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THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



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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. Fiscal Year End Summary: Enclosed within this bulletin you will find our 2021 Fiscal Year Annual Report. In an earlier bulletin I had mentioned that while we were running behind in our budgeted revenue for the past fiscal year, but we were also under budget in regard to our expenses. 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. Both of these helped us maintain our staff intact these past months, and will help us continue to retain them. All of the above combined to allow us to end the fiscal year in the black.

I am grateful to our staff for the terrific job they did in reducing and controlling expenses during the past year. I am also grateful, though, for the ongoing financial support of you, our parishioners. Your generosity is a blessing for our parish.

The Annual Report is also available online at mary.org/annualreport. Please contact the Development Office with questions.

Finally, because of your generosity—in our budgeting for next year—we are anticipating a small increase in our revenue. This is a testament to your care for and commitment to our parish community. As your pastor, I want you to know of my gratitude for your ongoing generosity. Please know it is greatly appreciated.

2. Revisit, Renew, Reconnect, and Re-envision: In a nutshell these four words describe what our staff has been doing the past several months in regard to our ministries at The Basilica and the volunteer efforts that make them possible. When the pandemic put everything on hold, one of the things this allowed us to do was to Revisit our various ministries and look at how to Renew and/or Re-envision them post pandemic.

Most recently we have been working to Reconnect with our volunteers, to see if they want to continue in a specific ministry. Very specifically, we have been doing this with our Liturgical Ministers and our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers. If you volunteered in either of these ministries, prior to the pandemic, we have been working to connect with you to see if you would like to resume your involvement, terminate it, suspend it, or become involved in a new way. If you haven't been contacted yet, or if you're interested in volunteering for either of these ministries, please contact the Liturgy Coordinator at coordinator_liturgy@mary.org or Janice Andersen to volunteer for our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at jandersen@mary.org.

In addition to the above, Melissa Streit, our Director of Engagement has been working with MAVA (Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement) and a group from our staff to find new and better ways to engage volunteers and improve their volunteer experience at The Basilica. You can expect to hear more about these efforts in the months ahead.

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

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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

9:30am

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Noon

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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

OUR MISSION

Our core purpose

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community. If you volunteered at The Basilica prior to the pandemic, I would encourage you to reengage in your volunteer activity. If you are 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.

Volunteers are the life-blood of every parish. The Basilica is no exception to this. It is our hope that by Revisiting and Re-envisioning our various ministries, and by Reconnecting with our volunteers the many ministries of The Basilica will be Renewed and given new life. 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.

3. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI): 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 & 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.

4. 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.

5. The Landmark Spark: As I mentioned previously, this year’s **Landmark Spark Gala** was held virtually on Saturday, May 15 and it 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 the maintenance projects listed in the item below.

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. While we had hoped to have this project completed by the Block Party, it now looks like this work will not be completed until late September/early October. Another 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

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



What a journey we have all been through since March 2020. I vividly remember our first Mass on Facebook using an iPhone. Thanks to the advice and generosity of a parishioner we were quickly able to graduate to the professional livestream technology we use today. We are very grateful for that.

Livestream has been a veritable gift to all of us during this time of isolation and inability to come together for worship. It has allowed us to stay connected with the liturgical life of the church, with

The Basilica and with one another. I can't imagine what we would have done without it.

And now that we have mastered the métier of livestream we will continue to do this even as the threat of COVID-19 seems to have gone down, though there are some new concerns with the Delta variant.

Nevertheless, in the same way as a Zoomed happy hour or a Zoomed Thanksgiving dinner is not a substitute for its in-person equivalent, a livestreamed Mass is not really a substitute for in-person participation in the celebration of the liturgy.

Much of what the Second Vatican Council in its *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* envisioned such as full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy by everyone present cannot be accomplished via livestream.

Full, active, and conscious participation requires that each one of us according to our own abilities hear the word proclaimed in-person; join our voice to the choir in song and the celebrant in prayer; that we experience the three-dimensionality of the building and its art in-person; that we smell the incense and the burning candles; that we genuflect, stand, sit and kneel; that we see one another face-to-face even with a mask; and above all that we receive the Body of Christ.

Livestream has indeed served us well; however, if your circumstances allow, now is the time to return to The Basilica for in-person full, active and conscious participation in the Eucharist.

We do however ask that you consider your own safety and that of others by observing all our safety protocols such as staying home if you feel ill, wearing masks while in The Basilica regardless of your vaccination status, and sanitizing your hands regularly. That is our Christian duty.

We look forward to that day when we will all be able to fully participate in the liturgy without restrictions.

Liturgy & Sacred Arts Office

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Sacred Art/Concerts - 612.317.3438

Music - 612.317.3426

LITURGY

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. Livestream available

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 12, NOVEMBER 9, 5:30PM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

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

In conjunction with Disability Awareness Month, there will be ASL, Braille leaflets, and special seating and lighting for those with disabilities for the October 12 Taizé Prayer.

