

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

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters.

The Holy Gospel this week recalls Jesus healing a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. Jesus uses his power always for good. We also must look out for the good of others, having compassion and being of help wherever possible.

This coming Monday is LABOR DAY. The parish office will be closed, and the MASS WILL BE AT 9:00 a.m. ON MONDAY.

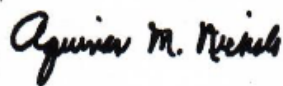
The celebration for Msgr. Beeson last weekend went very well and he was so pleased with everything. My sincere thanks to all of those who made this such a memorable event for him.

His Excellency Bishop Joensen has RECOMMENDED masks in church. Remember that if you feel ill in any way you are excused from attending Mass.

There will be a second collection for our local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul this weekend, which was postponed from last week. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

God's blessing and peace be yours!

Devotedly in the Lord,



(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

WEEKLY INCOME – 8/29/21

Total - \$15,340.68
Need - \$17,895.19

Year to Date (YTD)–Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022
YTD Total - \$150,024.84
YTD Need - \$161,056.71

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

SEPTEMBER 4 TO SEPTEMBER 12

TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 04	4:00PM 6:00PM	+Barbara Leporte Kosmata Spanish Mass
SUN 05	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Deacon Pat Kirkman Parish & Benefactors
MON 06	9:00AM	Happy Labor Day! +Walt McManus
TUE 07	12:00PM	+Maria Nguyen and Special Intention
WED 08	12:00PM	+Karl & +Madge Sinclair
THU 09	12:00PM	+Visente Thuong
FRI 10	12:00PM	+Sam & +Jeanette Kharouf
SAT 11	4:00PM	(Vigil Mass) +Zachary Thompson
SUN 12	8:30AM 10:30AM	Parish & Benefactors +Kathryn Mauro

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: **Who brought to fulfillment the pre-figurations of Baptism?**

ANSWER: All the Old Covenant pre-figurations find their fulfillment in Jesus Christ. At the beginning of his public life Jesus had himself baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan. On the cross, blood and water, signs of Baptism and the Eucharist, flowed from his pierced side. After his Resurrection he gave to his Apostles this mission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: Our first Altar and Rosary meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall on Saturday, September 11th. We will start with the rosary, have a short business meeting and plenty of time to socialize and catch up with friends we haven't seen in many, many months. If you've been a member in the past or if you're new to the church or new to Altar and Rosary please feel free to join us and find out our plans for the new year.



The Basilica of St. John

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 6 THRU SEPTEMBER 12

MON 06	Happy Labor Day!—Parish office closed 9:00AM NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
TUE 07	8:00AM Organ Practice+++ 1:00PM Youth Choir+++
WED 08	9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament@ 4:00PM Hispanic Office open til 7pm** 6:15PM R.E. Teacher's Meeting**
THU 09	8:00AM Organ Practice+++ 7:00PM Choir Practice+++
FRI 10	7:00PM Hispanic Choir Practice**
SAT 11	10:00AM Altar & Rosary Meeting+ 12:00PM Rogue/Lopez Wedding <i>Diocesan Collection for Seminarians</i>
SUN 12	7:30AM NO Vietnamese Prayer Group 5:30PM Foundation Celebration, Dinner at 7pm 6:00PM Vietnamese Adoration## <i>Diocesan Collection for Seminarians</i>

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 September 6, 2021:

Monday	Col 1:24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday	Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Is 50:4c-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

LIFELINES: Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021 is a big day for Texas. The new state heartbeat law, which could save tens of thousands of unborn babies from abortion every year, is slated to go into effect. Unless pro-abortion groups succeed in their emergency appeals Tuesday, **Texas will be the first state in America to enforce a heartbeat law. The pro-life law**, which Gov. Greg Abbott signed in May, prohibits abortions once an unborn baby's heartbeat is detectable, typically about six weeks of pregnancy. Exceptions are allowed if the mother's life is at risk. Unique from other heartbeat laws, the Texas legislation includes a private enforcement mechanism that allows people to file lawsuits against abortionists who violate the law. The law has the potential to save tens of thousands of babies from abortion. In 2020, about 54,000 unborn babies were aborted in Texas, and about 85 percent happened after six weeks of pregnancy, according to state health statistics. That means more than 100 unborn babies with beating hearts may be spared from abortion every single day in Texas. "LifeNews"



Many thanks to all those from the Basilica Parish who worked so generously during the celebration of my 60th Jubilee Mass and dinner and the 70th Jubilee for Sister Mary Rachel. It was truly a memorable occasion. May God bless you! Msgr. Larry Beeson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!: Msgr. Beeson will give four talks on the stained-glass windows of the Basilica. The dates are Tuesdays, September 21, 28, and October 12, 19 from 6:30pm to 8pm in the church. See the Adult Faith Formation flier on the pamphlet rack. Bring the whole family! For more information, contact Margaret at 515-244-3101 ext. 204 or MargaretS@basilicaofstjohn.org

BASILICA MUSIC UPDATE: The Basilica Choir is off to a great start! Thank you to those who made the effort for a big kick-off. We had the privilege of providing music for the wonderful celebration of Msgr. Beeson's 60th Anniversary last Saturday night. We would love to invite and welcome new members to our ranks! It takes **a lot** of singers to keep this group afloat, as the demand of people's schedules challenges attendance. All are faced with juggling schedule conflicts and other commitments of life. The Basilica Choir rehearses Thursday nights, 7:00-8:30pm, and sings every Sunday at 10:30am Mass beginning September 5, through spring.

