though, this is just to help with preparing for enough food. We look forward to seeing you on May 16!

BENEDICTINE OBLATES: Are you interested in deepening your spiritual growth through study and prayer in the Benedictine tradition? The Des Moines chapter of Oblates of Conception Abbey meets monthly at the Basilica. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 25 at 2:30 pm in the parish hall. Our oblate director, Fr. Daniel Petsche, O.S.B., Conception Abbey, will be here to meet with us. (There will NOT be any potluck due to Covid restrictions.) We would love to have you join us!



CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR NEWS: The Catholic Youth Choir of Central Iowa will be presenting their Spring Concert on April 27 at 7:00 pm. Concert location is Franklin Junior High Auditorium, 4801 Franklin Ave. DM. Please join us for an evening of sacred festive song!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL LINEN DRIVE: During the month of April, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will participate in the annual memorial linen drive, collecting new & gently used linens in memory of Phyllis Davis. At the time of her death she was active in collecting these items for the needy. Her friends have carried on her work in her memory. The following items are needed: bedding, blankets, towels, dish cloths, hand towels, wash cloths, table cloths & curtains. There will be a collection box in the parish hall or you may take donations to the SVdP store, 1426 6th Ave., Des Moines.

ONLINE VIDEO STREAMING SYSTEM: Would you like to help with our online video streaming system at the Basilica of St. John? Our current online video streaming is in need of some attention and upgrading of equipment. Since the beginning of the pandemic our viewership has increased immensely. Please consider helping with a donation toward the upgrade of our online video streaming equipment at the Basilica of St. John. If you have any questions, please reach out to Charles Stastny, Business Manager (515) 244-3101, ext. 205. Thank you for your consideration.



CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS FOR YOUTH:
First Communion will be celebrated on May 2nd at 10:30am Mass. Please keep these students in your prayers. Seats will fill up, so plan ahead if you wish to come early or plan to attend Mass at another time. On May 23rd at the 10:30am Mass Bishop Joensen will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on 26 youth who have completed their two-year preparation. Please keep these young people in your prayers. Seats will fill up, and there is very limited seating. You may wish to plan ahead to attend Mass at another time.

SAVE THE DATE!: We are having Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the Basilica of St. John on June 7-11, 2021 from 9am to 2pm. The School Sisters of Christ the King from Lincoln, NE are coming to Des Moines to lead their VBS called **Cor Jesu Rex**. Students in grades 1-8 may attend. High school age youth are encouraged to volunteer during the day. The evening program is TBA for teens. More to come in future bulletins!



*Thank you to those who donated flowers for Easter.
Your generous donation of these beautiful flowers
is greatly appreciated!*

Thank you to the following who donated flowers in the memory of a loved one!

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- ♦ **"Thank you Jesus for all your blessings"—Frank & Terri Sinclair Family**

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Basilica of Saint John Memorial Landing

Remember the special people and events in your life by purchasing a Memorial Brick in their name, to be placed in the landing in front of our beautiful Basilica of Saint John.

Birthdays, Weddings, Anniversaries, the names of your
Parents, Children, Brothers, Sisters
Whomever and whatever you wish to remember in brick.

The cost is \$100 for each brick and there is no limit as to how many you wish to purchase.

When paying by check, make your checks payable to the Basilica of Saint John.

The brick can be engraved with up to three lines of fifteen characters on each line. The space between words is counted as one of the characters. Print clearly on the spaces below exactly how you want your brick engraved.

I would like my brick to read as follows:

My name is _____
Address _____
State and Zip code _____
Phone # (____) ____ -- _____

If you have any questions, please call the Basilica of Saint John @ (515) 244-3101 Ext. 205

Whatever you would like to say that is appropriate if it fits on no more than fifteen spaces in each line. Subject to the approval of the pastor.

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