

The Basilica of St. John

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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987
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Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

Deacons: *Rev. Mr. Luke Tieskoetter*
Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell
Rev. Mr. Juan Bustamante

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Altar & Rosary President:
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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.
PregnancyHotline:	For those considering abortion: 1-800-848-LOVE

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Blessed Mother's Assumption into heaven. This dogma of our faith reminds us of the future that awaits us if we are faithful to the Lord and the way of life that he has called us to. Let us invoke the Blessed Mother's assistance to obtain from the Lord many graces and the strength to live as we ought.

Please continue to 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 RECOMMENDED masks in church. Remember that if you feel ill in any way you are excused from attending Mass.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the growing Church in Africa. Thank you in advance for your sacrifice.

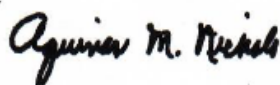
We still need pledges to make our ADA for 2021. Please make your pledge if you have not done so already. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Basilica. We still owe \$37,164.00.

The replacement of the stairs in the front of the Basilica is now complete. It is one more project completed to keep our facilities in good order.

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 – 8/8/21

Total - \$18,690.88
Need - \$17,895.19

Year to Date (YTD) – Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022
YTD Total - \$101,325.40
YTD Need - \$107,371.14

2021 ADA AMOUNT DUE TO THE DIOCESE: \$37,164.00 (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

AUGUST 14 TO AUGUST 22

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 14	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Fr. Jim Kiernan Spanish Mass
SUN 15	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Lucille Molloy Parish & Benefactors
MON 16	12:00PM	Intentions of Nancy Thomas
TUE 17	12:00PM	Intentions of Dennis Ashby
WED 18	12:00PM	+Ed & +Kathryn Fish
THU 19	12:00PM	+Walt McManus
FRI 20	12:00PM	+Charles Duffy
SAT (Vigil Mass) 21	4:00PM	+Jim Deery
SUN 22	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Tien Nham 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:

Question: **How is Baptism prefigured in the Old Covenant?**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

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

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15, 2021

**Respect
Life**



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK AUGUST 16 THRU AUGUST 22

MON 16	9:00AM 12:45PM 7:00PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ Church Tour Hispanic Choir Practice**
TUE 17	8:00AM 2:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice until 3:30PM
WED 18	9:00AM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@
THU 19	8:00AM 1:00PM	Organ Practice+++ Organ Practice+++
FRI 20	7:00PM	Hispanic Choir Practice**
SAT 21	7:00PM	Wedding Rehearsal <i><u>Second Collection for the Church in Africa</u></i>
SUN 22	7:30AM 6:00PM	NO Vietnamese Prayer Group Vietnamese Adoration## <i><u>Second Collection for the Church in Africa</u></i>

Daily Scripture Readings for the week of August 16, 2021:

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

LIFELINES: IS LEGAL ABORTION REALLY SAFE?

"In an attempt to learn how pervasive the problem of SERIOUS ABORTION COMPLICATIONS is, an American obstetrician surveyed 486 of his colleagues regarding their experience with abortion patients: 87% revealed they had hospitalized women with complications following legal abortions; 91% had treated patients for complications; 29 of the doctors reported patients of theirs DYING FROM LEGALLY INDUCED ABORTIONS."

—Ann Saltenberger (Every Woman Has a Right to Know the Dangers of Legal Abortion)

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Bishop Drumm Garage Sale will be held from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Thursday from June-September at the Bishop Drumm campus at 5837 Winwood Dr., in Johnston. Donations of good household items, furniture and clothing will be accepted at the time of the sale.

Diocese of Des Moines seeks an experienced receptionist to work in an environment that can present a new experience daily. This important role answers a multiline phone, interacts with the public and supports a number of departments using the Microsoft Word and Excel as well as other computer products. For more information on this position, please visit our website, dmdiocese.org. Qualified candidates can send their cover letter and resume to hr@dmdiocese.org by August 20, 2021.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP: You can pick up school supplies in the parish hall after all Masses on Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15. Some of the items include crayons, colored pencils, pens, glue sticks, 3-ring notebooks, spiral notebooks, and folders. Come and choose items you need.

PRAYING AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD: There is an organized effort to pray at Planned Parenthood on 1000 East Army Post Rd. on all Saturdays. We will have signs. 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. 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.

BASILICA CHOIR: Rehearsals resume this Fall, beginning Thursday, August 26, 7:00-8:30pm. We look forward to our faithful members returning, as well as welcoming many new faces to our ministry. Many hands make light work! Many voices make a better choir! We welcome instrumentalists to come forward to offer your talents as well. Stop after Mass to visit with some choir members if you have any questions. Email Gail Johll at celestialchoirs@gmail.com or call 641-919-5431.

MUSIC DIRECTOR MUSINGS FROM GAIL – What is one of your favorite things you like about the Basilica?...the beautiful architecture, the stained glass windows, the homilies, the music? I am highly biased. Being the music director of the Basilica, with our focus on the importance of the liturgy, music is truly a privilege. I walked into a long tradition of beautiful sacred music here. My goal: to keep that music going and continue to improve all aspects. I cannot accomplish this mission alone. Fall is fast approaching. Now is the time to consider donating your time and talent to the music at the Basilica. I will venture to say that music is one of the most powerful forms of prayer. God has blessed many of our parishioners with great talents in this area. We need you to tithe these talents to keep the standards of our music high, to praise God in the highest form possible. Please consider answering God's call to use your talents for the greatest form of prayer, the Holy Mass. It may even chalk up some brownie points for your eternal goal! Thank you!





