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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



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10 YEARS ON – THE MINISTRY AND WITNESS OF POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis celebrated his tenth anniversary as successor to St. Peter, March 13, 2023. It is amazing how quickly these past ten years have gone by. From his humble request for the prayers of the people gathered in St. Peter’s Square upon his election to his many apostolic visits throughout the world, including to the United States in 2015, it does not seem an overstatement to say that Jorge Bergoglio – now known as Pope Francis – has transformed the papacy. His humble and inclusive style has prompted many non-Catholics to say, “we love your pope.”

It must also be said that Pope Francis’s ministry as Peter to the universal Catholic Church and his service to the world has not been always light and airy. Rather, Francis’s consequential and at times hard-hitting frankness about the need for greater reform in the Church and the pressing need for justice and mercy globally has been met with praise in some quarters and condemnation in others. Below, I put forth what I believe are the most consequential dimensions of his papacy, including the way that Francis’s ministry has shaped my own as a priest.

I can remember vividly watching the coverage of the conclave on the day Pope Francis was elected pope. I was praying a rosary and was notably nervous – it’s as if my body and soul knew that this was going to be a significant papal election – one that would shape the Catholic Church for years to come. In the early days of Pope Francis, some focused on the contrasts between Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI, some of which seemed accurately described and others overblown. But certainly, the world and many Catholics took note of the new pope’s style which seemed more humble, less adorned, and more accessible than many of his predecessors.

After his election as pope, reporters flocked to Buenos Aires where the pope had served as archbishop for approximately twenty years. They discovered that Francis’s humble ways and focus on the poor were not new or put on, but consistent with his pastoral approach for years. They also found – and his sister confirmed this – that upon being elected pope, Francis seemed to have been given new energy and possessed a new vigor that contrasted with the pictures of a tired archbishop waiting for retirement. Catholics do believe that the Holy Spirit can play a guiding role in the election of a pope and in gifting certain charisms for one’s new office. Others would argue that we ought be careful in embracing this view, as history can muster significant evidence of a lack of sufficient charisms or the presumption that the Holy Spirit may not have been at the helm in the election of particular popes. Whatever one’s views are in this regard, Francis seemed to be transformed as he exercised his new global office as pope.

In my opinion, the most significant contribution of Pope Francis to the Catholic Church and the world has been his untiring focus on the poor and those on the margins – calling the Church to go to the peripheries – geographical and existential. In the extraordinary interview that was published just months after his election, Pope Francis dreamed of a “poorer Church for the poor.” He said that the Church was called to be a “field hospital” for the wounded. Indeed, it was his 3 minute speech prior to the conclave which many attributed the ascendant momentum that resulted in the election of Bergoglio as pope. In that speech, Francis said that the Church had become self-referential and needed to go beyond itself to announce the saving love

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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

MISSION

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.

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VOICES OF THE PARISH

As a new Pastor, Fr. Griffith with support from the Parish Council are leading Voices of the Parish. This effort is a 3-pronged approach to get to know what is on the hearts and minds of parishioners and to better understand how to manage in the post-COVID world and set a course for The Basilica's future.

First was a series of "listening sessions" held in January and February, to invite all parishioners to share their hopes and concerns. Second is a series of facilitated small focus groups to make sure parish demographic groups from teens to seniors are invited to share their thoughts. Finally in late spring, a parish wide online survey will be conducted.

Throughout this process, parishioners are being invited to discuss specific topics, and to interact with one another to uncover critical issues that drive their spiritual needs. Information gathered will be evaluated for consistent themes, concerns and ideas, and summarized for parish leaders and the parish at large later this spring.

and mercy of God. Francis was not only speaking to the global Church but to all Catholics to avoid the temptation to self-reference and a closed-in mentality that does not open up to the Holy Spirit.

