



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



2021

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ANGELS UNAWARES OPENING CELEBRATION

Sculpture on exhibit on The Basilica Plaza in August.

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Basilica Block Party is back on the block. Tickets are on sale at basilicablockparty.org.

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EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVITY (EDI)

Zoom forum parish-wide initiative.

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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

2021-2022 program year begins.

“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

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FROM THE PASTOR



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

Even a Pandemic couldn't put a stop to the things going on here at The Basilica the past several months. Via this column I'd like to update you on some of these things.

1. Angels Unawares: On Sunday, August 1 at 3:00pm we will have a welcome celebration for the bronze sculpture *Angels Unawares*. This sculpture will be on exhibit on the plaza here at The Basilica of Saint Mary until Sunday, August 29 with a closing celebration on Thursday, August 26. After leaving The Basilica it will be installed at the Catholic University in Washington D.C. in September.

This sculpture is a replica of one installed in Rome in September of 2019 under the direction of Pope Francis. It was created by Timothy Schmalz (who designed our *Homeless Jesus* sculpture). It is inspired by Hebrews 13.2 **"Show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."** It depicts 140 close to life-size people in a boat. They represent immigrants from various times and places throughout the years.

The artist used a variety of images, old photographs, as well as recent immigrants to depict the people in the boat. Thus, all the characters are based on real people.

The sculpture is a forceful reminder of the biblical call to welcome the stranger and the alien. More details about the sculpture are available at mary.org/angelsunawares.

2. EDI - Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: For the past few years, The Basilica has recognized a need to address and respond to the issue of racism in our lives, our parish, and our community. After meetings with Sarah Bellamy, an equity consultant, in the spring of 2019, and with the establishment of an EDI Leadership Team, a Position Statement was created to guide our efforts as we seek to respond to the sin of racism. We were challenged to do this particularly by the words of Pope Francis in reflecting on the death of George Floyd: **"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of human life."**

Responding to racism is a process not an event. And it is a process in which we all must be involved. Our EDI Team will hold a zoom session this summer to invite people to engage with the EDI Position statement and to lay out the goals we have identified to work on as a parish community. To find out more about the important work of EDI visit mary.org/edi.

3. Archdiocesan Synod: This Fall preparation for our Archdiocesan Synod will continue with the opportunity for parishioners to participate in small discussion groups. These small groups will give participants the opportunity to share their ideas to assist Archbishop Hebda in determining the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly topics. These topics in turn will guide Archbishop Hebda as he creates a pastoral plan for the future of the Archdiocese.

These small groups will meet weekly for six sessions between September 19 and November 14. More information about the Archdiocesan Synod can be found at mary.org/synod.

4. Our Parish Finances: First and foremost, I want to thank all those who have continued to support our parish financially, most especially these past several months during the pandemic. Please know your commitment of financial support to our parish community is greatly appreciated. Your ongoing financial support allows us to continue to offer the many programs, ministries, and services that are the hallmark of our Basilica community.

In regard to our parish finances, as a result of the pandemic, while our revenues are down, our expenses are also down. Additionally, at the strong recommendation of our Parish Finance Committee we applied for and received a PPP loan that was forgiven, and we also received Employee Retention Credits. These have helped us maintain our staff intact these many months. Our Finance Committee continues to monitor our financial situation closely.

As we developed **our budget for the next fiscal year** (which began on July 1), we are projecting a decrease in revenue compared to the prior year's budget. We also anticipate, though, that there will be increases in our utility and insurance costs, as well as other expenses over which we have no control. Fortunately we are blessed that our Finance

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00PM

SUNDAY

7:30AM, 9:30, 11:30, & 5:00PM

WEEKDAY

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00AM

NOON

LIVESTREAM

SUNDAYS

9:30 and 11:30am

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Noon

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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

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Committee monitors our budget closely. I will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

In the meantime, I ask you to continue to be generous in your support of The Basilica. I especially ask you to remember The Basilica as we move into the summer months. Thank you again to all of those who support our Basilica community financially. Please know of my great gratitude for your ongoing financial support.

