"Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord. For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own." - Jeremiah 29:7
FROM THE PASTOR

With this column I would like to update you in regard to several areas of our parish’s life.

1. Campus Master Plan: Beginning in January of 2018 a Campus Space Planning Committee began working to establish a vision for our campus to prepare us for the next 100 years of service to our Church and our city. Last fall this group completed its work in providing a vision, and establishing a set of priorities to ensure our buildings and campus serve both our current needs and the needs of future generations at The Basilica and in the community.

As a next step, we selected a team of individuals and organizations to translate that vision into a more specific Master Plan for The Basilica and its campus. To work with members of our parish, we searched for an architectural firm that could work as a team with urban planners, historical preservationists, and landscape architects. Through a process which included “Requests for Qualifications” and “Requests for Proposals,” we identified interested experts from across the country. Eventually three teams were interviewed in person, and ultimately it was recommended to The Basilica Landmark Board that the Architectural firm HGA and their team be hired to develop a Master Plan for our Basilica Campus. The Basilica Landmark Board approved the funding of this recommendation and we began negotiations for a contract with HGA.

Next a small Master Planning Committee was formed to work with HGA and their team in the development of the Master Plan for The Basilica and its campus. This Committee met for the past six months to develop a Master Plan for our campus, which included some specific issues, e.g. accessibility, music, parking, meeting/social space, and our liturgical space. As the details become finalized we hope to share the results of the work of this committee in the coming months.

The Plan is very comprehensive and includes recommendations to support the broad vision for the campus and solutions to all identified needs to better perform our day to day ministries and works. The Plan did not filter against a budget or a financial target to ensure we addressed all opportunities. The Master Plan included 15 “groupings” of work and expense to reflect potential projects or campaigns for The Basilica to consider. These are representative of likely project groupings, and the included detail allows The Basilica flexibility in defining scope of each project we pursue in the coming years.

The detail in the Master Plan will be used as a starting point and will help guide us as we begin the work to determine the appropriate scope and phases of implementing the Master Plan. These project priority decisions will be reflective of the needs of our Parish community and reflect the interests, budget and giving capacity of our Parishioners and donors.

2. Feasibility Study: As I have mentioned previously, The Landmark Board also approved funding to hire the firm of Bentz Whaley Flessner to conduct a feasibility study to help determine fund raising capacity for a potential Capital Campaign needed to implement elements of the newly developed Master Plan.

As the work of the Campus Space Planning, Master Plan Development, Feasibility Study and potential Capital Campaign have broad implications for our Parish we have been actively engaged with The Basilica Landmark Board, Parish Council, and Finance Committee to ensure our leaders are informed and appropriately involved in providing guidance and approval.
3. Our Parish Finances: A big THANK YOU to all those who so generously supported our Basilica parish at Christmas and through year-end giving. Your financial support makes it possible for us to continue to offer the programs, ministries, and services that are the hallmark of our parish.

I want to thank all those who have made a commitment of financial support to our parish community during our financial stewardship campaign this fall. Please know your commitment of financial support to our parish community is greatly appreciated. Your pledge—no matter the size—is important and makes a difference. It allows us to continue to offer the many programs, ministries and services that are the hallmark of our Basilica community. Please know of my great gratitude for your ongoing financial support.

4. Change Management Consultant: As I have mentioned previously, several months ago our parish our Parish Council and Finance Committee approved funding to hire a Change Management Consultant, to help us as we seek to implement our new strategic plan.

Most recently our parish staff and a small Task Force have been working with the Change Management Consultant to help us develop an “assessment tool” to help us identify those ministries, services, and programs, etc. that are important and necessary for our parish community and need to continue, as well as those that need to change or end. Our new Strategic Plan has provided the foundation to guide our decision making process and prioritization.

It is both good and important periodically for parishes to take a step back and review the various programs and ministries that are part of their parish operation to make sure they are still filling a need, or whether they to be modified, or ended so that new or emerging needs can be addressed. The Change Management Consultant is helping us take a careful and considered look at all that we do here at The Basilica. We hope to finish this work sometime in early spring.

