



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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Welcome

Ever been frustrated by home repairs? Multiply that tenfold for The Basilica.

Think home repairs on steroids. On the National Register of Historic Places, our church and school are over 100 years old and the rectory is pushing 80. Cowley Center is 50 years old.

From the 1950s to 1989, campus maintenance was

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delayed or non-existent. In 1989, the church was in such serious structural disrepair, the parish was faced with closing the church, or raising the funds to save it. Thankfully parishioners rallied and saved The Basilica for us and for future generations. But the challenge of caring for The Basilica campus remains. Repairs are frequently put on hold until funds are available, often resulting in more costly repairs.

After years of crisis, a Facilities Assessment Committee was formalized in 2000 to systematically plan for The Basilica's long-term maintenance needs. Parishioner Peter Crain started

helping out in the 1990s. Today Peter leads the Facilities Committee and also serves on The Basilica Landmark Board. The Landmark is a separate 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to building awareness of America's first Basilica, and raising funds for its ongoing

renovation and restoration as a spiritual beacon and a cultural center.

Facilities Committee members share expertise in building and construction, and include parishioners and staff in partnership with our contractor, Wayne Anderson of Crawford Merz Anderson Construction and Chuck Liddy, our architect from Miller Dunwiddie who provide invaluable assistance. Annually, members walk the grounds and every campus building to assess needs based on building use, safety concerns and building integrity. They set funding priorities and make recommendations to Fr. Bauer,

the Parish Council and Finance Committee. Each year, the parish requests funding for campus improvements from The Basilica Landmark. Staff Director of Building and Grounds, Dave Laurent, capably schedules and oversees day-to-day project management to insure efficient stewardship of donors' financial support.

Thanks to grants of nearly \$1.2 million from The Basilica Landmark, many projects are planned in 2012. I'd like to highlight three happening this summer. In the church, buckling wooden floor boards in St. Joseph's Chapel have created a safety hazard for worshippers. A new \$30,000 more durable, refinishable replacement floor should last 10 to 20 years. During May, 7:00am and noon daily Masses will move to the church sacristy (its "pre-undercroft" location). Next, a \$59,000 sacristy restoration will begin including lighting upgrades and improved vestment storage. Nationally known restorers, Conrad Schmitt Studios, Inc., will lead this effort. Last October, Basilica



Terri Ashmore
Managing Director
The Basilica of Saint Mary

supporters won a "Partners in Preservation" Facebook vote resulting in funding from an American Express grant.

Every decade, The Basilica's bronze entry doors need restoration and repair due to discoloration caused by weather and acid rain, and the impacts of heavy use and the sheer weight of the doors. This \$44,000 project will repair the bronze finish, crash bars, hinges, and locking mechanisms.

The Basilica is doubly blessed, by volunteers who share their expertise on the Facilities Assessment Committee, and by generous funding from The Basilica Landmark.

OUR VISION:

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

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

LEAVING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The world is not something indifferent, raw material to be utilized simply as we see fit. Rather, it is part of God's good plan, in which all of us are called to be sons and daughters in the one Son of God, Jesus Christ. The justified concern about threats to the environment present in so many parts of the world is reinforced by Christian hope, which commits us to working responsibly for the protection of creation. The relationship between the Eucharist and the cosmos helps us to see the unity of God's plan and to grasp the profound relationship between creation and the "new creation" inaugurated in the resurrection of Christ, the new Adam. Even now we take part in that new creation by virtue of our Baptism.

— Benedict XVI, *The Sacrament of Charity*, Section 92.

God our Creator, bless the work of our parish to protect the Earth. Be with us as we plan ways for our parish to be good stewards of creation. May our faith community be a light for those around us, modeling a deep commitment to the well-being of the Earth. Please shower your grace on all of our activities. Keep us committed, motivated, and hopeful as we carry on this important ministry. Thank you for being with us every step of the way.
This we pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen

UPCOMING EVENTS: LIVING GREEN EXPO

MAY 5-6, MINNESOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS

VOLUNTEER RALLY FOR FESTIVAL OF BICYCLES

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 7:00PM, CONFERENCE ROOM
Contact Anne at 612.719.6356.

FESTIVAL OF BICYCLES

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 10:30AM-2:00PM, BASILICA PLAZA
The Blessing of Bicycles will be held at 1:30pm.

Cultivate and care for God's creation.

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

A WAY OF LIFE

We celebrate stewardship throughout the year by emphasizing six key themes. Each aspect of stewardship is represented through The Basilica ministries, guiding us to make it part of our daily life.