Livestream available

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 10:00AM-NOON

COWLEY CENTER, WAGNER ROOM

For more information, contact Mark Wyss at mwyss@mary.org or call 612.317.3410. Seating is limited. Registration is required.

EVENING PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 3:00PM, BASILICA

We begin this month of remembrance with solemn Evening Prayer for all our beloved dead. The names of all those who have died within the last year will be mentioned during the Litany of the Saints. All other names of the faithful departed will be listed in the worship leaflet. If you wish to include names of the faithful departed, please call The Basilica by end of day October 20.

Livestream available

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:00AM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

NOON

BASILICA

REQUIEM MASS ON THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, NOON

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

Livestream available

VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 3:00PM, CHOIR STALLS

Members of the Schola Cantorum

LITURGY & SACRED ART

THANKSGIVING DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 10:00AM
EUCCHARIST, BASILICA
Livestream available

VESPERS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 3:00PM, CHOIR STALLS
Members of the Schola Cantorum

DECORATE FOR ADVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 8:30AM
Help to prepare The Basilica for the season of Advent. There are tasks for the whole family to share—and this is a great opportunity for friends to volunteer together. Please register online at mary.org/liturgical_ministry.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Please help us beautify The Basilica this Christmas. Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are available in the church or you can give online at mary.org/donate.

SACRED ART EXHIBITS

GEHEIMNIS: SECRET THE ART OF KELLY KRUSE

EXHIBIT: OCTOBER 2-DECEMBER 5
RECEPTION: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1:00 PM
JOHN XXIII GALLERY & TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

MORTALITY, MYSTERY, AND GLORY

This work reflects Kruse's extended meditation on mortality and transience through the book of Ecclesiastes. The artist's prayer is that this work will be encouraging to you as you navigate life's uncertain waters... While the world passes, there is a God who promises us an eternal dwelling place in himself, who is from everlasting to everlasting.

27TH ANNUAL ICON FESTIVAL

EXHIBIT: OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 27
The Festival opens with a procession of Icons during the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses on Sunday, October 31. Icons dating from the 17th century to contemporary time will be displayed in the sanctuary.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: DAY OF THE DEAD

NOVEMBER 1 & 2 AND THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Ofrendas will be built on two of the side altars in The Basilica. The Day of the Dead is celebrated throughout Mexico and around the world. The celebration focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died.

MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL
Livestream available

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 at mary.org/rosary.

CONCERTS AND MUSIC

MINNESOTA SINFONIA CONCERT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1:45PM
BASILICA

With featured soloist Rodney Marsalis, trumpet. This concert is free and open to all. Families are encouraged to attend.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



We are officially in full swing now as we enter into the fall months after our hot and mostly dry summer. We are so glad to see families in our faith formation programs, adults learning and discerning their faith journey in our RCIA program, and many from the parish who have begun our Archdiocesan Synod Small Group process. It is a great blessing to see the parish active and our many ministries happening in our “new

normal” of both in person and virtual events. We hope that you can join us as you are ready!

A recent conversation I had with one of our young adults in the parish was fairly eye opening. She had interest in one of our ministries; it was a ministry that was not able to happen due to the pandemic but was back again. She participated but thought it felt like the event was really for those who had previously participated and not for a newer parishioner like herself.

NO!!! As people hopefully find themselves more and more comfortable coming to The Basilica for Mass and other ministries, please know that we welcome back those “veterans” who have been here for a while and newcomers also! If you have questions about any of our learning department programs, please do not hesitate to give us a call or email and ask to get more information. We would love to have a chance to chat with you and see where there is a place for you in our programs. We really try to offer many good opportunities for life-long learning for everyone from 4-104, so join us when you can!

Learning Office

Director – Ben Caduff

General - 612.317.3414

Young Adult Ministry - 612.317.3435

Children & Family Ministry - 612.317.3473

Marriage Ministry - 612.317.3435

LEARNING

SACRAMENTS

ZOOM: BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

TUESDAYS: SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 26
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.

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.

ENGAGED COUPLES WEDDING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
9:00AM – 11:00AM, ZOOM

Engaged couples can begin to plan the readings, music, and other details for their wedding. This is typically about halfway through their marriage preparation process. Please keep our engaged couples and liturgy team in your prayers this day during their workshop. For information about getting married at The Basilica, please email Ben at bcaduff@mary.org.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, BASILICA GROUND 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 bya@mary.org if you would like to join us.