5. Archdiocesan Synod: On the weekend of January 18 and 19 members of our Parish Synod Committee spoke at all the Masses on the upcoming Archdiocesan Synod. A synod is a formal representative assembly designed to help a bishop in shepherding of the local Church. It is Archbishop Hebda’s hope that over the next two years, the synod process will involve every parish and draw on the gifts that have been bestowed in such abundance on the people of this Archdiocese to discern and establish clear pastoral priorities in a way that will both promote greater unity in our Archdiocese and lead us to a more vigorous proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. In doing so, it will help Archbishop Hebda discern, through a consultative process, the pastoral priorities of our local Church today—and into the near future.

The synod process began this past fall and continues during the winter and spring with prayer and listening events. After these events, in the summer of 2020, Archbishop Hebda will announce the topics that will shape the synod. In autumn of 2020 and winter of 2021 there will be a parish and deanery consultation process. On Pentecost weekend May 21-22, 2021 there will be a synod assembly. Delegates to this assembly will be invited from across the archdiocese and will meet to discern synod topics and vote on recommendations for the Archbishop. The Feast of Christ the King (November 21, 2021) is the anticipated publication of pastoral letter from Archbishop Hebda addressing the synod’s topics with a pastoral plan to shape the following 5-10 years.

I believe the synod process brings with it much promise for the future of our Archdiocese. It will only be successful, though, if people pray, participate, and honestly share their concerns, questions and hopes for our Archdiocese. To this end —since I first informed you of the synod—we have established a parish synod ambassador team who will work to solicit feedback from our parishioners and keep

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Candlemas

Forty days after Christmas, on February 2, we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Purification of Mary. Both commemorate events in the life of Jesus and Mary related to the observation of Jewish Law as narrated in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. The day is also known as Candlemas because on that day, the mid-point of winter candles are blessed for use in church as well as in our homes.

Though not a Holy Day of Obligation, Candlemas was an important day for my family. That day all of us attended morning Mass during which our pastor blessed the Candlemas candles we took home with us. After Mass, we joined my grandparents for a breakfast of traditional Candlemas crepes. In the evening, before bed we lit our new Candlemas candles for the first time and prayed together. The next day we packed away our nativity scene as the Christmas season was complete.

Those Candlemas candles were very important to us. We brought them out when someone was sick or when disaster struck and we prayed in the glow of their flame. When we cleared out the house after my parents died we found several half-burned Candlemas candles that had supported us and given us hope throughout the years. We stopped our work and lit those candles one last time and prayed for my parents.

On Sunday, February 2 we will bless the candles we will use during our liturgies this coming year and we will have Candlemas candles available for purchase. These candles can be lit at home when we find ourselves in a difficult time so they may give us hope as their light breaks the darkness. They are also an invitation for us to become what the candles symbolize:

Where the world is dark with illness
let me kindle the light of healing.
Where the world is dark with hatred
let me kindle the light of love.
Where the world is bleak with suffering
let me kindle the light of caring.
Where the world is dimmed by lies
let me kindle the light of truth.
(from a prayer for Shabbat)

Liturgical Ministries - 612.317.3433
Sacred Art/Concerts - 612.317.3438
Music - 612.317.3426

LITURGY

Blessing of the Throats

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Blessing of the throats will take place after the 7:00am and Noon Mass.

Taizé Prayer with Individual Confessions

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 & MARCH 10, 5:30PM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

This service is characterized by mantra-like singing of simple, yet beautiful songs, following the Taizé community tradition of communal prayer focused on reconciliation and healing.

Mass on Presidents’ Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:00AM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

There will be no noon Mass. The Basilica campus and offices will be closed.

Decorating for Lent

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 8:30AM, BASILICA

Volunteers are needed to help decorate The Basilica for Lent. For more information, contact Travis at tsalisbury@mary.org or sign-up on line at mary.org.

Lenten Observance

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

Abstinence: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one’s need, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously.

Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Eucharist at 7:00am, Noon, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, Basilica
Soup Supper in Teresa of Calcutta Hall at 6:30pm

Lenten Morning Prayer

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS OF LENT, 9:15AM
CHOIR STALLS

Lent Fridays

7:00AM, NOON, 6:00PM, EUCHARIST
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BASILICA
LITURGY & SACRED ART

ART EXHIBIT
SEEING CHRIST IN THE DARKNESS: GEORGES ROUALT AS GRAPHIC ARTIST
FEBRUARY 1-APRIL 28
On loan from Bowden Collections

CONCERTS AND MUSIC

MINNESOTA SINFONIA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2:00PM
Loren Fishman plays Beethoven

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2:00PM
Ilya Kaler, violin

TWIN CITIES AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

ORGAN RECITAL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 7:30PM
Eric Plutz, organist

MACPHAIL SPOTLIGHT CONCERT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7:30PM
With Christopher Stroh

ICON CLASSES
SATURDAYS, MARCH 14, 21, 28 & APRIL 4, 9:00AM-1:00PM
Painting or writing an Icon is a prayerful meditative process. The Basilica offers the opportunity to experience this during Lent. Led by Deb Korluka students will paint an Icon of the image of Saint Mary Untier of Knots. Contact Deb at 612.889.5868 to register.

DOWNTOWN CHORAL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2:00PM
WESMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Come listen to Central Lutheran, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist, St. Mark’s, The Basilica of Saint Mary, Plymouth Congregational, and St. Olaf Catholic join together in a 300 voices mass choir.
If you dread the season of Lent, the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, you might wish to hold our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) accountable. The 40 days of Lent evolved as the preparation time for the ancient Order of Catechumens. At the beginning of Lent, after months of learning about the Catholic Tradition, Catechumens and Candidates celebrate the Rite of Election. They will sign the Book of the Elect. Those seeking baptism will be anointed with the Oil of the Catechumen.

Then, they will each begin the 40 days of prayer and purification, to prepare for the great celebration of the Paschal Mystery at the Easter Vigil. They, along with Catechumens and Candidates all over the world, will practice prayer and fasting and almsgiving.

So, I certainly understand and affirm that they should celebrate Lent. But, why me?

They are called to a profound conversion of life ... so am I. They are called to let God in, to change, to soften their hearts... so am I. They are called to let God hold a more profound place in their daily lives... so am I. At the Rite of Election, they will each proclaim their belief that God is calling them, inviting them to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. I too, am invited by God to prepare myself for the great Paschal Mystery at the Easter Vigil. As a community, we are each needed to prepare ourselves, to open ourselves and pray for each other, with special care for our Catechumens and Candidates, soon to be our Elect, as they prepare.

Pray for them, pray for their journey and they will pray for us and for our community as together we travel these 40 days.

Cathy Edwards, RCIA Coordinator

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 9:00-11:00AM
BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-1

If you are expecting, are a new parent or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes. We offer classes approximately nine times a year for parents who are registered members of The Basilica and plan on having their child baptized here. Godparents are welcome too. Please register online at mary.org.

Congratulations to the following children who were baptized in November of last year:

Lucy Elizabeth Brass • Landon Jay Lindgren
Christopher Thomas O’Malley • Henry Darrin Brooks Ennis
Gabriel Joseph Webb • August Andrew Higgins
Kamran Lee Talebi Nezhad • Carlota Isabel Blanco Cano
Indie Quinn Hodges • Rory James Nordlund
Luke Ronald Charipar • Samuel Ryan Uhler
Paige Marie Hubert • Olivia Jane Feekes
Warren Alvin Simonsen

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN
Will be offered again during Lent on Sundays at the 11:30am Mass. The children are invited to follow leaders to the chapel where they hear the Word proclaimed from a children’s text which they can comprehend and respond to, allowing them to participate more fully in the Mass.

BASILICA YES (YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE)
11th and 12th Grade High School Youth—You are invited to strengthen your leadership experience, get involved in the community, share faith, and grow your friendships at The Basilica. Basilica YES teens are engaged in a variety of projects throughout the year and meet regularly on Sunday evenings. Together we are gaining volunteer experience for our college applications, reaching out to the world to make a difference (one activity at a time), and finding meaningful relationships within our parish community. We invite you to join us. For more information contact Christine Moore, cmoore@mary.org or 612.317.3439.

MOMMS GROUP (MARY OUR MOTHER MOM)
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, FEBRUARY 12 AND 26
9:30-11:30AM
CATHERINE OF SIENA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Mothers of young children are welcome to join this supportive community to enrich their personal spirituality, be a source of encouragement for the vocation of motherhood, and provide a connection with other mothers who are raising their children in the Catholic faith. All are welcome! Child care is provided in the room next door. Please join us, and together we will journey through the challenges and blessings of motherhood.