This momentum toward inclusion and mercy flowed over into Pope Francis's first visit outside of the Vatican to the Italian port city of Lampedusa, where he delivered an impassioned homily in the style of the Hebrew Scripture prophets. He asked, with anguish, have we forgotten to weep for our brothers and sisters who have lost their lives trying to reach for a life consistent with their human dignity? He noted how many immigrants – beset by poverty – had lost their lives by drowning in the Mediterranean Sea in search of a better life. This homily also included the evocative phrase a "globalization of indifference" in which Francis decried so much suffering, death, and attendant apathy. Rather, the Holy Father has called Catholics to embrace a "revolution of tenderness and mercy" and has called the Catholic Church to be a tender mother to all those she encounters. Pope Francis's exhortation to Christians to embrace radical inclusion, consistent with the Gospels, has inspired some and has been vehemently opposed by others.

Speaking personally, my ministry as a pastor has been informed, inspired, and emboldened by the pastoral witness and teaching of Pope Francis. I frequently use many of Pope Francis's phrases in my preaching and teaching because I find them evocative, consistent with the compelling message of Jesus, and pastorally applicable and relevant to the lives of those I serve. Pope Francis's witness, style, and prophetic message are so needed today – so needed in a world that suffers from a privation of light, love, inclusion, and mercy. My hope is that all hearts would be more open to the message of Pope Francis – inside the Church and beyond – and that God would continue to bless Pope Francis in the years to come.

Lastly, I would offer a few distinct places where further growth is needed for Pope Francis and for the global Catholic Church. The Catholic Church must do more in response to the harm that some abusing clergy and enabling bishops have inflicted on victims-survivors who continue to suffer under the weight and trauma they have experienced. Deep wounds remain and much work needs to be done to bring greater justice and healing to those who suffered abuse as well as to the greater Catholic Church. Attendant to this work, there must be greater accountability for bishops and Church leaders. There have been some positive steps forward in this regard, but much work remains to build a more just and accountable Catholic Church. The love of Christ impels us to become instruments of greater justice and healing in the Church and beyond.

Consistent with these reforms, I heard time and time again in the recent listening sessions at The Basilica that there needs to be a more robust and inclusive role for women in the Catholic Church and in Church governance. Pope Francis has also acknowledged this – now we need to deliver – too much is at stake to fall short of a more vital role for women in the Church. And here at The Basilica of Saint Mary, we would do well to heed the words of our wise pope – we need to move beyond the doors of our church and with hope and confidence in Christ, lean into the grace of God to go out – outside the doors of our church – to announce the saving love of God. The days of waiting for people to come to The Basilica are gone – the days for going out have arrived!

Ad multos annos Pope Francis. May God continue to bless you richly and the Catholic Church, which you serve with love, courage, and faith.

Peace,
Fr. Daniel

FROM THE DIRECTOR



As you know by now, after serving The Basilica community for nearly 28 years as Director of Music, Teri Larson has discerned it is time for her to retire from her position. Teri's accomplishments at The Basilica are absolutely outstanding. Under her direction, The Basilica music programs have become some of the best in the country.

Teri's legacy includes the amazing growth of The Basilica Cathedral Choir, both in personnel and repertoire and the subsequent production of 4 CD's; the development of The Basilica Schola Cantorum; the establishment of a choral program for participants from age 3 through adult; and the start of our Junior Cantor ministry. She also directed Angelicum, our Women's Choir, for several years as well as StreetSong, a choir for people impacted by homelessness.

Other accomplishments include Teri's careful selection of weekly repertoire; many concerts, including two oratorios that were commissioned by The Basilica; several world premieres of other commissioned works; summer art and music camps; Christmas musicals; several European concert tours with such highlights as singing at Notre Dame de Paris (twice), in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for the Closing of the Holy Year of Mercy and for the Creation of new Cardinals, and, of course, there is the unforgettable concert in my hometown in Belgium. Teri also has a great liturgical presence demonstrated by her presiding at Vespers, Taizé Prayer, Stations of the Cross and impromptu Liturgies of the Word in the unexpected absence of a priest for weekday Mass.

