EMPOWERING THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS

Four years ago, Align Mpls (formerly Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness) facilitated the development of Street Voices of Change (SVoC)—a supportive and self-empowering advocacy community for persons experiencing homelessness. SVoC grew to hold sessions in four congregations, including The Basilica on Tuesday mornings (pre- COVID). Their agenda includes supporting one another and raising issues that might end their homelessness or save lives. Within 2 years they responded to harsh and unjust stories of living in the Minneapolis homeless shelter system by developing a Shelter Resident’s Bill of Rights (SRBOR).

The SRBOR states that people in shelters should have a safe and dignified experience while staying at shelters. The rights they claim are simple: They assert every shelter resident has the right to be treated with respect and dignity. Shelters should have adequate space, be clean and safe. Case management should work to help exit shelter. Staff should be trained, compassionate, and create a safe welcoming environment. Shelters should provide secure property storage.

With Align Mpls’s support, Street Voices of Change connected with Hennepin County Commissioners and Shelter Providers. As a result of their advocacy, Hennepin County now requires implementation of the tenets of the SVoC Shelter Resident’s Bill of Rights in county shelters. Cognizant of the need for SRBOR’s implementation and enforcement across the entire state, SVoC has successfully secured the support of Homes for All Coalition, and tenets of the SRBOR are now included in their MN State Legislative Agenda for 2021.

One of the dreams of creating Street Voices of Change was for our congregations to empower those who experience homelessness to advocate and work to support themselves—with the real possibility of bringing the tens of thousands of people in our combined congregations behind them—in support of them. They, more than anyone else, know what is needed. If they
A COMMUNITY ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we:
• Practice biblical stewardship
• Share our faith with others in word and deed
• Pursue ecumenical and interfaith relationships
• Rejoice in rich diversity

As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we are committed to provide:
• Inspiring liturgies and sacred arts
• Transforming life-long learning opportunities
• Engaging service to one another and justice for all

STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS
The Basilica of Saint Mary is committed to the future growth of our parish. The Our Parish Our Future plan outlines the three strategic areas of focus for the next five years. This plan builds upon the parish’s strong vision, mission, and values.

The Arts
Move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through excellence in the arts and creative practices.

Inclusivity
Build a culture where people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included.

Homelessness
Respond to the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These three areas of focus were strategically selected through a comprehensive, contemplative process with our parish leadership, staff, and consultants.

The three areas will unify and inspire collaboration across our parish and resonate throughout our commitment to the community.

Learn more about the strategic direction of our parish at mary.org/ourfuture.

can name it and work toward it, we—as partner congregations—can use our voices to support them.

It is very exciting to see this dream come to fruition, with SVoC’s Shelter Resident’s Bill of Rights. They have done the work. Now it is time for our congregations to support the changes that are possible.

The Ask:
We ask everyone in The Basilica community to engage in advocacy to move components of the Shelter Residents Bill of Rights through the legislative process. We need your voice to make this happen!

Currently the MN House is moving a bill forward that would create a taskforce over the upcoming year to study state wide possibilities for shelter residents’ rights and shelter provider practices. A report will be generated and funds appropriated. Bill HF900 is gaining momentum. The MN Senate is moving Bill SF1120.

Contact your elected officials and offer your support for these bills. To find your elected officials, go to leg.mn.gov Let them know:
• Everyone deserves a safe and dignified place to rest their head at night.
• 60% of unsheltered folks choose to be outside, on the train, or somewhere unfit for habitation because they do not feel safe in shelters.
• 30% of people in single adult shelters are under 18 or over 55 years old.
• Shelters should be regulated to protect the people they are charged with like every other sector.

Together we can support our brothers and sisters who are homeless and create a safe and dignified shelter system.

SAFELY CELEBRATING MASS
MASS REGISTRATION PROCESS
• Pre-registration is required and opens 24 hours before each Mass.
• Register at mary.org or call the Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.
• Registration closes online one hour prior to Mass or if it has reached capacity.
• You may only register for one Mass at a time.
• Be sure to bring a face mask with you, which needs to be worn over your nose and mouth at all times inside The Basilica.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
A CALL TO SERVICE
Parishioners are invited to nominate excellent candidates to represent the Learning and Christian Life areas to the Parish Council by April 15. You may nominate yourself or someone you think would thrive in one of the positions. Parish Council members serve as a collaborative advisory group to the Pastor and assist with strategic planning, creation of effective communication structures, policies and procedures.

Parish Council members represent the voice of over 12,000 parishioners and help carry out The Basilica’s mission and vision. Share your talents and leadership to impact our community. Submit the from online at mary.org/pcnominations Please call Terri Ashmore at 612.317.3471 for more information.

Thank you to our Parish Council Representatives for their service to The Basilica community. Visit mary.org/parishcouncil to learn more about the Parish Council.
LITURGY & SACRED ARTS

PRE-REGISTRATION ON MARY.ORG IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE LITURGIES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH EXCEPTION OF THE 7:00AM WEEKDAY MASS.

