



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



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"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

With this column I would like to update you in regard to several areas of our parish's life.

1. Archdiocesan Synod: A few weeks ago I received a report on how the Synod small group process was going at The Basilica. Below is a synopsis of that report.

The Basilica hosted three Synod session opportunities this fall. Each met for six two hour sessions—two on Zoom (Wednesday morning and Thursday evening) and one on campus on Sunday mornings following the 9:30am liturgy. We also had two groups which were ministry specific: a book club and a young adult Bible study. Approximately 35-45 people attended the sessions, down from a registration and early attendance number of about 65. A number of staff attended as well. The age

range for the groups was 20s-80s. The sessions followed the Archdiocesan provided path, using prayer, teaching and individual sharing and discussion, followed by participant feedback which was sent to the Archdiocese. As you might expect, reactions to the process were varied. Some people were pleased with the Synod process and content, and others were disappointed. Concerns were expressed that the "listening" promised by the Archdiocese failed to materialize.

The above was in contrast to the Archdiocesan listening sessions in 2019 which were well attended. Those sessions were vibrant and crowded, and surfaced many important issues for our local church. Those attending the Synod small groups felt that what was said at the earlier listening sessions was not included in the Synod's main themes, and thus not discussed in the small groups. Additionally, there was almost no opportunity to submit original ideas or responses. Many of those who signed up for the Synod small groups did so because of their concerns for our Church. And one of their major concerns was that bishops need to listen to all the people, not just the people they want to hear from.

People from The Basilica who attended the Synod small groups did so because they love our church and they have true and serious concerns for our Archdiocese and the global church. Whether the Synod will deliver on the promise many felt was possible remains to be seen. I am grateful for the efforts of those who participated in the listening sessions, or a Synod small group, as well the overall Synod process.

2. The Basilica Fund: During the months of October and November we ask all parishioners to make a pledge of financial support for our parish. While I am very much aware of the many requests for financial support we all receive, I am hopeful that The Basilica will be near the top of your list in terms of your financial support. It is your ongoing, consistent financial support that makes it possible for us to offer the many programs, services and ministries that are at the heart of our Basilica parish.

The Basilica has been, and will continue to be, a place that welcomes all those who come through our doors, a place that reaches out to those in need, a place that helps us grow in our understanding of and relationship with God, and a place where we recognize and celebrate the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and in each other.

I want to thank to all those who have made a commitment of financial support to our parish community during our financial stewardship campaign this fall. Please

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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

OUR MISSION

Our core purpose

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 5:00PM
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SAINTS, SINNERS, ARTISTS AND
INFLUENCERS IN THE ETERNAL CITY
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Lecture by renowned art historian Dr. Liz Lev. Learn more at elizabeth-lev.com.

know your commitment of financial support to our parish community is greatly appreciated.

In regard to our parish finances, as I write this column we are behind in our anticipated income at this point in our fiscal year. Our Finance Committee monitors our income and expenses closely, so if it becomes necessary, we can make the appropriate decisions about balancing our parish budget. I am hopeful that with our collections at Christmas and with year-end giving we will be back on track with our projected income. Thank you to all of those who support our Basilica community financially. Please know of my great gratitude for your ongoing financial support.

3. Staff Changes: On a sad note, a few weeks ago we said 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, I am pleased to report that Ramón Mitchell has accepted the position of Coordinator of Liturgical Celebrations. Ramón is a native of the Bahamas. He studied at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. While there he interned at The Basilica during his two last summers. He spent a year studying and working in Rome. Currently he is Director of Liturgy at a church in London. Ramón loves the liturgy, and he has a great passion for working with volunteer ministers.

4. Maintenance at The Basilica: This summer and fall we have been busy with a variety of maintenance projects at The Basilica. Some of the smaller projects have included adding more needlepoint bipolar ionization units in the Church, The Basilica School and in other rooms on our campus. These units clean and sanitize the air of Covid-19 allergens and other molds and allergens. We have also installed a permanent desk in The Basilica for our livestreaming equipment. Additionally, we are adding more exterior security cameras with upgraded technology. We have also added livestream capabilities to our chapel and have made some tech upgrades in some of our other meeting rooms. Going forward, we want to offer high quality virtual and hybrid ministry experiences. These upgrades are 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.

