



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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Welcome

People often ask me for the key to good liturgy.

I tell them about the need for beautiful art and architecture, great music, quality preaching, well-trained ministers, etc. However, no matter how lovely the music and inspiring the homily, unless our liturgy compels people to go out and be Christ to the world, it is nothing but

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ritual turns around the altar. Liturgy can never be a goal in and of itself. Liturgy is the place where we are rehearsed in Christian life. We are nourished at the table of the Word and the Eucharist so we are strengthened to go out into the world and make a difference.

The night before he died, Jesus asked us to do two things: celebrate Eucharist and wash feet. This was his double mandate to the

disciples 2000 years ago and it is his mandate to us today. So, on Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Eucharist and we wash feet. The washing of the feet is not an empty ritual or a simple gesture imitating what Christ did. Washing feet is a rehearsal of a fundamental Christian

attitude. We are called to bend down and wash one another's feet. And it does not matter whose feet we are called to wash.

The church of the paschal mystery must, as the body of Christ in the world, be willing to risk itself in total solidarity with those who are suffering, despised, outcast. Through the activity of the Spirit the church and its members are being conformed to the image of the crucified and

risen Christ, the image of ultimate solidarity and gift of self to all of our brothers and sisters, especially to those most despised by society.

The Gospel calls us to radical hospitality. To do anything less is to run the risk of "eating and drinking judgment to ourselves, not recognizing the Lord's Body for what it is." (1 Cor. 11: 29)

Why is it that after celebrating the Eucharist for 2000 years the world is still in absolute shambles? Is it because we have never truly understood the commandment about the washing of the feet?

As we celebrate our individual gifts during these months of Stewardship of our Gifts, let us consider anew how we might best use our talents to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our parish, to our city and to our world.



Johan van Parys

Director of Liturgy
and Sacred Arts
The Basilica of Saint Mary

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

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS

SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE, TALENT, LOVE AND EXPERIENCE TO SERVE OTHERS

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

I Corinthians 12:4-7

God “activates” gifts in each of us. Wow! That’s a special kind of energy.

When we are exercising our gifts it feels good! It’s energizing. We feel more alive.

Think of a time when this parish brought out talents or gifts in you, maybe even talents that you never knew you had. What actually happened? What attitudes or qualities were present that made your experience possible?

We can have this experience in any part of our lives — in our families, neighborhoods, workplace, or parish. As we exercise our gifts, the community is strengthened.

Remember that The Basilica provides an online tool to help you identify your spiritual gifts. To take the survey, find a quiet, unhurried time and log on to <http://www.mary.org/giftsurvey>.

Also, mark your calendar for Sunday, September 9. Explore ways to exercise your gifts at the annual ministry fair, following 9:30 and 11:30am Masses.

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)

SUMMER SOLOIST SERIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 9:30AM MASS
Christopher Kachian, classical guitar
Chris Stroh, organist

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am at the Church of the Ascension. There are no Masses celebrated at The Basilica and The Basilica offices will be closed.

CANTOR AUDITIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1:00-2:00PM, CHURCH
Please call Teri at 612.317.3426 or Chris at 612.317.3505 with any questions or to book a time for your audition. You can also visit www.mary.org: Liturgy/Music/Adult Choirs for details.

THE HANDBELLS OF SAINT MARY NEED YOU

If you enjoy music-making and seek an outlet for your creativity, The Basilica music ministry is looking for you! We are looking for people interested in learning more about ringing The Basilica’s unique handbells at occasional festival liturgies. A casual informational gathering will take place on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30pm in the St. Cecilia Room in The Reardon Rectory, lower level. People with any background and level of musical experience are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Chris at 612.317.3505 or cstroh@mary.org.

CHOIR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

Here are the dates of the first rehearsals for the new program year and the **first date choirs return to sing** on scheduled Sundays.

Cathedral Choristers, Wednesday, September 5, 5:45-7:00pm
(Sunday, September 16, 9:30am)

Cathedral Choir, Wednesday, September 5, 7:00-9:00pm
(Sunday, September 9, 9:30am)

Mundus, Tuesday, September 11, 7:00-9:00pm
(Sunday, September 9, 11:30am)

Cherubs, Wednesday, September 5, 5:30-6:00pm

Children’s Choir, Wednesday, September 5, 6:00-7:00pm

Juventus, Wednesday, September 12, 7:15-8:30pm
(Sunday, September 23, 4:30pm)



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30,
1:30PM

CHURCH AND LAWN

For more than 25 years we have celebrated the feast of St. Francis, with a traditional Blessing of

Animals. Gather on the lawn starting at 1:00pm. At 1:30pm we will process into the church for a brief service to thank God for the blessing of all creation and to pray for the continued well-being of our world. After the service there will be an opportunity for individual blessings on The Basilica lawn. T-shirts featuring the 2012 design will be sold.