BYA FALL RETREAT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, COLLEGEVILLE

We are so glad to be back at St. John's for our annual fall retreat! We will have Adoration, music, free time, community building and games, and great talks with Sr. Michelle Lallier, OSF. We have a generous donation that allows the retreat to be only \$50 for the entire weekend! The retreat is Friday, November 5 at 8pm-Lunch on Sunday, November 7. Please email bya@mary.org to register for the retreat.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD SMALL GROUPS

TUESDAYS: SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 26

6:30-8:30PM

- Registration for the Archdiocesan Synod small groups is now open.. There are six sessions, each with different subject areas. Three registration options are available:
- In-person Sunday mornings, starting on 9/26 and ending on 10/31, from 10:45am to 12:45pm, in Teresa of Calcutta Hall
 - Virtual via Zoom, Wednesday mornings, starting on 9/29 and ending on 11/3, from 10:00am to Noon.
 - Virtual, via Zoom, Thursday evenings, starting on 9/30 and ending on 11/4, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

More information, including a link to register, can be found at mary.org/synod. We look forward to your participation in this important planning process for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. If you have questions or would like to serve as a facilitator, please contact Cathy cedwards@mary.org or call the Learning Office 612.317.3414.

MONDAY MORNING GOSPEL GROUP

MONDAYS 10:30AM-12:00PM

WAGNER ROOM, COWLEY CENTER AND ZOOM

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 612.759.2588 or bcaduff@mary.org.

FAITH FORMATION

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

While we are preparing parents for celebration of their child's baptism throughout the year, preparation for older children and adults to receive an initiation sacrament is just getting ready to begin again. There are a few things we'd like to highlight:

The celebration of a sacrament is a beginning. As we experience Christ within the sacrament, we grow in our faith and in our understanding of God. Faith Formation within a parish or school, the community that celebrates and bears witness to the faith, and the "domestic church" or family, all play a very important role in helping to deepen the faith of a candidate.

Baptized children of catechetical age (7 years or older) prepare first for the sacrament of Reconciliation and then for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Since parents are the primary educators who form faith in their children, we ask them to attend a meeting with us, attend a parent/child retreat, and work to prepare their child for these sacraments.

Youth at The Basilica prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation in 10th Grade. Confirmation does not mean one has "graduated" from Faith Formation. Rather, it is a celebration of the beginning of a way of life that makes room for Christ. As part of our preparation, youth are asked to discern their faith with a sponsor, practice community service, spend time in prayer, and be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

RCIA, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a journey for those who are seeking to discern if they want to become fully initiated members of our Catholic Community. Those who come to us seeking Baptism, Holy Communion, and/or

Confirmation spend a school year or more learning about our Catholic Faith and Traditions, opening their hearts to the scriptures, and meeting with a sponsor from our community. To learn more about how you can be involved with our children, youth, or adults preparing for a sacrament, please contact Christine Moore at cmoore@mary.org or 612.317.3439. If you would like to learn about or sign up yourself or your child for sacrament preparation, you may do so on our parish website.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration for Faith Formation classes for children and youth is available online now at our parish website. All participants, including adults and children, will be asked to wear a mask and social distance within the classrooms. Our classrooms have recently had ion cleaners installed to help purify the air.

Hall Monitors, Classroom Assistants, Substitutes, Catechists and Co-teachers are needed for Pre-School, First Grade, Second Grade, Middle School (Grades 6 -8) and 9th Grade. Please consider volunteering. Call the Learning Department for more information: 612.317.3414.

WELCOME DORIS ORTIZ

Doris joined The Basilica team in August as the Coordinator of Learning for Children and Youth. She studied Theology at the University of St. Thomas and received her Lay Ministry Certificate. Previously she worked at Holy Rosary Church in South Minneapolis for over 6 years and has been a volunteer within the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for many years. Contact Doris at dortiz@mary.org or 612.317.3473.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



As we move into October, the change of seasons consumes life around us. Daylight wanes. Wildlife withdraws. Trees become bare, going out in a burst of color. For me, the onset of autumn triggers a deep longing that pulls at my spirit. The longing is palpable within. It's hard to put an emotion to the longing—maybe it's sadness. Maybe it's a sense of loss or emptiness. Maybe even grief. But the longing is real.

For many years I resisted the longing I felt during these months. I pushed it away and fought the feeling. I didn't understand the many people who named autumn as their favorite time of year—for me it was a time of inner turmoil.

Through the discipline of spiritual direction and prayer, I have come to see this longing as a gift. It is an invitation to learn from our natural world and grow. God speaks through our thoughts and feelings—all feelings. And the more powerful the feeling, the more it needs to be attended to. An attitude of discernment invites an attention and openness to God—to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

I have come to know the longing experienced during these autumn days as a deep yearning for God's love. I am jolted out of my comfort, and invited to recognize the healing love of God in my life and world.

There is so much suffering, pain, and injustice in our lives, in society and in the world. At every level, we find suffering: hunger, homelessness, divorce, death, war, racism, oppression, ecological degradation. Where is God? How can I act with hope and joy?

In January 2021, Pope Francis reminded us, "Each one of God's calls is an initiative of his love." And, God's call can "reach us in a thousand ways." Pay attention to your feelings and your thoughts. What are you being called to? How is God inviting you to know love?

As you read through these pages of The Basilica bulletin, look for ways to make the healing love of God real in your life and your community.