If you are not a singer but can play an appropriate instrument, maybe you could highlight some special occasions. The handbell choir is another opportunity for those who can read music. Music brings honor and glory to God and beauty to our world. Please pray and discern if God is calling you to use your talents for his service! Feel free to call, text, or email me for more information or come up to the choir loft after 10:30am Mass to get acquainted. Thank you very much! Gail Johl

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. Classes begin next Wednesday, September 15 from 6:15pm to 7:30pm in the school.

SIGN UP FOR RCIA NOW! - Sessions begin September 13, 6:30-8pm. 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. Accepting registrations through September.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Chip In For Charity Golf Outing: Join us Friday, September 17, 2021, for our Fight Food Insecurity Golf Fundraiser. This year we will be at Copper Creek Golf Course located at 4825 Copper Creek Dr. in Pleasant Hill. Registration will begin at 8:30am with a shotgun start at 10:00am. Golfer registration is \$150 per person with additional sponsorship opportunities available for those interested. Registration includes hosted food and beverages. Any questions or for more information please contact our Resource Director, Randi Radosevich at resourcedirector@svdpdsm.org.

The Third Option: We make marriage VOWS, not promises or wishes..... A free marriage enrichment program is for all couples whether they are facing obstacles in their marriage or just trying to make a good thing better! The Third Option will meet **every 2nd and 4th Monday "IN PERSON"** at All Saints Catholic Church on 650 NE 52nd Ave. in Des Moines, 50313. The workshop is held from 7-9 p.m. **A new session begins September 13th**; however, participants are welcome to join anytime. If you have questions or would like to register, contact Adam Storey at astorey@dmidioecese.org or 515-237-5056. You can also contact Barb Berenguel at barbberenguel@yahoo.com or 515-229-0535.



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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.

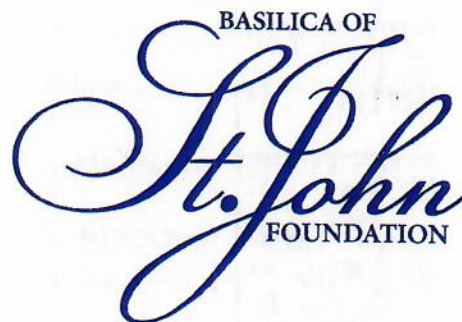
As you know, the BSJ Foundation exists to meet the extraordinary and pressing needs of our aging, but spiritually vibrant, and historically significant church—hallowed ground where Jesus Christ is present, body, blood, soul, and divinity. As we have attained our goal, the Board is already discerning 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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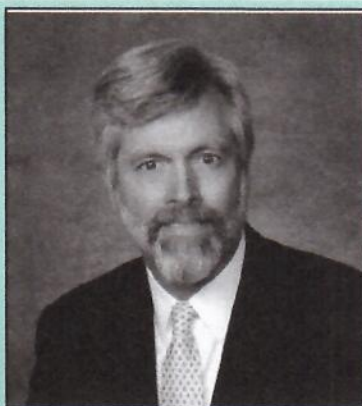
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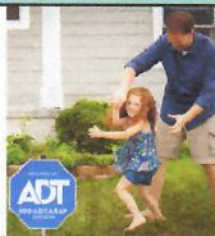
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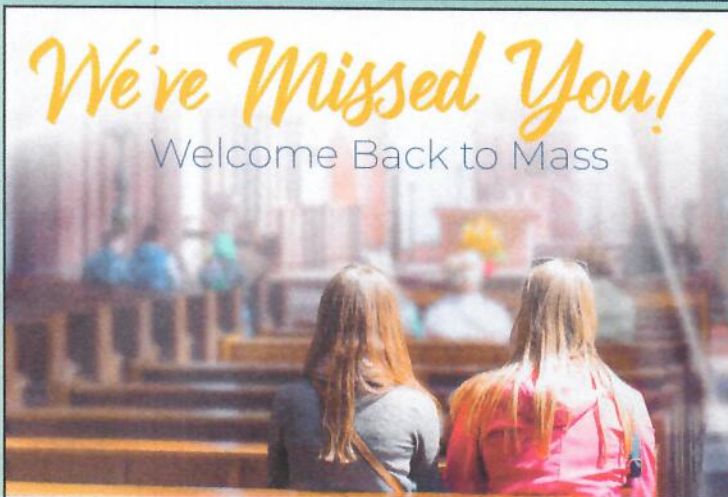
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