On a personal note, Teri and I started together (she is a couple weeks my senior) as interim Director of Liturgy and interim Director of Music 28 years ago. Teri's departure will not only be a professional loss for me but also a great personal loss. We have been on this liturgical journey together and it has been a journey of some proportion. I am very grateful for the 28 years of fruitful collaboration in the vineyard of the Lord. I will truly miss working with Teri. But I am very happy for the adventures that lie before her.

Please mark your calendar for June 18 when we will invite all current and past members of the Cathedral Choir to sing for 9:30am Mass. More details to follow on this and other events. We are committed to continue to build on Teri's legacy and to offer the best possible music for our liturgy and our community. More details about a search for Teri's successor will come soon.

Please keep all of us in your prayers during this time of more transition.

LITURGY

PALM SUNDAY CHORAL MEDITATION *

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2:00PM

Choral meditation beginning at 2:15pm with Vespers beginning at 3:00pm. The Basilica Schola Cantorum.

TAIZÉ PRAYER *

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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.

TRIDUUM / EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 6

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

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 7

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

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 8

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

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 9

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 of services and events for Holy Week is available online at mary.org.

*Livestream

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LITURGY & SACRED ART

EVENING PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY *

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 3:00PM

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, MAY 28, 3:00PM

Gregorian Vespers led by members of 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.

EUCCHARIST ON MEMORIAL DAY *

MONDAY, MAY 29, 10:00AM, BASILICA

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

* Livestreamed

SACRED ART EXHIBITS

THE WAY: ABSTRACT PAINTINGS BY LINDA MCCRAY

ART EXHIBITION | INCLUDES STATIONS OF THE CROSS
THROUGH MAY 28

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY & TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

ARTIST'S RECEPTION: SUNDAY MAY 28, 1:00PM

"I translate universal spiritual truths and scripture into abstract paintings that speak to others, regardless of their traditions. To form visible signs of invisible grace, I use abstraction which—so powerfully through light, color, and texture—speaks directly to the heart. I layer my paintings with symbolism," Linda McCray, Clancy, Montana.

SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

JUNE 3-AUGUST 12

ARTISTS: LISA BIERER AND WILLIAM FRANK

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY, TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL & BASILICA CHURCH

Lisa Bierer is a Minnesota artist whose liturgical art includes banners, works on board, canvas or fabric. She paints for a diverse range of spaces, engaging an enlivened aesthetic of dynamic color, beauty, and light. Many of her works in this show will celebrate the Eucharistic Prayers.

William Frank is a Missouri artist. In 2020 he created a set of fourteen etching prints called Via Dolorosa for the chapel at Saint Louis University Hospital. The show will include these prints as well as his Stations of the Light, fourteen events from the Resurrection to the Ascension.

MUSIC

MACPHAIL SPOTLIGHT CONCERT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 7, 7:30PM

A concert celebrating the creative arts in music. Basilica musicians in collaboration with the string artists of MacPhail.

It will include *Of Beauty*, Richard Robert Rossi (b. 1962), text by Delores Dufner, OSB and a repeat performance of *Luminous Night*, by Ola Gjeilo.

Visit mary.org or macphail.org for more program and ticket information.

MUNDUS

Our Contemporary and World Music Choir, enlivens the 11:30am liturgy two times a month from September through May. Repertoire includes music of contemporary American composers and music from around the world.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Openings for all voice parts (especially Tenors and Basses), and instrumentalists. Please contact Bex Gaunt at bgaunt@mary.org or 612.317.3507.

DOCENTS

Docents give tours about the architectural and religious significance of The Basilica of Saint Mary. Tours are scheduled by appointment for visiting groups throughout the week and are offered following the 9:30 & 11:30 Masses on Sundays. Training and ongoing support is provided. Contact Kathy Dhaemers for more information: kdhaemers@mary.org or 612.317.3438.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

Saint Catherine of Siena is attributed with this quote, and I think there is much wisdom in it. Hopefully by the time we receive this bulletin we have finished, or at least are very close to finishing our 2022-23 endurance test of winter, with its cold and increase of snow this year. It has been beautiful at times and playing in the snow is fun, but it's time for spring!