Christian Life Office

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Charity - 612.317.3413

Justice - 612.317.3477

Caring Ministries - 612.317.3474

Welcome/Hospitality - 612.317.3417

Employment and Mental Health Ministry - 612.317.3508

CHRISTIAN LIFE

FALL GRIEF

Fall can be a time of loss and grieving heavily the death of someone you love. Our Emmaus Listening Ministers and Emmaus Grief Ministers would like to offer gentle, prayerful support to you at this time. Along with Volunteer Listening Ministers and regular notes in the mail from Grief Ministers that remember and recognize your loss, we also have Basilica prayer shawls to offer.

Plan to join us at this year's All Souls Vespers on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00pm. Visit mary.org/allsouls for information about including your loved one's name as you remember them in prayer-names are due by **October 20**. Finally, the Downtown Coalition for Grief Support offers weekly meetings with speakers and small groups on Saturday mornings for those who are grieving. Go to mplsgriefsupport.com for more info on times and locations.

LISTENING TRAINING

Emmaus Listening Ministry conducts a powerful listening training only once each year. Start 2022 off right by catching the next one! You will be taught lifetime skills and together discern with us if this ministry is a good calling to accompany others and a way to serve at The Basilica.

"To listen to them... it's a hard thing to do. It's hard to sit with someone's pain and allow it to make you uncomfortable. It's much easier to try to fill that hole in the conversation with small talk. It's much easier to implore them to see the bright side than to be in the darkness with them." –Nora McInerney, author and host of *Terrible, Thanks for Asking* podcast.

If you'd like to learn how to do what Nora describes, contact Wendy to arrange for a phone interview with a member of the Leadership Team. Our next training will be in the winter; we are talking with candidates and setting up interviews this fall. Or, if you would like to be listened to by an Emmaus Listener, the ministry is free and can be done by phone or Zoom, or at a social distance. Contact wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474.

PRISONERS OR PATIENTS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Looking for mentors to accompany men and women leaving the Minnesota prison system.

Over the past two years, Prisoners or Patients has been developing a mentor program for people leaving a Minnesota State Prison, who are on the milder end of mental health issues that are impacting their re-entry into the community, and who desire a spiritual connection. We are now accepting applications for mentors for this very important program of walking with members of our community. The orientation and trainings will begin in November 2021. For more information and to get an application, please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

AIM: ACCESS AND INCLUSION MINISTRY

AIM: Access and Inclusion Ministry (formerly the Disability Awareness Ministry) is participating in the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) this October. The theme for NDEAM 2021, *America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion*, reflects the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have full access to employment and community involvement during the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. NDEAM is held each October to commemorate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to America's workplaces and economy.

A panel discussion around this topic had been planned for October, but due to the COVID-19 surge, it has been postponed until February 2022. Look for information in the upcoming Basilica e-news and weekly newsletter about National Disability Employment Awareness Month and what we can do as individuals, organizations, and companies, and within our communities.

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Basilica was blessed to host the powerful sculpture, *Angels Unawares*, throughout the month of August. This work depicts migrants and refugees from all cultural and racial backgrounds and from all historic periods of time together—shoulder to shoulder on a boat. Created by Timothy Schmalz, the same artist who created the *Homeless Jesus* sculpture, this piece of sacred art addresses head-on a mentality of scarcity and scapegoating that has been at the heart of fears about “illegal immigration.” Schmalz wants contemporary viewers to be able to see themselves among the diverse group of migrants on the boat, and in seeing themselves recognize the role they can play in the artwork's message, taken from Hebrews 13:2: “Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares.”

Poignantly, the *Angels Unawares* sculpture was on display at The Basilica at the same time we watched horrific images of the evacuation of American troops and Afghan allies from Afghanistan. It was at the same time we were hearing unimaginable stories of bodies of native American children being discovered on the grounds of boarding schools.

There are many issues calling for our attention as we prayerfully read scripture and hear the daily news. The issue of immigration continues to call us to attend to the most vulnerable in our midst. Look for ways to learn about and get engaged in the work of immigration at The Basilica. If you would like to be involved in the work of The Basilica Immigrant Support Ministry, contact Janice at jandersen@mary.org, or call 612.317.3477. Basilica parishioners continue to accompany families seeking asylum in Minnesota and walk with those who are facing deportation each day.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVITY (EDI)

The Basilica is actively engaging in the hard and important work of addressing racial inequity in our lives, in our parish and in our community. We are actively developing a parish-wide, faith filled response to racial injustice. The Basilica leadership approved an EDI Position Statement for our Basilica Community. This Statement provides a foundation for our work on racial justice and offers a framework for defining goals. Find the Statement at mary.org/edi.

Four EDI goals have been identified for The Basilica community to address over the next year. These goals include opportunities for formation, training and educational experiences, storytelling, engagement, healing opportunities, relationship building and research. This work will intersect every facet of our parish community. If you would like to get involved in this important work, or to learn more about this parish-wide initiative, contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org.

