SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE VULNERABLE

The needs of the vulnerable in our community are a priority for The Basilica of Saint Mary and our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry (SVdP) is an essential component to this response. Through The Basilica’s St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, we seek to offer caring and compassionate assistance to those facing significant challenges. This work is done heart to heart and built through relationships based in dignity and respect for all.

Over the past year, SVdP has discovered ways to adjust, adapt and pivot in order to continue to serve those in need. SVdP supports people experiencing homelessness, families facing unemployment and recent immigrants to Minnesota. Our SVdP volunteers have continued relationships with students at Minneapolis College who face homelessness or generational poverty giving them a much needed support system. With new protocols in place, volunteers have continued offering meals to the hungry. We have also developed online outreach that provides rent assistance and other basic care that used to be offered in-person. These are just a few examples of the life changing service that SVdP provides to our greater community.

I offer my sincere gratitude to everyone who has already supported The Basilica’s St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. Your gift has made this transformative work possible. If you have a recurring gift to SVdP in place, that commitment will automatically roll over in May and continue. If you would like to increase or change your gift, you can contact the development office at 612-317-3472 or nadamsblume@mary.org. Thank you for your faithful generosity that offers hope to those who need it most.

If you haven’t done so already, please consider establishing a recurring gift to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry. One hundred percent of your donation goes directly to people in need. To make a gift commitment, please go online to mary.org/give or contact Nicole Adams Blume in the development office at 612.317.3472 or nadamsblume@mary.org. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our neighbors and lift our community.
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.

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.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP ROLE
We are looking to fill a volunteer leadership role on the parish Finance Committee starting this fall. This is a three-year term position, with the option to serve a second three year term. The committee normally meets on the third Tuesday of the month (September – April) and meets with the Parish Council on the third Wednesday in May to finalize budgets.

If you have a background in accounting, banking, audit, investments, budgeting or Human Resources and are interested in this opportunity or would like more information, please contact Audra Johnson at 612.317.3422 or ajohnson@mary.org.

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 form 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.
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.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST
MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00AM
Please register at the check-in point at the accessible doors on the East side of The Basilica, between The Basilica and Cowley Center.

NOON
Join us online or in-person. Pre-registration for Mass is required at mary.org. Please check-in for Mass at the ground level doors off 17th Street and the circle driveway.

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 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

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).

EASTER MEMORIAL DECORATIONS
Help us beautify The Basilica this Easter. Please consider a special gift for Easter flowers in honor or in memory of someone special in your life. Make your gift at mary.org/donate. Memorials received by March 21 will be listed in the Easter worship leaflet.

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.
CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE MENTAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL COMING SOON!
The Mental Health Film Festival is coming in April—virtually and powerfully. Using the Prisoners or Patients Program as inspiration, four films will be available virtually for our parishioners to watch around the theme of those in prison with mental illness. Watch for more information on accessing the films. Contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

EMMAUS LISTENING MINISTRY—SPRING TRAINING
"The most basic of human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them." —Ralph Nichols
Emmaus Listening Ministry conducts a powerful listening training twice each year. Spring training is in early April. You will be taught lifetime skills and together discern with us if this ministry is a good calling to serve the Basilica. Contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries office to arrange for an interview with a member of the Leadership Team: 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org.

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.

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY
The Basilica Immigrant Support Ministry assists refugees, asylum seekers and those facing deportation by partnering with community organizations, fostering long-term relationships, offering financial assistance and other support. It provides education and advocacy on behalf of those we serve. Consider joining teams to accompany families who are migrants in our community. If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Betsy at eframsey@comcast.net.

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. Please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org for more information.

GRIEF SUPPORT
If you have lost a loved one to death recently, please let Wendy know at wcaduff@mary.org or by calling 612.317.3474. Our Emmaus Grief Ministers would like to offer gentle, prayerful support to you at this time. In addition, the Downtown Coalition for Grief Support offers weekly Zoom meetings on Saturday mornings for those who are grieving. Go to mplsgriefsupport.com and fill out the contact form to receive log in details.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE
Allied Against Opioid Abuse and the National Hispanic Medical Association have partnered to create a new bilingual toolkit and video focused on promoting the safe use, storage, and disposal of prescription opioids in the Hispanic community. Go to Allied Against Opioid Abuse to download the toolkit and watch the video. For more resources and help with mental health concerns, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

COMMON GOOD

ZOOM: CENTERING PRAYER
FRIDAYS, 10:00AM, ZOOM
In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be a pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer. Consider joining Basilica parishioners each week as they seek to grow in their relationship with God. For more information, contact Colleen at colleenmaiers@yahoo.com or go to mary.org.

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 or mailed out weekly. If you have the gift of praying for the needs of others and want to join the prayer ministry, 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: PRAYER SHAWLS
Our parish community has given away over 1,200 prayer shawls as visible, tangible signs of love and support to those in need. Every person who receives one is prayed for, by name, each time we gather. If you would like to knit or crochet with us in this ministry, or request a shawl for yourself or a loved one, please contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries Office at wcaduff@mary.org or by calling 612.317.3474. Our ministers are knitting at home and meeting virtually on Zoom twice each month. Intertwine with us!

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.

April 1 Middlemarch
by George Eliot

May 6 An American Marriage
by Tayari Jones

June 3 Arrowsmith
by Sinclair Lewis
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BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY
IN PERSON AGAIN!
THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

We are back in person for our weekly Bible study! Like earlier in the fall, we will again be meeting in our Theresa of Calcutta Hall, on the lower level. For everyone’s health and safety during this time of COVID-19, we will do a quick health screening and temperature check and take down participant’s information ONLY for potential contact tracing purposes. Please email bya@mary.org if you would like to join us.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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: FIRST COMMUNION PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING
SUNDAYS, MARCH 21
11:30AM
Please see 2nd Grade Google Classroom for more information.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Prepare for a fruitful celebration of the Season of Lent.
The ultimate goal of the Season of Lent is a conversion of heart or a turning away from our sinful ways in order to embrace the Gospel. One of the phrases used during the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday is this: Repent, and believe in the Gospel. This is a very direct and clear statement. This is what we are called to do during Lent.

Each Friday of Lent we will offer you one attainable suggestion for the three Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer and charity. You might look at these as cumulative as we journey through the season.

For the Lenten Journey series visit mary.org/lentenjourney.

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/roary.
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 live-streaming 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.

BASILICA FUND
We welcome you wherever you are
The Basilica Fund represents 79% of our operating budget. Our ministries, along with the daily work of this parish, are not possible without you and your support of The Basilica Fund. To make a gift, please visit mary.org/give. Secure online giving is simple; no need to remember cash or a check. It also means less paper and lower administrative costs, enabling your contribution to go further.

AN EASTER GIFT
As our Lenten journey continues, we ask you to consider an Easter gift to The Basilica. Now more than ever your gift will help us provide our ministries, services and programs for all our parishioners. Make your gift online at mary.org/EasterGift. If you have any questions in regards to how you can support The Basilica, please contact the Development Department at 612.317.3472.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MISSION (SVdP) GIVING
Now is the time to renew or establish your recurring gift to The Basilica’s SVdP ministries. To do so, please visit mary.org/give. We thank you in advance for your prayerful contribution.

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.