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FROM THE PASTOR



1. Pastor Transition: Even though, I will continue as pastor of The Basilica through June, the transition process has begun. Fr. Dan Griffith has met with or will be meeting with the trustees, our parish staff and parish leadership. His intent in these meetings is to listen and learn, so he can hit the ground running July 1 and serve the parishioners of The Basilica of St. Mary.

I am enormously grateful and extremely excited that Fr. Griffith will be the next pastor of The Basilica. He will bring an abundance of gifts, as well as great experience and expertise to his role as pastor of The Basilica. As we continue to move forward, I ask you to please keep both of us in your prayers.

2. Our Parish Finances: First and foremost, I want to thank all those who continue to support to our parish community financially during the pandemic. Please know your commitment of financial support to our parish community is greatly appreciated. Your contribution - no matter the size - is important and makes a difference. It allows us to continue to offer the many programs, ministries and services that are the hallmark of our Basilica community.

Your ongoing generosity is very important to the financial health of our parish. Please know of my great gratitude for your ongoing financial support.

3. Lent: As you read this, we are well into the season of Lent. As a child I never really appreciated Lent. As I've grown older, though, I've come to realize how important and how good the season of Lent is for me and for all of us. With the pace of our world and its multiple distractions, it's so easy for us to miss the fundamental mystery of our faith: Jesus Christ, died and rose again to offer us the promise and gift of eternal life.

Through its various penances and ascetical practices, Lent helps us choose the way of the Lord Jesus once again. It brings us to a full stop, calls us to prayer and to attend to the poor, and summons us to other practices, so the value of our lives and the purpose of our discipleship can be rediscovered.

During this special season, I invite and encourage you to look at your calendar and to plan on participating virtually or in-person in the services and activities that will be offered at The Basilica during Lent. Visit our web site at mary.org for a list of our Lenten activities and services.

4. Catholic Services Appeal: We began the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) the weekend of February 12th and 13th. This yearly appeal helps support the many ministries, services and programs within our Archdiocese. Now obviously, many people are concerned that contributions to the Archdiocese will be used for purposes they didn't intend. In this regard, it is important to note that The Catholic Services Appeal is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization. This was done to ensure all the money that is collected through the Appeal would go directly and solely to the ministries, services and programs supported by the CSA. No CSA funds go to the Archdiocese.

By pooling the financial resources from generous donors throughout our diocese, much important and necessary work is funded by the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). As your pastor, I wholeheartedly endorse the work of the Appeal. I support it financially and I encourage you to make a gift to support these important ministries, services and programs. Please look for the Catholic Services Appeal information in pews or learn more at csafspm.org.

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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

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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

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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.

5. Parish Life During the Pandemic: At the present time, many of our parish activities, services, and ministries are back in person; some are being conducted virtually; and some can be done hybrid. We continue to ask the question of when, how and where we can resume all of these activities on campus. At this point, and for the foreseeable future, we are making all decisions on a case-by-case basis. We also continue to look for new opportunities to celebrate the life of our parish community.

Clearly, we all miss the opportunities to gather and celebrate our faith as we used to. We miss gathering with others, and worshipping and praying together. We also miss the opportunities to give witness to our faith through our community activities. When we gather again as we used to—and I believe we will—it is my hope and sincere prayer that church will have a renewed meaning for all of us.

6. Covid and Me: As I write this column, (2/23) I have tested positive for Covid and am quarantining at home. The worst of the symptoms have passed, and I am waiting for a negative test so I can return to work at The Basilica. Fortunately, I have been vaccinated and boosted, so my symptoms were just fatigue, congestion and body aches.

Since I was being very careful, catching Covid turned out to be much easier than I would have thought. I was scheduled to have dinner with some friends, (who were also vaccinated and boosted) and when we got to the restaurant, we had to wait in the bar for a few minutes for the restaurant to get our table ready. Of course, the bar was packed, and that's all it took.

I am grateful that I was vaccinated and boosted, and even more grateful that my symptoms were fairly mild. I am most grateful, though, for Frs. Berger, Tasto and Gillespie, who filled in during my absence. They were/are a great grace for me and for our parish.