Learning Office

General - 612.317.3414
Young Adult Ministry - 612.317.3478
Children & Family Ministry - 612.317.3414
Marriage Ministry - 612.317.3478
ADULT LEARNING

THE FAITHFUL REVOLUTION: VATICAN II
SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 2, 9, & 23, 5:30-7:00PM
BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-1

Join us for a five part documentary video series created to keep alive the vision and spirit of Vatican II, produced by Richard C. Leach. It includes testimonies by many people who were fortunate enough to be present, either as participants or observers, at this event of such importance to the Catholic Church. Today, theologians and religious educators acclaim it as a timeless treasure. A discussion will follow the video presentation. Register at mary.org. For more information, contact Jolane at 612.317.3414 or jjones@mary.org.

THE FRANCIS IMPACT DOCUMENTARY
SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 11:00AM AND 5:30PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM
GROUND LEVEL

*The Francis Impact* tells four unique stories of individuals and communities who have been deeply impacted by Pope Francis. The film begins in El Salvador where environmentalists struggle to preserve the nation’s fresh water supply through a legislative ban on metallic mining. From there, the film moves to central Minnesota where a Catholic couple shares the story of their long and frustrating annulment process. Across the Atlantic, a local carpenter on the tiny Italian island of Lampedusa makes crosses from the wood of decrepit boats that carried migrants from North Africa.

Finally, the film shifts to Quebec where a horrific attack at a local mosque brings two faith leaders together in an astonishing way. Far from the corridors of the Vatican, the real “Francis impact” is felt by ordinary people who have been inspired, empowered and affirmed by him over the past five years. We will show the film twice in one day to give people who attend different Mass times a chance to view the film. A short discussion will follow the 90-minute film. For more information, contact Jolane at 612.317.3414 or jjones@mary.org.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP
MONDAYS 10:30AM-12:00PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM
GROUND LEVEL

Looking for a small group? Come join this group of adults that explore the Gospel and share what it means to them. No registration required. Come when you can. The meeting concludes in time for those that would like to attend noon Mass. For more information, contact Jolane at 612.317.3414 or jjones@mary.org.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS, 7:15-8:45PM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

This is the perfect Bible Study for a busy lifestyle—we have the materials you need, so please join us when you can and bring some friends. Usually a group goes out after Bible study for community building at a local tavern. If you have been coming to The Basilica for a while and are looking for a young adult community, it’s a great way to prepare for Mass, and meet new people! More information at mary.org/bya.
As we prepare to move into Lent, and as we look through the lens of Local Stewardship, we are given many opportunities throughout February and March to deepen the impact our faith has on our life.

The convergence of Lent and Local Stewardship invites us to be intentional about the way we live each day, the way we respond to our neighbors, and the way we embrace and share the remarkable forgiving love of God. We are invited into a variety of prayer opportunities, to ground ourselves in God’s love. We are given a wonderful selection of forums, to learn about our faith and about what is going on in the world around us. We have opportunities to participate in a variety of actions, to effectively make God’s love tangible in our community.

I have heard it suggested that one of the most powerful ways to pray is with the scripture in one hand and the newspaper in the other hand. How does what is written in one affect and inform how we understand and respond to the other?

Minnesota has one of the greatest disparities in the nation between blacks and whites in education, employment and wealth. Homelessness in Minnesota has reached a record high, with more people filling shelters or sleeping outside. Our state has a critical lack of shelter beds and affordable housing. Americans are more divided than ever—gridlocked over social issues, race, and the economy. What does our faith call us to?

Reading through this bulletin provides a powerful snapshot of ways to learn and get involved. There are things we can do, individually and collectively, to transform our communities through God’s love. Let us grow together to gain the strength, desire, and capacity to act boldly and make a difference.

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**MENTAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL**
**NEW DAY AND TIME THIS YEAR!**
SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, AND 22, 2:30PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL
Mark your calendar and join us for a film, discussion and food and head to 5:00pm Mass!