ZOOM: CENTERING PRAYER

FRIDAYS, 10:00AM

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 in a Zoom session of Centering prayer each week. Join the group, as they seek to grow in their relationship with God. For more information, contact Janice at jandersen@mary.org or go to mary.org.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

During the pandemic, the in-house Basilica based Daily Outreach program was suspended. We were able to implement important rent assistance and provide legal IDs through a virtual experience. However, all in-person ministry stopped. We are making plans to bring things back to in-person this fall and winter and when we do, we are going to need volunteers. If you are interested in assisting or for more information, please contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

The Basilica's Mental Health Ministry helps our parishioners navigate the complicated mental health system through committee members' knowledge of it and in partnership with community organizations. Contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org to become part of the vibrant group or to get the guidance you or a family member may need.

DEVELOPMENT



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- Fr. John M. Bauer

For more than a century, The Basilica has been a place to gather and grow in faith. As we are commissioned to serve one another, we ask for your support of The Basilica Fund. Your giving enables our work throughout our parish and city.

We invite you to establish a recurring gift as a sustainer of The Basilica Fund. Recurring giving allows us to budget for the year ahead and electronic giving also means less paper and lower administrative costs, enabling your contribution to go further.

To set up your gift, please visit mary.org/give or contact the Development office at 612.317.3472. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our Parish and programming.

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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. To learn more about the benefits of making an estate gift, visit thebasicalandmark.org/plannedgiving. To make a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund, visit thebasicalandmark.org/give.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund has made several critical campus improvements possible that enable us to safely return home to The Basilica. Air purification units have been installed to remove viruses (including Covid-19) and allergens from the air. Extensive tuck-pointing projects on the exterior church walls ensure our magnificent example of Beaux-Arts architecture will stand safely and proudly for generations.

Today, we invite you to join our efforts to preserve, restore, and advance our beloved Basilica home by making a gift to the Landmark Annual Fund. We thank those who have already made a gift to The Basilica Landmark's Annual Fund. To make a gift, visit thebasicalandmark.org/give.

THANK YOU

BASILICA BLOCK PARTY SPONSORS!

The 26th annual Basilica Block Party took place on September 10 + 11. Thank you to our event sponsors for their support of our event and helping benefit the restoration efforts of The Basilica Landmark and St. Vincent de Paul ministries.

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FROM THE PASTOR

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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.

In addition to the above projects, we have also installed, needlepoint bipolar ionization units in The Basilica School. These units, in addition to the ones we have already installed in the Church, the Teresa of Calcutta Hall, and the parish office building, will clean and sanitize the air of COVID-19, allergens, and other molds in the air. There are also some tech upgrades in progress in some of our meeting rooms. Going forward, we want to offer high quality virtual and hybrid ministry experiences. This upgrade is in progress in four rooms around the campus. Unfortunately, some of the equipment that has been ordered won't arrive until later this year due to the computer chip shortage.

Finally, as I write this, we are looking at a way to remove the insulation that was sprayed on the side walls above the ceiling of The Basilica. While much of it has been removed, some of it landed in the groins above the windows. And unfortunately, because this insulation retains moisture, it has prevented the plaster above the windows from drying out. Removing this insulation will be an important step in preparing for the eventual restoration of the interior of The Basilica.

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 Luterman** (representing Learning) was reelected to our Parish Pastoral Council. I am also pleased to report that **Jan Buczek** has accepted appointment to the Council as an at large member; **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, in a few weeks we will say goodbye to **Travis Salisbury**, our Coordinator of Liturgical Celebrations for almost 20 years. During this time Travis has been an integral and crucial part of our Liturgy Team and our parish. To say he will be missed would be a gross understatement. While we are indeed sad to see Travis 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.

On a happier note, by the time you read this, **Sam Holmberg**, will have started in his role as our new organist and liturgical music associate. We are delighted to welcome Sam to our staff. If you have a few moments after Mass, I invite you to introduce yourself to him and welcome him to our Basilica family.



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

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.

