



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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Welcome

I am in the process of helping plan my daughter's wedding—our family's first wedding.

As the days get closer, there are more and more details that need confirming and decisions that need to be made. While this is all a joy and an exciting time, I have

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also begun to realize that I am carrying extra tension in my neck, my back is tight, and in general I am feeling physically stiff.

It has surprised me to recognize the amount of tension that I am carrying in my body. My normal routine usually enables me to feel more at ease. The physical tightness I am feeling has invited me to intentionally reflect on my inner health and the serenity and peace that I am experiencing — or not!

At The Basilica, we focus on personal stewardship in June and July — actively caring for ourselves in body,

mind, and spirit. This is exactly what I need to remember these days.

When I take time to intentionally care for myself, I recognize that

under the busyness of planning and working, I feel deep emotions about my daughter's wedding. I begin to see the small things I am worrying about, and I am invited to recognize my fears and insecurities. Yes, there is much to be joyful about. But, truthfully, there is also a lot of letting go that I need to do.

It is specifically this "letting go" that is a recurring and challenging spiritual practice in my life. Over and over I am reminded that I must let go of control, let go of expectations, let go of assumptions, even let go of people. I know in my heart that the only way I

can really let go — that I can truthfully surrender those things that I care and worry about — is through a deep and abiding trust in what I am letting go to. This is the gift of my physical tension. I am reminded ever more clearly that I must grow in my relationship with God and grow in my trust of God. Recognizing my stress drives me more deeply into the practice of prayer. Recognizing my tension gets me to finally go out and exercise. The focus of personal stewardship reminds me that I am not alone in my struggle to care for myself. It also affirms this care as a spiritual priority.

During June and July, let us join together to pray a prayer of St. Benedict. Let us use this prayer to realign our lives, to let go of all that distracts us from trusting and loving our God. Let us pray together to grow in our



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relationship with God, and collectively allow our stress to melt away.

*Father, give us
 Wisdom to perceive you,
 Intellect to understand you,
 Diligence to seek you,
 Patience to wait for you,
 Eyes to behold you,
 A heart to meditate on you,
 And a life to proclaim you,
 Through the power of the spirit
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Pick up a Personal Stewardship booklet in the back of church or at www.mary.org.

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

PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP

CARING FOR OURSELVES IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT

"You caused the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for the people to use to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart." Psalm 104:14-15

So what were some of those Judeo-Christian symbols, healthful elements and practices and how do we still use them today?

Water. Water is essential to all life. As we cleanse the body, we also cleanse the soul. The priest cleanses his hands before he performs the transfiguration of the Eucharist. We were all baptized with water, the presence of the baptismal font reminds us as we enter the church of our own baptism and also as a way to ward off evil spirits.

Fire and Light. Fire and its light were originally treated with great deference and respect because humans were not able to create or control it. Our one large fire is the Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal candle. Fire and light symbolize the light of Christ that destroys all darkness and gives acclaim that Christ is our light. We light smaller fires and candles throughout the year to share in Christ's mission to bring light to the world. We do this at church, at shrines and in our homes.

Oil. Soothing and healing, a delight for the senses of smell, taste and touch. Used to soothe our skin, shine our hair, perfume our body or arouse our senses, oil is a soothing and healing presence in our lives and in the liturgy. In fact, it is used in four of the seven sacraments.

Bread and Wine. For many of us, bread is the sustenance of our daily lives. Wine, too has been enjoyed for centuries in many cultures. It was used to purify water in Jesus' time, settle an upset stomach and clean wounds, but its principal use was to add festivity to an event and emphasize unity amongst us. The sharing and festivity of the bread and wine feeds our body and soul during the liturgy in the sharing of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What Can You Do? The lesson in all of this is to be good to yourself and remember the spiritual connections. Cleanse yourself, light a candle, break some bread, have a little wine and enjoy the soothing nature of oil on your skin...

