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Named to the National Historic Registry, September 8, 1987

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Pastor: *The Very Reverend Aquinas M. Nichols*

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Rev. Mr. Mark Campbell
Rev. Mr. Steve Tatz
Rev. Mr. Quan Tong

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Masses:

Saturday:

4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

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:

Mondays - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we celebrate the glorious solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the end of this present liturgical year and the beginning of a new one next Sunday with Advent. The glory of Jesus Christ our King isn't something we merely sit back and admire. It envelops us, and its majesty transforms us, until we become Christ-like through its presence and power. Let us then celebrate with great joy the fact that Christ reigns over all and he has called us to salvation through his Holy Church.

Last week to get your tickets in for the raffle. The drawing will be December 3rd. There are five possible cash prizes for five different winners.

We are rapidly coming to the start of the holy Advent Season next weekend. It would be a good time for the families to think about some extra spiritual activities to prepare for the Birth of the Lord.

May the Lord continue to bless you all!

Devotedly in the Lord,

Aquinas M. Nichols

(The Very Reverend) Aquinas M. Nichols
Pastor

ADA amount owed to the Diocese: \$0—Paid in Full!

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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations to Adara Lopez, Christina Reed, Sicily Alaniz and Sebastian Buttrey and their families on the recent celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism.



CONGRATULATIONS: To Bryan Keating & Katelyn Hagenbucher who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on November 11, 2023.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR of Central Iowa will present their Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm. Please join us for an evening celebrating the joy of the upcoming season of Christmas!

ADVENT MEDITATION ON PIPES: Please join us for an Advent Meditation on Pipes, Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm. Organ music from Bach, Franck, and other masters will be played.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 25 THRU DECEMBER 3 TIMES FOR EUCHARIST AND INTENTIONS

SAT 25	4:00PM	+Agnes Potycki
SUN 26	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Dominic Tran Van Kham Parish & Benefactors
MON 27	12:00PM	+Helen Homan
TUE 28	12:00PM	+Joseph Nguyen Van Dien
WED 29	12:00PM	+Fr. Frank Parrinello
THU 30	12:00PM	+Fred Sellers
FRI 01	12:00PM	+Joe Johl
SAT 02	4:00PM	+Danny Papich
First Sunday of Advent		
SUN 03	8:30AM 10:30AM	+Margaret Murray 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 the parish office at basilicadm@msn.com or Terri at 515-321-2743 or sinc2@aol.com.

CATECHISM CORNER:

Last week's question: **How was sickness viewed in the old Testament?**

ANSWER: The compassion of Jesus toward the sick and his many healings of the infirm were a clear sign that with him had come the Kingdom of God and therefore victory over sin, over suffering, and over death. By his own Passion and death he gave new meaning to our suffering which, when united with his own, can become a means of purification and of salvation for us and for others.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Knights of Columbus Council 644 have elected brother Ian Steward as **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH** and Deacon Mark, Maria, Toby and Lilly Campbell as **FAMILY OF THE MONTH** for November 2023! Ian has been instrumental in leading the Pancake Breakfast that supports needy children and our Seminarians. The Campbells are always ready to assist the Parish in numerous efforts.



The Basilica of St. John

Christ the King

November 26, 2023

Respect
Life



YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 27 THRU DECEMBER 3

MON 9:00AM	Adoration@
27 2:30PM	Catholic Youth Choir Practice (CYC)+++
6:30PM	RCIA**
TUE 8:00AM	Organ Practice
28 10:00AM	Adult Faith Class%
WED 9:00AM	Adoration@
29 6:30PM	Relig. Ed. & Confirmation Session**+
THU 8:00AM	Organ Practice
30 3:00PM	CYC +++
5:30PM	NO Dead Theologian Society (DTS)**
7:00PM	Adult Choir Practice+++
FRI 01 7:00PM	Organ Practice+++
SAT 02	No scheduled Events
SUN 10:30AM	Rite of Acceptance
03 6:00PM	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 November 27, 2023:

Monday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-30
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



ADVENT ANGEL TREE: The Advent Angel Tree will be in the ramp area beginning Sunday, December 3. If you wish to take an angel and purchase the item requested, please wrap the gift, tape the angel to the gift and return it to the Basilica by Wednesday, December 13. Items will be distributed to the families on Saturday, December 16. Mittens and gloves are also needed at this time of the year. There will be a box near the tree for these smaller items. If you purchase mittens or gloves, just drop the item in the box and we will distribute them also. It is not necessary to have an angel or to wrap the mittens or gloves. Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have questions, please call 515-681-9368 or 515-554-2429.