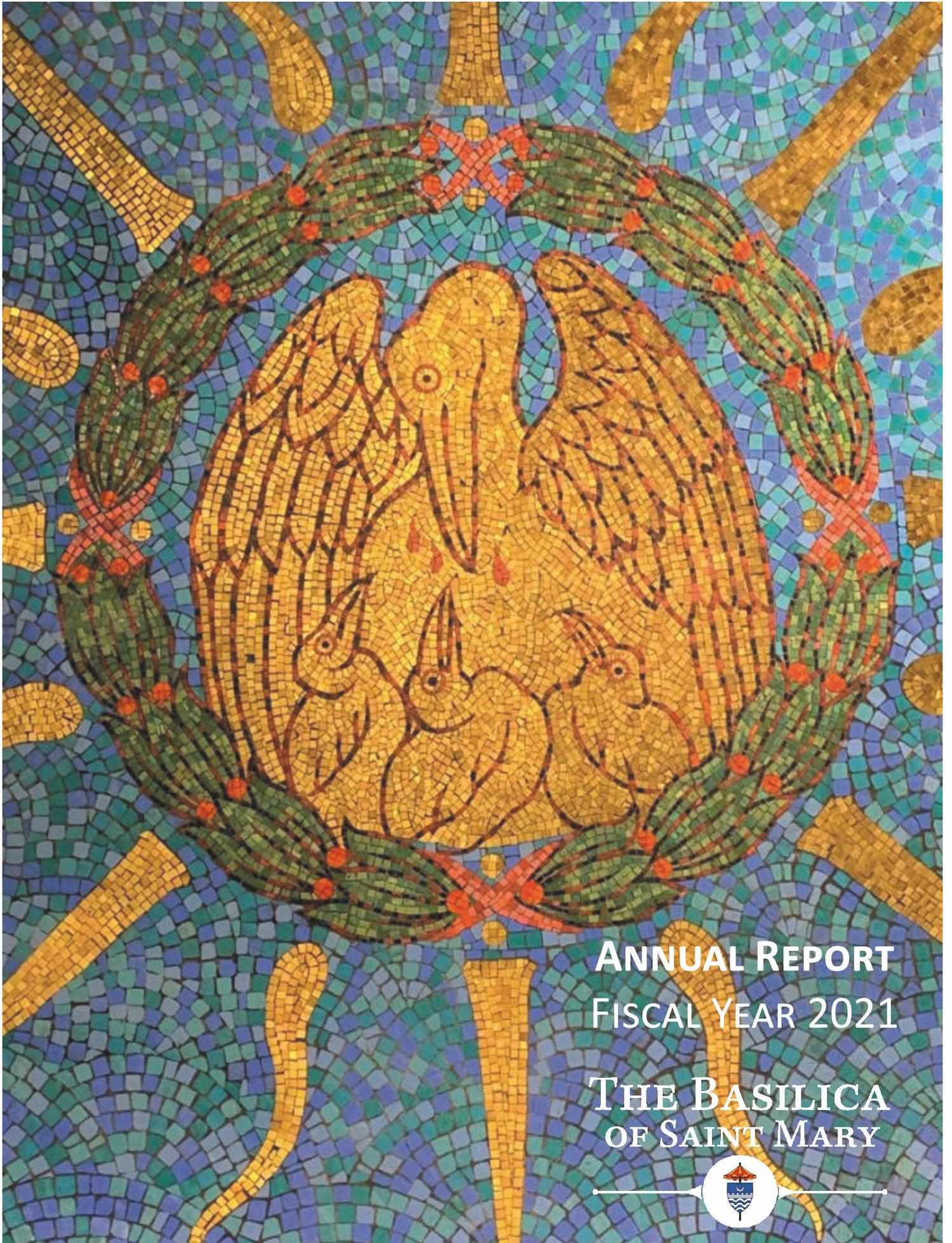
Homelessness

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.



ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2021

THE BASILICA
OF SAINT MARY



ADJUST. ADAPT. PIVOT.

Adjust; Adapt; Pivot. These three words have been our motto over the past year and a half as we have continued to serve our parish community throughout the pandemic. We have transitioned in countless ways including livestreaming liturgies, Zooming wedding prep and other classes, and distributing Holy Communion outside to people in their cars. In these very challenging times, we have looked to our faith for hope and guidance as we made and continue to make decisions that impact our liturgies, programs, and services.

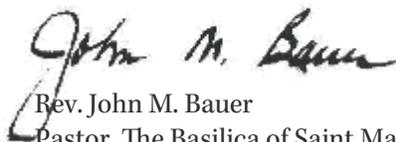
In reflecting on the past fiscal year, concluding on June 30, 2021, it is good to review the accomplishments as well as the challenges of this year. One of our major accomplishments this past year was that we continued to build our virtual ministries and adapt other ministries so that they could be safely held in-person. The support and connection of our parish community during this time has been a blessing.

We reopened for in-person Mass in July of 2020 with new health and safety protocols for the common good of our community. And earlier this year, we were able to return to our full schedule of liturgies as we welcomed back many of our parishioners for in-person worship.

In addition to adapting to each new pandemic challenge, we also continued to emphasize and develop the Areas of Focus, identified in our Strategic Plan. Our commitment to the Arts, Inclusivity, and Homelessness has remained crucial to our community. As a sign of this commitment a few months ago we launched our parish Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity (EDI) initiative and we continue connect with our community partners.

Please know of my gratitude for your commitment to our parish community. As we move forward, our primary concern, as always, will be the safety, security and well being of all those who come to our campus.