GLOBAL:

Promote peace throughout the world
(Dec - Jan)

LOCAL:

Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need
(Feb - Mar)

ECOLOGICAL:

Leave the world a better place for future generations
(Apr - May)

PERSONAL:

Care for ourselves in body, mind and spirit
(June - July)

GIFTS:

Share our knowledge, talent, love, and experience to serve others
(Aug - Sept)

FINANCIAL:

Give generously and joyfully
(Oct - Nov)

SACRED ART EXHIBIT

BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE THROUGH ART: THE ART OF JOHN AUGUST SWANSON

EXHIBIT THROUGH JUNE 24

ARTIST'S RECEPTION AND TALK:

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 6:00-8:00PM

JOHN XXIII GALLERY AND TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

John August Swanson will also speak with visitors in the gallery following the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses on Sunday, June 10.

Los Angeles artist Swanson paints, works in mixed media, and is a printmaker. His art deals with human values, cultural roots, and a quest for self-discovery.

EASTER MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAYS OF EASTER, 9:15AM, ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL

EASTER COMPLINE:

PRAY FOR PEACE AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY

SUNDAYS OF EASTER: MAY 6, 13, 20

8:00PM, CHURCH

The Basilica is hosting the ecumenical service of Night Prayer — Compline — on the above Sunday evenings of the Easter season. This peaceful service is sung by the Minnesota Compline Choir, directed by Clarence Smith. The choir is an ensemble of 20 men who have sung Sunday night Compline for the past 18 years. Their hauntingly serene 30-minute *Prayer at the Close of the Day* continues the ancient tradition of solemn chanted prayer kept by monastic communities around the world for over a thousand years. Come, bring a friend, and pray for peace at the close of day — peace in the world “at the last.”

CELEBRATING PENTECOST

SUNDAY, MAY 27

ORGAN CONCERT

2:00PM, CHURCH

Christopher Stroh, Basilica Organist, will present a recital of organ works based on music unique to the Solemnity of Pentecost, featuring works by Eugène Gigout, Larry King, and Charles Tournemire. Free and open to the public.

SOLEMN VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

3:00PM, CHOIR STALLS, BASILICA SCHOLA CANTORUM

Events of the week

SECOND COLLECTION FOR ASCENSION SCHOOL

Former Basilica Rector and current Ascension Pastor Fr. Michael O'Connell calls Ascension School "a miracle factory" in North Minneapolis. Over 280 students get quality education and personalized attention to prepare them for success in school and in life. Children from the school are at all Masses this weekend, and funds from your donations to the second collection provide scholarships to Ascension students. Please make your check payable to "Ascension School."

FAIR TRADE SALE

SUNDAY, MAY 6, FOLLOWING MORNING MASSES

GROUND LEVEL

Purchase gifts for Mothers' Day and graduations. 10,000 Villages merchandise liquidation with 50 percent of proceeds going to The Basilica.

SYMBOLS THAT SURROUND US — BOOK SIGNING

SUNDAY, MAY 6, FOLLOWING ALL MORNING MASSES

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Dr. Johan van Parys will sign his new book, *Symbols that Surround Us*. Books may be purchased for \$16.99.

FORMING OUR CONSCIENCE

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1:00-2:30PM

Presented by Bernie Evans, Ph.D. There is no cost to attend.

MAY DAY FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 1:30PM

Join Archbishop Nienstedt and thousands of Catholics. Assemble at the Capitol at 1:30pm; the procession begins at 2:00pm, and will conclude at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 5:30PM, ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL

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.

CAREER ALTERNATIVES FOR THE SECOND HALF

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 7:00PM

George Dow, one of the finest life and job coaches in the Twin Cities area, presents on this topic providing hope and creativity. Register on MyBasilica or contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

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FRIENDS & FASHION

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 9:00-10:30AM OR 5:30-7:30PM

A benefit for The Basilica Landmark is scheduled at the OSKA boutique at 50th and France. Attend either in the morning or evening and enjoy the company of interesting women, refreshments, a fashion show and trend updates plus a gift bag to take home. Tickets are \$50 and 100 percent of the price goes directly to The Basilica Landmark. Contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org for more information.

Get involved

RECTORY HOSPITALITY

Get to know The Basilica from a Monday-Saturday perspective...the parish office is a very busy and interesting place. We're looking for a few volunteers to answer the door, assist guests in connecting with staff or resources, and to deliver sandwiches and coffee to hungry neighbors. This position requires a calm and flexible demeanor combined with good judgment. Weekly shifts available morning, afternoon or evening. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Share your financial expertise and help monitor parish finances, budgets and audit. Three-year terms start in September 2012. Send your resume to be considered. Questions? Contact Terri at thashmore@mary.org, or call 612.317.3471.

HOSPITALITY TO GRIEF COALITION

Hospitality ministers are needed from 9:00-10:30am on Saturday mornings, May through August. Your help will be very much appreciated as The Basilica, one of nine sponsoring churches in the Downtown Coalition for Grief Support, hosts the Saturday sessions. Contact Cathy at 612.317.3474 or cedwards@mary.org.