5. The Basilica Block Party and Landmark Spark: Since we were not able to hold The Basilica Block Party this past year, the 26th annual Basilica Block Party has been rescheduled for **Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11**. I have been told by people who know a whole lot more than I do about the music scene, that we have a great lineup of bands for this year, so remember to save these dates on your calendar. For information about the bands, purchasing tickets, volunteering or any other details you need to know about The Basilica Block Party, please visit the Block Party website at basilicablockparty.org.

This year's **Landmark Spark Gala** was held virtually on Saturday, May 15 and was a huge success. Overall the event raised more than \$200,000. And very specifically we were able to reach and surpass our **Fund-Our-Mission goal of \$100,000 by raising \$117,000**. With the money raised we will be able to add more air purification systems to our campus buildings; update our historic campus street lighting; install a permanent desk for our livestreaming equipment, as well as a few other small projects.

6. Maintenance at The Basilica this summer: This summer, in addition to the smaller maintenance projects noted above, we also have two significant projects planned. The first is a grading and surface draining project around the exterior of our school building. We have had water infiltration issues for years in the lower level of our school building. With this project we hope to resolve this problem permanently. It is our plan that this project will take place sometime later this summer before the Block Party. The second major maintenance project is continuing to tuck point the western exterior walls of The Basilica. The 100 year mortar between the exterior stone blocks continues to deteriorate so our tuck-pointing will need to continue for the foreseeable future. This work ensures that The Basilica will remain a beacon of hope on the Minneapolis skyline. We are grateful that these projects will be funded by The Basilica Landmark.

7. Parish Council Elections: I am pleased to inform you that in the recent elections for our Parish Council, **My Lam** (representing Christian Life) was elected and **Andrea Lutterman** (representing Learning) was reelected to our Parish Pastoral Council. I am also pleased to report that **Jan Buczek** has accepted the appointment to the Council as a Member At-Large; **Trevor Adamek** has accepted reappointment as the Finance Committee Representative to the Council; and **Mara Stolee Cable** has accepted appointment as the Development Committee representative to the Parish Council. I am very grateful to each of these individuals for their willingness to serve on our Parish Council.

The members of our Parish Council represent a cross section of our parish. The Parish Council meets monthly and works with me and our staff to determine the needs, aspirations, and direction of our parish. As such, it plays a vital role in our parish community. I am enormously grateful to our Council members for sharing their insights and expertise as we work together to carry out the mission of our parish.

8. Staff Changes: On a sad note, a couple of weeks ago we said goodbye to **Christopher Stroh**, our organist at The Basilica these past 15 years. Chris has taken a position with the Cathedral of St. James in Seattle. While we are very sad to see Chris leave The Basilica, we are excited for him as he moves on to the next stage of his life and career. We wish him well and pray that God will bless him abundantly.

Christopher was very gracious in securing substitute organists for the months of July and August, so this gives us time to conduct a thorough search for someone to take on his responsibilities. As I write this column (at the end of June) we have begun to receive resumes and will interview people during July and August. It is our hope that the new person will be in place by September.

9. The Basilica: Post Pandemic: As we emerge from the pandemic we are gradually resuming meetings and other activities at The Basilica. While I am sure there will be many aspects of our "new" normal that will be familiar, at the same time it is not at all clear what our "new" normal ultimately will look like.

One of the things that has not and will not change, however, is our need for volunteers to staff our many ministries, services, and programs that are at the heart of our Basilica community. If you volunteered at The Basilica prior to the pandemic, I would encourage you to reengage in your volunteer activity. If you were looking for ways to volunteer we have opportunities galore. In addition to our established ministries and services, we will also need volunteers to help in new and emerging areas like our livestreaming opportunities.

As pastor of The Basilica, I would encourage you to prayerfully consider in what ways you can volunteer to help our Basilica community as we emerge from the pandemic into a future full of hope.

10. United States Bishops' Decision to Draft a Statement on Eucharistic Coherence: As you no doubt are aware, at their meeting this past June the Bishops of the United States voted to draft a statement for discussion at their November meeting in regard to the Eucharist. While a clarification was issued that "there will be no national policy on withholding communion from politicians," it occurred to me that in light of all the posturing and verbiage that preceded this statement, I should hold to my mother's admonition that if I couldn't say something nice about someone/something, I shouldn't say anything at all.



Rev. John M. Bauer
Pastor, The Basilica of Saint Mary

FROM THE DIRECTOR



For about 15 months many of us have been deprived of the fullness of the liturgical experience as we have watched the liturgy on our televisions and other electronic devices.