Watch your weekly newsletter and the mary.org website for film names coming in January.

**DISABILITY AWARENESS MINISTRY FAIR**
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, AFTER 9:30 & 11:30AM MASSES
teresa of calcutta hall
Local organizations will be set-up to educate and communicate resources available to all.

**NEED TO TALK?**
We have trained listeners available! Sometimes talking to friends or family just isn’t enough. They aren’t objective. They interrupt. They give too much advice or try to fix us. They take over our story. Meeting with an Emmaus Listener just once or twice could make all the difference in the world. When given the space and time to be able to sort out what’s on your mind and in your heart, we allow peace of mind, clarity, and Christ’s presence room to reign. We find we have wisdom within us. Meetings can happen in your home, at a coffee shop, or here at The Basilica. They are free, confidential, and there is no insurance required or paper trail to follow you. Contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474 for more information or to request to meet with a volunteer listener. Let the healing begin!

**BASILICA THRESHOLD SINGERS**
*Threshold:* Merriam-Webster defines this as the means or place of entry; the place or point of beginning. We believe that as our loved ones near death, there is an opening to the Sacred. Our parish offers a small group of singers from the Cathedral Choir who are willing to come into the home, hospital, assisted living facility, or hospice care setting to sing and pray. The ministry is not a performance, rather it is a time when the singers come with gentle blessing to quiet fears, open hearts, and bring light to all who are present. Praying with music is a particularly powerful way to help those gathered around a loved one’s side express love and begin to say good-bye. Singers are available to come at various times of the day, on weekdays or weekends. The ministry is offered as a gift, thus there is no charge. Please contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries office at 612.317.3474 to arrange for this ministry when hospice begins, when a terminal illness is diagnosed, or when death draws near.
CIVILIZE IT: DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE
What does it mean to love our neighbors in the midst of such a divisive climate? Catholics are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with anger and harsh language. As Catholics, we must model a better way. We invite you to join Catholics throughout the United States and model love for neighbor by pledging to Civilize It and committing to civility, clarity, and compassion in 2020. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate is a non-partisan call to focus on the dignity of all people, even those with whom we disagree, and to put faith in action. Make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree and pledge dignity beyond the debate today at CivilizeIt.org!

BEYOND POLARIZATION: BRIDGING THE DIVIDE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 11:00AM, SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM
Come hear Dr. William Doherty, Professor in the Department of Family Social Science and Director of the Citizen Professional Center at the University of Minnesota. He has developed a model of grass roots organizing among parents and other citizens around cultural, community, and health issues. Bill is also a therapist working with couples on the brink of divorce through the Minnesota Couples on the Brink Project. Following the 2016 Presidential election, he co-founded Better Angels, a citizen initiative to help restore the fraying social fabric in American society. Better Angels workshops have spread to 37 states and have been featured in local and national media.

In this presentation you will see how people with very different political viewpoints can come together and find common ground. You will learn about specific skills for talking with loved ones on the other political side. You will have a chance to connect with the Better Angels local and national effort. For more information, contact Janice at jandersen@mary.org or 612.317.3437. Register online at mary.org/support.

LENTEN SERIES: BECOMING HUMAN
TUESDAYS, 6:00-8:30PM, FEBRUARY 18, MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA, GROUND LEVEL
One of the three core themes of The Basilica Strategic Plan is Inclusivity: To build a culture in which people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included. The goal is to build upon previous work while broadening and deepening its scope. As a parish, The Basilica seeks to address cultural and religious divides, support and welcome all whom we encounter—especially those who have been marginalized—and seek interventions in systems that perpetuate marginalization. To advance this work, we are offering a Lenten Series: Becoming Human. This six-part series will be lead by St. Thomas University professors examining the complexities of racism.

This series will examine the historical, economic, cultural, and institutional systems of racism and explore varying approaches to social change. By the conclusion of the series, participants will be able to speak articulately about how participating in the work of dismantling racism can become a spiritual practice of “becoming human.” To register for the series and learn more information, go to mary.org/inclusion.