JOIN US ONLINE OR IN-PERSON DURING THE SEASON OF LENT.

ZOOM: LENTEN MORNING PRAYER
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS OF LENT, 9:15AM
Please find the Zoom link at mary.org.

FRIDAYS OF LENT
7:00AM EUCHARIST, BASILICA
In-person
NOON, EUCHARIST, BASILICA
In-person and livestream
5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BASILICA
In-person and livestream

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28
3:00PM
In-person and livestream
SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2:30PM
On Palm Sunday, March 28, there will be a choral meditation beginning at 2:30pm with The Basilica Schola Cantorum.
In-person and livestream

ZOOM: FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 10:00AM-NOON
For more information, contact Mark Wyss at mwyss@mary.org or 612.317.3410. Registration is required at mary.org.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH
(NON-OBLIGATORY)
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, NOON MASS, BASILICA
We will mark this solemnity with festive music (organ and cantor).

SOLEMNITY OF ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD (NON-OBLIGATORY)
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, NOON MASS, BASILICA
We will mark this solemnity with festive music (organ and cantor).

SACRED ART
ART THAT SURROUNDS US
Johan van Parys, Ph.D., Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts, shares information each week about a piece from The Basilica of Saint Mary’s art collection. Visit mary.org/artthatsurroundsus.

LENT AND EASTER ART COLLECTION
Visit an extensive collection of art and crucifixes online at mary.org/lenteasterart.

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.

FASTING: All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 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.
**CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**ZOOM: LIFT EVERY VOICE: RACE, DISABILITY & EQUALITY IN THE PERFORMING ARTS**
**SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 10:00-11:30AM, ZOOM**

The Arts have often been leaders in bringing people together to examine important topics. Twin Cities artists and educators, Kymani Queen, Michael Wolfe, Naa Mensah, and Aaron Gabriel have produced works that examine the intersection of race and disability. The Basilica of Saint Mary Disability Awareness Ministry is pleased to present them together for *Lift Every Voice: Race, Disability and Equality in the Performing Arts*, a free virtual webinar on Saturday, March 13 from 10:00–11:00am Central Time. The webinar will open at 9:30am with a presentation of Twin Cities organizations providing resources in disability awareness. Register at mary.org/lifteveryvoice for Zoom credentials. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

**ZOOM: HANDS AND HEART TOGETHER WORKSHOP**
**SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 10:00-11:30AM, ZOOM**

Are you a caregiver for someone you love now or have you filled that role at anytime in the past? Join Basilica parishioner Patricia Hoolihan, author of the book *Hands and Heart Together: Daily Meditations for Caregivers*, as she reads excerpts from her book. Our time together will open up the possibility of story sharing among those gathered, in addition to reflecting upon and writing some of your own experience. The cost is $20 and includes a copy of her book, which will be mailed to you ahead of time. Registration required at mary.org/handsandheart. For more information, contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries office at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org.

**ZOOM: UNDERSTANDING INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WORKSHOP**
**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 3:00-4:30PM, ZOOM**

Presenters Cindy Edwards and Annie Montemayor have developed a unique virtual workshop to:
- Educate people on the most common invisible disabilities in the workforce today
- Discuss how to build a culture of disability awareness and acceptance
- Give resources on understanding when to refer, disclosure rights, privacy and options that protect people with invisible disabilities
- Promote self-advocacy; helping people understand steps for requesting reasonable accommodations
- Teach conversation skills for discussing invisible disabilities in the workplace and beyond

Register at mary.org/invisible for this free event and to receive Zoom login details.

**ZOOM: AMERICAN REFUGEE PODCAST SERIES**
**SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 9:00-10:00AM, ZOOM**

Sam Graber is the host of the award-winning podcast *American Refugee*. With a national listening audience, Sam lives in Minnesota and is a member of Temple Israel. Joined by immigrant advocates he will moderate the Saturday Zoom session. Listen to the podcast and then join in for a spirited and informed discussion with immigration leaders from throughout Minnesota. The discussion will focus on Episode 9: Escape the Room. Register at mary.org/immigrationpodcast to receive the Zoom credentials.

**ZOOM: SHORT LISTENING WORKSHOP**
**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 9:00-11:30AM, ZOOM**

Emmaus Listening Ministry seeks to bring the gift of listening to the world. For those not quite ready to enter the ministry or commit to the full training, a short listening workshop will be offered on Saturday, May 1 to help us become better listeners to those we love and those we work with. Come, experience a couple of the foundational, core principles of listening and learn new skills to apply in your personal life. Registration required for this free workshop at mary.org/listeningworkshop. Questions? Contact Wendy at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org.

**COMMON GOOD**

**ZOOM: PRISONERS OR PATIENTS? TASK FORCE**

Are you interested in learning about people in prison who have mental health issues? This group meets every third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm and is currently working on a mentor program for people coming out of a Minnesota prison, have a mental health issue, and desire a spiritual connection. The next meeting is Thursday, March 18 at 1:00pm. Please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org for more information.