And though the livestream we produce has become quite professional, we have all longed to hear the cantor, the choir, and our contemporary ensembles in situ; to see The Basilica in its three-dimensional beauty; to smell the incense, the Christmas greens and

the Easter lilies; to touch the Holy Water in the baptismal font, and above all to taste the sweetness of the Lord during Holy Communion.

Admittedly, it was with great reservation that I embraced the reality of livestreamed liturgies in March of 2020. Nothing about that seemed liturgically sound. As a matter of fact, it is a liturgist's nightmare to reduce the celebration of the liturgy to a two-dimensional one-way experience. The question I pondered many a night was about how we might assure everyone's full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy which has been called for by every pope since Saint Pope Pius X in 1903.

Nevertheless, I also realized that we needed to do something to offer spiritual support and community outreach during these difficult times when no-one was allowed to come to The Basilica. So, I came to embrace the gift of our livestream ministry and I am very grateful for what it has allowed us to do. For when you were not able to come to us, we were able to come to you, albeit virtually. And many of you have expressed your gratitude for this ministry.

Today, things are looking up and I am so very grateful for the fact that The Basilica is now completely open for in person participation in our liturgical celebrations. How wonderful it is that many of you have already returned. I no longer have to imagine you on the other side of the camera. I am actually able to see you and worship with you in person.

Every Sunday, I marvel at the reaction of people who return for the first time after having been gone for so many months. I have seen many of you moved to tears when entering The Basilica or upon hearing the choir or the organ. You have told me about the tears welling up as you received Holy Communion for the first time after all these months.

I very much look forward to seeing all of you again very soon as we invite you to return to our community so that together we may share fully in the mystery of the Eucharist.

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LITURGY

ZOOM: MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM

Please find the Zoom link at mary.org.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, BASILICA

9:30AM WOMEN'S CHOIR

This year the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Sunday. Celebrations for the Solemnity follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule.

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. There will be no 7:00am or Noon Mass on Labor Day. Basilica offices and campus are closed in observance of the holiday.

Livestream available.

LITURGIES DURING THE BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Noon Mass will be celebrated via livestream. The Basilica Campus will not be accessible for in-person attendance.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00am Confession will not be available.

5:00pm Mass of Anticipation is canceled.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday Mass schedule is as usual.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1:30PM

For over 25 years we have celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis with a traditional Blessing of Animals. Gather on the lawn starting at 1:00pm. At 1:30pm we will process into the church for a brief service to thank God for the blessing of all creation and to pray for the continued well-being of our world.

SACRED ART EXHIBITS

ANGELS UNAWARES

OPENING CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 3:00PM

This coming August we will host *Angel Unawares*, a monumental sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz. Timothy is the artist who created our *Homeless Jesus*. *Angel Unawares* was commissioned by The Vatican and is placed in St. Peter's Square. A second cast was made for Catholic University. Before being permanently installed there, the sculpture is traveling throughout the country to different cities. More information at mary.org/angelsunawares.

NOON MASS: FRIDAYS IN AUGUST

In conjunction with the *Angels Unawares* Exhibit, a votive Mass for Refugees and Immigrants will be celebrated during the Noon Mass on Fridays during August.

LITURGY & SACRED ART

SACRED ART EXHIBITIONS

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY AND TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

GREEN CARD YOUTH VOICES: IMMIGRATION STORIES FROM A MINNEAPOLIS HIGH SCHOOL

EXHIBITION: AUGUST 1- 27

The exhibit includes stories of lost loved ones, life in refugee camps, walks through deserts, and first snow falls.

JUSTICE AND HEALING: A VISITATION OF CAPTIVE ART ART FROM A TOUCH OF LIGHT

EXHIBITION: AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 27

RECEPTION: SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1:00PM

A Touch of Light works with Captive Artists™ from around the world, using the Arts to create social change and Second Chances for families of the incarcerated, and for prisoners being released with little or no support.

MUSIC AUDITIONS

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm and sings for 9:30am Sunday liturgies and Holy Days. Repertoire is chosen from all genres of music including contemporary composers. Auditions will be held during the first two weeks of August. Please visit mary.org for the audition form and audition requirements.