We have endured another Lenten season, and hopefully have come out a bit holier through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Growing up the Lenten season was very much an endurance test for me, as we were forced to give up television every year, usually right during the March Madness basketball tournament! How could my parents be such tyrants?!

Hopefully we do not see Lent as too much of an "endurance test," but a chance to prayerfully reflect on the simple fact that for all of us, at times, we do not love God and our neighbor the way we are called to do so. During Holy Week, we can again see how Jesus showed us how to love in washing the disciples feet, extending his mercy on the Cross, and ultimately conquering death through the Resurrection.

Catherine of Siena also said that "All the way to heaven is heaven," because if we follow Jesus, we will indeed find ultimate joy and peace, even in the midst of the difficulties of life that we endure. This might be something we can reflect on in our own faith lives this Easter season, and perhaps share it with others who may need to hear it.

I would like to add a quick word of thanks to our Learning department staff, volunteers and all families who have again participated in our faith formation efforts this year. Blessings to all of you and please look for our registration for next year coming soon.

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Children's and Youth Sacraments Ministry - 612.317.3439

LEARNING

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are expecting a baby, or in the process of adopting a child, please plan to attend one of our baptism preparation classes. Classes are offered frequently, and encourage a better understanding of the sacrament, challenge parents to consider their own faith, and discuss how to pass the faith on to their children. More information, a schedule of dates, and registration is online at mary.org.

Congratulations to the following children who were baptized in January, February, and March, 2023:

Frances Baker · Gemma Cutinho · Dakota Fredrich

Reed Kelly · Serena Satnik · Rafael Sonnentag

Zara Sonnentag · Esther Chase · Marcela Calhoun

Thomas Beito · Emma Feekes · James Frenz

Emilia Hanaman · Eviana Kluis · Maverick Rosalez Briones

Edwin Uhler · Evelyn Wiggins

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Congratulations to our RCIA candidates who received the sacraments on January 8th. Welcome!

Matthew Anderson · Josiah Callaghan · Giovanni Crescini

Brigid Fitzgerald · David Gilderman · Kevin Hendrickson

Thomas Sitzman · Sophia Smith · Lynda Wilson

BAPTISM

We will be celebrating infant baptisms within our regularly scheduled Masses one weekend a month following Easter. This is a wonderful thing for parents, as they are reminded of the community's expression of commitment to support and encourage the parents. During this celebration, the entire community welcomes the child and celebrates the Spirit that is present within him/her. Let us rejoice with all families that bring their children to be baptized.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING

SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

MONDAY MORNING GOSPEL GROUP

MONDAYS 10:30AM-12:00PM

WAGNER ROOM, COWLEY CENTER; OR VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

This group is covering a variety of topics in 2023. So far this year we have reflected on the upcoming Sunday Gospel readings; and during Lent, we reflected on Mary Magdalene. We will again be going back to reflecting on the Sunday Gospels in the Easter season, with the possibility of also doing a study of the Gospel of Matthew. We have resources that you can use for discussion. If you are not able to make it in person, you can join the group on Zoom. We also have an email group that you can join to get updates on the group. Email Ben at bcaduff@mary.org for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

BASILICA PRE-MARRIAGE RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:30AM-NOON

As part of our marriage preparation process, we have a pre-marriage retreat in which our engaged couples are welcome to participate. This is just one part of the marriage preparation process, but hopefully gives couples tools to strengthen their relationships as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please keep our retreat leaders and all of our engaged couples in your prayers on this day, and please know that you can email Ben at bcaduff@mary.org with questions about getting married at The Basilica.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Registration for 2023-2024 children's and youth faith formation classes will be opening sooner than it has in the past few years. This includes sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation/First Communion as well as Youth Confirmation. Children must be in Second Grade or older to start preparation for First Reconciliation/First Communion, and in Eighth Grade or older to start preparation for Youth Confirmation. Registration will be online at mary.org. Please watch the Sunday weekly newsletter for more information.

ARE YOU HEARING "THE CALL?"