Please remember, no matter what brings you to The Basilica, virtually or in-person, and wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

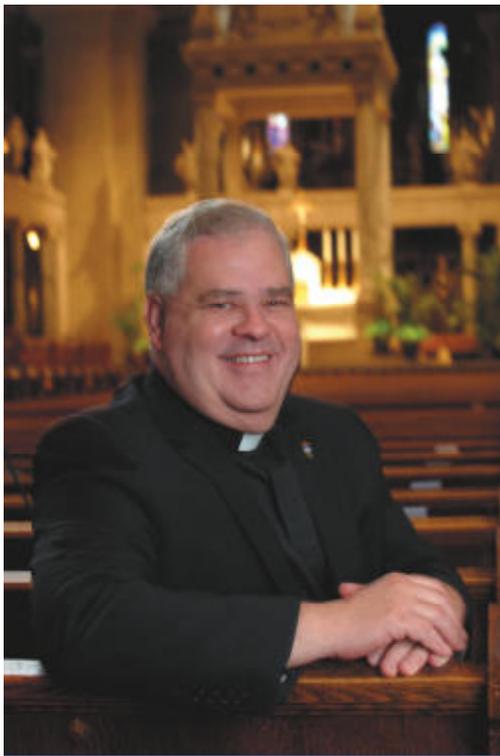


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A Message from the Parish Finance Committee

Fiscal management note: 2021 pandemic year

Throughout the past year the parish staff and leadership have worked diligently to manage the budget. Your faithful financial support has allowed us to carry out our mission and continue to serve our Basilica community. The Basilica received federal pandemic aid through a forgivable Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan that allowed us to keep our staff intact during the pandemic and Employee Retention Credits that will continue to help us sustain our staffing expenses through fiscal year 2022.



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OF THE CITY TO WHICH
I HAVE SENT YOU.

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LORD.

FOR IN SEEKING ITS
WELL-BEING, YOU
SHALL FIND YOUR OWN.
JEREMIAH 29:7

Cover image: Mosaic ceiling of the Our Lady of La'Vang chapel in The Basilica of Saint Mary. The pelican feeding its young with drops of blood symbolizes Jesus Christ.

The Basilica of Saint Mary Operating Financials

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	FISCAL YEAR 2020	FISCAL YEAR 2021
OPERATING INCOME		
Basilica Fund	3,363,013	3,140,324
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 3,363,013	\$ 3,140,324
PROGRAM INCOME		
Clergy Department	2,505	4,015
Learning Department	80,404	71,491
Liturgy/Sacred Arts Department	58,281	12,040
Hospitality	4,789	0
Christian Life	20,162	22,990
TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME	\$ 166,141	\$ 110,536
Rental Income	4,380	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 3,533,534	\$ 3,250,860
Pandemic Government Relief Program Funding (one-time)	0	757,434
TOTAL INCOME (with Pandemic Relief Funding)	\$ 3,533,534	\$ 4,008,294
OPERATING/ PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Administration	867,690	776,068
Development	416,954	406,641
Buildings & Grounds	779,165	661,949
Clergy Department	163,126	153,291
Learning Department	260,739	238,718
Liturgy/Sacred Arts Department	679,326	647,674
Life Department/Mental Health/Employment Ministries	318,113	320,404
Communications	153,629	123,428
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,638,742	\$ 3,328,173
POSITIVE (NEGATIVE) NET BALANCE	\$ (105,207)	\$ 680,121

St Vincent dePaul Operating Financials

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	FISCAL YEAR 2020	FISCAL YEAR 2021
INCOME		
Contributions for Outreach Programs	431,997	448,159
Contributions for Food	60,101	42,288
Unrestricted Income from Golf Event	35,080	57,086
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 527,178	\$ 547,533
EXPENSES		
SVdP Outreach	447,435	288,725
Partnerships and Projects	63,346	85,414
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 510,782	\$ 374,139
POSITIVE (NEGATIVE) NET BALANCE	\$ 16,397	\$ 173,394

Financial statements are pre-audited.

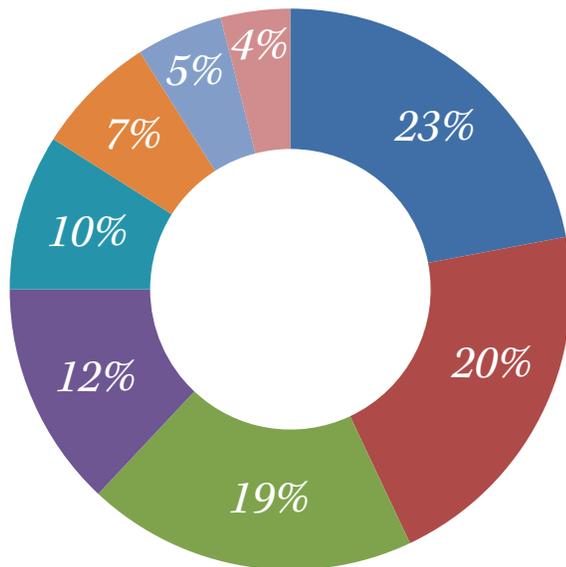
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Income: Includes 50% of golf tournament net proceeds