7. EDI: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: As I have mentioned previously, 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. 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 by laying out the goals we have identified to work on as a parish community. In April and May our EDI team will be hosting some anti-bias training sessions for interested parishioners. To find out more about the important work of EDI, visit mary.org/edi.

8. The Archdiocesan Synod: Despite the pandemic, the work of preparing for the Synod continues. As I write this column, our parish Synod group is preparing to meet on a Saturday morning for 5.5 hours to discuss three specific topics in regard to future of the Church in our Archdiocese: 1. Sharing the Gospel in word and deed; 2. The universal call to holiness; 3. Young adult ministry. The outcome of these discussions will form the basis of our parish's representatives' input at the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly on June 3-5. I invite you to continue to pray for the success of the Synod process, and for the future of our parish and local Church.

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR



We are Children of the Light!

I remember taking my niece Babette to church when she was a small child. That was many years ago. She now has two little girls herself. The church we visited was rather dark, but some beams of light came through the stained-glass windows and created colorful patterns on the floor. Babette immediately started jumping from one spot of light to the next. It was a marvelous sight, even though other churchgoers disapproved of

the commotion.

As humans we are naturally inclined toward light. We long for the light of spring after a seemingly endless dark winter. We rejoice in the sparkle of light in the eyes of our children. And sometimes we jump from one spot of light to the next whether it is deemed appropriate or not.

The oppressive reality though is that there is so much darkness in our world today. The seemingly endless COVID pandemic is weighing on all of us. There are threats of war in so many parts of our world. There is endless violence and unrest in our cities. The evil of racism and injustice continues to plague our society and institutions. And millions of people are forced to leave their homes and native lands due to war, civil unrest, famine, epidemics, and climate change with nowhere to go.

The temptation and danger to let the darkness overwhelm us is very real. Do we even dare to hope for some light?

As Christians, we cannot and we may not give in to the darkness. Rather, we are to shine the Light of Christ on the world, even and especially in the darkest of days.

This is made abundantly clear during the Easter Vigil when we light one another's candles saying: "Receive the Light of Christ. Thanks be to God." When we receive and accept the light, we commit ourselves to bring the Light of Christ to the world.

If it were up to me, I would make a minor change to the end of the Easter Vigil. I would have everyone relight their candle before leaving the church. Just imagine the sight of hundreds of people filing the dark streets around The Basilica with candlelight on their way home. How beautifully this would symbolize that the Light of Christ which illuminated the darkened Basilica now also illuminates the darkened world. Alas, it is not up to me.

Nevertheless, let's bring the Light of Christ to the world without hesitation and without reservation.

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LITURGY

JOIN THE JOURNEY

Every week of Lent we will send out a simple communication with some suggestions for a fruitful observation of Lent looking at how we might *bend our knees, mend our hearts, and lend our hands*.

Subscribe to our email newsletter at mary.org/subscribe or visit mary.org/lentenjourney for more information.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING: All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's need, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously.

LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS* OF LENT, 9:15AM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

FRIDAYS OF LENT

7:00AM EUCHARIST, BASILICA
NOON* EUCHARIST, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL
5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS*, BASILICA

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER *

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 3:00PM

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT*

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2:30PM

On Palm Sunday, April 10, there will be a choral meditation beginning at 2:30pm with The Basilica Schola Cantorum, followed by vespers.

EASTER MEMORIAL DECORATIONS

Help us beautify The Basilica this Easter. Please consider a special gift for Easter flowers in honor or in memory of someone special in your life. Look for the special giving envelope in this bulletin, and you may also give online at mary.org/donate. Memorials received by **April 3** will be listed in the Easter worship leaflet.

* *Livestreamed*

LITURGY & SACRED ART

TRIDUUM / EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 14

9:15am	Morning Prayer *	
Noon	Midday Prayer *	
7:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Supper*	Basilica

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 15

9:15am	Morning Prayer *	
Noon	Stations of the Cross*	Basilica
3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion *	Basilica
7:00pm	Tenebrae *	Basilica

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 16

9:15am	Morning Prayer *	
Noon	Midday Prayer *	
7:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection*	Basilica
	<i>Cathedral Choir, organ, flute, brass & timpani</i>	

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17

7:30am	Eucharist at Sunrise	<i>cantor, organ, soprano, violin</i>
9:30am	Solemn Eucharist *	<i>Cathedral Choir, organ & brass</i>
11:30am	Solemn Eucharist*	<i>Cathedral Choir, organ & brass</i>
5:00pm	Eucharist *	<i>Mundus & Juventus</i>

A complete schedule for Holy Week is available at mary.org.