Volunteer Catechists and Assistant Catechists proclaim the Good News to our children from October—April. This deeply fulfilling ministry includes training, spiritual support with an annual retreat, and ongoing appreciation from the Learning Department. Please contact Doris at dortiz@mary.org for an initial meeting. All volunteers working with children must complete the Essential 3 credentials (background check, signed Code of Conduct, and VIRTUS training class) before beginning in the classroom. Contact Melissa at mstreit@mary.org for directions related to the Essential 3 credentials.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:45PM

RECTORY DINING ROOM

Young adults are welcome to join together for our weekly young adult Bible study where we look at the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. All materials are provided, you just come and join in! Enter the doors at 88 North 17th street; the receptionist will let you in and direct you to the dining room. This is one of the best ways we have found to prepare for Mass and meet other young adults in our Basilica community.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Transitions

I often wonder about the incredible beauty of transitions in nature. While all nature is sacred, transitions tend to be stunning: sunrise and sunset. Fall colors. Spring colors and sounds. These times are fleeting—I admit I often miss them by being distracted.

As we move into the season of Spring in Minnesota, we are invited to pay attention to the many ways new life is appearing.

All around us is the beautiful shade of green, as the leaves begin to reappear on the trees. Early spring flowers crack through the hard ground, and wildlife returns to our neighborhoods. What a joy! We are called to pay attention!

Transitions in life are also important to attend to. We can each look into our own life and recognize times we have let go of one phase of life and move into another phase. Sometimes this is full of joy. Other times this is a time of challenge and trial. Sometimes the transition is by choice, other times by force. Sometimes the transition is toward healing, other times toward illness. Life is full of transition.

Our life stories are all unique, yet we have threads of experience that are familiar with one another. Our journeys are often more common than different. Our stories can resonate, if we open our hearts to one another.

The Basilica offers a variety of volunteer ministries that invite partnership through transition. As we listen and accompany another through transition, we are fortified as individuals and as a community. Lives change. Community develops. Faith is rekindled and strengthened.

Prayerfully consider if you have a desire to accompany another through a life transition. There are many opportunities to accompany others: Emmaus Ministry, as we accompany those in grief. Hennepin Connections Mentoring, as we accompany college students who struggle with poverty or homelessness. Prisoners or Patients who accompany those returning to our community from prison. Prayerfully consider how you may be called to share your life experience and pay attention to the sacred beauty of life transitions.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

A YEAR OF MINDFUL ACTIVITIES TO CULTIVATE AND STRENGTHEN OUR MENTAL HEALTH

FOCUS ON MOVEMENT AND MUSIC

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1:00-3:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Learn about walking a labyrinth with meditative music, both instrumental and sung that is simple and repetitive. We will begin with a lesson about labyrinths by a local expert. Staff musicians Bex Gaunt and Zachary Stachowski will provide the music, including Bex's story of her composition, *In the Morning, in the Evening*.

FOCUS ON NATURE AND ART

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1:00-3:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Join Artist Katy Carlson and learn to paint a simple mandala pattern on a rock. Mandala is a Sanskrit word that means circle and the mandala design or pattern is about finding peace in the universe. The process is joyful, meditative, quiet and creative. This session is for all abilities and all tools and materials will be provided. For more information contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org. Registration is required by May 13. Register for both of these workshops at mary.org.

MENTAL HEALTH BLESSING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Mark your calendars! Come and be blessed for good mental health at all Masses this weekend and following the 9:30 and 11:30am Sunday liturgies, enjoy ice cream treats provided by the Blue Moo Ice Cream Truck courtesy of The Basilica's Mental Health Ministry. If you have interest in helping with this event, contact Janet at 612.317.3508.

VARIETY PACK

At The Basilica we have a veritable "variety pack" of volunteer opportunities no matter your schedule or interest level! Here's just a sample of opportunities available in some of our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Ministries:

- If you have an hour once each month, you could serve an evening meal at the Higher Ground shelter.
- If you have experience in security/guest services, you could serve as our Thursday morning SVdP Outreach ministry room manager.
- How about leading presentations at our life-skills classes? Maybe you are a strategic and creative thinker and would like to help plan our "Side by Side" Saturday ministry where SVdP ministry guests and parishioners learn, grow and serve – side by side.
- Or, if your schedule is full to the brim, you could simply pick up a few hygiene items and donate them to SVdP Outreach ministry (we especially need deodorant and shampoo).