In addition to these smaller maintenance projects, we also have two significant projects. The first is re-grading and installing drain tiles around the exterior of our school building. We have had water infiltration issues for years in the lower level of our school building. By changing the grade and adding drain tiles, 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 should be completed by the time you read this.

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 deteriorate, so our tuck pointing will need to continue for the foreseeable future. This work will ensure that The Basilica will remain a beacon of hope on the Minneapolis skyline for many years to come.

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 in the 1970s. 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. We are grateful that these projects will be funded by The Basilica Landmark.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



In late 1992, Queen Elizabeth II famously referred to the previous year as an *Annus Horribilis* or a *Horrible Year* due to the many scandals that had rocked the British Royal family. I share the Queen's sentiment when I look at our lives since March 2020. For so many of us, 2020 was nothing less than a true *Annus Horribilis* as all our lives were rocked by many challenges, sickness, loss of jobs, isolation, and death caused by the pandemic.

And yet, when I think back on Christmas 2020, I remember clearly that, while the long and lonely winter months weighed on all of us, even in those darkest days of the pandemic, the Light of Christ slowly broke through with the joy of Christmas. To be sure, nothing was the same as in years past, both at home and in church. Nevertheless, the arrival of the Christ Child filled us with hope and anticipation as he lifted us out of our darkness into his marvelous light.

Last year, few of us came to The Basilica for the celebrations of Advent and Christmas. As we had anticipated, most joined us via livestream. Because of that, we completely re-imagined our liturgies and our Advent and Christmas décor to offer the best experience for those participating in person or via livestream.

And here we are, preparing for Advent and Christmas 2021. For many, the year 2021 may not have been an *Annus Horribilis*, yet it was surely not the best of years either. We are still a people living in darkness anticipating the Light of Christ. Hopefully this year more people will attend our Advent and Christmas celebrations in person. For some of us this may be a sort of homecoming after almost two years. In the same way as Advent ushers in a new liturgical year, it will hopefully be a new start for all of us, the beginning of an *Annus Mirabilis* or a *Wonderful Year*.

To be sure we will livestream several of our Advent and Christmas liturgies to make sure that those of us who are not yet able or comfortable to celebrate these liturgies in person will be able to join us virtually.

May the season of Advent and Christmas offer us all a new beginning and remind us that no matter the darkness that surrounds us, our future is full of light and hope brought about by the incarnation of our God in Jesus, the Christ.

Blessed Advent and Christmas! And best wishes for an *Annus Mirabilis*!

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LITURGY

DECORATE FOR ADVENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 8:30AM

Help to prepare The Basilica for the season of Advent. There are tasks for the whole family to share—this is a great opportunity for friends to volunteer together. Please register online at mary.org/liturgicalministry.

EVENING PRAYER DURING ADVENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 3:00PM*

DECEMBER 5, 12, 19, 3:00PM*

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The Basilica Schola Cantorum

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS OF ADVENT, 9:15AM*

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**7:00AM EUCHARIST, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL,
NOON* & 5:30PM EUCHARIST, BASILICA**

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 5:30PM, BASILICA*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 5:30PM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL*

EUCARIST WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 10:30AM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick during a special Mass. We invite all the members of our parish who are sick, as well as their families, to join us.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

On Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, you are invited to bring the baby Jesus from your home nativity to The Basilica for a blessing during the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Please help us beautify The Basilica this Christmas. Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are available in the pew or you can give online at mary.org/give. For names to be listed in the Christmas leaflet, submissions must be made by end of day, December 14.

LITURGY & SACRED ART

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 8:00AM, BASILICA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 8:30AM-NOON, BASILICA

Sign-up on MyBasilica at mary.org/liturgicalministry or 612.317.3433.

THE EVE OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

The full schedule is being finalized as of the bulletin print deadline.

Please visit mary.org/Christmas for the most current schedule.

THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:30am	Eucharist at Dawn	<i>organ, cantor, violin, soprano soloist</i>
9:30am	Solemn Eucharist	<i>organ, choir, brass, strings*</i>
Noon	Solemn Eucharist	<i>organ, choir, brass, strings*</i>
5:00pm	Eucharist	<i>music from around the world</i>

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 3:00PM, BASILICA *

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022, 10:00AM, BASILICA

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 3:00PM, BASILICA *

The Basilica Schola Cantorum and Cathedral Choristers

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 3:00PM, BASILICA*

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

MASS ON THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:00AM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:00am in the Saint Joseph Chapel. There will be no Noon Mass.

Basilica Campus and Offices are closed.

* LIVESTREAMED

SACRED ART EXHIBITS

SILENT NIGHT

CRÈCHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

DECEMBER 1-JANUARY 15

Pope John XXIII Gallery & Teresa of Calcutta Hall and Basilica Choir Stalls

WOMEN WHO ROCKED ROME: SAINTS, SINNERS, ARTISTS AND INFLUENCERS IN THE ETERNAL CITY.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 1:30PM

Lecture by renowned art historian Dr. Liz Lev.

CONCERTS

BACH'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7:30PM

Performers will be Members of the Vocalessence Ensemble Singers and the Orchestra of the Bach Society of Minnesota. Tickets are available at 612.371.5656 or vocalessence.org.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERTS: THE EARTH ADORNE

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:30PM & 8:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 8:00PM

Tickets at 612.722.2301 or nlca.com.

Contemplate the consistent, yet ever-changing allure of our world through works for choir and instruments, including Aaron David Miller's *Chanticleer*, Paul John Rudoi's *Orbit Carol*, and the *Creation Suite* by NLC's founding director, Dr. Larry Fleming.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH BACH ROOTS FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 8:00PM

Tickets at bachrootsfestival.com.

Hear the beloved holiday tradition of Handel's Messiah performed by Bach Roots Festival's roster of professional baroque musicians under the direction of Artistic Director, Matthew J. Olson.

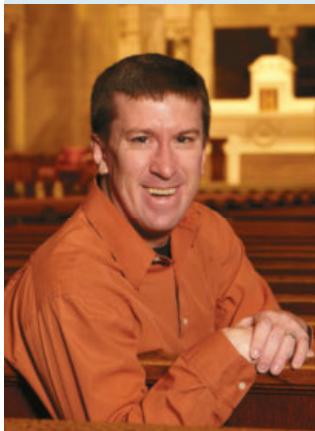
THE CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 11:00AM
AND 1:00 PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Light of the World, by Mark Patterson, performed by the children and youth of The Basilica on Sunday, December 19th. For more information contact Janet Grove at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



As we enter into this busy time of year, in some ways we begin to slow down just a bit in the Learning department. We continue our usual weekly offerings for our children and youth in our faith formation classes, and those adults in our RCIA process have been busy at work with weekly gatherings and a fall retreat. However, all of us know that a break is coming soon to participate in the celebration of Christmas and the coming new

year. Please know that more small group faith sharing opportunities and other ways to get and stay involved in The Basilica parish community are still here and will continue to come in the new year!

As I write this, there are ongoing questions of exactly what gifts we might be able to give each other this holiday season; will the stores have all of the usual goods we enjoy getting and giving during the holidays? I love the gift giving and receiving for the holidays, so this is hard for me! Whatever happens with all of this, hopefully we can clearly hear the invitation from these seasons of Advent and Christmas to find time to slow down and reflect on the beautiful mysteries of our faith during this special time of year. Hopefully we can be present to God in a more intentional way, and then to each other as well, in our families and communities, including our Basilica faith community. Please continue to reach out to us and join us when you are able to for our various faith formation opportunities.

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Director – Ben Caduff*

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Children & Family Ministry - 612.317.3473
Marriage Ministry - 612.317.3435

LEARNING

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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. More information and registration are available at mary.org. Please check the weekly newsletter for future class dates. And, congratulations to the following children who were baptized in September and October:

Evelyn Faith Bennett * Maverick James Bieber * Charlotte Bjelland* Diego Oliver Galindo Rivera * Ellie Donna Majestic * Oliver Robert Marquardt * Isaac Brian Matthews * Connor William Satariano * Charlotte Elizabeth Sweeney * William Thomas Patterson * Isabelle Kathryn Furst * James William Memmen * Nolan Thomas Leach * Kennedy Charlotte Schulzetenberg * Davis Ridge Berry * Lucille Kathleen Cabreña * John Royce Cahir * Charlotte Evelyn Dinh * Noah Archer Dinh * Wyatt Grayson Dinh * Raquel Chelsie Dylong * Riley McCambridge Ferry * Scottie Marie Gregory * Anna Lee McClisch * Sadie Florence Palehonki * John Samuel Schwartz * Esme Lynn Sitzman * Connor Michael Tompkins * Maximillian Joaquin Valdes * Lee Michael Vazquez, III * Thomas Michael Voyles * Vivian Rose Clapshaw * Luisa James Peris

ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022
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.

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.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

The Basilica, among many communities in the Archdiocese has just wrapped up our participation in the third portion of the Synod. Attendees met in small groups over 6 weeks.

As a community, we gained some insights into our hopes and needs for The Basilica during the Synod process. Of particular mention by many respondents is the benefit of and desire for small group faith sharing or small faith communities. One person commented in their suggestions, "Build Community! Following Christ is not a solo project."

As participants reflected and commented, listened and discussed, truly encountering one another, amazing bonds, as promised by the Holy Spirit and Pope Francis, have formed.

In his Encyclical Letter, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis speaks of Fraternity. "Fraternity between all men and women...here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation...We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together...By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams on the other hand are built together."

So, we might support and dream together here at The Basilica. Are you interested in being a part of a small faith community? Are you already a part of such a group through a book club, a prayer group or other Basilica ministry? Would you appreciate meeting new people, truly encountering other faces, voices and cultures?

"Implanted deep within us is the call to transcend ourselves through an encounter with others." — Pope Francis.

For more information contact Cathy Edwards at cedwards@mary.org.

FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration for Faith Formation classes for children and youth is available online now at our parish website. Classes began September 26. Space is limited and is available on a first-come basis. All participants, including adults and children, will be asked to wear a mask and socially 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 at 612.317.3414.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 10:30AM AND 12:30PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Join together to watch our children and youth again perform our Christmas musical after the morning Masses! This is open to anyone in the parish. More information is in the Liturgy section of this bulletin.

BASILICA YES: YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE

Teen grades 11 and 12 are invited to gather for fellowship, faith, and service. Basilica YES teens are engaged in a variety of projects throughout the year and meet regularly on Sunday evenings. Together we are gaining volunteer experience for our college applications, reaching out to the world to make a difference, and finding meaningful relationship with our parish community. We invite you to join us. For more information, contact Doris Ortiz at dortiz@mary.org or 612.317.3473.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our mission as a parish community is anchored on hospitality. The most important welcome we receive is as we enter for worship.

We are inviting 15 people from each Mass time to commit to volunteering once a month to be ushers at this Mass time, to assist in receiving the financial stewardship of the congregation, and to welcome all as Christ into our Basilica community.

For more information, contact the Liturgy Coordinator at coordinator_liturgy@mary.org.

Volunteers are also needed to help with our livestreaming. Contact Mae Desaire at mdesaire@mary.org.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



These last two years have brought unique challenges: we have had to let go of things that have ended, and have been invited to embrace something new. Each phase of life—endings and beginnings—offers gifts, as well as trials. Each experience offers distinct feelings, challenges, and opportunities.

It is sometimes hard to start something new if one does not let go of the old. The need to let go, to surrender what is known and familiar, is often required to create space for the new to take hold and grow. But letting go can be hard. It can invite grief, a sense of loss, or imbalance.

Embracing the new can also be a challenge. One may be invited to embrace a new role, or grow into un-tapped gifts. Perhaps one has avoided facing or addressing feelings that are now being called forth. Perhaps the unknown is vague or unclear, with uncertain requirements.

As we approach the end of a year and look forward to a new one, we are invited to take stock of our lives and our activities. We are invited to prayerfully consider what needs to be surrendered: what has run its course and is no longer vibrant in our life? We are called to explore continued growth: what is tugging on our hearts and minds to start anew?

Endings and beginnings are seldom experienced as distinct, separate experiences. They are often intertwined and connected. It is good to take time to reflect and pray about the direction of our lives. Indeed, none of us has yet “fully arrived” in life. We are all still growing and becoming the beloved person God created us to be.