Events of the week

SACRED ART EXHIBIT: RECEPTION TODAY! M.J. DINESS — JERUSALEM'S FIRST PHOTOGRAPHER: PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE OLDEST EXISTING NEGATIVES OF JERUSALEM

ON DISPLAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4
JOHN XXIII GALLERY AND TERESA OF CALCUTTA
HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

RECEPTION AND TALK BY JOHN BARNIER,
DISCOVERER AND COLLECTOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1:00PM

Learn more about the negatives, authenticated by the Harvard Semitic Museum, and about the photographer Mendel J. Diness.

ST. PAUL SEMINARY

Please look for the St. Paul Seminary gift envelopes in your pew. Your gift helps educate more priests for today and generations to come. Thank you for your generosity.

RESUME AND COVER LETTER 101

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 7:00-9:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Presented by Nancy Fraasch, Walden University.

Register on www.mary.org on MyBasilica or contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

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 today!

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are expecting a baby or are in the process of adopting a child, 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 mslaughtert@mary.org for registration materials.

SEEKING PARISH MEMBERS WITH THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

STAFF THE WELCOME DESK OR SERVE COFFEE AND DONUTS

The Basilica's mission statement ends with this declaration: "The parish is marked by hospitality and rich diversity." There are many ways in which we accomplish this mission. One important way is by providing a welcome space where the community can gather and visit following Mass. Please consider serving God and your parish in this way. The time commitment is minimal – 30 minutes once or twice a month. The rewards are infinite! We especially need volunteers for the 7:30am, 4:30 and 6:30pm Masses. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417.

Get involved

PARISH PICNIC — FUN!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Do you like to bake? You can donate cupcakes for the cake walk. We also need people for set up, clean up and a variety of other tasks. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 or Kiera at kiera.jacobson@gmail.com.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

Being really listened to may heal, support and help us grow. What does real listening involve? How do we encourage another to tell his or her story? How do we know what to say and what not to say? How do we set the tone? How and when should we respond? BeFriender training provides the tools and skills for active, nonjudgmental listening. For information contact Cathy at 612.317.3474 or cedwards@mary.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGERS AND MUSICIANS: CHORAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG SINGER

Cherub Choir, Pre-K and K. Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00pm. Tuition of \$50 per child per season.

Children's Choir, Grades 1-3. Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm. Tuition of \$50 per child per season.

Children sing for Mass approximately every other month. Space is limited. Contact Pat at prarasim@gmail.com.

CHORAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE OLDER ELEMENTARY SINGER

Cathedral Choristers, Grades 4-8, or unchanged voice, Wednesdays 5:45-7:00pm. Tuition of \$55 per season. Requires a voice check in August. Cathedral Choristers sing for Mass twice a month and at Christmas and Easter. Space is limited. See www.mary.org or contact Teri at 612.317.3426 or tlarson@mary.org.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir sings for the 9:30am liturgy throughout the church year, September through June and major feast days and solemnities including Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. Repertoire includes music of all genres. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm. Auditions are required and include a prepared piece of music, sight-reading and pitch recognition. Space is limited and openings vary within each section. Auditions by appointment. Visit www.mary.org or contact Teri at 612.317.3426 or tlarson@mary.org.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Consider singing or playing an instrument in one of our contemporary music ministry ensembles.

Mundus, contemporary and world music ensemble;

Juventus, youth ensemble, grades 8 and up;

Contemporary Musicians Ensemble

Visit www.mary.org or contact Walter at 612.317.3506 or wtambor@mary.org.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 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 pkaempfer@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.

SEEING THROUGH THE EYES OF LUKE

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5-NOVEMBER 28, 7:00PM

REARDON RECTORY DINING ROOM

Join us this fall for prayer, faith sharing and fellowship as we read and explore the Gospel of Luke. Participants will be invited to share their reflections on the readings and on God in their daily lives and personal prayer. Led by Tricia Burns. Cost is \$25. Register at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.2414.

THEOLOGY DAY: ISLAMIST AND LIBERAL ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES ON AN IDEAL NATION-STATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 6:00-9:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Led by Jon Armajani, Ph.D., and presented by St. John's School of Theology. Please register at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414. Free will donations will be accepted.

SACRED, HOLY AND MINE

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16 AND 23, 11:00AM-12:30PM

STS. AMBROSE/THERESA ROOM, THE BASILICA'S GROUND LEVEL

Led by Carol Frenning, this two-part program will discuss the nature of sacred space. There is no cost to attend. Register at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.2414.