So many ways you can put your faith into action. Contact Julia, Basilica Outreach Coordinator, for more information on these and other enjoyable and rewarding volunteer opportunities – 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

AN INTRODUCTION TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND HEALING CIRCLES

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 8:30 - NOON,

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Responding to harm in a way that fosters accountability and healing, Restorative justice is a growing movement that has seen an increase in awareness and in the many ways it can be applied. An introductory program to restorative justice and healing circles will be offered on Saturday May 6 at The Basilica.

Restorative justice is an approach to justice that emphasizes living in right relationship and resonates deeply with Gospel values and Catholic social teaching. The Basilica is committed to grounding, growing in understanding, and living the principles of restorative justice.

An opportunity to experience healing circles was offered on December 3 at The Basilica and the theme and application was racial justice. The response was very positive.

This introduction workshop on restorative justice will be offered on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 until noon in the lower level of the church. Consider attending! Please register on mary.org.

If you would like to be part of a team actively engaged in facilitating this engagement and growth, please contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org.

MENTAL HEALTH NEWS

The Basilica is a collaborative member of Mental Health Connect, a faith-based mental health resource organization that provides to its members community-based resources, support and education to improve access to mental health services and to connect individuals and families with the services they need. They provide The Basilica with leadership within our Prisoners or Patients Mentorship Program, Navigators to help manage the mental health system, training opportunities, and much more. As members, our parish is invited to attend their annual Stories of Hope breakfast on May 11 at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. For more information about the event and to make reservations, contact Vicki Elliott at Mental Health Connect at velliott@mhconnect.org.

PRISONERS OR PATIENTS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Mentors are needed for the Prisoners or Patients Mentorship Program. Now in its second year of accompanying people returning to our community from prison, teams of mentors are trained to work to make the transition a successful one. To learn more about the incredible relationships that are being built between the Mentors and their Returning Neighbors, contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

ACCESS AND INCLUSION/DISABILITY AWARENESS

The Pandemic was difficult for all of us, but those with barriers to participating in the life of our church were hit particularly hard. The Basilica's Access and Inclusion/Disability Awareness Ministry is looking at ways to work safely to engage all members of our community. We are looking for new members to help with this work. For more information, contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

THRESHOLD MINISTRY

If you or a loved one have begun end of life care, The Basilica Threshold Singers are available to offer sacred songs and hymns of light and hope in a gentle blessing to open hearts, quiet fears and bring light to all who are present. Visits are held in confidence and there is no charge. Please contact Wendy at 612.317.3474 to request this ministry.

A SIMPLE STORY OF A SHAWL

"I arrived home from the hospital after a recent surgery. A package arrived in the mail the same day. It contained the most beautiful shawl from The Basilica's Prayer Shawl Ministry! As I wrapped myself in its warmth, felt the soft texture of the stitches, the blend of dark and bright colored yarns, I felt joy and gratitude. A sense of calm and peace surrounded me: a message that I would be okay. I thought about the person who made my shawl, their ability to create such a beautiful thing, infused with blessings, prayers and love with each stitch. I wear my shawl as the day begins, when I am reading in my favorite chair, and before I sleep during my evening prayers: gratitude for the blessings of the day, the gift of my shawl, for the person who made it, for the grace and talents of the Prayer Shawl Ministry."

