

The Basilica of St. John

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Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell
Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante

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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.

Pregnancy Hotline:

For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

The Holy Gospel for this weekend shows Jesus having compassion for the people. They seem to be like sheep without a shepherd. So even though he is tired and wanting a rest with his apostles, he begins to teach them to give them hope and consolation. At times we are called to do something for someone in need even though we are tired and not really in the mood. It is at times like that where we find extra strength from the Lord to do what needs to be done.

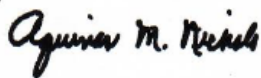
Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. It would be great to have this wrapped up before Christmas. We still owe \$45,356.00 for our assessment and are in need of more pledges. Envelopes are available at the doors in the ADA boxes which are clearly marked. We all need to do our part to make our goal this year. Pledges have been slowly coming in to help make our goal. Please respond now if you have not already done so.

Please 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!

Beginning the weekend of 25 July, His Excellency Bishop Joensen is putting back into effect the obligation to attend Mass on holydays and Sundays. Therefore, we will no longer be excused from attending Holy Mass beginning that weekend. Exceptions, as always, can be made for the vulnerable and the elderly who have physical weaknesses. Let us plan ahead to get back into a regular routine of Mass attendance at the Sunday Masses and holydays. Slowly, parish life is getting back to normal. 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 – 7/11/21

Total - \$16,683.07
Need - \$17,895.19

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

YTD Total - \$34,831.25

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$45,356.00

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

JULY 17 TO JULY 25

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 17	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Deb Ulrich Spanish Mass
SUN 18	8:30AM 10:30AM	Intentions of Adam & Kara Storey Parish & Benefactors
MON 19	12:00PM	+Daniel Fish
TUE 20	12:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro
WED 21	12:00PM	+Charlie Dautremont
THU 22	12:00PM	+Giosep Nha Pham
FRI 23	12:00PM	For those who have no one to pray for them
SAT 24	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+James Thompson
SUN 25	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Karl & +Madge Sinclair 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: **How is Christian initiation brought about?**

ANSWER: Christian initiation is accomplished by means of the sacraments which establish the *foundations* of Christian life. The faithful born anew by Baptism are strengthened by Confirmation and are then nourished by the Eucharist.

Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John monthly Newsletter. Use the following link to sign-up: basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter or call the parish office at 515-244-3101, ext. 0, ask for Pamela.



ADORATION ON MONDAYS: Can you spend one hour with the Lord in Adoration? There are time slots available on Mondays, after Noon Mass until 1:30pm and 1:30-2:30pm. We would like to have at least two people praying in the chapel during each Holy Hour. To learn more, please contact Margaret at MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org or call 515-244-3101, ext. 204.



The Basilica of St. John

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

**Respect
Life**



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK JULY 19 THRU JULY 25

MON 19	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Hispanic Choir Practice**
TUE 20	8:00AM 6:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Hall in use+
WED 21	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ St. Joseph Consecration Class**
THU 22	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 23	7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice+++
SAT 24	11:00AM	Parish hall in use
SUN 25	7:30AM 2:30PM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Oblate Meeting+ 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 July 19, 2021:

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

LIFELINES: The Silent Victim-In the DVD "The Silent Scream" where an unborn child attempts to escape the abortionists suction curette; her motions can be seen to become desperately agitated and her heart rate doubles. Her mouth opens as if to scream, but no sound can be heard. The pro-abortion movement and lobby thrives on having a silent victim. Every pro-abortion argument requires that we pretend, that we play mind games, that we forget, ignore, or deny the humanity, worth, and dignity of unborn babies. It thrives on our ability to disregard innocent victims as long as they are out of our sight and voiceless. Tell a lie often enough and people will eventually believe it. Just consider their terminology (with words such as "fetus" "pro-choice" "non-viable" etc) which is carefully designed to disguise the humanity of the unborn child and obscure what abortion really does. This is the story of the pro-abortion deception of America. *Pro-Life Articles*

Volunteers to help water the outdoor flower-beds: Help is needed to water the flowers in the memorial garden & along the East side of the church. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office, 515-244-3101, ext. 0, for more information.



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Grades K-High School—on-line registration is now available on the website at 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 or call 515-244-3101, ext. 204.

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 meet monthly at the Basilica. This month's meeting is Sunday, July 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the parish hall. There is no potluck this month. We would love to have you join us!

ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION: All are invited to join us Wednesday nights at the Basilica, **July 14 thru August 18, 7-8:30pm** in preparation for a Consecration to St. Joseph. Using Fr. Donald Calloway's book, "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father", we will discuss and pray our way through this special devotion. A celebration Mass for everyone in the Diocese will be held on August 21st at St. Patrick's Irish Settlement at 10:00am. Please contact Deacon Mark Campbell for more information-campbell.markh@yahoo.com.