Tuesday, February 18  Dr. David Williard, associate professor U.S. history
Tuesday, March 3   Dr. Jessica Siegel, associate professor justice/peace studies
Tuesday, March 10  Dr. Amy Levad, associate professor moral theology
Tuesday, March 17  Dr. Michael Klein, associate professor justice/peace studies
Tuesday, March 24  Dr. Amy Finnegan, associate professor justice/peace studies
Tuesday, March 31  Dr. Kimberly Vrudny, associate professor systematic theology

SANDWICHES FOR STUDENTS
Did you know that a new partnership has developed between The Basilica’s St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Ministry and Minneapolis College, located directly across the street from The Basilica? Our Sandwich Ministry is now making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Minneapolis College students who are faced with the challenges of hunger. Thank you to our sandwich ministry volunteers and our generous donors for making the partnership a reality!

WHEN SHOES AREN'T JUST SHOES…
At our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Shoe Ministry, a shoe voucher is not “just” a chance to have new footwear... it is the opportunity to accept new employment when the job requires work boots that are unaffordable. It is the way to stay safe and avoid frostbite when living outside during the winter. It is a pathway to healthy physical development for kids as their feet quickly grow. And, of course, it is a way to help our economically challenged neighbors with a life-necessity, allowing them to re-direct their budget to other vital items such as food and medicine. Every week, as it has for more than 25 years, SVdP Shoe Ministry reaches out with care and compassion to our community. Did you know we even include vouchers for those who need special shoes for specific medical conditions or have large/hard to fit feet? Would you like to learn more about our SVdP Shoe Ministry or perhaps stop by and take a “tour”? If so, contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

BASILICA BOOK CLUB
10:00AM
COWLEY CENTER, WAGNER ROOM
Join the discussion. Contact Karen for more information at 612.872.7535.

February 6  You Don’t Have to Say You Love Me
by Sherman Alexie

March 5  Old Man and the Sea
by Ernest Hemingway
THE BASILICA FUND

For more than a century, The Basilica has been a place to gather and grow in faith. We welcome you wherever you may be on your faith journey. As we look to our future, we welcome you to support The Basilica Fund. Your recurring gift empowers our work inside these doors—and throughout the city.

All gifts can be made online at mary.org/give.

AN EASTER GIFT TO THE BASILICA

This Easter season, please consider making a special gift to support Easter liturgies, and all The Basilica’s ministries throughout the year.

BEAUTIFY THE BASILICA THIS EASTER

Help transform The Basilica this Easter with lilies and colorful spring flowers. All flower tribute gifts given by March 27 will be acknowledged in the Easter leaflets.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

By supporting the Annual Fund, you ensure the longevity of our building. In the past year, The Basilica Landmark has completed the following projects:

- Rebuilding The Basilica School’s south entrance, restoring both functionality and security
- Refurbishing the Teresa of Calcutta Hall, making it fully accessible to multiple needs, including homelessness and immigration support, interfaith collaborations, training seminars, and art exhibits
- Creating a master plan outlining the future of our campus

Donate online at thebasilicalandmark.org/give or by contacting Stephanie Bielmas at 612.317.3472.

LANDMARK SPARK

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020
INTERNATIONAL MARKET SQUARE

Join us for a night of dining, bidding, dancing, and giving to benefit The Basilica Landmark.

In 2019, The Basilica Landmark Ball turned a new leaf, rebranding to Landmark Spark, inspiring vibrant colors and raising a record-breaking amount in the Live Auction. Help us keep the flame alive for our beloved Basilica icon at the 2020 Landmark Spark on May 9 at International Market Square.

Purchase your tickets online at thebasilicalandmark.org/spark. For more information or to make a donation to the event, contact Holly Dockendorf at hdockendorf@mary.org or 612.317.3432.

CITIES 97.1 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

JULY 10 & 11, 2020

Save the date for the 26th Basilica Block Party on Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11. Check back at our website at basilicablockparty.org for lineup and ticket information to come.
FROM THE PASTOR

everyone informed as the synod process moves forward. There is a link to this group as well as information on the listening session at mary.org/synod. You can anticipate hearing more about the synod in the weeks and months ahead.

6. Catholic Services Appeal: The 2020 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) will begin the weekend of February 1 and 2. This yearly appeal helps support the many ministries, services and programs within our Archdiocese. Now I realize many people are concerned that contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal will be used for purposes they didn’t intend. In this regard, it is important to note that The Catholic Services Appeal is an independent 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. This was done, to insure that all the money that is collected through the Appeal would go directly and solely to the ministries, services, and programs supported by the CSA. No CSA funds go to the Archdiocese.