**LISTEN, LISTEN...**

When a woman with an aging parent suffering from dementia can share her story with a listening presence; when a patient with a life-threatening illness can talk about his fears to a caring ear; when a woman who has been abused finds comfort in safely telling her story to a nonjudgmental listener—that is the power of Emmaus Listening Ministry. Contact Wendy to become trained or to have a volunteer listener meet with you: 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org. This is a free ministry at The Basilica provided by highly trained volunteers. Next training is in early April; interviews happening now!

**PRAYER LINE**

Prayer is powerful. About 90 people pray each week for the intentions of others, on their own time. Names and intentions are emailed out weekly (or mailed through USPS upon request). If you have the gift of praying for the needs of others and want to join the prayer ministry, please contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org to be added to the ministry. You can also go to mary.org/prayerrequests to ask for prayer or call the reception desk at 612.333.1381.

**ZOOM: BASILICA BOOK CLUB**

Join us the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am via Zoom for thoughtful and courageous conversation. Contact Karen for further details at 612.872.7535.

Here’s what’s up:
- April 1 *Middlemarch* by George Eliot
- May 6 *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones
- June 3 *Arrowsmith* by Sinclair Lewis
**ADULT LEARNING**

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

In February, 15 catechumens and candidates were elected to go forward and continue to prepare and pray regarding their readiness and call to enter into full Communion in the Catholic Church at The Basilica of Saint Mary. As a community, we are fortunate to have these new spirits among us, bringing new life to our organic church.

We can help them to be ready, through our daily prayer for their journey. In the church, there are baskets with the names of our catechumens and candidates, please take one, or call or email the Learning office to ask for a person for whom you would like to pray.

**FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

**ZOOM: LENTEN BOOK STUDY FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**
**9:00AM-10:30AM**

**COST IS $10 PER INDIVIDUAL OR COUPLE**

Parents with small children or in our faith formation classes are welcome to join together for the beginning of Lent to read and discuss Fr. Ronald Rolheiser’s book *Domestic Monastery*, which connects family life and religious communities in the Church. It is a very readable, short book with lots of good spiritual insight and should hopefully lead to good discussion and sharing of family wisdom from the group. Register at *mary.org* or email Ben at *bcaduff@mary.org*. Registration will include a copy of the book that will be mailed to you prior to the group meeting.

**ZOOM: BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS INFANTS & CHILDREN AGE 6 AND YOUNGER**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 6:30-8:30PM**

If you are expecting, or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes currently online. 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. For more information call the Learning office at 612.317.3439. Please register online at *mary.org*.

**ZOOM: YOUTH CONFIRMATION SPONSOR/CANDIDATE MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 4:00PM**

All youth confirmation candidates and their sponsors join us for a special Zoom meeting on Sunday, March 7 at 4:00pm. See the 10th Grade Google Classroom for more information.

**PRAYER RESOURCES**

Vespers and Prayer services recorded live are available on at *mary.org/vespersandprayers*.

Pray the Rosary together either in person or virtually with us; we have made a virtual Rosary available on our website at *mary.org/rosary*. 

**ZOOM: LENTEN VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY**

**MARCH 6:45-8:15PM**

During the Lenten Season, BYA will have a virtual Bible study on Monday nights in addition to our in person Thursday night Bible study. Both will have the same format; we will be looking at the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Email Ben at *bcaduff@mary.org* for the Zoom log in information.
In 2020, The Basilica Landmark has funded the following projects:

- Tuck-pointing the exterior façade on the upper western side of the Church
- Performing the necessary maintenance and the installation of a new blower unit for our organ
- Installation of two needlepoint bipolar ionizations units to remove viruses (including SARS and COVID-19), allergens and mold from the air of Church, lower level, and choir room
- Acquire equipment, cameras, lighting, computers, software and training for livestreaming

We invite you to join our efforts by making a gift to The Basilica Landmark’s Annual Fund today at thebasilicalandmark.org/give or by contacting Stephanie at 612.317.3472.

SAVE THE DATE:
LANDMARK SPARK
SATURDAY, MAY 15

Landmark Spark will go on as planned on Saturday, May 15, but in a virtual capacity. This year, we will be livestreaming the event straight into your home.

Tickets start at no cost. Sponsorship packages are available to purchase. Please visit thebasilicalandmark.org/spark for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS

Each Easter, The Basilica abounds with Easter lilies, symbols of the resurrection. Please consider a gift for Easter flowers at mary.org/give. Gifts in honor or in memory of a loved one received by March 21 will be acknowledged in the Easter worship leaflets.

JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Have you considered a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark? By giving a legacy gift, you can help preserve and restore our church and its campus for generations to come. Planned giving is for anyone, regardless of age, income level or assets. Strategies for making a planned gift can be tailored to meet a broad range of goals and circumstances.

For more information on the Landmark Legacy Society, please contact Monica at 612.317.3429 or mstuart@mary.org.