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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: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment
Baptism: Parishioners contact the parish office - (515)244-3101 ext. 0
Marriage: Parishioners contact the office at least 6 months prior to requested date of marriage
Visit to Sick: Please inform office of any illness or hospitalization in the family
New Parishioners: Please contact the Parish Office to register as a member of our parish
Mass Homily: BasilicaofStJohn.org click on Live Telecast tab.
Pregnancy Hotline: For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

The Holy Gospel for this Fourth Sunday of Easter puts before us the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and is thus known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The Lord is indeed the Good Shepherd who leads us into ever-lasting life. Let us follow His voice on the road that leads to his heavenly kingdom. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. If we follow Him, we can be assured of the promises that He has made to us.

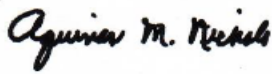
Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. Envelopes are available at the doors in the ADA boxes which are clearly marked. We all need to do our part to make our goal this year.

The mask mandate is still in effect at the Masses by order of His Excellency Bishop Joensen.

My thanks to all of you for your kind Easter wishes and gifts. I ask the Lord to reward all of you a hundredfold!

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

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 4/18/21

Total - \$11,518.50
Need - \$17,372.08

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
YTD Total - \$743,053.73
YTD Need - \$729,627.36

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$77,855.00

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.



YEAR 2 STUDENTS FOR FIRST COMMUNION: First Reconciliation is Friday, April 30th at 7pm in the church. *Practice for 1st Communion is Saturday, May 1st at 10am in the church. *1st Communion is at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, May 2nd. *Students meet in the school at 10am. *A group photo will be taken immediately after Mass. Please keep all of our young people in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY: Plans are being made for a Bible Study to start this Summer. If interested, please call Deacon Juan Bustamante at 515-868-9218.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL 24 TO MAY 2

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 24	4:00PM 6:00PM	+John Israel Spanish Mass
SUN 25	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors Intentions of Zachariah Gordon
MON 26	12:00PM	+Luigi Locatelli
TUE 27	12:00PM	+Angelina Scavo
WED 28	12:00PM	+Wilbur Behlmer
THU 29	12:00PM	Friends/Benefactors of Franciscan Sisters, FEHJ
FRI 30	12:00PM	Intentions of George Chalakuzhy
SAT 01	NO MORNING MASS AT THE BASILICA 9:00AM +Walt McManus	
	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM Intentions of Cheri Fernandez	
SUN 02	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Joseph Hansman 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: ***What are sacred buildings?***

ANSWER: They are the houses of God, a symbol of the Church that lives in that place as well as of the heavenly Jerusalem. Above all they are places of prayer in which the Church celebrates the Eucharist and worships Christ who is truly present in the tabernacle.

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
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK
APRIL 26 THRU MAY 2

MON 26	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration RCIA+
TUE 27	8:00AM	Organ Practice
WED 28	9:00AM 6:30PM	NO Adoration Adoration, Prayer ##
THU 29	8:00AM	Organ Practice
FRI 30	9:00AM 7:00PM	NO Adoration First Reconciliation ##
SAT 01	10:00AM 4:00PM	St. John's First Communion Practice ## St. Thomas Academy First Communion
SUN 02	8:00AM 10:30AM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group St. John's First Communion 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 April 26, 2021:

Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

LIFELINES: Did you ever realize that the same four words used by the Lord Jesus to save the world are also used by some to promote abortion? **"This is my body."** The same simple words are spoken from *opposite ends of the universe*, with meanings that are *directly contrary to each other*. **"This is my body."** Christ gives His body away so *others might live*; abortion supporters cling to their own bodies so *others might die*. In giving His Body, Christ teaches the *meaning of love: I sacrifice myself for the good of the other person*. Abortion teaches the *opposite of love: I sacrifice the other person for the good of myself!* Father Frank Pavone

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE: As activities in the parish start to increase, we would like to put out this reminder for requests for bulletin announcements. Please have requests proof-read and ready to be placed in the bulletin by either writing or typing it out or by emailing it to barbk@basilicaofstjohn.org. If you want a flyer in the bulletin, please have it proof read and ready to be copied. **The deadline for any submission to the bulletin is by 4pm on Tuesdays.**