BASILICA RAFFLE: Would you like a chance to win a cash prize? Basilica Raffle tickets are now available for only \$10 each. Don't miss this opportunity to win big. Prizes include 25% of the proceeds, \$250, and three \$100 prizes. The parish has mailed 5 tickets to each family. Please sell or purchase these tickets and return the stubs & money to the office or the collection basket. If you need more tickets you can contact the office, 515-244-3101, ext. 0. Don't miss this opportunity to support the Basilica and also have a chance to put some extra cash in your pocket. Prize drawing will be Sunday, December 3rd, and you don't need to be present to win. For questions contact the parish office.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Advent Taize Service: Please join the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Advent Taize Service, 1150-28th St., Des Moines, on Wednesday evening, December 6th at 7 pm. Advent Taize is a quiet reflection on the season, featuring the melodic voices of the St. Catherine of Siena Choir, seasonal readings and quiet reflection in a peaceful, candlelight atmosphere.

Iowa Catholic Radio: Don't miss Iowa Catholic Radio's Dinner in December, featuring a keynote by Dr. David Anders, host of EWTN's Called To Communion, December 8th, 6pm at Embassy Suites Downtown, Cocktail hour, dinner, and an announcement from Iowa Catholic Radio! Get your tickets at IowaCatholicRadio.com.

Dorothy's House: Our second annual Holiday Hullabaloo is a fundraiser to support Dorothy's House, a safe place for survivors of human trafficking, exploitation, and prostitution, where they discover their healing journeys through the practice of life. This event will be open for 21 days, and we have nearly 200 volunteer shifts available to fill. This immersive experience is where guests of all ages can enjoy the magic and fun of the Holiday Season. We are seeking Volunteers who would like to serve their community and have fun while serving. Our volunteer elves will have fun helping guests as they interact with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and other holiday characters. They will also assist guests with photo ops and much, much more. **Details of Volunteering:** Silver Cord service hours available, Volunteers must be 14 years or older, dates November 24 - December 31, 2023, location: Woodsmith Store 10320 Hickman Rd Clive IA 50325. **Sign Up at:** dorothyshouse.volunteerlocal.com

Nourish for Caregivers: If you're caring for a parent, a spouse or a child and need prayerful support, consider coming to the next Nourish for Caregivers gathering on November 29 at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines. Questions? Contact Patty Origer at poriger@dmdioocese.org.

LIFELINES: Abortion advocates often say, "It's a woman's right to choose". However, once a woman is pregnant, she already has a child; the choice is what to do with him or her. Although the word "choice" sounds so positive and harmless, the actual choice is whether to have a live child or a dead child. Abortion advocates also argue that, "You cannot legislate morality". Interestingly, this is exactly the same argument that the civil rights' movement faced. The response of Martin Luther King Jr. was: "We hear the familiar cry that morals cannot be legislated. This may be true, but behavior can be regulated. The law may not be able to make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me". Similarly, pro-life advocates are trying to regulate behavior, not legislate morality. We cannot force some people to love all children, but we can and should use our influence to stop abortionists from destroying innocent babies. (Pro-Life Articles)