Take time to prayerfully consider how we are being called to end or begin anew. What is keeping us from moving forward? What is holding us back from growing into our full potential? Every phase of our life contains the sacred invitation to grow. Whether experienced through a loss/ending, or discovered through being stretched in some new way, every moment of our day offers an invitation.

The Basilica offers many opportunities to grow. Consider how you might get involved in new ways. Consider how you may grow and serve. Our faith calls us to be an advocate for change. Let us embrace the change together.

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Caring Ministries - 612.317.3474

Employment and Mental Health Ministry - 612.317.3508

CHRISTIAN LIFE

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Is it too early to begin to think of a new way you'd like to begin 2022? It's the perfect time! And here's a good resolution to make, and something that would be fun to work on and share with others: resolve to listen better this next year. Listen better to those who are in your life, and maybe even serve your Basilica community by listening too.

Linda Eve Diamond, award winning poet and author, explains, “Think of listening as a form of meditation. Quiet your mind and focus your attention on listening.” Here at The Basilica we can teach you to use your gifts and develop your listening skills! Two opportunities are coming up:

- Short Listening Workshop on Saturday, January 8, 9-11:30am: Open to all Basilica parishioners and friends, this is an introduction into the art of listening that will give you a couple new skills to practice right away. Registration required on mary.org.
- Emmaus Listening Training: Held on two Saturdays and one Thursday evening in February, this is a “deep dive” into active listening and will prepare you to become an active member of the Emmaus Listening Ministry at The Basilica. Contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474 to learn more about the ministry or schedule an interview prior to training. Training won't be repeated until late fall of 2022, so act now if the Spirit is calling you.

PRISONERS OR PATIENTS MEETINGS – VIRTUAL MEETING

Join us on the third Thursday of each month at 1- 2 pm as we work on the pilot year of The Prisoners or Patients Mentorship Program. Help is needed for training sessions, resource collection, evaluation, and much more. The mentors will be looking for behind-the-scenes partners. It is the perfect way to see if you might want to be a mentor in the future to a returning citizen who has been released from a Minnesota prison or jail. For more information and for the Zoom code, please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

AIM: ACCESS AND INCLUSION MINISTRY

AIM is looking for people with lived experiences who will work with us to continue to share experiences that educate our community, collect resources for navigating the systems that impact people with barriers, provide social opportunities for our community to come together, and offer expertise as we look at our buildings and campus for ongoing improvements. Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. We are working on several events for February including an Access and Inclusion fair and presentation on disability and employment. For more information and to get the Zoom invite, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

ANNUAL BLESSING AND PRESENTATION - SPONSORED BY AIM, EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY, AND THE MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

- 5:30 pm – Blessing with Father John Bauer in the Saint Joseph Chapel
- 6:00 pm – Presentation on the Interweaving of Storytelling and the Arts for Spiritual and Mental Health Well-Being, Teresa of Calcutta Hall

Joe Davis, known for his spoken word poetry and music, is a North Minneapolis resident who believes artists play a crucial role in the movement for change. His acclaimed music honoring George Floyd is inspired by the teachings of Martin Luther King Jr. and in the belief that people should not be complacent but continue to push for peace and healing. This event is free, but advanced registration is required at mary.org. For more information, contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

MENTAL HEALTH AUTHOR'S SERIES

NEW DATE – SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022, 3PM

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*. 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 the mary.org website.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD - A NEW ERA!

Our Families Moving Forward (FMF) ministry is entering a new era with a hosting partnership with Plymouth Congregational Church. Volunteers are needed! Learn more by contacting Basilica FMF chair, Mary Bujold, at mcbujold@yahoo.com or 612.669.5213. FMF is a program of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and focuses on providing temporary, emergency shelter to families without housing using a network of congregations in the Twin Cities area.

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

Since 2015, The Basilica has accompanied families who are coming to Minnesota as refugees, those seeking asylum, and families who are facing detention and deportation in our community. You are invited to prayerfully consider if you would like to engage in this transforming ministry.