BIKE REPAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you change a bike tire, adjust brakes, derailleur cables and true a wheel? The Bike Program of the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness needs you! Repair and spruce up bikes for Outreach ministry guests in need of a sustainable, reliable and economical method of transportation to get to work, school and medical appointments. Contact Benita at 651.641.1037 or warns@pmlink.com to learn more.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS FOR MOTHERS' DAY

Try Scrip gift cards for your mom's favorite stores or take her out for a wonderful dinner at her favorite restaurant. Scrip doesn't cost you any more and is available for restaurants like Joe's Garage or La Belle Vie (20% back to The Basilica), Chili's, Olive Garden, Macaroni Grill, Maggiano's, and Red Lobster (9% to The Basilica).

Scrip is on sale after Sunday morning Masses in The Basilica's lower level, and weekdays at the rectory. Or purchase Scrip online...just follow "Six Easy Steps to Registration" on www.mary.org/scrip to get started.

VOLUNTEER ONE SUNDAY A MONTH

Ten more volunteers are needed to sell Scrip shopping cards and fair trade coffee after the Sunday morning Masses. Proceeds support The Basilica's ministries and operations. Background check required. Contact Terri at 612.317.3471 or thashmore@mary.org.

Check out all of our opportunities for volunteering at www.mary.org. Click on "Volunteer."

IF WE KNEW YOU WERE COMING ...

We ask that people register for many of the spiritual and educational offerings here at The Basilica. Registering in advance is crucial to hospitality and planning. If registrations are low, we will need to cancel. Please register on www.mary.org or call 612.317.3414.

2012-2013 CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEARNING PROGRAMS

Registration is open for families who would like to participate in the children's and youth programs that begin in September. Programs are available for children age three through grade 12. Materials are available in the back of church or at www.mary.org. Register early and save!

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

SATURDAY, MAY 12, FOLLOWING 5:00PM MASS

JOHN XXIII GALLERY

Young adults (ages 21+) are invited to join us for this opportunity to meet other young adults in The Basilica community. Free-will donations will be accepted.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 20, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Maureen Edstrom will present on "Emerging from the Darkness" on the topic of coping with mental illness. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Christine at cmoore@mary.org.

COMING SOON: BASILICA YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

Young women are invited to join us for this bi-monthly gathering that will include sharing of faith experiences through service, learning and social events. Contact Bethany at bethanyepeters@gmail.com to learn more.

REMARRIAGE/BLENDED FAMILY SEMINAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 8:30AM-NOON, DINING ROOM

This seminar will cover some of the most important and unique issues faced by couples in a remarriage and/or blended family: your couple relationship, loyalties, former spouses, children and step parenting, custody, housing, finances and the importance of the spiritual dimension. Contact Nancy at nkeller@mary.org or 612.317.3478 to register or for more information. Cost is \$25/couple.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are expecting a baby or are in the process of adopting a baby, consider attending one of the monthly baptism preparation classes now. Baptism preparation classes encourage parents to consider their faith, discuss how to pass on our faith to our children, and share what to expect on baptism day. Contact Michelle at 612.317.3414 or mslaughter@mary.org for registration materials.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PLEDGE DRIVE

Every single day of the year, our St. Vincent de Paul outreach ministries gracefully and respectfully serve our neighbors and parish members. We need your support today with a pledge or gift to SVdP. One-hundred percent of your gifts go directly to serve people in need. Five dollars provides 10 sandwiches, \$20 provides a gas voucher or bus card, \$75 provides five pairs of shoes, \$165 provides dinner for an entire pathways class and \$500 keeps an entire family from homelessness. Please look for SVdP pledge forms in the back of church, or give online at www.mary.org/donate.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

By supporting The Basilica Landmark, you insure The Basilica is The Building of Hope for generations to come. Preventative maintenance and restoration projects for The Basilica and other campus buildings costs up to a million dollars a year. Please consider a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund. You can give online at www.thebasilicalandmark.org/give/how-you-can-help.

CITIES 97 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

JULY 6-7, WWW.BASILICABLOCKPARTY.ORG

Mark your calendars for the 18th Annual Cities 97 Basilica Block Party on July 6 and 7. There's no better way to celebrate the summer than great food, good friends, tasty beverages and rockin' music at the hottest music event of the summer!

The Bands

July 6: Train, Cake, The Head and the Heart, Imagine Dragons, Mat Kearney, Tyrone Wells

July 7: The Avett Brothers, OAR, Fitz and the Tantrums, Graffiti6, The Lumineers, Stuart D'Rozario...and many others! Check our website for more details.

Get Tickets

All ticket packages are on sale at www.ticketmaster.com, by phone at 800.745.3000 or at any Ticketmaster outlet. Single night or two-night pass tickets are also available without service fees at Barrio locations in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Edina.