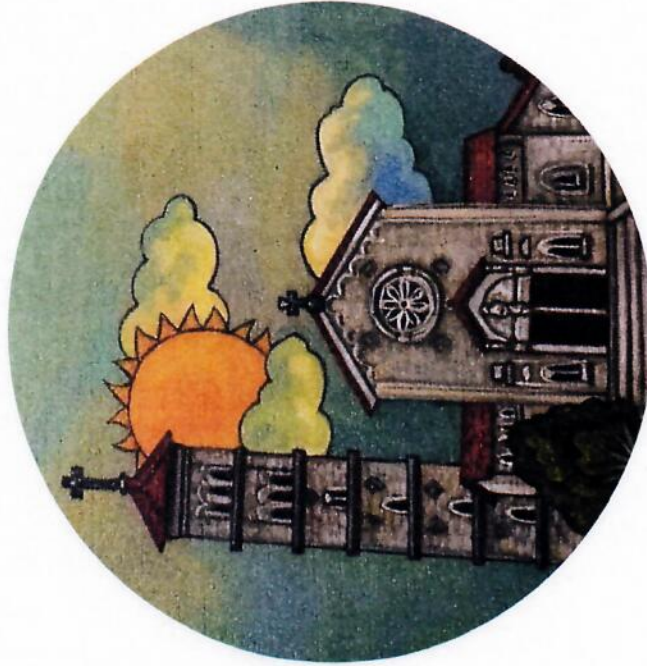


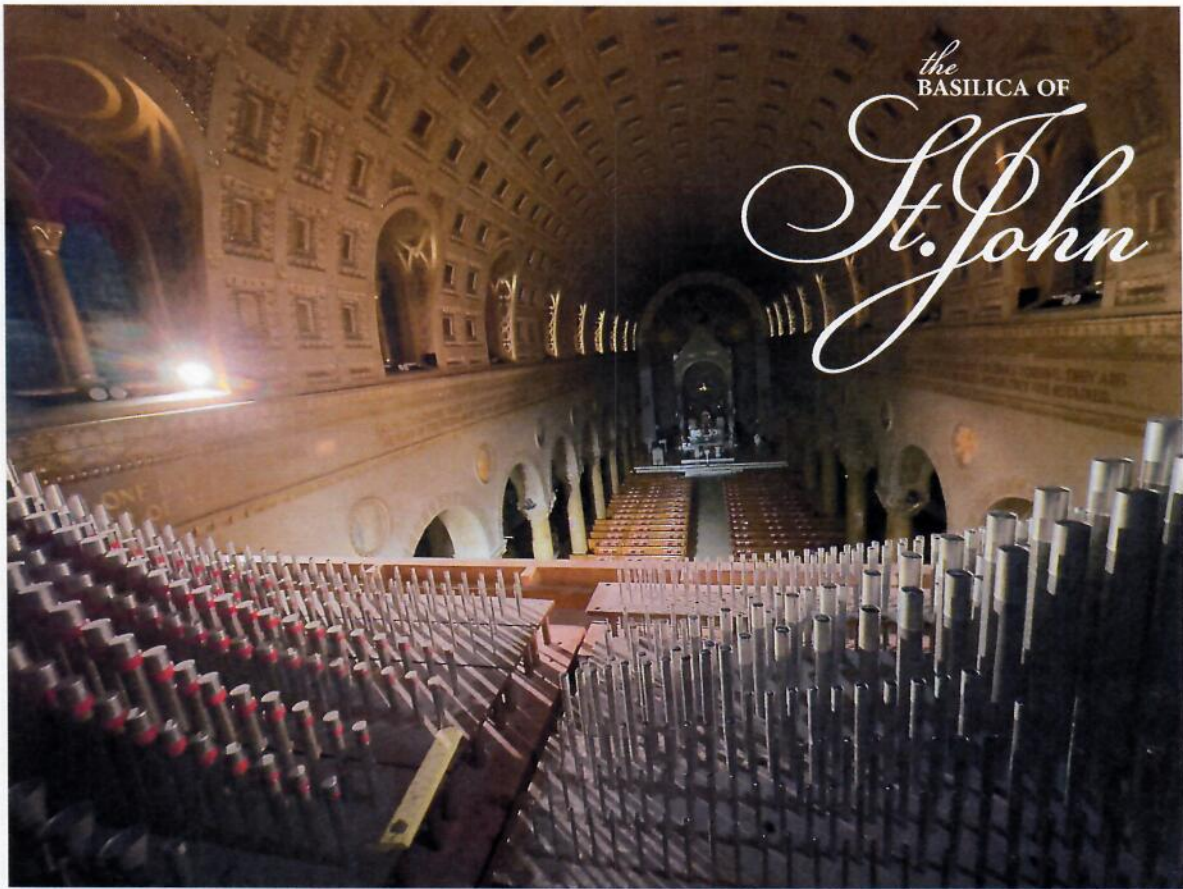
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“Advent Meditation on Pipes”