- Chris Scanlan, Basilica Member

If you would like to request a prayer shawl as you or a family member move through a challenging situation (illness, surgery, grief, etc.) please contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries office at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org. If you have a few skeins of yarn and fingers that need something to do, come knit or crochet with us! More Volunteers always welcomed for this powerful ministry of care and support.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY

We know that sometimes, despite our deepest desires, we are unable to get to Mass anymore. Perhaps aging or disease has made it impossible for us to celebrate Mass with the faithful as we find movement restricted and independence more limited. Or perhaps we are recovering from surgery and need communion visits for a short duration of time. The Basilica assigns a Homebound Communion minister to visit people on a regular basis, to pray with them, and to bring the Body of Christ. Please contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries office wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474 to request this ministry for a Basilica parishioner.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK



LANDMARK SPARK

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We've come a long way in protecting our beloved Basilica Landmark. In fact, it's been three decades since the original "Friends of The Basilica" was born, and a restored dome was christened on our 100+year-old structure.

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FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

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Please join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the "Friends of The Basilica" at this year's Landmark Spark. It is sure to be an iconic experience benefitting The Basilica Landmark, our city's precious gem.

We are asking The Basilica of Saint Mary parishioners, families and businesses and all supporters of The Basilica Landmark to please help us make this year's Landmark Spark gala a huge success!

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Would you be willing to donate an item, service, or experience to this year's Landmark Spark online, silent, and live auctions?

Most wanted items include: event tickets, unique experiences, hotel stays, gift cards, electronics, themed baskets, etc...

VOLUNTEERS

Many hands make light work and The Landmark Spark Gala is no exception. We have many volunteer positions available including: Event Ambassador, Greeter, Guest Check-In, Coat Check, Auction Spotter, and more. Come help make Landmark Spark 2023 a great success!

TICKETS

Tickets are on sale now through early May or until the event is sold out.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Lori at lgerhardson@mary.org or 612.317.3428 or Molly at mcashman@mary.org or 612.317.3432.

Look for more information online at thebasicalandmark.org/spark.

Thank you for your continued support of The Basilica Landmark!



DEVELOPMENT

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

The first project of The Basilica Landmark, originally known as “The Friends of The Basilica”, was the restoration of The Basilica Dome.

“A 1991 inspection found the damage far worse than imagined: The grit from freeway construction, shifting soils, rain, snow, and 100 degree temperature differential throughout the year all combine to create a rather desperate situation.”

Based on this inspection and the many repairs that The Basilica needs, it is very clear that French architect Emmanuel Masquery failed to account for Minnesota winters.

Today, the 100+ year old structure that the beautiful copper dome sits on needs our attention.

It is hard to miss the floating white panels that line the church. These are safety measures, in place to catch flaky plaster which falls as the plaster dries. Soon, scaffolding will be erected, and the loose plaster will be knocked down. Our architects are ready to conduct a year long moisture envelope study and structural assessment. However, they cannot begin this work until we raise an additional \$300,000.

Please join us to reach this goal and be part of the solution to preserve our Hope for the City for the next 100 years! Donate at thebasilicalandmark.org/give or by calling the Development Office at 651.317.3472.

Be sure to check out the displays in the church to learn more about the dome restoration and the “treasures” the workers discovered while cleaning out the soggy insulation.



THE BASILICA FUND

There is no place like The Basilica. For many parishioners and mass attendees, The Basilica just feels like home.

Just like your own home has expenses for utilities, food, and perhaps snow removal and lawn care, The Basilica has those same expenses too. The Basilica also has expenses for candles, music license fees, printing mass booklets, art displays, and programming costs, which help make The Basilica feel much more like home.

The fundraising goal for The Basilica Fund is \$3.1 million, which provides 94% of our annual operating budget. The Basilica's year-to-date revenue is down. We are cutting expenses where we can. WE NEED YOUR HELP! As members of The Basilica community, help us financially support our home, including parish programs, ministries, and services!

Please make a gift commitment to The 2023 Basilica Fund!

Please make a recurring gift online today at mary.org/give or scan the QR Code.

If you have already made a pledge or recurring gift, please consider increasing it, given the current financial challenges and headwinds we face as a community. Thank you for your support of The Basilica and The Basilica Fund!