To Volunteer

Don't miss the Volunteer Rally on May 8 from 6:00-7:00pm in The Basilica School Great Hall. Can't make it to the rally? Contact Mollie at 612.317.3457 or mhelgeson@mary.org.

Christian life

CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+.

CROSSROADS MAY DINNER

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 6:00PM

Join us at Crossroads Deli (Cedar Lake Road and Hopkins Crossroad/Cty Rd 73). RSVP to Janine or Rich at 763.566.5743.

CROSSROADS THEATER OUTING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 12:00-3:30PM

Join Crossroads at the Old Log Theater for *The Fox on the Fairway*. Starts with lunch at noon, followed by the play at 1:30pm. Contact Marilyn at 763.541.9393 by June 1. Cost is \$35.

BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER
The book selection for June 7 is *The 1,000 Autumns of Jacob de Zoet* by David Mitchell. Call Karen at 612.872.7535.

FUNDAMENTALISM: WHAT IS IT? WHY DOES IT MATTER?

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 5:30-8:00PM

LEAGUE OF CATHOLIC WOMEN, 207 9TH ST S, MINNEAPOLIS
Fundamentalism is a term used frequently these days in both religious and secular arenas but how many of us understand just what it means? Join William Cahoy, Ph.D., Dean of the St. John's School of Theology and find out. Dr. Cahoy will review with us its origins, appeal and the present prominence of fundamentalism in religious and civic life. Open to the public. Free parking is available in the LCW lot and in the three public lots around the building. Parking vouchers should be obtained at back or front door of the League before you park. Cost is \$10, and RSVP's are required. Call 612.332.2649 with questions. RSVP at www.leagueofcatholicwomen.org, or send in a check made out the League of Catholic Women.

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 10:45AM-12:15PM, RECTORY DINING ROOM

If you've joined our parish recently, you're invited to brunch! Meet other new members and learn a bit about your new parish. Please RSVP early, as space is limited. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 or scarlson@mary.org.



Did You Know?

For every ton of paper recycled,
17 trees are spared.

Find more facts in the Ecological
Stewardship booklet at

www.mary.org.

FESTIVAL OF BICYCLES

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 10:30AM-2:00PM

BLESSING OF BICYCLES, 1:30PM

This year the Blessing of the Bicycles will take place inside church. Visit with vendors after the morning Masses and learn more about biking opportunities around Minneapolis. Bike rides for children and adults are planned for after the Blessing.

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY: DOING WHAT YOU LOVE

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 7:00PM

Join Jim Jaeckels as he helps you think outside the box about what you really should be doing in life. Register on MyBasilica or contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE AT THE BASILICA

JUNE 10, 8:30AM-1:30PM

Sign up the three weeks prior to the blood drive following Sunday Masses.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

Some transitions in our lives may isolate us. Are you feeling alone with life as a new parent, a new identity, the loss of a loved one, a serious illness, unemployment or recent retirement? A Befriender listens to your story, you listen to your story, and God's gift of Wisdom is shared. Contact Cathy at 612.317.3474 or cedwards@mary.org to learn more.

THE BASILICA WELCOMES ALL — NO EXCEPTIONS

Our Catholic Social Teaching instructs us to believe in the inherent dignity of every person and that every person is made in the image of God. We are looking for people who are interested in identifying and creating opportunities for those with developmental disabilities within our parish to more fully participate in the sacramental and liturgical life of our parish. Contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

Financial Update March 2012

	FY2011-2012 Budget March 12	FY2011-2012 Actual March 12	Variance to Budget March 12	% Change Over (-Under) FY 11 -12 Budget	FY 2010-2011 Actual March 11	% Change Over (- Under) FY 10-11 Actual
Total Revenue	\$243,326	\$243,512	\$187	0%	\$249,319	-2%
Total Expenses	\$272,194	\$265,511	-\$6,683	-2%	\$283,619	-6%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-\$28,868	-\$21,999	\$6,870		-\$34,300	

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MASS TIMES

MON-FRI: 7:00am & noon
(ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL)
SAT: 5:00pm (THE BASILICA)
SUN: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am,
4:30pm & 6:30pm (THE BASILICA)

RECTORY HOURS

MON: 8:30am to 5:00pm
TUE-FRI: 8:30am to 8:00pm
SAT: 8:00am to 7:00pm
SUN: 7:00am to 8:00pm

PARKING

Visit www.mary.org/parking
for complete parking info and
driving directions.

The Basilica of Saint Mary is a community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, it is our mandate to model, to inspire and to provide excellence in liturgy, faith formation, pastoral care and hospitality; preach justice and provide emergency relief to the poor; pursue interfaith relationships; and to contribute to the celebration of the sacred arts in this community. The parish is marked by hospitality and rich diversity.