TAIZÉ PRAYER *

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 5:30PM, BASILICA

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

EVENING PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY *

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 3:00PM, BASILICA

Gregorian Vespers led by members of The Mirandola Ensemble
Visit themirandolaensemble.org for information about this ensemble.

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST *

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 3:00PM, BASILICA

Gregorian Vespers led by members of The Mirandola Ensemble

About The Mirandola Ensemble

Established in 2011, The Mirandola Ensemble is a Minneapolis-based professional choral ensemble dedicated to promoting the highest standards of choral music and serves as a Class Notes Artist-in-Residence at Classical MPR. They present programs of rarely performed early music from the Medieval and Renaissance eras strategically juxtaposed with the compositions of 20th and 21st century composers. Since their founding, they have had a rich relationship in providing music for liturgies of various denominations.

EUCHARIST ON MEMORIAL DAY *

MONDAY, MAY 30, 10:00AM, BASILICA

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

* *Livestreamed*

SACRED ART AND EXHIBITS

PASCHAL SEASON EXHIBIT

THROUGH APRIL 30

BASILICA AND

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY

Featured art is from a Bowden Collections traveling exhibition that focuses on the life of Jesus. It includes art from eleven countries, such as, Dominican Republic, Japan, France, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Slovakia, Mexico, England, Panama, and the United States.

TERRA NOSTRA: OUR EARTH

MAY & JUNE

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY AND

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Works from Catholic Artists for Environmental Justice

MUSIC

MINNESOTA SINFONIA CONCERT

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2:00PM

Featuring Grace Park, violin

This concert is free and open to all. Families are encouraged to attend.

SAVE THE DATES

MACPHAIL SPOTLIGHT CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 7:30PM

1,000 Years of Sacred Music

Featuring musicians from The Basilica and MacPhail.

Tickets at macphail.org/events

MUSIC AND ARTS IMMERSION CAMP

MONDAY, JUNE 27-FRIDAY, JULY 1

9:00-4:00PM

FROM THE DIRECTOR



April and May are particularly busy times for the Learning department, especially when we celebrate Easter later. Easter is a beautiful season of sacraments, and the culmination of a lot of hard work by many to prepare our children and adults to further enter the sacramental life of the Church.

The Great Easter vigil and Pentecost at the end of Easter will see adults get baptized, make their first Communion, and be confirmed in the Church through RCIA. Many will also experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time before Easter. Some of our children are preparing for First Communion and our high school students are preparing for Confirmation also. And after our Lenten break, we will have weddings, often more than one per weekend, from now through the fall!

In addition to our sacramental celebrations, our faith formation year will be wrapping up soon also. Flexibility has continued to be a necessity as we navigate the strange times we continue to be in, and so many have stepped up to help. There has been so much time, energy, creativity and work to support and encourage all of these young people, their families and our adults in RCIA through this year. It is a great privilege to celebrate passing on faith and these sacred moments with our brothers and sisters in our community. I cannot thank our Learning department staff, catechists, parents, sponsors, any and all who have helped us this year enough. Please know all of your efforts are appreciated! AND...please check out our new Small Faith Communities, join one, or ask questions!

Learning Office

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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 is available at mary.org. Please check the weekly newsletter for future class dates.

Congratulations to the following children who were baptized in January and February!

Lincoln Bradley Adamek · Evelyn Ruth Dillon
Sutton Elizabeth Dupay · Colton Zachary Horan
Jack Thomas Brassler · Brynn Eleanora Bulger
Esme Victoria Crowe · VanDetta Sophia Degidio
Samuel Hanson Brooks Ennis · Liam Hudson Gene Gazmawie
Amir Felix Riley Gazmawie · Mara Nicole Geist
Austin Gregory Margarit · Eden Mary-Michael McDonough

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, 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 GRASS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