Music Director Musings from Gail - It's been quite a while since I've taken the opportunity to share some thoughts with you...a lot of water under the bridge, and a lot of masks removed! With many parish activities having been on hold from Covid, we thank God for Sunday Liturgies! The Sunday liturgy is the primary time for rejuvenating our lives. Sundays may be the only time we see our parish family, the only time we celebrate with Our Lord at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. As we approach the discipline of the fall schedule, I would invite you to take a closer look at our parish family. Personally, I am so grateful for the many, many folks who commit in a big or small way to keep this Basilica afloat, from monetary donations to watering the gorgeous flowers. On the home front in a family, even in the summertime, there are jobs that need to happen: employment responsibilities to pay the bills, cooking, cleaning, laundry to mention a few. The family wouldn't function without these being fulfilled. Consider our parish family and the responsibilities that each parishioner holds to keep this parish alive. This goes way beyond the collection basket each Sunday. I invite you to observe what goes into a Sunday Mass. How many people does it take to celebrate in a fitting fashion for Our Lord's High Feast? The priest, of course, the servers, the MC's, the eucharistic ministers, ushers, musicians, just to name a few. What about the people behind the scenes such as the volunteers who take care of the altar, vestments, flowers, candles, funeral luncheons, etc. There is also the dedicated staff who attend to the scheduling, religious ed, and business side of parish affairs. During this "Ordinary Time" of summer, I would invite you to think and pray about how God is calling you to fulfill your parish family obligations. It takes a team effort. Everyone's lives are very busy. The saying, "Many hands make light work," definitely is fitting for our parish needs. Please consider how God has blessed you through this parish and pray about the ways you can further this cause!



OFFICE of the BISHOP

June 16, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

This coming July 25th, the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation will be restored in the Des Moines Diocese. It was a profoundly sobering decision to suspend public Masses and the Sunday obligation over a year ago, and throughout this pandemic I know we have all longed for a more ordinary rhythm in our life of faith and communal worship. Reinstating the Sunday obligation is an encouraging step forward; it is being taken in response to a much improved public health situation, and the widespread accessibility of effective vaccines against COVID-19.

We have all experienced times when an unchosen period of absence has helped us to more deeply appreciate the many gifts in our lives, and my hope is that the same will be true in our experience of Sunday Eucharist and the obligation that points the way toward shared presence with Jesus and one another. Our society often views obligations as burdens to be endured or obstacles to freedom. A healthier “human ecology” recognizes that obligations can often orient us toward the good, especially if we are mixed in our dispositions toward that good. I hope that the restoration of the Sunday obligation will give us all an opportunity to reflect on the marvelous generosity of the “One who alone is good” (see Mark 10:18), yet whose goodness is instilled in everything in this world in which we live, move, and have our being.

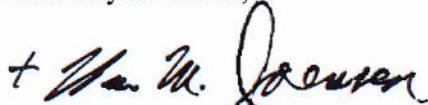
Fundamentally, our participation in communal worship on Sundays and holy days is both an entry into, and an expression of, an intimate personal relationship with Jesus. This intimacy is the transforming experience that gives life “a new horizon and a decisive direction” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus caritas est*/God is Love n. 1). We are invited to worship God who has gratuitously given us everything we have, including life itself. Further, the Mass draws us ever more deeply into the communal Body of Christ, the People of God whom Jesus calls and redeems. Our participation in Mass is not a supplemental practice in the life of discipleship; it is the beating heart of faith, the source and summit of our entire Christian life. If you have been away from Mass, whether due to the pandemic or for any other reason, I’d like to personally invite you to join us again at the wellspring of God’s love.

While the general dispensation from the obligation will be lifted on July 25th, there will always be cases where individuals are excused or dispensed for serious reasons (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 2181). These reasons would include, but are not limited to, personal illness, known or suspected exposure to COVID-19, or if you are a caretaker of a member of the vulnerable population and your participation in Mass would expose him or her to a significant risk of contracting COVID-19. If you are unsure of your situation, please consult with your pastor who can assist you in your discernment.

On July 25th, the Gospel at Mass will recount Jesus' feeding the 5,000, and in the following weeks we will hear successive passages from the John 6 account of Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. As we prepare for the reinstatement of the Sunday obligation, please join me in praying for a greater awareness of, and attraction to, Jesus as the Bread of Life. Jesus nourishes and sustains us in all seasons of life. May we grow in our appreciation of Mass, and in our observance of Sunday itself, a day of rest and feasting "which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world... the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality" (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*/On Care for Our Common Home n. 237).

Let us continue to pray for Eucharistic Renewal in our own Diocese and in the world. Please know of my prayers for you and all your loved ones. May you receive the blessing Jesus promises to those whose Eucharistic hunger inspires all they do: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6).

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. M. Joensen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the left of the signature is a small, stylized cross symbol.

Most Rev. William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Bishop of Des Moines

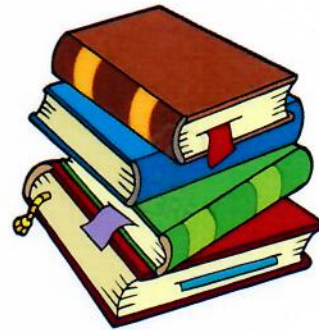


Back to School Needs

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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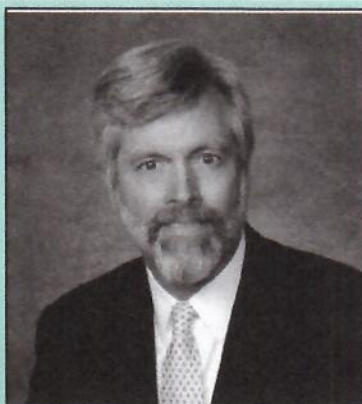
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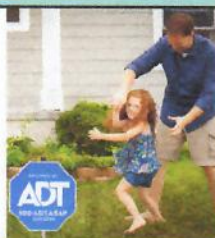
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