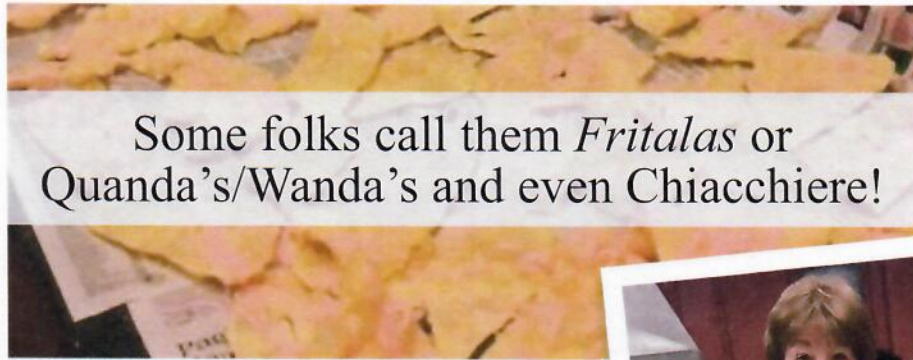
December 10, 2023

3:00 PM

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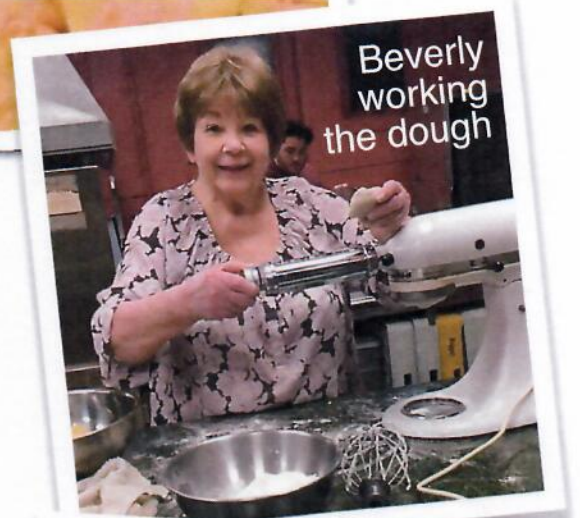
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Time to make the Fritalas:

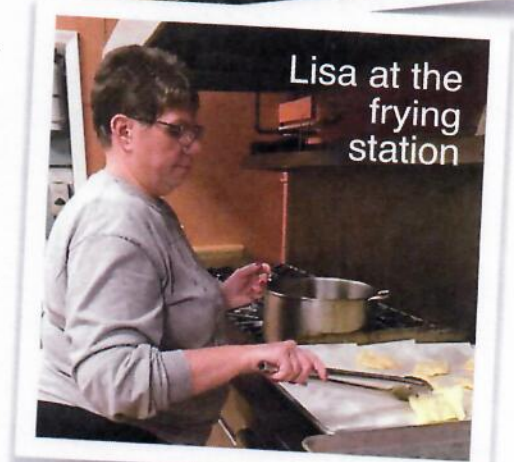
**Thursday,
December 7, 2023
5:30 PM**

*In the Basilica
Church Basement*

the
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Beverly
working
the dough



Lisa at the
frying
station

*All Fritalas made
can be purchased at the*
Bake Sale
December 9th & 10th

BASILICA OF ST. JOHN
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is hosting an all Parish

Bake Sale

FUNDRAISER EVENT

100% of the proceeds go to the Basilica of St. John Building Fund

December 9th & 10th

Join us for Fellowship and Fun
and enjoy some sweet treats
for the holiday season
Cakes, Pies, Cupcakes, Cookies,
Breads, Soups, Tamales, Egg
Rolls and so much more!

We ask that each
family contribute 1-2 baked goods
to support the Parish Bake Sale

Bring your baked goods
to the Church Hall Kitchen
Friday, December 8, 2023
Or before any of the masses on
Saturday, **December 9th & 10th**



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NEW THIS YEAR
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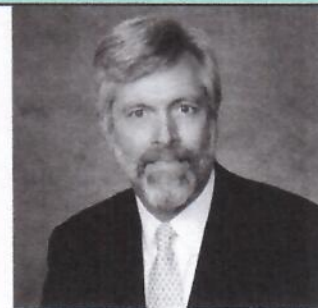
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