SACRED ART EXHIBIT — CREATING ART THAT CHALLENGES PERCEPTION OF DISABILITY: A SAMPLING OF WORK BY ARTISTS FROM INTERACT

JULY 1-29

JOHN XXIII GALLERY AND TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

RECEPTION AND TALK WITH ARTISTS:

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1:00PM

Since 1996, Interact's mission to create art that challenges perceptions of disability has opened doors for artists with disabilities and audiences eager to experience their work. Interact envisions a world in which the radical inclusion of the stories, dreams and ideas of all peoples is a force for healing, personal transformation, and universal well-being. Interact is the only place of its kind in the nation: a professional-level visual arts studio and theater that supports the creative growth of artists with disabilities. Spanning cultures and generations, the 100+ artists that make up Interact range in age from 22 to 94, and bring a wide diversity of cultural backgrounds, aesthetic perspectives and life experiences to their work.

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: SACRISTY RESTORATION

Liturgical ministers will meet in the first floor conference room of the Reardon Rectory before all liturgies due to the sacristy restoration work. We hope to finish the work by the end of July. Contact Johan van Parys with any concerns.

VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF MARY OF MAGDALA

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 3:00PM, CHOIR STALLS

As a disciple, Mary participated in the ministry of Jesus as a remarkable leader of our early church. In the tradition of Mary of Magdala, women religious today offer a prophetic witness in living Christ's ministry of justice, peace and dignity for all persons.

CHOIR CAMP AT ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 23-27, 9:00-NOON

Contact Teri at tlarson@mary.org or 612.317.3426 for more information. The brochure is available at www.mary.org. Cost is \$100, scholarships available.

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)

Events of the week

2012-2013 CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEARNING

Registration is open for children's and youth programs. Programs are available for children age three through grade 12 and begin in September. Materials are available in the back of church or at www.mary.org. **Register by July 1 to save administrative fees!**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 9:30AM, ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL
There will be only one Mass celebrated on July 4 at 9:30am. Basilica offices will be closed.

LITURGY SCHEDULE DURING THE BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am only. There will be no Noon Mass.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

There will be no scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation
There will be no 5:00pm Mass of Anticipation.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Masses will be celebrated at their regularly scheduled times

18TH ANNUAL CITIES 97 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

JULY 6-7, WWW.BASILICABLOCKPARTY.ORG

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!

Tickets: Single-night passes are \$45; two-night passes are \$80. VIP tickets start at \$150 per night and include food and beverages all night, indoor bathrooms and parking. All ticket packages are available through www.ticketmaster.com, 800.745.3000 or in person at all Ticketmaster outlets. Single-night and two-night passes will also be available without service fees at Barrio locations in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Edina.

Volunteer: Sign up online at www.mary.org. Contact Mollie at 612.317.3457 or mhelgeson@mary.org.

The Raffle: Be a part of the Block Party by purchasing a \$5 raffle ticket! You could win \$2,500 (one prize), \$500 (one prize) or two round-trip tickets on Sun Country Airlines, and other great prizes! Purchase your tickets after Mass in the lower level or call 612.317.3432.

MOVE AND GROOVE PRESENTS FAMILY DAY AT THE BASILICA

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 10:30AM-3:00PM

WWW.MOVEANDGROOVEFAMILYFUN.COM

Come enjoy a myriad of cool activities that are free and open to the public all day long. Join us for a fabulous family concert with kids' music superstar Laurie Berkner and the Okee Dokee Brothers! Tickets are \$10, ages 2 and under admitted for free. Purchase tickets at www.tempotickets.com/moveandgroove, at all Creative Kidstuff stores and online at www.creativekidstuff.com. 3



Get involved

VOTIVE CANDLE MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to replace and move candles throughout The Basilica on a weekly basis. Contact Randy at 612.317.3433 or rsymanitz@mary.org.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is a privileged time and place to reflect with another about your relationship with God. The focus of spiritual direction is your life and how God connects in all your experiences. Contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org for more information.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

Illness, loss, sorrow, isolation, uncertainty — these are but some of the reasons members of our community request prayers. Praying for each other is a mark of a strong faith community. Contact Cathy at 612.317.3474 or cedwards@mary.org to receive a weekly list of prayer intentions.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We have openings in the Wednesday evening sessions and both the morning and evening Sunday sessions. Training is provided. Please contact Kelli at 612.317.3439 or kkester@mary.org if you'd like to discuss the wonderful opportunity of helping to foster faith in our young people.