OFFICE of the BISHOP

July 27, 2021

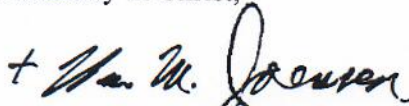
Solidarity Fund for Church in Africa

Dear Friends in Christ,

This August 22nd, our Diocese will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. As we look forward to that opportunity, we are reminded of the tremendous gift the Diocese of Des Moines has received from the Church in Africa. In the last thirty years, we have been blessed by the ministry of many fine priests from Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya and South Sudan, as well as women religious from Kenya and Nigeria. In many instances, their home countries suffer the exigencies of war, drought and poverty. They continue to serve our city and rural parishes, responding to the needs of God's people throughout our Diocese. How grateful we are for the blessings they convey to us!

What we have received as gift is not ours to retain solely for ourselves. It is only just and charitable that we respond with glad support for the special needs in many countries in Africa. Thank you in advance for the gift you will return to our African sisters and brothers in Christ.

Faithfully in Christ,



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

Attachment



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July 26, 2021
Saint Anne

Dear Friends of St. John Basilica,

Greetings!

I am pleased to announce that the Basilica of St. John Foundation at last has met its 1-million-dollar goal. Putting our needs before God in prayer, trustworthy Foundation leadership, wise and morally sound investment choices, and the great generosity of so many of you have brought us to this goal, which once seemed almost absurd. I am grateful to God and to you as I extend this invitation to our 10th Annual Basilica of St. John Foundation Banquet Dinner & Auction.

You will notice a few changes to our event this year. In the spirit of generosity, coupled with celebrating our 10th Anniversary, the Foundation Board cut in half the ticket price—only \$25 per ticket. *No tickets will be sold at the door and seating will be limited, so purchase your tickets early.* In addition, members of The Dead Theologians Society (the Basilica youth group) will provide free babysitting services at The Tea Room during the event. Finally, this year we will not hold a silent auction, only a live auction.

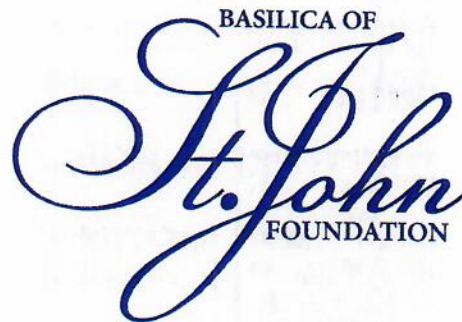
As you know, the BSJ Foundation exists to meet the extraordinary and pressing needs of our aging, but spiritually vibrant, and historically significant church—hallowed ground where Jesus Christ is present, body, blood, soul, and divinity. As we have attained our goal, the Board is already discerning where the yearly dividends from this investment will be allotted, which will be presented at the Foundation Dinner.

Further, I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider a generous donation to the BSJ Foundation. At one time, one million dollars did, indeed, seem absurd, just as a \$30,000 goal for this annual fundraiser seems improbable now. If you cannot attend our annual Banquet Dinner & Auction, you could make a donation of any size at the church office toward our continued service to the community, for which I am eternally grateful.

Sincerely,

V. Rev. Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor, Basilica of St. John

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
10TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION



DINNER BANQUET & AUCTION

AT

THE TEA ROOM
713 WALNUT STREET
DOWNTOWN DES MOINES



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

5:30 PM COCKTAILS

7:00 PM DINNER

TICKETS FOR THE BANQUET ARE \$25 EACH (\$500 FOR A TABLE DONATION) AND
MAY BE PURCHASED AFTER MASSES, OR BY PAYMENT AT THE CHURCH OFFICE
BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021.

PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BABYSITTING AT
THE TEA ROOM DURING THE EVENT: IOWAASJES@GMAIL.COM.

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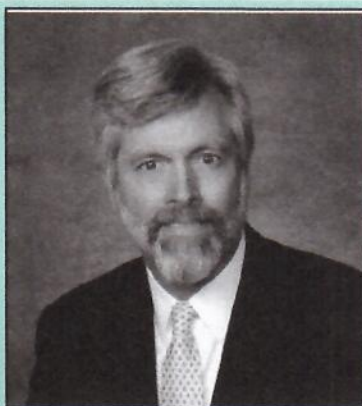
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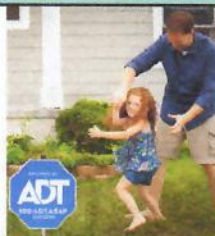
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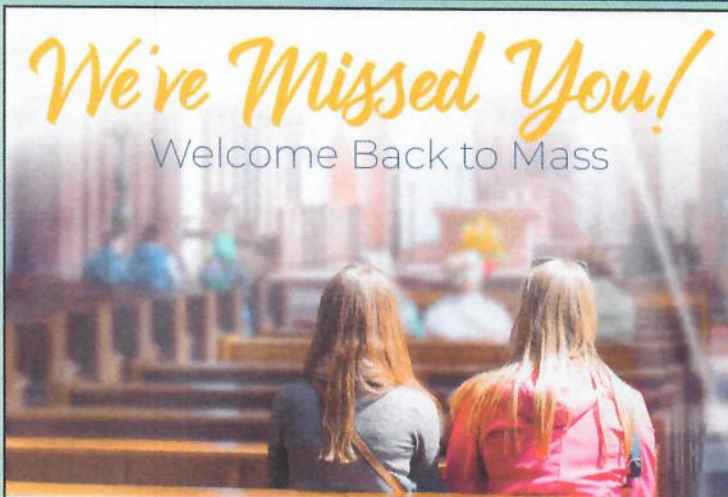
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