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. **There is 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, this is just to help with preparing for enough food. We look forward to seeing you May 16!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Is open until May 30th. Limit of 60 Students for ages 6-12. Parishioners will get first preference. VBS is held June 7-11 from 9am to 2pm, M-F. A generous donor covered expenses for the School Sisters of Christ the King. Your \$15 donation will buy a Basilica t-shirt if you have not purchased one already. Send your questions to Margaret at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101, ex. 204.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EARLY REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2021: Register your child for K-High School RE after Masses on May 8-9 and on Wednesdays, May 12 and 19, 5-8pm. Classes meet Wednesday nights 6:15-7:30 Sept.-April. Book/Supply Fee: One Child =\$50, Two=\$75, Three or More=\$100. For more information contact Margaret at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101, ex. 204. This includes prep for First Communion and Confirmation. On-line registration is available on the parish website.



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!

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 meeting is **TODAY**, 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 a potluck due to Covid restrictions.) We would love to have you join us!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL LINEN DRIVE: Friday, April 30, is the last day to participate in the annual memorial linen drive, collecting new & gently used linens in memory of Phyllis Davis. The following items are needed: bedding, blankets, towels, dish cloths, hand towels, wash cloths, table cloths & curtains. There is a collection box in the vestibule or you may take donations to the SVdP store, 1426 6th Ave.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Holy Family Catholic School Foundation 2021 Golf Classic: Join us on Monday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m. (check-in opens at 9:45 a.m.) at The Legacy Golf Club in Norwalk for golf, games and fun with all donations going to Holy Family Catholic School! Your registration includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, a golf cart, a player gift, and more. You can register as an individual or a team of four. Can't play? You can donate a player or team for priests, teachers, or students! Visit <https://hfcsdm.org/foundation/golf/> for more information and to register.

Listening Sessions: The Diocese of Des Moines is inviting Black, Indigenous, Latino, Asian, and Pacific Islander Catholics to participate in an opportunity to share their thoughts, perspectives, experiences, and feelings on racial justice in the Church and society with Bishop William Joensen, Leadership at the Diocese of Des Moines, and Catholic Charities. Dates for listening sessions are to be determined. If you or someone you know is interested in participating, please contact Mark Schmidt, coordinator of Racial Justice programming, at catholicracialjustice@gmail.com or 515- 259-0171.



May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Codes: Ch-church S-school H-hall SVDP- St. Vincent de Paul K-Kitchen CR-Conference Room R.E.- Religious Ed. Cl.- Choir Loft HFS-Holy Family School						1) 10:30a: First Communion Practice(Ch) 4p: St. Thomas Academy First Communion (Ch) 6p: Spanish Mass
2) 8a: NO Viet. Pr. gr. 10:30a: St. John's First Communion 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)	3) 7p: KC Council Mtg(H)	4) 8a: Organ Practice	5) 5-8pm: Registration for Relig. Ed.	6) 8a: Organ Practice	7) 6:30p: Hispanic Baptism Class (S)	8) 9:45a: NO Altar & Rosary Mtg Registration for Relig. Ed. after 4pm & 6pm Mass (H) 6p: Spanish Mass
9) <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 8a: NO Viet. Pr. gr. Registration for Relig. Ed. after both Masses (H) 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch) 2nd Collection: <i>Catholic Charities</i>	10) 8a: Organ Practice	11) 8a: Organ Practice NO Salad Supper:	12) 5-8pm: Registration for Relig. Ed.	13) 8a: Organ Practice	14) 6p: Spanish Mass	15) 12p: Sevcik Renewal of Vows (Ch) Kitchen & Hall in use—Altar & Rosary 6p: Spanish Mass
16) 8a: NO Viet. Pr. gr. 10:30a: Fr. Aquinas' 40th Jubilee Mass, Reception & Lunch 12p: NO Pastoral Council 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)	17) 8a: Organ Practice	18) 8a: Organ Practice	19) 5-8pm: Registration for Relig. Ed.	20) 8a: Organ Practice	21) 7p: Confirmation Practice (Ch)	22) 6p: Spanish Mass
23) PENTECOST 8a: NO Viet. Pr. gr. 10:30a: CONFIRMATION 2:30p: Oblate Mtg (H) 6p: Vietnamese Adoration	24) 8a: Organ Practice	25) 8a: Organ Practice	26) 8a: Organ Practice	27) 8a: Organ Practice	28) 6p: Spanish Mass	29) 6p: Spanish Mass
30) 6p: Vietnamese Adoration SVDP 2ND COLLECTION	31) Memorial Day <i>Parish Office Closed</i> Mass-9:00 am, NO 12:00pm Mass					