MONDAY NIGHTS, JUNE 13-17

FULLER GRASS VOLLEYBALL COURTS, MINNEAPOLIS

Young Adults, we are back with summer volleyball this summer on Monday nights. We are trying out grass volleyball this summer for a change of pace, and the season is a bit shorter, too. We are hoping for 5 women and 5 men to play on the team. Email Ben at bcaduff@mary.org to reserve your spot on the team! Cost is \$15 for the six-game season.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

Small faith communities offer us the opportunity to live as disciples for and with each other. Small groups help people to share their faith and strengthen and support each other. This is from our ancient Christian tradition of meeting in homes, sharing faith and breaking bread. “Where two or three are gathered, there am I in your midst.” The question is how to fit that into COVID living, laundry, travel, school, appointments, work, and the occasional nap. Being a disciple requires dedication that is often quite challenging.

Life is full of questions, challenges, joys, and heartaches. A small group of familiar faces, faces that know and love you, forgiving and challenging you is truly a blessing just waiting to happen.

There are small faith communities meeting at The Basilica. You are welcome to join a group or get help starting a group. Would you like to meet with other parents or other new retirees? We can help. Would you like to read and reflect on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion? We have that. How about a little in-depth with the Gospel writers? Yes. Ready to meet in person? Of course. Prefer to meet virtually? Zoom is available.

Descriptions, schedules, and registration online at mary.org. Email Cathy with questions at cedwards@mary.org, or call the Learning Office at 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

REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION

The Basilica is updating some of our technology and website forms. In an effort to make the process smoother for all, registration will not open for next year’s Children’s and Youth Faith Formation and sacrament preparation until late summer. Rest assured, we will still do our best to offer quality programs. Please watch for registration to open in August.

WHAT IS RCIA? (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

This collaborative process of study, exploration, faith sharing, and faith formation is the first step in being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. The Basilica of Saint Mary warmly welcomes all who are interested in learning about Catholic faith and traditions.

- When do sessions meet? The sessions will meet in small group cohorts which will be organized according to date and times that work best for participants. These cohorts may meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Additionally, participants will be asked to attend retreats and speaker seminar days. Cohorts will meet year-round.
- What will be learned? Participants will explore Catholic beliefs, history and the beauty of our rituals, as well as a relationship with Christ and spirituality.
- Who attends? Adults thinking about or just interested in learning about becoming a full member of the Church, and other RCIA team members.
- When will participants be initiated into the Catholic faith? Those seeking baptism may celebrate the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Those seeking First Communion and/or Confirmation may celebrate these sacraments on Pentecost.

Those interested in learning more are invited to contact Christine Moore, Coordinator of Sacraments, at cmoore@mary.org or 612.317.3439.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Way of St. Vincent de Paul

We continue to be inspired by the life of St. Vincent de Paul in our SVdP Ministry at The Basilica. Unlike others of his time, St. Vincent de Paul did not codify his spirituality. But biographers suggest he had “A WAY.” His Spiritual Way was radically **incarnational, historical, existential.** It still has something to teach us.

The Way of St. Vincent de Paul articulates three themes:

Experience, Faith, and Practical Wisdom—all animated by the Spirit of God’s love. “God is love and we must come to him by love.”

Experience Counted: St. Vincent de Paul continually sought God’s presence in events and the people involved in them. He had an absolute conviction of God’s presence in time, history, events, and people. “God is here,” he knew from experience. And he had the patience to let God be God and to wait—trusting in divine timing, surrendering his need to control. “Let us do the good that presents itself...”

Faith: Following closely on experience was Action: For St. Vincent de Paul, action had a radical meaning: Action was the certain way to unite oneself to God— The invisible God, alive and visible in our actions. “We have to sanctify our occupations by seeking God in them and by doing them to find God in them rather than to get them done.”

Practical Wisdom: Believing personal value, dignity and life were found in action, St. Vincent de Paul had Three Rules articulating his practical wisdom:

First: Act always with purity of intention and singleness of purpose. Simply, be focused solely on God. If this is your north-star guiding your actions, you are on solid ground. “It is necessary to begin with God, to look to God first, to ask for a share in God’s spirit, a share in God’s view of things.”

Second: An action manifest’s God’s love when it embraces the extremes. Bringing the extremes together demonstrates God’s healing, reconciling love. For example, lives are transformed as the rich and poor connect through generosity and service.