Contact Teri Larson at tlarson@mary.org to sign up. Current choir members will receive a link to sign-up for mandatory voice-checks. First rehearsal is Wednesday, September 8.

SCHOLA CANTORUM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 18, 25: 6:00-9:00PM

The Schola Cantorum is a semi-professional group, which sings Sunday evenings in Advent, Lent, Easter and other occasions. Schola Cantorum members are staff singers and paid per service. Please bring a prepared solo (accompanist will be provided) and a resumé. In addition to range testing and vocalizations you will be asked to sing back pitches.

CANTOR MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 4:00-5:40PM, BASILICA

If you or someone you know has a particular gift of song, a background in vocal music, and loves to sing at Mass, we invite you to consider auditioning to join *Chorus Cantorum*, The Basilica's team of volunteer Cantors and Psalmists.

A first round of auditions will tentatively be held on Wednesday, August 11, from 4:00-5:30pm. Each audition runs nearly 15 minutes total. Contact Teri Larson, Director of Music, for more information at tlarson@mary.org or 612.317.3426.

MUNDUS

Our Contemporary and World Music Choir, enlivens the 11:30am liturgy two times a month from September through May. Repertoire includes music of contemporary American composers and music from around the world. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Openings for all voice parts (especially Tenors and Basses), and instrumentalists. Please contact Walter Tambor at wtambor@mary.org or 612.317.3507.

MUSIC AUDITIONS

CONTEMPORARY MUSICIANS ENSEMBLE

The Contemporary Musicians Ensemble leads music at the Sunday 11:30am and 5:00pm liturgies. Singers and instrumentalists must be highly motivated, skilled, and capable of independently preparing their music. Placement is by audition only. Please contact Walter Tambor at wtambor@mary.org or 612.317.3507.

JUVENTUS

Our Youth Ensemble (grades 8 and up) leads music once a month at the 5:00pm Sunday Mass, September through May. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30pm. There are openings for all voice parts and instrumentalists. Please contact Walter Tambor at wtambor@mary.org or 612.317.3507.

CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

The Cathedral Choristers (grade 4-7 or unchanged voice) rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:00pm. They explore good choral singing, Orff instruments and handbells. The Choristers lead liturgies throughout October-early June. A voice check is required for admittance. Tuition is \$55 per semester and scholarships are available.

Age appropriate children need only sign up for a voice check (this is not an audition). The google link for the sign-up form is on the website.* First rehearsal/parent meeting is Wednesday, September 8 at 5:45pm.

Returning Choristers: Voice Checks will be scheduled in August, look for an email from Teri Larson. Any child is welcome to sing!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

For information about our Cherub Choir (Pre-K—K) and our Children's choir (grade 1-3) please contact Katie Irvin at kirvin@mary.org.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



The end of summer and beginning of fall generally bring with them a sense of “coming back” to our routines of school for children, college for young adults and perhaps a more regular work schedule, minus our summer vacations and special activities. With the summer months being so precious to many of us Minnesotans, often our Mass attendance and other faith commitments can be more

scattered, if not a bit on the back burner. We are always excited in the Learning Department to welcome back our families for our faith formation programs; and, those who are considering joining the Church in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program often begin looking about this time of year.

With our gradual reopening and getting back to our sense of “normal” this spring and summer, we are more excited than ever to welcome you back! Those annual offerings of faith formation for our families with children, and our RCIA, will be starting up again. Please pay special attention to our family faith formation opportunities: these will be both in person and virtual, will include our children and youth through high school, and also parents.

Additionally, this particular fall season we ask you to consider joining one of our Archdiocesan Synod small groups. These will be happening all over the Archdiocese—Archbishop Hebda has asked all parishes to participate in these together as a local Church. As Fr. Bauer reminds us at each Sunday Mass, “Wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you”—into a small group this fall! We are hoping that many of you will be able to participate and grow in faith together as we come back together as a community again.

Learning Office

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Young Adult Ministry - 612.317.3435

Children & Family Ministry - 612.317.3439

Marriage Ministry - 612.317.3435

LEARNING

SACRAMENTS

ZOOM: BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

TUESDAYS: AUGUST 24, SEPTEMBER 21
6:30-8:30PM

If you are expecting, or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes. We offer classes monthly for parents who are registered members of The Basilica and plan on having their child under age 6 baptized here. Godparents are welcome too. For more information call the Learning office at 612.317.3439. Please register online at mary.org.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Join us in person for our weekly Bible study! This is a lectionary based Bible study where we always look at the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. It's a great way to prepare for Mass with other young adults and meet new people. Please email bva@mary.org if you would like to join us.

ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

9:00AM – 3:00PM

Engaged couples at The Basilica are required to complete a pre-marriage inventory and go over the results with a mentor couple, or attend one of our group workshops. We have four of these each year; please pray for the engaged couples on this date as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. For information about getting married at The Basilica, please email Ben at bcaduff@mary.org.

MONDAY MORNING GOSPEL GROUP

MONDAYS 10:00AM-NOON

SAINT CECELIA ROOM, RECTORY

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 Ben at 612.317.3435 or bcaduff@mary.org.

LEARNING

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

SEPTEMBER 19 –NOVEMBER 14

This Fall, we are all invited to participate in small groups to share our ideas over 6 sessions about the future of our Archdiocese. Archbishop Hebda will use this feedback to determine Synod Assembly Topics. Everyone is warmly encouraged to be a part of the small groups as a participant. Groups will be able to meet both on campus and remotely. Each small group will also use a facilitator, so many gifts are needed! More information will be shared as fall approaches. If you have questions or would like to serve as a facilitator, please contact Cathy at cedwards@mary.org.

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR RCIA

When someone contacts The Basilica with questions and interest in becoming Catholic, connecting them with a sponsor, an ambassador of sorts, who introduces them to life at The Basilica is integral to the process. Sponsors are vital and important ministers in RCIA. If you feel a passion for your faith and a desire to listen, learn and discover with others, consider becoming an RCIA sponsor. For more information about RCIA ministry, contact Christine at cmoore@mary.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Classes for the 2021-2022 program year start on Sunday, September 26. We have a new curriculum and plan for our programs this Fall. Early registration is appreciated and very helpful in planning for our program year. Early bird discounts end August 8. Register online at mary.org/faithformation.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION: PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE

Children's Classes will meet in-person weekly on Sunday mornings in The Basilica School from 9:15-10:45am.

**CONFIRMATION (10TH GRADE) AND
BASILICA YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE (11TH-12TH GRADE)**

Students in Grades 10-12 will continue to meet on Sunday evenings. Students will gather from 6:00-8:00pm following the 5:00pm Mass about twice a month. A lite meal will be served. The sacramental preparation for Confirmation is open to all Basilica parishioners in 10th Grade or older from both public and parochial schools. Attendance at our in-person meetings is an integral part of this preparation.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION (GRADE TWO AND OLDER)**

Parents are the primary educators for these two sacraments, which may take place as early as 2nd Grade with a Fall celebration of First Reconciliation and a Spring celebration of First Communion. Parents attend one parent preparation class and receive a workbook to engage their child with at home. A required Parent/Child retreat will be take place on a Saturday to help children prepare. The First Communicant must also be enrolled in either a Catholic School or the Grade Two Basilica Faith Formation (public school children should register for BOTH programs).

**INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH
FORMATION**

(FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN
KINDERGARTEN-9TH GRADE):

This program will meet once a month on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15pm and will start off virtually (on ZOOM) until young children have had an opportunity to be vaccinated. Parents are required to participate with their children in this opportunity for family learning and prayer. All students will receive materials/assignments to work at home with during weeks that we are not gathering in large group.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH
SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION**

We will be introducing a new format for Middle and High School students this fall. Students will meet twice a month in person on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:45am. During this time they will engage in a variety of community and faith building activities including service projects, Bible study, and more. The weeks that we do not meet in person, students are invited to participate in a special e-learning platform from Saint Mary's Press. Students will spend time on/with short lessons that offer opportunities for social engagement with their class mates and teachers. The e-learning curriculums will be:

MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADES 6-8

Year A: Catholicism 101
Year B: Catholicism 102
Year C: Catholicism 103

HIGH SCHOOL, GRADE 9

Students will have the choice of enrolling in "Understanding Racism" or "Environmental Justice"
If you have any questions about programs or registration, please contact the Learning Office at 612.317.3414.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



After living through the pandemic quarantine for 15 months, and experiencing the civil unrest initiated by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, we are invited to reflect on and decide: How are we changed by what we experienced? As we each re-enter situations that were simple-living before, what is different—how am I different?