USE YOUR SOCIAL GIFT

Are you a friendly, outgoing person? Have a talent for sales? Are you someone who feels comfortable asking others for help, advice or even money? If so, The Basilica and The Basilica Landmark would be delighted to have your assistance. Contact Kristian at 612.317.3421 or kmauel@mary.org for details.

BICYCLE PROGRAM NEEDS BIKES FOR TALL MEN

The Basilica, together with other downtown congregations, work on a program to provide bicycles to outreach ministry guests as a sustainable form of transportation to get to work and school. We need bicycles for tall men. If you have a bike to donate, contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

ITEMS FOR BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN NEEDED

The North Side Life Care Center is in need of the following items: gently used summer clothes sizes 18 months-6T; gently used double strollers, high chairs and swings. Everything must be clean and in good condition. Baby equipment must have all safety straps. Also needed are 8 oz cans of Similac Advance and Similac Sensitive formula. Thank you for supporting our moms and babies. The North Side Life Care Center is located at 4367 Thomas Ave N, Minneapolis.

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

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS

BYW: BASILICA YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

Our mission is to establish a welcoming community of young women who share faith and make friendships through prayer, reflection, service activities and social events. Contact Bethany at bethanyepeters@gmail.com to learn more.

BYA SOFTBALL TEAM

Come and cheer on The Basilica's young adult softball team at their Friday games during June and July. Please see The Basilica Young Adults Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BasilicaYoungAdults> for schedule details.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT

Construction in the Sacristy is underway and will take up to seven weeks. No access is allowed during construction. The bronze doors on the church are also being repaired. Each door will take two days to complete.

NOTICE: NURSERY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Please note that the nursery, typically open during the 9:30am Mass, will be closed on July 8.

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 mslaughtner@mary.org for registration materials.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following couple recently celebrated the sacrament of marriage at The Basilica.

June 23: ThiLee Christopherson and Phillip Pijahn

RCIA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Have you been thinking about finding out more about Catholicism? Do you wonder what the church really teaches? Contact Paula at 612.317.3473 or pkampfer@mary.org. If you are already Catholic but would like to share your faith with someone as a sponsor on their journey, give us a call. Sponsor training will be held in August.

NFP AWARENESS WEEK JULY 22-28

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the last week of July as NFP Awareness Week. NFP stands for Natural Family Planning, and offers a scientific and marriage building opportunity by learning about one's fertility. NFP Awareness Week supports couples by bringing awareness of spousal love. These dates include the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae vitae (July 25) the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne (July 26). Human life is a beautiful gift and is to be cherished.

If you would like to know more about Natural Family Planning, contact the Archdiocese Office for Marriage, Family and Life at 651.291.4489 or schulten@archspm.org.

THE BEAUTY OF THE BASILICA

There are so many ways to feel the presence of God in our lives. One important, non-verbal way is through beauty. Do you feel the transcendent presence of God in the beauty of The Basilica, in its soaring dome, glowing stained glass windows, graceful statues and curved ceiling? You can help preserve this beauty for future generations through a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark, a separate 501(c)3 non-profit whose sole mission is the preservation and restoration of our historic church. For information on planned giving contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

The Basilica Landmark has several exciting renovation projects underway, including:

- Sacristy renovation, funded by Partners in Preservation
- Renovation of the school bathrooms
- Restoration of the exterior church doors

You can help The Building of Hope with a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund at www.thebasilicalandmark.org/give/how-you-can-help.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PLEDGE DRIVE