Third: Mirror God’s faithfulness in our own being. God’s boundless love toward human beings offers a paradigm: Always be firm and persevering regarding goals and be flexible and gentle regarding means.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORS’ SERIES – FREE EVENT INCLUDING CHOICE OF BOOK WITH REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 3:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Former Minnesota Representative Mindy Greiling and Susan Foote, Professor Emerita in the School of Public Health at The University of Minnesota, will read and discuss their books, *Fix What You Can: Schizophrenia and a Lawmaker’s Fight for Her Son* and *The Crusade for Forgotten Souls: Reforming Minnesota’s Mental Institutions, 1946-1854.*

Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI-MN, will serve as moderator for this event. At registration you will select a book of your choice. The opportunity to purchase additional books will be part of the event that afternoon. For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org. Registrations are required on the mary.org website.

HOW CAN THE CHURCH HELP PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH DURING THIS CHALLENGING TIME?

The Basilica’s Mental Health Ministry is looking for new members. Mental health issues are on the rise and requests for information on how to maneuver the mental health system are up at The Basilica. Be part of the ministry as we discuss how to help those in our community find the resources they need. Contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org for more information.

BECOME A BARRIER BUSTER JOIN AIM – ACCESS AND INCLUSION MINISTRY

We are currently meeting virtually on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. Our upcoming work includes looking at how we communicate with our parishioners who may have difficulty accessing our information, educating our parishioners on updates to an historic building to make it accessible, and planning our annual October events. If you are interested in helping make The Basilica barrier-free for all who enter the doors, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

THE PRISONERS OR PATIENTS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM PILOT YEAR IS UNDERWAY

Six Mentors have been selected to accompany three Returning Citizens leaving a Minnesota jail or prison, who have a mental health issue, and have a desire for a spiritual connection to help them successfully re-enter society. If you are interested in learning more about how to become a mentor in the next round, consider joining our team. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00pm. Currently, we are meeting virtually via Zoom. Contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PLATTER OF WELLNESS SERIES

SATURDAYS, 9:30-11:30AM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

The St. Vincent de Paul ministry is hosting a series of interactive events called the **Platter of Wellness** which will allow participants to focus on personal wellness and building connections within the community. A key focus of these events is to allow members of The Basilica congregation and guests of the SVdP ministries to participate together, side by side. Consider joining those with lived experience of homelessness in this series. Remaining sessions are:

- **April 2: Margaret Hasse, Journaling** - Better understand and remember your experiences, becoming more mindful of the present moment.
- **April 9: Sarah Dutton, Mindful Eating** - Focus on key ideas of mindfulness as we sample different types of food and discuss how food makes us feel and the effect that it has on our overall health and well-being.
- **April 16:** No session due to Easter
- **April 23: Courtney Cochran - Community Art Collaboration** - Participate together in creating an art installment.
- **April 30:** No Guest/Community Activity - To Be Determined
- **May 7: Bill Easter, Exercise and The Whole Body** - Explore the benefits of physical activity on the systems of the body and learn why correct posture is important.

If you are interested in attending any, a few or all of these sessions, please register online or for more info, contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org

ADVICE NOT WANTED

Close your eyes for a few moments and recall a time when you were wrestling with something or working something out within. If you went to a friend or family member to talk it through, did they interrupt you with questions that weren't where you wanted your story to go? How did that feel? Was it irritating? Disheartening? Did they give you advice or tell you what you should do to solve something, when you weren't looking for their opinion? Can you conjure up the feelings in your body when that happened? Did your lips tighten slightly, muscles clench, breathing become more rapid or shallow? Now imagine telling that story again with a neutral person who will not interrupt with questions or stories of their own and will give you the quiet space you need to unwind your story. How does your body feel now? Is it more relaxed? More peaceful? This is the gift of deep listening. The Basilica's Emmaus Listeners are volunteers who are highly trained in the skills of active listening and will do this in person or over the phone. They hold what they hear in confidence, with the belief that God is present in the encounter. No paper trail, this free ministry is offered at The Basilica through the Caring Ministries office and has been in existence in our parish for 17 years. Best of all: no unwanted advice! Contact Wendy at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org to talk to a Volunteer Listener.