Read a reflection from a Basilica parishioner who has engaged in this work:

- I have had the privilege of supporting an asylum-seeking woman and her four children as a part of The Basilica's Accompaniment program. There is no playbook and it is really an opportunity to use your unique gifts and abilities to significantly help an individual or family. I found myself, along with a team of three others, assisting by navigating our local Minnesota systems for housing and food aid, providing guidance for medical care, donating lightly used household items and most of all being a trusted and consistent support. This is an amazing program which significantly benefits the individual/family. You will also see firsthand the challenges asylum-seekers face and find ways to overcome those and help the person thrive. If you feel called to help others in great need, this program is for YOU! - Megan Nechanicky

For more information about how to get involved, call 612.317.3477 or email jandersen@mary.org.

ZOOM: NEW CENTERING PRAYER PRACTICE GROUP

SATURDAYS, 10:00AM, ZOOM

Study and share in how this ancient form of Christian contemplative prayer speaks, silently, to the deepest parts of ourselves yearning for an intimate connection with God.

Centering Prayer is a meaningful practice meant to deepen our relationship with God. A relationship nurtured in the deepest silence within our hearts. And nurturing this relationship inevitably includes wrestling with what we want (or programs for happiness) versus what God wants for us (us healed to bring love and oneness forward). Your primary Centering Prayer practice happens daily, in solitude, however, coming together each week with this group helps you explore the questions that arise through hearing of the experiences of others. Participating in a group also helps strengthen your consistency in daily practice. All levels of experience, including beginners, are encouraged and invited to join us.

The Basilica is beginning a new Centering Prayer Practice Group on Saturday mornings, to complement our Friday morning group at 10:00. For more information, contact jandersen@mary.org or call 612.317.3477.

THE BASILICA EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

The Basilica Employment Ministry is 31 years old! The ministry has helped thousands of people during this history and continues to work with people every week as they go through job transition. During the pandemic and continuing today our coaches are available to help people virtually in their job search. Contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org to set up an intake meeting and begin the road to finding a new job!

DEVELOPMENT



THE BASILICA FUND

WE WELCOME YOU

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.

94% of annual expenses are funded by gifts to The Basilica Fund. We invite you to establish a recurring gift. 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.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE BASILICA

As the celebration of the birth of Christ approaches, we invite you to consider a special gift to support our Advent and Christmas liturgies, and all The Basilica's ministries throughout the year. Make a gift at mary.org/christmasgift.



Use our new QR code to make your gift to The Basilica Fund. Simply scan using your phone's camera or go to mary.org/give.

MAKE A GIFT

PLANNED GIVING

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 thebasilicalandmark.org/plannedgiving. To make a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund, visit thebasilicalandmark.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 thebasilicalandmark.org/give.

TAX-SMART GIVING

Do you have a traditional IRA? Are you, or will you soon to be, 70 ½ years old? If you answered "yes," did you know you may make a tax-free qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to The Basilica Landmark and The Basilica of Saint Mary without increasing your taxable income or taxes? This is a popular, tax-smart option for giving. Funds transferred from your IRA will not subject your Social Security income to higher tax levels and if you are 70 ½ or older, will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

To take advantage, please contact your IRA plan administrator or Monica Stuart, Development Officer, at 612.317.3429 to learn more.

*Because circumstances may vary from person to person, donors should discuss plans with a professional tax advisor.

GIFT DEADLINES FOR 2021 TAX DEDUCTIONS

To receive a tax deduction for 2021 charitable contributions, checks must be postmarked by **Friday, December 31**. Online gifts need to be received by midnight on December 31. Our offices are closed on Friday, December 31.

2021 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENT

Your 2021 annual giving statement will be mailed to you at the end of January 2022.

FROM THE PASTOR

5. EDI: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: As I mentioned in a previous bulletin, 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 continues 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.

6. Revisit, Renew, Reconnect and Revision: As I mentioned in an earlier bulletin, 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 revision 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.

In regard to the above, I am happy to report that after many months of doing ministry virtually, at the beginning of November our **St. Vincent de Paul Ministry** resumed in-person ministry on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. While our rental assistance program will remain virtual on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, we will help people with bus cards for new jobs, gas cards, I.D. vouchers, and clothing and household items vouchers. I am excited that we are able to resume this ministry and I am hopeful that it will be a blessing both for those it serves and for the volunteers.