The overlap of pandemic protocols, with the outburst of rejecting racial inequity in our community, provides many opportunities to claim new habits and priorities personally and as a society.

The Basilica spent significant time and effort, over the past year, creating groundwork for parish-wide work on racial equity. Parish leadership established and embraced an Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity (EDI) Position Statement that serves as a guide for our collective work on racial justice. We are invited to learn about this Statement on zoom with Fr. Bauer on August 10th at 6:30pm. We are invited to engage in this work together.

The work of racial equity is work that will intersect with every facet of life. As I learn about our shared history of racism and current racial injustice, I will be uncomfortable. I have learned that my work as a white woman is not to find ways to reclaim my comfort, but rather to find ways to embrace the discomfort more deeply, more thoroughly.

Most importantly, as a white woman of faith, I need to ground my life in knowing God's forgiving, inclusive love so deeply that it enables me to face the challenges and discomfort I will inevitably experience as I engage in the work of anti-racism, without defensiveness. I need to find a way to be comfortable in my discomfort.

So, what do I choose to keep in my life, after these past fifteen months of pandemic/civic awakening? What is my "new normal?" That is still being uncovered. But it includes a willingness to learn, speak and act in ways that prioritizes a recommitment to prayer and engaging in the discomfort of antiracism work. Will you join me?

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

AIM: ACCESS AND INCLUSION MINISTRY

We AIM to make our faith accessible

We AIM to insure that everyone feels included regardless of who they are or where they are on their personal life journey

We AIM to include more people in our work

We AIM to do better to remove barriers to participation

The Disability Awareness Ministry has changed its name to AIM and is currently planning events for October. AIM is looking for people with lived experiences who will work with us to continue to provide experiences that educate our community, resources for navigating the systems that impact people with barriers, social opportunities for our community to come together, and expertise as we look at our buildings and campus for ongoing improvements. The ministry meets every second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. Currently meetings are via Zoom. For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

ZOOM: ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA BROWN BAG LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, NOON-1:00PM

Sponsored by The Basilica Mental Health Ministry and the Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota-North Dakota. Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning. Go to mary.org for registration information. For questions, please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

EMPTYING OUR HEARTS

"Deep listening is the kind of listening that can help relieve the suffering of another person. You can call it compassionate listening. You listen with only one purpose: to help him or her to empty their heart. ... Because you know that listening like that, you give that person a chance to suffer less." - Thich Nhat Hanh, Vietnamese Buddhist monk and peace activist

Seek out an Emmaus Listening Minister today, a volunteer who has been highly trained with active listening skills and who can offer you the priceless gift of emptying what is on your heart, and therefore suffering less. All calls and visits are confidential, and the ministry is a free ministry of The Basilica. Contact Wendy for a listening session or to inquire about joining the ministry at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474.

ZOOM: PRISONERS OR PATIENTS MEETINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

The next meetings of this task force that discusses the criminal justice and mental health systems, are on Thursdays, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 16 from 1:00-2:30pm via Zoom. The meetings will be transitioning back to in-person in the Fall. For more information and to get the Zoom meeting credentials, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVITY (EDI)

BASILICA EDI POSITION STATEMENT: PARISH-WIDE ZOOM FORUM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 6:30-7:30PM

Join in a Zoom session to engage with and discuss The Basilica EDI Position Statement. Hear from Fr. Bauer, staff leadership, and The Basilica EDI Leadership Team. Share your thoughts and questions about this parish-wide EDI initiative.

The Basilica EDI Position Statement provides a foundation for our work and the framework for defining goals in relation to racial equity: What do we want to accomplish and how do we engage others to become involved in this important work? Our goals include increasing understanding of implicit biases and its effect on each of us. Increasing opportunities to listen to and learn from voices of under-served and marginalized populations. Working toward systemic change. Increasing diversity at all staff levels and volunteer ministries.

Register for this forum on mary.org. Find ways to engage in this important work. For more information, contact Joan at joan.prairie@outlook.com or Janice at jandersen@mary.org.