EMMAUS HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY

We know that sometimes, despite our deepest desires, we are unable to get to Mass anymore. Perhaps aging, declining health, or disease has made it impossible for you to celebrate Mass with the faithful as you find movement restricted and independence more limited. Or perhaps you or someone you care about is recovering from a surgery and needs communion visits for a short duration of time until strength is gained. The Basilica assigns an Emmaus Homebound Communion Minister to visit people on a regular basis, to pray with them, and to bring the Body of Christ. Please let Wendy in the Caring Ministries Office know if you have a need for communion to be brought to you at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COIN BANKS

If you have not picked up your St. Vincent de Paul Coin Bank, it is not too late. SVdP Coin banks can be found at the back of church or near each side door. Fill them with coin or cash during Lent and return them to Mass on Holy Thursday, April 14. Consider making this part of your Lenten practice.

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS MENTORING

Hennepin Connections is a ministry matching Basilica mentors with students at Minneapolis College who have lived experience of homelessness or generational poverty. The students are committed to their education, against great odds. This spring, The Basilica completes eight years of mentoring. Relationships have been built. Lives have been changed. Students and mentors alike continually affirm the transforming power of the program. If you would like to learn how you can be involved in this work, call 612.317.3477 or email jandersen@mary.org.

IMMIGRATION SUPPORT MINISTRY (ISM)

Since 2015, The Basilica ISM has accompanied 12 families arriving in Minnesota as new refugees, 9 families seeking asylum in the U.S., and other families who have been divide due to detention or deportation. We are currently accompanying a family of ten from Afghanistan-learning about their lives and experiencing their graciousness. Through this work, we learn so much about the unique challenges throughout the world. We are also reminded of all we have in common. There are many new opportunities to be part of this work. If you would like to learn how to get involved, contact Glen atgboerboom@aol.com or call 612.317.3477.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Each spring, I look out in my yard as the snow and ice melt away and imagine all the possibilities of what could be. A garden perhaps, fresh mulch, and new flowerpots? So many ways to restore my outer world from the harsh winter elements. After the restoration process, I look forward to enjoying the fruits of my labors.

Much like the seasons, our beautiful Basilica building experiences the freeze and thaw of our climate. We are fortunate to have The Basilica Landmark, a separate nonprofit, with a mission to preserve, restore, and advance the historic Basilica of Saint Mary for all generations.

As we look toward spring, we look forward to the melting and blooming that will come with the celebration of Landmark Spark, our annual fundraising event for The Basilica Landmark. After we canceled the event in 2020 and held a virtual event in 2021, we are thrilled to be able to gather in person to celebrate with our community on Saturday, May 14, at The Metropolitan Ballroom. The evening is sure to be a great reunion full of dining, bidding, dancing, and giving in support of the preservation, restoration, and advancement of The Basilica.

This year our Fund-A-Need will focus on replacing the historic streetlights around our campus. We will have a brighter and more welcoming campus for all. The Fund-A-Need is also a great opportunity to support Landmark Spark, even if you are unable to attend.

As part of the night's festivities, there will be a live auction with enticing experiences, getaways, and so much more. And you can only bid on these live items if you attend Landmark Spark! We also welcome back an online auction with even more fun items that anyone can bid on from home. You don't want to miss it!

As we anxiously and excitedly wait for the hope and renewal of spring, I'll continue to plan my own personal restoration to make my home a welcome haven, just as we preserve and restore our spiritual home for all generations. Landmark Spark is a crucial way to support these efforts to keep the flame alive for our beloved Basilica. For more information, visit thebasilicalandmark.org/spark. We can't wait to see you there

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DEVELOPMENT



LANDMARK SPARK TICKET DEADLINE

THE METROPOLITAN, MAY 14

Fund-A-Need | Bid With Purpose | Re-Ignite Our Spark

Please join us as we re-ignite our annual Landmark Spark gala in full color, with a live, in-person celebration to benefit The Basilica Landmark. This year, the Fund-A-Need will go towards restoring the historic streetlights surrounding The Basilica, bringing a renewed sense of optimism, wonder, and safety to our community.

For ticket information or to make a gift to the Fund-A-Need, please visit thebasilicalandmark.org/spark. Seats are limited, so purchase your tickets before April 30, 2022.

