



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



*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*

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

WEEKDAY PUBLIC WORSHIP

7:00AM
NOON

SUNDAY LIVESTREAM

9:30AM

SUNDAY PUBLIC WORSHIP

9:30AM
11:30AM
4:30PM

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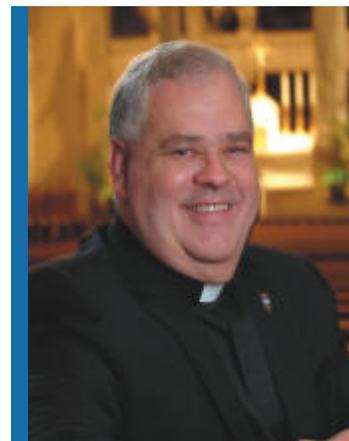
A couple of weeks ago I invited a friend, who had recently retired, to join me for a celebratory lunch. (Both of us have been vaccinated. So we decided it would be safe to venture out for lunch. It was the first public outing for both of us in over a year.) As I was walking into the restaurant I suddenly realized that I had left my wallet sitting on my desk. When I got to the table, I immediately asked my friend if he had any cash or credit cards with him, because even though I had invited him for lunch, I wasn't going to be any help in actually paying for lunch. He jokingly reminded me that he had just retired and was on a fixed income. Nevertheless, he thought he could manage to pay for lunch. I apologized profusely and assured him that I would send him a check as soon as I got back to the office.

The above incident was yet another embarrassing moment in my life. But then again I have had so many embarrassing moments in my life, I have learned to live with them and eventually to laugh at them—sometimes years and years later.

I think we all experience embarrassing moments in our lives. There are times when we misspeak, act in an inappropriate manner, times when we don't respond as we should, or forget something important (like a wallet). For me, the most embarrassing moments in my life occur when I very publicly and very obviously don't act as a follower of Jesus. It could be a flash of irritation, a poorly timed comment, or a failed attempt at humor. Whenever those times occur I cringe both externally and internally. Additionally, I renew my resolve to try harder to be a better person and a better Christian.

One of the things that has helped me to cope with the above is realizing that I am not the only individual who has this problem. In fact, even St. Paul struggled with it. In the letter to the Romans we read: "I cannot even understand my own actions. I do not do what I want to do, but what I hate....What happens is that I do, not the good I will to do, but the evil I do not intend." (Rom. 7. 15 & 19)

Speaking or acting in ways that are contrary to being a Christian seems to be pervasive in the



Fr. John M. Bauer
Pastor
The Basilica of Saint Mary

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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.

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life of Christians. Fortunately, we know and believe that the grace of God is stronger than any sin. And so I trust that the God who created me understands me better than I understand myself. I also believe that in God's grace and because of God's love my sins are forgiven and my many embarrassing (and public) moments forgotten.

SAFELY CELEBRATING MASS

The Basilica will follow all city and state health and safety guidelines.

You will see new practices and policies when you return. The policies will continue to change as we monitor the official guidelines. Pre-registration for Mass is required at mary.org or call our Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.

Please review all of the protocols on the registration form. To help explain our protocols we have prepared a brief video which is available at mary.org/massregistration.

A MOMENT OF PRAYER

God of all,
we cry out to you for help.
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Protect us, Lord, and be with us
especially those of us most vulnerable
at this time.

Move us to reach out in love
to our neighbors near and far.
May the humble be exalted,
the hungry filled with good things.

Grant us the courage
not to rush back to our old ways,
but to rebuild our world together,
creating foundations of justice,
with equality and peace for all.

Amen.

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.



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.

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.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 5:30PM, BASILICA

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. In-person and livestream.

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 3:00PM, BASILICA

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

In-person and livestream

EUCHARIST ON MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 31, 10:00AM, BASILICA

There is no 7:00am or Noon Mass this day.

In-person and livestream

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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.

ANGELS UNAWARES

CROSS AMERICAN TOUR

SUMMER 2021, BASILICA PLAZA

In September 2019 Pope Francis installed a 20-foot bronze sculpture in Rome; Angels Unawares. Created by Timothy Schmalz, it is inspired by Hebrews 13:2, "Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares." This exact replica will be installed at the National Basilica in September, following the tour. The piece will be exhibited outdoors on The Basilica plaza this summer. Visit mary.org/angelsunawares for more details.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

ZOOM: ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES

WEDNESDAYS, NOON-1:00PM, ZOOM

The Basilica Mental Health Ministry and the Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota-North Dakota invite you to attend a virtual Brown Bag Lunch Series on Alzheimer's and Dementia. All classes are held on Zoom from Noon-1:00pm:

May 19: *10 Warning Signs*

June 16: *Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia*

July 21: *Effective Communication Strategies*

August 18: *Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning*

Visit mary.org for more information on how to register. For questions, please contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

FURNITURE DRIVE:

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 9:00AM-NOON

HENNEPIN AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Do you have used furniture such as tables, chairs, sofas, end tables, lamps, and dressers that could use a new home? If so, you are cordially invited to the annual Align Mpls (formerly known as the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness) Furniture Drive on Saturday, May 15 from 9:00am-Noon at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis. Furniture will later be given to guests of Align Mpls outreach ministries to assist in furnishing new apartments for those residing in our area, many of whom are exiting homelessness. Questions? Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org. Please, no beds, appliances, or construction materials. Would you like to learn more about the life-changing, dynamic work of Align Mpls? Visit their website at alignmpls.org!

ZOOM: PRISONERS OR PATIENTS? TASK FORCE

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1:00PM, ZOOM

The next meeting of this task force that discusses the criminal justice and mental health systems is on Thursday, May 20 from 1:00-2:30pm via Zoom. For more information, contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Our parish community has given away over 1,300 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!