We have also **resumed hospitality after the 9:30 and 11:30am masses on Sunday**. While we won't be serving doughnuts just yet, we will serve coffee and lemonade. We hope this will once again offer people the opportunity to visit with their "church buddies" in a safe environment.

Our **Learning Ministry** is also back with our youth religious education and sacramental preparation programs, and our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Our **Liturgical Ministers and Choirs** are back and continue to grow. Also returning this year will be our **Children's Advent Musical: Light of the World on Sunday, December 19**. Check our website for details. Finally, **Taize prayer**, with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be celebrated in the lower level of The Basilica on **Tuesday, December 14**.

While we have a ways to go yet in regard to getting all of our ministries back to full strength, I am pleased with the progress we have made thus far. While there are many aspects of our "new" normal that will be familiar, it is not clear what our "new" normal ultimately will be. 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 are looking for ways to volunteer, we have opportunities galore.**

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Mission

Our core purpose

The Basilica of Saint Mary is 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,
- Extend Christian hospitality, and
- Rejoice in rich diversity.

As Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis we are committed to provide:

- Inspiring liturgies and sacred arts,
- Transforming life-long learning opportunities, and
- Engaging service to one another and justice for all.

Vision

What we intend to create

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

The Basilica of Saint Mary aspires to be a:

- Home of Spiritual Nourishment - We aspire to be a place where all may be touched by beauty, be nourished in their faith and be inspired by truth.
- Beacon of Hope - We commit to welcome everyone with respect and dignity and to provide help and care, especially to those most in need.
- Advocate for Change - We pledge to work toward justice, peace and equality for all and to promote the protection of all of creation.

FROM THE PASTOR

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

7. Special Collections: While no one is fond of special collections, it is heartening for me to report that the people of The Basilica have been very generous to the last few special collections here at The Basilica.

- On the weekend of June 12 and 13, **\$830** was contributed to help defray the cost of air conditioning The Basilica during the hot summer months.
- On the weekend of July 31 and August 1, **\$9,227** was contributed to help fund our **St. Vincent de Paul Ministry**.
- On the weekend of August 28 and 29, **\$4,623** was contributed to help fund earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.

The contributions to these collections testify to the generosity of the people of The Basilica. Please know of my gratitude for your generous response to these collections.

8. An Invitation To Come Home for Christmas: It goes without saying that the pandemic has had an impact on all of our lives and on almost every aspect of our lives. We have had to forgo favorite activities and/or learn to do them in new ways. This has been particularly true in regard to church and worship. During the height of the pandemic when The Basilica was empty for our masses, I missed babies crying in church. (I always tell people that if you never hear a baby crying in church, your congregation is probably dying.) I missed being able to check-in with people to see how they were doing. I missed gathering with people to sing God's praises, and to be and bring the peace of Christ to each other. Most importantly though, I missed celebrating and sharing the Eucharist with people like me—sinful and weak and in need of God's grace.

In the past few months while we have seen more and more people returning to worship, we are still not at pre-pandemic attendance levels. There are, no doubt, many reasons for this. As my mother used to say though, sometimes people just need a personal invitation to do something. So for anyone who needs a personal invitation, please know that I extend that to you. Come home—come to The Basilica for Christmas. Come and celebrate the birth of our savior with your fellow parishioners. We miss you and want you to be part of our community again.



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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

MAKE A GIFT TO OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

The Basilica's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry provides much needed support to the vulnerable in our community. To make a gift to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry, please visit mary.org/svdpgive.

Saint Vincent DePaul Ministry

Year-to-Date Financial Report through September 30, 2021

(Fiscal Year June-July)

	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD \$ Variance</u>	<u>YTD % Variance</u>
Income/ Contributions	\$75,129	\$110,725	(35,596)	-32%
Expenses	<u>\$55,355</u>	<u>\$86,215</u>	<u>\$30,860</u>	36%
Net Surplus/ (deficit)	\$19,773	\$24,510	\$(4,736)	

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*Come Home
for Christmas*

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EVENING PRAYER DURING ADVENT

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The Basilica Schola Cantorum

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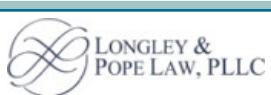
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