LANDMARK SPARK IN-KIND DONATIONS

This year, we seek your help to support the Landmark Spark gala with the donation of an item or service for the auction. Proceeds from your donation will go directly to preserving, restoring, and advancing The Basilica for all generations. If you would like to contribute an item/service or have questions about your donation, please contact Monica at mstuart@mary.org or 612.317.3426.



DEVELOPMENT

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

The Basilica Landmark was created to shine a light on the projects and maintenance work that helps the parish grow and serve the greater community. When you support The Basilica Landmark's preservation and restoration efforts, you honor both the history of The Basilica of Saint Mary and the plans for its future. With your support, these are a few of the critical campus improvements that were funded in 2021.

- Installation of air purification units to remove viruses (including SARS and COVID-19), allergens and mold from the air.
- Equipping the Saint Joseph Chapel with livestreaming equipment and rooms on campus with technologies to support hybrid meetings.
- Extensive tuck-pointing repairs and resetting stone on the church exterior.
- The Basilica School perimeter water drainage system.

We invite you to join our ongoing restoration efforts to keep The Basilica's light shining brightly for generations. Please support The Basilica Landmark by joining us at Landmark Spark on Saturday, May 14 at The Metropolitan or visiting thebasilicalandmark.org/give. Thank you.

The Basilica Landmark is a separate 501(c)(3) charitable organization from The Basilica, and was organized in 1993 to preserve and restore The Basilica of Saint Mary and its campus.

A SPECIAL EASTER GIFT

As our Lenten journey comes to a close, please consider an Easter gift to The Basilica. Now more than ever your donation will help us continue to provide our ministries, services, programs, and pastoral care for all our parishioners. Whether you are joining us virtually or in person during Holy Week, support The Basilica by making a special gift online at mary.org/eastergift.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING

Now is the time to renew or establish your recurring gift to The Basilica's St. Vincent de Paul ministries. To do so, please visit mary.org/give. We thank you in advance for your prayerful contribution.

ADVERTISE IN THE BASILICA MAGAZINE

Our biannual issues include in-depth features about The Basilica's vibrant community. View copies of The Basilica Magazine past issues with a circulation of 20,000 at mary.org/magazine For advertising information, contact cpiazza@mary.org or 612.317.3407.

WHAT THE BASILICA MEANS TO ME

"To me, The Basilica is constant, dependable, and home. In an everchanging world, I always have the haven of The Basilica and the community to support me through whatever life throws my way. Our parish and staff are there to celebrate life's exciting moments and hold you close during life's toughest. The Basilica is my spiritual home."

- Holly Dockendorf, a parishioner

THE BASILICA FUND

WE WELCOME YOU
WHEREVER YOU ARE

Support The Basilica by making a gift to the 2022 Basilica Fund. The Basilica's year-to-date revenue is down, and our expenses are up. While we are tightening our belts wherever we can, we still need your assistance. Please consider a gift to the 2022 Basilica Fund whether you are participating in our community in person or through livestreaming masses and virtual programming.

If you plan to give to The Basilica regularly (weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually) in 2022, please let us know your plans. When you tell us how much you are committing to give, it allows us to budget more accurately for the year ahead. Electronic recurring gifts through your checking account or credit card mean less paper and lower administrative costs. Please give online at mary.org/give or scan the QR Code with your phone's camera.



FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Basilica is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all members, guests, and those who participate in our ministries. To that end, we conduct background checks and require VIRTUS training for all persons who volunteer in positions involving risk, particularly those serving children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Every three years volunteers are required to go through a re-credentialing process.

You can review the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Safe Environment policies at safe-environment.archspm.org. If you suspect abuse of a minor, your first call should be to law enforcement. You can also contact the Archdiocese's Victim Assistance Program at 651-291-4514 or 651-291-4475.

You can also find printed information in the back of church, in both Spanish and English, about our Archdiocese's Office for the Protection of Children and Youth (OPCY). They work with all Catholic parishes and schools, including The Basilica, to help prevent the abuse of children, youth and vulnerable adults. We are proud to partner with parents/families, staff and parish leaders, and the Archdiocese to provide a safe environment through raising awareness about the societal problem of sexual abuse, offering effective personal safety education and enforcing screening requirements.