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

Since 2015, The Basilica Immigrant Support Ministry has accompanied twelve families as they travel to Minnesota as refugees. Our partnership with Lutheran Social Service has connected us with families from places such as Iraq, Somalia, Ethiopia and Myanmar. We have accompanied ten families seeking asylum. Working with Advocates for Human Rights, we support families from Cameroon, Liberia, Djibouti, Guatemala, Togo and Honduras. If you would like to be part of this ministry, email Janice at jandersen@mary.org.

WHERE ARE YOU IN JOB TRANSITION?

Are you unemployed? Underemployed? Unhappily employed? Wherever you are, The Basilica's Employment Ministry has resources to help you. Contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org to set up an initial intake meeting.

COMMON GOOD

EMMAUS MINISTRY

As more and more people find themselves struggling financially or with their physical or mental well-being during the COVID-19 global pandemic, racial inequities, and with health issues, Emmaus Ministers are here to listen. Fears and anxieties are on the rise and many of us are simply juggling too much. Our volunteers are highly trained, compassionate, and confidential listeners—truly the perfect resource for an imperfect time. Contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474 for more info on our free listening ministry.

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS

Mentoring, Achieving, Growing. Consider being part of the one-on-one mentoring ministry with Minneapolis College. Partnering with a student who has experienced homelessness and poverty, we are invited to build relationships that bridge cultural divides. Minneapolis College has many students hoping to participate. As we begin to plan for the next school year, we need you to join us! To learn more, contact Carol at 612.747.2983 or Janice at jandersen@mary.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ANNUAL ALL PARISH BLESSING FOR GOOD MENTAL HEALTH AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, DURING 9:30,
11:30, AND 4:30 LITURGIES

Join us in person or via livestream for this blessing. After the morning liturgies, stop by the ice cream truck and get a treat! For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNUAL BUILD

This year we will be back and better than ever with our annual Habitat for Humanity "work camp week"! Dates and location are yet to be determined, so watch for more info soon! It's our 25th year of working on a Habitat home! At the time of publication, the dates and location are not confirmed, but contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org if you are interested in learning more.

BYA

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.

ZOOM: BYA MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

MONDAYS, APRIL 26-MAY 24
7:00PM

Young adults are welcome to pray together on zoom for 20-30 minutes for the next few Mondays. We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary and other prayers together for peace in our hearts, homes, local communities and world. Email bcaduff@mary.org for more information.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Welcome to our newly baptized Christians, who entered into Full Communion on Holy Saturday. At the Solemnity of Pentecost, we will welcome other RCIA members through the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Please continue to pray for them as they begin to find their way and use their gifts in the many ministries and opportunities of The Basilica.

If you are wondering about our Catholic Tradition, RCIA may be just what you have been searching for. A group of seekers, learning and praying together; discerning the possibility of joining the Catholic Tradition. For more information about RCIA ministry at The Basilica, contact Cathy at cedwards@mary.org.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

ZOOM: BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

INFANTS & CHILDREN AGE 6 AND YOUNGER

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 9:00-11:00AM ZOOM

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 6:30-9:30PM ZOOM

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.

FIRST COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated 1st Communion last month:

Francisco Amigon • Robert Brassler • Harold Campbell
Madisyn Frank • Emma Herzig • Ava Jeffcoat
Owen Kraus • Carter Micheletti • Leah Oden
Ingrid Stoltenberg • Sydney Streefland • Ivan Thornhill
Christopher Wang • Will Zawasky

BASILICA YES

Basilica YES is a group of 11th and 12th Grade students that meet to carry out service projects within the parish community and our neighborhoods. Our focus is on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. This is a great way for our young people to engage in our ministries, be actively visible in our community and to acquire service hours needed for resumes and college applications.

We are in need of one or two adults from our parish to help co-lead the group next fall. If you have a passion for service and are willing to share this for an hour a week with our high school students, please contact Christine Moore at cmoore@mary.org or 612.317.3439.

DEVELOPMENT

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.

SUPPORT OUR FUTURE WITH A PLANNED GIFT

Making an estate gift through your will or trust is a wonderful way to show your support for The Basilica Landmark and its mission to preserve, restore, and advance The Basilica of Saint Mary. With planning, your estate gift will help continue this vision and maintain our historic buildings and campus for future generations.

If you currently have provisions for The Basilica Landmark or The Basilica of Saint Mary, thank you. Please take the opportunity to let us know so we may carry out your wishes by contacting Monica at mstuart@mary.org.

To learn more about the benefits of making an estate gift, and how it can help continue the critical work at The Basilica Landmark, visit thebasilicalandmark.org/plannedgiving.

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VIRTUAL EVENT

LANDMARK SPARK

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 7:00PM
LIVESTREAMED AT MARY.ORG

It's not too late to register for Landmark Spark! Join us in celebrating The Basilica Landmark with our first-ever virtual fundraiser.

Hosted by Dr. Johan van Parys, the event promises to be celebratory and entertaining as we encourage all to participate in classic sponsorship packages, Fund-Our-Mission, and the online auction. While in previous years we have featured one particular project, this year we are rallying behind the collective need of The Basilica Landmark. Together, let's ignite the flame of our mission.

Tickets start at no cost. Sponsorship packages are available to purchase. For more information and to RSVP, please visit TheBasilicaLandmark.org/Spark.

In 2020, The Basilica Landmark 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

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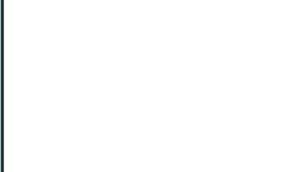
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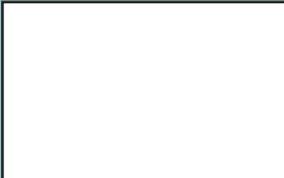


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