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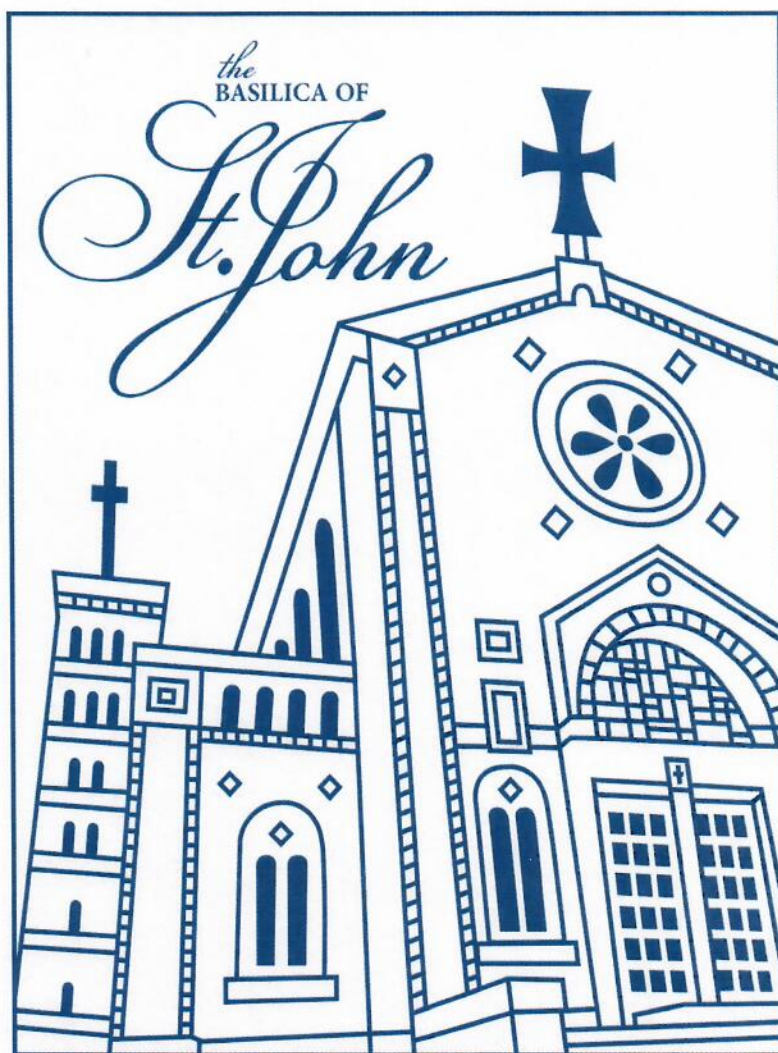
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Please consider helping with a donation toward the upgrading of our online video streaming equipment at the Basilica of Saint John.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Charles Stastny, Business Manager of the Basilica of Saint John. (515) 244-3101, ext. 205

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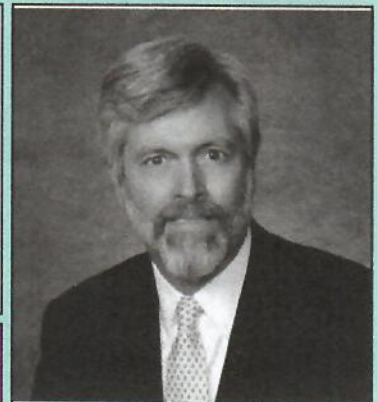
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