ANGLES UNAWARES SCULPTURE

AUGUST 1-30, BASILICA PLAZA

Angels Unawares is a bronze life-size sculpture created by Timothy Schmlz that depicts a group of migrants and refugees from different cultural and racial backgrounds and from diverse historic periods of time. They stand together, shoulder to shoulder, huddled on a raft. This incredible sculpture will be at The Basilica throughout the month of August. Please consider joining us for some important moments of celebration and learning, as we engage with this Sculpture. Look for more information on mary.org/angelsunawares about these programs and more:

- Opening Celebration: Sunday, August 1 at 3:00pm
- ICOM Prayer Vigil: Tuesday, August 10 at 7:30am
- Webinar with artist Timothy Schmalz (watch for date coming soon)
- Closing Celebration: Thursday, August 27 at 5:30pm
- Prayer and programs by partner congregations and organizations
- Daily self-guided activities on The Basilica Plaza to engage with the sculpture

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS: MENTORING, ACHIEVING, GROWING

Consider being part of the mentoring ministry with Minneapolis College students who experience homelessness or poverty. The responses we received from this year's students show the impact of this program. Through a year of upheaval and challenge, mentor relationships became even more important.

"I feel that my mentor helped me stay on track and was very supportive in my assignments that were difficult for me... I received a good grade and am thankful my mentor also held me accountable to get the work in. She followed up as well."

"The most important part of the mentor program was having someone who actually cares and listens and helps guide you through your problems, classes, and daily life."

These and more responses from the students help drive us forward. We are encouraged and excited to begin mentoring more Minneapolis College students in the upcoming school year. If you want to invest in someone in a way that gives them direction and resources for their future, consider becoming a Hennepin Connections mentor. For more information, contact Janice at 612.317.3477.

MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORS' SERIES: IN-PERSON EVENT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 7:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Former Minnesota Representative Mindy Greiling and Susan Foote, Professor Emerita in the School of Public Health at The University of Minnesota, will read and discuss their books, *Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker's Fight for Her Son* and *The Crusade for Forgotten Souls: Reforming Minnesota's Mental Institutions, 1946-1854*, respectively. Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI-MN, will serve as moderator for this event. Fee of \$25 gets your choice of book. The opportunity to purchase additional books will be part of the event that evening. For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org. Registrations will be required on mary.org.

SCULPTOR, PREACHER, PRACTITIONER: ANGELS UNAWARES PANEL DISCUSSION

Tune in to a webinar featuring three important viewpoints of the *Angels Unawares* sculpture: that of the artist of the sculpture, a representative of Sarah's Oasis which serves migrants and refugees, and a local religious leader. All will discuss the impact of the sculpture on our community and the awareness it brings to the issues of immigration locally. Date coming soon. Register at mary.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Homebound Communion Ministers: bring the Eucharist to those who cannot come to Mass due to health, surgery, or age. Days are flexible, training provided. Contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries office at 612.317.3474.

Small Group Facilitators for the Downtown Coalition for Grief Support: The Basilica partners with other congregations to provide grief support every Saturday morning. Training is provided. You must have experienced your own loss of a spouse/partner, a child, or a friend or family member. Contact Karen Harrison at 612.819.3722.

DEVELOPMENT

LANDMARK SPARK VIRTUAL EVENT

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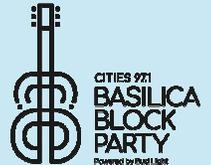
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Friday, September 10

Main Stage

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Star Tribune Stage

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Mae Simpson Music

Saturday, September 11

Main Stage

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West Lawn Stage

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Star Tribune Stage

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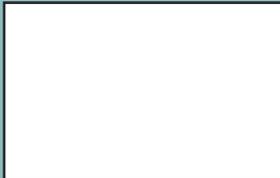
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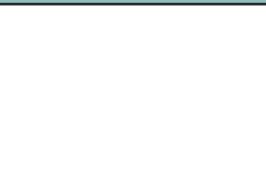


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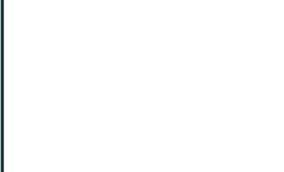
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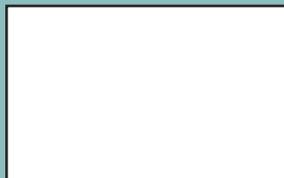
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