Expenses: partnerships and other miscellaneous costs

The Basilica of Saint Mary

Fiscal Year 2021 Operating/ Program Expenses

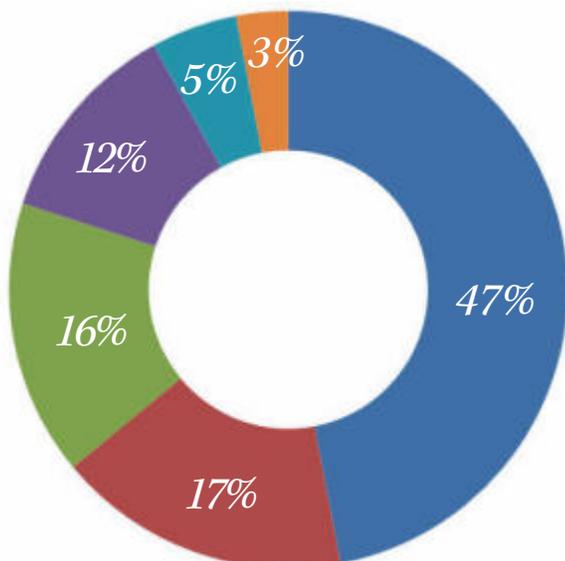


- Administration 23%
- Buildings & Grounds 20%
- Liturgy & Sacred Arts 19%
- Development 12%
- Christian Life 10%
- Learning 7%
- Clergy 5%
- Communications 4%

94% of operating expenses are funded by gifts to The Basilica Fund

St. Vincent de Paul

Fiscal Year 2021 Ministry Expenses



- Rent 47%
- Food/Basic Needs 17%
- Immigration 16%
- Mentoring 12%
(Minneapolis College, Pathways)
- IDs/Documents 5%
- Transportation 3%

100% of contributions help those in need

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

12,258

Current total parish members of 6,469 households

173

Parish households joined online

8,126

Livestream attendees on Christmas Eve, Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter

46

Weeks of Mass check-in for health and safety protocols spanning 11 months and 469 separate liturgies

3

Online art exhibits including the Basilica Icons, Crèche collection from around the world, and the Holy Week and Easter collection



New Ombrellino

Archbishop Hebda blessed the new Ombrellino at the 9:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. The Ombrellino is one of the symbols of a Basilica. The old Ombrellino had served us well for many years, but it was worn and rapidly deteriorating with several tears in the fabric. The new Ombrellino was funded by an anonymous donor.

Safely Celebrating Mass

Throughout the pandemic there were many policies and procedures for the safety and common good of our community. When we re-opened for in-person Mass attendance in July 2020, The Basilica implemented new practices and protocols to follow health and safety best practices.



40

Art That Surrounds Us installments of the video series with Johan van Parys, Ph.D., Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts

49

Weddings celebrated; many livestreamed to friends and family around the world

245

BYA (Basilica Young Adults) participating in programs including Zoom and socially distanced Bible Study and 1 dog sledding adventure

8

Including two virtual organ concerts and six Christmas meditation concerts

1

Virtual Children's Christmas Musical, *Light of the World*. Recorded in segments to safely distance all participants



Commitment to the Arts

The Basilica art collection acquired a new painting, *Sanctuary*, by acclaimed artist Janet McKenzie.

McKenzie says that, as a mother, she felt called to paint *Sanctuary* as she mourned with the many mothers of color who have lost a child. As she was working on this painting she kept coming back to Psalm 61: 4 “*Let me live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings.*”

First Eucharist

Gradually as we began to open after the shut-down last year, we invited families back to celebrate sacraments. This past year 50 children received their First Eucharist. The services were held with social distancing and masks to protect the children. The preparation involved parent/child activities at home along with virtual sessions.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

17

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) participants joining sessions on Zoom

150

Participants in virtual Employment Ministry, 75 placed in new positions

27

Emmaus Ministers compassionately listening throughout the pandemic

230

Families received housing assistance to help keep their homes and prevent homelessness

14,000

Sandwiches provided to Basilica neighbors in need



Welcoming Back Volunteers

For many months during the pandemic only staff members were able to serve at the liturgies. Throughout the year, we have been able to invite volunteers back to liturgical ministry and focus on rebuilding our ministerial teams.

If you are interested in volunteering at Mass, visit mary.org/volunteer to review all of the available roles.

Outdoor Communion

Fr. Bauer and the liturgy team served Holy Communion to those who attended Mass via the livestream throughout the pandemic.

The opportunity to receive Holy Communion safely was incredibly meaningful for those who were not able to attend Mass in-person. The last outdoor Communion was held on Corpus Christi, June 6, 2021.



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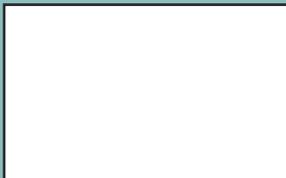
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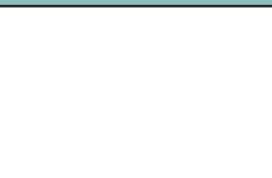


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