AN EASTER GIFT TO THE BASILICA

Your support helps keep The Basilica shining bright, serving as a joyful, beautiful reminder of God's presence. This Easter, please consider making a special gift to ensure our church remains a place of hope and a symbol of God's love every single day. Your generosity supports our life-changing ministries. Please donate online at mary.org/give with the Gift Designation of Easter.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING

Now is the time to renew or establish your recurring gift to The Basilica's St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) mission is to develop community by providing services to our guests and by working to help all fulfill their potential. One hundred percent of your donation makes these actions and services possible. Your partnership is crucial and offers hope to those who need it most. To make a gift at mary.org/svdpgive.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

Your generosity empowers The Basilica's life-changing ministries, services, programs, and pastoral care that are the hallmark of our Basilica community. Make a gift at mary.org/give.

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1 - JANUARY 31, 2023

Fiscal Year: July - June

	YTD Actuals	YTD Goal	Variance	YTD % Variance
Stewardship	1,936,395	2,047,494	(111,099)	-5%
Other Sources of Income	248,862	203,293	45,569	22%
Total Operating	2,185,257	2,250,787	(65,530)	-3%
YTD Expenses	2,176,991	2,162,298	(14,693)	-1%
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$8,266	\$88,489	(\$50,837)	

Income:

- . Basilica Fund
- . Other (special collections, events, rental income)
- . Program Fees/Tuition

Expenses:

- . Administration
- . Building & Grounds
- . Liturgy & Sacred Arts
- . Christian Life
- . Development

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

The Basilica's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry provides much needed support to the vulnerable in our community. Make a gift at mary.org/svdpgive.

YEAR -TO-DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 1 - JANUARY 31, 2023

Fiscal Year: July - June

	YTD Actuals	YTD Goal	Variance	YTD % Variance
Income/ Contributions	411,874	317,775	94,099	30%
Expenses	336,732	333,540	3,192	1%
Net Surplus/ (deficit)	\$75,142	\$(15,765)	\$90,907	

Questions? Contact Audra Johnson, Director of Finance & Human Resources at ajohnson@mary.org or 612.317.3422.

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. 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.

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

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Usher & Greeter

Model Christ's compassion and warmth to all who enter our doors. Greet guests, receive the collection, and distribute newsletters.

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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.

Refugee/Immigration Welcome

Partnering with Lutheran Social Service, develop a relationship with a refugee/ immigrant family, helping them learn about/assimilate to life in the U.S.

St. Vincent de Paul Outreach Ministry

Volunteers needed to provide essential services such as bus cards, gas cards, ID vouchers, and clothing.

RCIA sponsors

Sponsors accompany an adult inquiring about becoming Catholic with prayer, attending Mass, and meeting regularly through the year.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A CALL TO SERVICE

Parishioners are invited to nominate excellent candidates who are registered parish members to represent the Christian Life and Liturgy and Sacred Arts areas to the Parish Council by April 14.

All names submitted will be reviewed by the Nominations Committee and at least two candidates will be selected to run on the ballot.

Parish Council members serve as an 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 if you have any questions.

2022-2023 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.

Jill Reilly, Parish Council Chair
Steven Kim, Vice Chair & Liturgy and Sacred Arts
My Lam, Secretary & Christian Life
Susan Link, Trustee
Tom Paul, Trustee
Fr. Daniel Griffith, Pastor

Andrea Lutterman, Learning Representative
Carole Burton, Christian Life Representative
David Link, Finance Committee Representative
Donna Wieneke, Development Representative
Deirdre Palmer, The Basilica Landmark Liaison
Edith Nicole Cameron, Liturgy and Sacred Arts Representative
Jennifer Lange, Learning Representative
Matt Celichowski, At Large
Roger Cloutier, Finance Committee Representative
Terri Ashmore, Managing Director

Volunteer Engagement Office

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Direct - 612.317.3417



PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

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Return this form by mail by April 14: Attention Terri Ashmore

Please call Terri Ashmore at 612.317.3471 if you have any questions.

2023 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.

Your Name: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

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

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_____ Liturgy and Sacred Arts

Name of Nominee: _____

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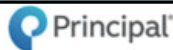
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