

# The Basilica of St. John

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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:

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# A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This week the Holy Gospel begins St. John's Bread of Life discourse. For the coming weeks we will reflect on the great mystery of the Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist. This is a key dogma in the teaching of the Church. One of the Church Fathers said, "No priest, no Eucharist. No Eucharist, no Church." As Vatican Council II taught us, "The Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian worship." In these weeks let us carefully meditate on what it means to have Christ present among us in such a unique and holy manner.

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. The monthly report from the diocese shows 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 this weekend, 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 beginning this weekend. 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. 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. We have much to be grateful for.

God's blessings and graces be yours!

Devotedly in the Lord,

*Aquinas M. Nichols*

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols  
Pastor

## WEEKLY INCOME – 7/18/21

Total - \$12,598.42  
Need - \$17,895.19

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

YTD Total - \$47,429.67  
YTD Need - \$53,685.57

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

JULY 24 TO AUGUST 1

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT</b> <b>24</b>	4:00PM 6:00PM	+James Thompson Spanish Mass
<b>SUN</b> <b>25</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Karl & +Madge Sinclair Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON</b> <b>26</b>	12:00PM	+Ruth & +Lou Fiori
<b>TUE</b> <b>27</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Elizabeth Anthony
<b>WED</b> <b>28</b>	12:00PM	+Jacob Anthony
<b>THU</b> <b>29</b>	12:00PM	+Julie Knudsen
<b>FRI</b> <b>30</b>	12:00PM	+Ryan Jones
<b>SAT</b> <b>31</b>	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	+Violet Stanley
<b>SUN</b> <b>01</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Dominic Do 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: **What names are given to the first sacrament of initiation?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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

Sign up for the Basilica of Saint John monthly Newsletter. Use the following link to sign-up: [basilicaofstjohn.org/newsletter](http://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](mailto:MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org) or call 515-244-3101, ext. 204.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*July 25, 2021*

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**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**JULY 26 THRU AUGUST 1**

MON 26	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Hispanic Choir Practice**
TUE 27	8:00AM 2:30PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice until 3:00PM
WED 28	9:00AM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ St. Joseph Consecration Class**
THU 29	8:00AM	Organ Practice+++
FRI 30	7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice+++
SAT 31		No Scheduled events
SUN 01	7:30AM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group 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 26, 2021:**

<b>Monday</b>	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
<b>Friday</b>	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Saturday</b>	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
<b>Sunday</b>	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**LIFELINES: "It is a poverty to decide that a **CHILD MUST DIE** so that you may live as you wish." --St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

**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.

**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. This month's meeting is **TODAY, Sunday, July 25, at 2:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. No potluck today. We would love to have you join us!



**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Misty Galloway, Manuel Cruz, Jorge Chavez, Maximilian Wills, and Giorgio Graham and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.

**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 - Continuing with thoughts on Ordinary Time,** let's take some time this week to reflect upon the following ideas. 1. What gifts do I have? This might be a prime time to *pray* for discernment to recognize one's gifts. What do others say are my strengths? What do I enjoy doing? Sometimes the answer reflects our talents. 2. Another thought to ponder is to realize who has blessed you with these gifts. God in His mercy has showered us with many abilities to complement one another. Thankfully, they are all different. The world would be very limited if everyone shared the same gifts. For me, music may be a big thing, but I realize that it is a small piece to this giant puzzle of our parish. 3. Pray for the grace to use your talents to build up God's kingdom, specifically through our parish family! You might think, "I can't do anything that would help our parish." I would encourage you to go back to points 1 & 2! Continue to notice how many people are involved at our Sunday masses and picture yourself in one of their positions: a server, a Eucharistic minister, an usher, a greeter, a singer, a helper for donuts after Mass. If you can smile, hospitality is always a welcome need in our parish. Make it a goal to learn one person's name each Sunday. After a year, you'll learn 52 more people in our parish! May God bless our parish family!



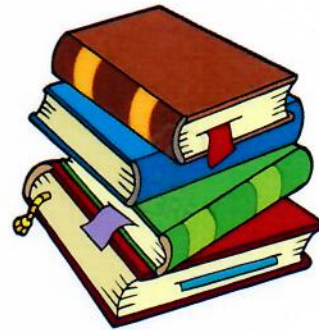


## Back to School Needs

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.



# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1) 8:00a: <u>NO</u> Viet. Pr.gr (Ch)</p> <p>6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)</p>	<p>2) 9a-3:30p: Adoration 6:30p: KC Council Mtg. (H) 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>3) 8a: Organ Practice 2-3:30p: Organ Practice</p>	<p>4) 9a-3:30p: Adoration 7p-9p: St. Joseph Consecration Class (S)</p>	<p>5) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>6) 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S) 7p: Hispanic Baptism Class (S)</p>	<p>7) 6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>8) 8:00a: <u>NO</u> Viet. Pr.gr. (Ch)</p> <p>6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)</p>	<p>9) 9a-3:30p: Adoration 6:30p: KC 4th Degree Mtg. (H) 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>10) 8a: Organ Practice 2-3:30p: Organ Practice</p>	<p>11) 9a-3:30p: Adoration <u>Last day to drop off school supplies</u> 7p-9p: St. Joseph Consecration Class (S)</p>	<p>12) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>13) 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>14) Pick up school supplies after both Masses 6p: Spanish Mass</p>
<p>15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00a: <u>NO</u> Viet. Pr. gr. (Ch)</p> <p>Pick up school supplies after both Masses 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch)</p>	<p>16) 9a-3:30p: Adoration 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>17) 8a: Organ Practice 2-3:30p: Organ Practice</p>	<p>18) 9a-3:30p: Adoration</p>	<p>19) 8a: Organ Practice</p>	<p>20) 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>21) 6p: Spanish Mass 7p: Rehearsal for Wedding on 8/28</p>
<p>22) 8:00a: <u>NO</u> Viet. Pr. gr. (Ch)</p> <p>6p: Vietnamese Adoration 2nd Collection for the Church in Africa</p>	<p>23) 9a-3:30p: Adoration 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>24) 8a: Organ Practice 6-9p: School of Mary Parent Meeting (H)</p>	<p>25) 9a-3:30p: Adoration 5-8p: RE Registration (S)</p>	<p>26) 8a: Organ Practice 7-8:30p: Adult Choir Practice starts</p>	<p>27) 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>28) 11:30a: Pictures Ip: Garay &amp; Flores Wedding 6p: Spanish Mass RE Registration after Mass</p>
<p>29) 8:00a: <u>NO</u> Viet. Pr. gr. RE Registration after all Masses</p> <p>2:30-4p: Oblate Mtg (H) 6p: Vietnamese Adoration (Ch) <u>SVDP Second Collection</u></p>	<p>30) 9a-3:30p: Adoration 7p: Hispanic Choir Practice (S)</p>	<p>31) 8a: Organ Practice</p>				



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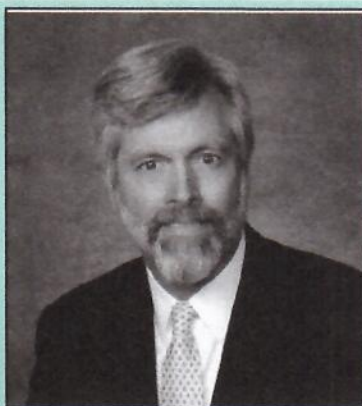
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