Need doesn't take a summer vacation, and our sisters and brothers still need your help with food, shoes, transportation and rent assistance, life skills and so much more. Every penny of your gift or pledge to SVdP goes directly to serve people in need. Please look for SVdP pledge forms in the back of church, or give online at www.mary.org/donate.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM

Did you know that old car or motorcycle in your garage could help The Basilica? We have partnered with America's Car Donation Center to make a car, truck, trailer, boat and RV donation easy. Your donation is tax deductible and the process is quick. There's complimentary towing, you don't have to be present when the vehicle is picked up and the vehicle does not need to run or pass current inspections. America's Car Donation is an international program; therefore, donations can be picked up anywhere. To make a donation by phone, please call 1.800.240.0160 or donate at www.donateacar.com and fill out the car donation form. For questions about how the donation will benefit The Basilica, contact Char at 612.317.3498.

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CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER
The book selection for July 5 is *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance* by Edmund DeWaal. Call Karen at 612.872.7535.

10TH ANNUAL POOL PARTY

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 5:00PM
For details, contact Marilyn at 763.541.9393.

CROSSROADS DINNER OUTING

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 6:00PM
Join Crossroads at Teresa's Mexican Restaurant, 5621 Duluth St. (Hwy 100 and Duluth), Golden Valley. RSVP to Ann or Roger at 763.535.6292.

SAVE THE DATE: CROSSROADS 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 6:00PM, BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
Enjoy an evening starting with Mass at 6:00pm in the St. Joseph Chapel followed by catered dinner-theatre and door prizes in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall, all for \$30/person. Reservations and payment by August 10 to Helen at 952.949.3697.

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OF PEACE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 5:30-7:30PM
ASCENSION SCHOOL PARKING LOT, 1723 BRYANT AVE N
Join Basilica parishioners and our neighbors on the Northside for this annual neighborhood event! More details to follow. A joint venture of Ascension, Mas Jid Anur, and Visitation. Contact Janice at 612.317.3477 for details.

PARISH PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10:30AM-1:30PM
As you dive into summer fun and travel, lock in the Sunday after Labor Day for down home food and fun! Watch for more details.



Did You Know?

Between the months of March and May, 234 new members joined The Basilica. Welcome!

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY EVENTS

Register for employment ministry events on MyBasilica at www.mary.org or contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

SELF-SABOTAGE IN THE WORKPLACE AND JOB SEARCH

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 7:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
Shelley Jensen Decker, longtime Basilica job coach, provides tips on effective job searches and dos and don'ts once you accept a job offer.

WRITING TO INSPIRE:

A 3-PART COURSE TO HELP YOU UNLOCK YOUR INNER VOICE

JULY 17, 31, AND AUGUST 7, 7:00-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
Join award-winning author Denny Stockdale and learn to use writing to effectively communicate the wondrous and inspiring stories that unfold each day. Remember you are not alone in this journey. This employment ministry workshop is open to anyone. Please attend all three sessions.

BASILICA VOICES FOR JUSTICE

The Basilica Voices For Justice (BVFJ) team provides opportunities for our community to learn about important issues of our day and to boldly act in love for justice. The BVFJ team is currently creating forums for the upcoming year on important issues. Digging into our faith, the BVFJ team is developing forums on healthcare, human trafficking, prison reform (as it relates to race issues), and affordable housing. To join us, contact Mary at mtgleich@gmail.com or the Christian Life office at 612.317.3477.

Financial Update May 2012

	FY2011-2012 Budget May 12	FY2011-2012 Actual May 12	Variance to Budget May 12	% Change Over (-Under) FY 11 -12 Budget	FY 2010-2011 Actual May 11	% Change Over (- Under) FY 10-11 Actual
Total Revenue	\$238,288	\$239,560	\$1,272	1%	\$274,048	-13%
Total Expenses	\$252,114	\$275,352	\$23,238	9%	\$250,977	10%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-\$13,826	-\$35,792	-\$21,967		\$23,071	

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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.