If you have questions about any of these policies or how to complete any requirements please contact The Basilica's Safe Environment Coordinator, Melissa Streit, at mstreit@mary.org.

VOLUNTEER

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

For more information about volunteering visit mary.org/volunteer.

Liturgical Ministry

We especially need Acolytes (altar servers) at 7:30am and 11:30am Sunday Masses or Ministers of Hospitality (ushers) at all Masses

Livestream

Volunteers are needed to livestream our Sunday and Weekday Masses.

Funeral Hospitality

Be on a call list to help with set up, providing hospitality by serving food/beverages to funeral guests, and then cleaning up afterward. No cooking required, weekday availability is helpful.

AIM: Access and Inclusion Ministry

AIM is looking for people with lived experiences with a barrier blocking or impeding worship, service, learning, or community life who will work with us to continue to educate our community.

Rectory Receptionist or Rectory Hospitality

The first point of contact for those visiting or calling the parish office; Shifts are typically for 3 hours on weekdays.

Finance Committee

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

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

Volunteer Engagement Office

Director – Melissa Streit
Safe Environment Coordinator

Direct - 612.317.3417

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A CALL TO SERVICE

Parishioners are invited to nominate excellent candidates to represent the **Learning** and **Liturgy and Sacred Arts** areas to the Parish Council by **April 8**. You may nominate yourself or someone you think would thrive in one of the positions. Parish Council members serve as a collaborative advisory group to the Pastor and assist with strategic planning, creation of effective communication structures, policies and procedures.

Parish Council members represent the voice of over 12,000 parishioners and help carry out The Basilica's mission and vision. Share your talents and leadership to impact our community. Submit the form on page 14 or complete the form online at mary.org/pcnominations. Please call Terri Ashmore at 612.317.3471 for more information.

2021-2022 Parish Council

Thank you to our Parish Council Representatives for their service to The Basilica community. Visit mary.org/parishcouncil to learn more about the Parish Council.

Katelin Richter Davis, Parish Council Chair
Aara Johnson, Vice Chair
Steven Kim, Secretary
Susan Link, Trustee
Tom Paul, Trustee
Fr. John Bauer, Pastor

Andrea Lutterman, Learning Representative
David Link, Finance Committee Representative
Donna Wieneke, Learning Representative
Deirdre Palmer, The Basilica Landmark Liaison
Jan Buczek, At Large Representative
Mara Cable, Development Representative
Matt Celichowski, Liturgy and Sacred Arts Representative
My Lam, Christian Life Representative
Terri Ashmore, Managing Director
Trevor Adamek, Finance Representative

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.



PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS REQUESTED DEADLINE: APRIL 8

Elections will be held this spring for Parish Council representatives for our **Learning** and **Liturgy and Sacred Arts** areas. If you know parishioners who would make excellent representatives, please fill out a nomination form at mary.org/pcnominations. Contact Terri Ashmore at 612.317.3471 for more information.

Parish Council members serve as an advisory group to the Pastor and assist with strategic planning, creation of effective communication structures, policies and procedures.

2022 PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

On a separate page, please explain the ministries in which department the NOMINEE is involved and why this individual would be a good Council Member. Return this form by mail by April 8: Attention Terri Ashmore, or online at mary.org/pcnominations.

Your Name: _____
Home Phone: (_____) _____
Cell Phone: (_____) _____
E-mail: _____

Department you are submitting this nomination: (please check one)

_____ **Learning**
_____ **Liturgy and Sacred Arts**

Name of Nominee: _____
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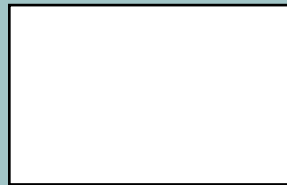
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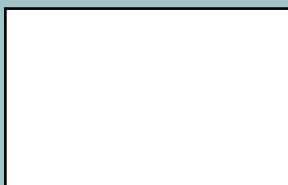
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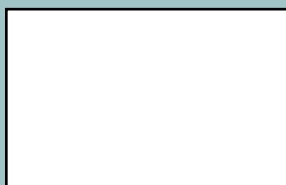


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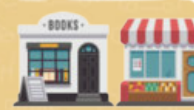
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