By pooling the financial resources from generous donors throughout our diocese, much important and necessary work is funded by the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). As your pastor, I wholeheartedly endorse the work of the Appeal; I encourage you to make a gift to support these important ministries, services and programs. Please look for the Catholic Services Appeal information in pews, or learn more at csafspm.org.

7. Recent Maintenance Projects: In addition to several smaller maintenance projects this summer, there were also two major maintenance projects. We replaced the carpeting in the lower level of the church. If you have not been in the lower level of The Basilica recently I would encourage you to stop down and see the new carpeting. Replacing the old carpeting and updating the hospitality area with an expanded area of terrazzo was one of our major maintenance projects this summer. I know I come from a biased perspective, but I think it turned out quite well.

The other major maintenance project this summer/fall was rebuilding the south façade of our parish school building. While the brickwork is done a couple months ago, the Terra Cotta needed to finish the job was delayed. It finally arrived a few weeks ago and has been installed. If you haven’t seen the rebuilt south facade of the school, I invite you to stop and view it after church some weekend. I think it turned out exceptionally well.

8. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate: The Bishops of the United States have launched a year-long initiative that invites Catholics to model civility, love for neighbor, and respectful dialogue. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate will ask Catholics to pledge civility, clarity, and compassion in their families, communities, and parishes, and call on others to do the same.

The initiative is built on the recognition that every person—even, and perhaps especially, those with whom we disagree—is a beloved child of God who possesses inherent dignity. Civilize It is an invitation to imitate the example of Jesus in our daily lives in our encounters with one another through civil dialogue.

In talking about this initiative, Bishop Frank J. Dewane, of Venice, and chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development emphasized the importance of Civilize It in the context of the current divisive climate:

"Conversation in the public square is all too often filled with personal attacks and words that assume the worst about those with whom we disagree. We are in need of healing in our families, communities, and country. Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate is a call for Catholics to honor the human dignity of each person they encounter, whether it is online, at the dinner table, or in the pews next to them. I invite all Catholics to participate in Civilize It. In doing so, they can bear witness to a better way, approach conversations with civility, clarity, and compassion, and invite others to do the same. "You can find out more about Civilize It at CivilizeIt.org.

On Sunday, February 16 at 11:00am Bill Dougherty from Better Angels will speak in the lower level of The Basilica about the work of Better Angels. At the end of his talk we will invite people to take the Civilize It pledge of: 1. Civility; 2. Clarity; and 3. Compassion, and to pray for civility in our conversations. hose who are interested will also be invited to commit to the three additional three more workshops with Better Angels: March 7, 21, and 28. These will be skills workshops to delve deeper into the concepts Bill will address in his talk that day.

Rev. John M. Bauer
Pastor, The Basilica of Saint Mary
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7:00am  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
9:30am  SVdP Shoe Ministry
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
Noon  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel

TUESDAY
7:00am  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
9:30am  SVdP Outreach Ministry
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
Noon  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel

WEDNESDAY
7:00am  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
9:00am  SVdP Sandwich Ministry
Rectory, Dining Room
9:30am  SVdP Outreach Ministry
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
Noon  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
6:00pm  JustFaith
Catherine of Siena

THURSDAY
7:00am  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
9:15am  Morning Prayer
Choir Stalls
9:30am  SVdP Outreach Ministry
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
Noon  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
6:00pm  Pathways
Basilica School
7:15pm  Basilica Young Adults Bible Study
Saint Joseph Chapel

FRIDAY
7:00am  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
10:00am  Centering Prayer
Basil the Great, Ground Level
Noon  Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel

SATURDAY
9:00am  Confession
Saint Joseph Chapel
5:00pm  Mass of Anticipation
Basilica
7:30pm  AA Meeting
Basilica School, Great Hall

SUNDAY
7:30am  Eucharist
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4:30pm  Eucharist
6:30pm  Eucharist
Basilica

LENTEN MORNING PRAYER
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS OF LENT
9:15AM
CHOIR STALLS

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