

# The Basilica of St. John

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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

# One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This week we continue the Holy Gospel recalling St. John's Bread of Life discourse. The belief that Christ is present after the consecration-Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, has been a constant belief of the Church. The bread and wine become the very Body and Blood of the Lord. This is a great mystery for us to contemplate. We must give our assent to this reality before approaching for Holy Communion.

Please make your pledge for ADA 2021 if you have not already done so. We are making slow, but steady progress. 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.

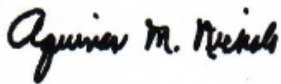
Please be mindful of proper and fitting attire when you attend Mass during the summer. Hotter weather does not mean we should present ourselves in Church in an unfitting manner. The air conditioning works quite well!

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. 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. Enjoy the last month of summer! 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 – 7/25/21

Total - \$13,313.75

Need - \$17,895.19

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

YTD Total - \$60,743.42

YTD Need - \$71,580.76

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 31 TO AUGUST 8

### TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

<b>SAT 31</b>	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Violet Stanley Spanish Mass
<b>SUN 01</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Dominic Do Parish & Benefactors
<b>MON 02</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Marilyn Kharouf
<b>TUE 03</b>	12:00PM	+Kathryn Mauro
<b>WED 04</b>	12:00PM	+Elma Reynolds
<b>THU 05</b>	12:00PM	+Danny Papich
<b>FRI 06</b>	12:00PM	Intentions of Fr. Damian Cook
<b>SAT 07</b>	(Vigil Mass) 4:00PM	Intentions of Mother Kathleen, FEHJ
<b>SUN 08</b>	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Giosep Sang Pham 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:

Last week's question:

**What names are given to the first sacrament of initiation?**

**ANSWER:** This sacrament is primarily called Baptism because of the central rite with which it is celebrated. To baptize means to "immerse" in water. The one who is baptized is immersed into the death of Christ and rises with him as a "new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17). This sacrament is also called the "bath of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5); and it is called "enlightenment" because the baptized becomes "a son of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL-** Is seeking classroom associates for our PK-8 grade school in Des Moines, Iowa. Candidates will work closely with classroom teachers to assist students with academic skills. We serve a diverse student population, in a faith-filled environment, where parents and teachers work collaboratively to ensure our students reach their highest potential. Please call Mr. Flaherty at 515-262-8025 for more information.



*The Basilica of St. John*  
*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*August 1, 2021*

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**YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**  
**AUGUST 2 THRU AUGUST 8**

MON 9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@  
 02 6:30PM KC Council Meeting+  
 7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice\*\*

TUE 8:00AM Organ Practice+++  
 03 2:00PM Organ Practice until 3:30PM

WED 9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@  
 04 7:00PM St. Joseph Consecration Class\*\*

THU 8:00AM Organ Practice+++  
 05 1:00PM Organ Practice+++

FRI 7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice\*\*  
 06 7:00PM Hispanic Baptism Class\*\*

SAT 10:00AM Baptism  
 07

SUN 7:30AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group  
 08 6:00PM Vietnamese Adoration##

**Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 2, 2021:**

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28  
**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23  
**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10  
**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20  
**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

**LIFELINES:** "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. **If a mother can kill HER OWN CHILD, what is left but for us TO KILL EACH OTHER.**" --St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Sacred Relics of the Saints - Treasures of the Church:** Christ the King Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics! **Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mass at 5:30pm followed by the Relics at 6:30pm.** Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession

**Dowling Catholic High School** is seeking a part-time Gate Ticket Manager for the 2021-2022 school year. The Gate Ticket Manager is responsible for managing all facets of gate ticket operations for Dowling Catholic High School athletic events. Questions can be directed to Tom Wilson, Athletic Director [twilson@dowlingcatholic.org](mailto:twilson@dowlingcatholic.org).

**PRAYING AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD:** There is an organized effort to pray at Planned Parenthood on 1000 East Army Post Rd., on all Saturdays. We have signs and everything. Come at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for some or all and pray the four mysteries of the rosary to save babies and be a pro-life witness. No need to sign up for this, just come with your rosary.

**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** – Now that you've been noticing all the people involved in the various parish ministries, you may think, "Wow, I see the same people every week. Those people are really dedicated. I could never help out *that* much. I'm too busy. Sunday is my day to rest. Sometimes I work or am out of town. Sometimes my kids are sick or have a soccer game." Well, as these reasons may all be true for you, some most likely are also fitting for those you see assisting. While it may be true that many of the people who assist our parish truly enjoy it, feel called and are needed, it may also be possible that they have other commitments which prevent them from serving. This is where the opportunity for new help comes in! On the homefront, if the mom has to do all the cooking, dishes, cleaning, or laundry by herself, mom burns out. Her health suffers, the quality of work diminishes, and soon the whole family feels the stress. However, if a few family members each do a little bit, the whole idea of "Many hands make light work" solves the problem. Mom may need to accept the fact that things may be done a little differently, but change can be good, and some instruction can produce amazing results. Hence, how can you help to keep our parish functioning? Ask Father Aquinas or talk to a staff member in the office if you don't know who to go to. Please, pray about what you can do to take your turn at a task to help our parish family!

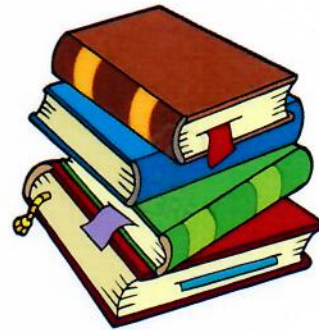


## Back to School Needs

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.



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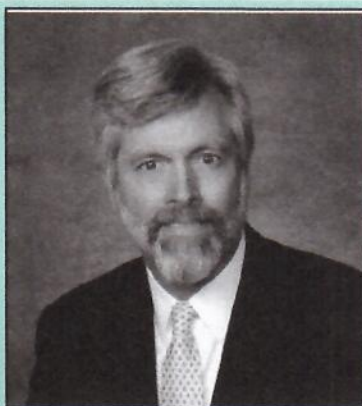
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