FREEDOM IN AN AGE OF CONSUMERISM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1:00-2:30PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Amy Levad, Ph.D., explores the meaning of freedom from a theological perspective in order to better understand how Christians ought to participate in free market economies. Please register by September 26 at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

August 17: Kelly Paskach/Matthew Bollis

August 18: Amber Bergstrom/Ryan Fagan

THANKING THOSE WHO LABOR FOR US

With the approach of Labor Day, it seems a fitting time to thank all those who labor for The Basilica of Saint Mary and The Basilica Landmark. Our volunteers and our staff work tirelessly and selflessly to make our parish the warm, welcoming, helpful, spiritual, beautiful, safe, secure, clean place you experience each week. What better way to thank them than with a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark to preserve and restore our historic church and its campus into the future. If you're ready to look at your estate planning, please contact Robin at 612.317.3429.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

School starts for many in just a few weeks, and your gift of \$75 provides five pairs of new school shoes for children in need. Please consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul. You can give online at www.mary.org/donate and 100% of your donation goes directly to help people in need.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

The Basilica Landmark's summer renovation projects are wrapping up, including:

- Sacristy renovation, funded by the Partners in Preservation grant
- Repair and renovation of the school plumbing and bathrooms
- Restoration of the exterior church doors

You can help *The Building of Hope* with a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund.

Please give online at www.thebasilicalandmark.org/give/how-you-can-help.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN WAY TO HELP THE BASILICA?

We're looking for volunteers to help with hand-addressing, mailings and other tasks in the development office. This is a fun way to socialize with other volunteers and an easy way to help The Basilica community. No experience is necessary and there is no commitment required to join our email list to find out about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Contact Kristian at kmuel@mary.org, 612.317.3421.



GREAT PUMPKIN BINGO — SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6:00-9:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL,

THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Bingo is back on a Saturday night. Bring a friend or the whole family and join us for food, fun, prizes and BINGO! Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. All proceeds benefit The Basilica. Stay tuned to www.mary.org for more information.

Christian life

CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER
The September 6 selection is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Call Karen at 612.872.7535.

DINNER WITH FR. GILLESPIE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Happy hour with cheese and wine at St. Albert the Great Church, followed by dinner at El Norteno, 4000 Lake St. For reservations, contact Tom or Cynthia at 612.926.2624.

PARISH PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10:30AM-1:30PM
EAST LAWN AND PLAZA (THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL, IN CASE OF RAIN)
The Basilica's annual end-of-summer get-together! After 9:30 or 11:30am Mass, swing on down for some tasty barbecue from Famous Dave's and a ministry expo. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 for more information.

- Be entertained by fiddlers and a jazz combo. Get your photo taken with Mudonna, the Saint Paul Saints mascot.
- Kids will enjoy a cake walk, face painting, balloon twister, scavenger hunt and more.
- Visit with fellow parishioners who are actively sharing their gifts with the community through volunteer ministry. You may very well discover an area in which you can get involved!

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH

It's back-to-school time, and our outreach and shoe ministries are busier than ever. We can always use hygiene items such as socks, shampoo, toothbrushes/toothpaste. Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org if you have items to donate.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS, 10:30AM-NOON
REARDON RECTORY
Relationships grow when experienced and novice knitters gather to create shawls that are blessed and presented to members of the community who are coping with the sorrow that illness, loss or loneliness may bring. New knitters are welcome, call Katie at 763.458.8679 or Jane at 763.479.1555.



Did You Know?

Visitors from 26 states and 10 countries as far away as New Zealand and India have signed The Basilica's guest register since the beginning of 2012.

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY EVENTS

Register at www.mary.org through MyBasilica or contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

THE FIVE SECRETS OF STRENGTHSFINDERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00-8:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

MYERS-BRIGGS AND YOUR JOB SEARCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7:00-9:00PM
REARDON RECTORY DINING ROOM

SOFAS AND SPOKES . . . AND APPLIANCES TOO!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:00AM-12:00PM
HENNEPIN AVE METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT
The annual furniture and bike drive of the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH) will accept appliances for the first time! Appliances must be less than 10 years old and in working condition. (Donors will be asked to take back appliances that don't meet these criteria.) Appliances benefit Habitat for Humanity. Furniture and bikes are distributed to guests of DCEH outreach programs. *Adult bikes only...no mattresses or box springs.* Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org with any questions.

LIVING OUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

How is God calling me to live out my faith in a concrete way? If this question resonates, JustFaith may be for you! Join a six-month, small-group, justice-formation process each Wednesday evening. Stretch your faith and understanding of Catholic social teaching through books, videos, lecture, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. Receive the gift of becoming community, sharing a life-giving and challenging journey of faith and compassion. Pre-registration required — contact Deb at 612-978-4216 or email Janice at jandersen@mary.org.

HEALTH CARE FORUM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1:00-2:30PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
How does health care reform affect us, the most vulnerable in our communities and our faith? Join The Basilica Voices For Justice and hear leaders in the field address issues relevant to our lives and the health of our community. For details or to get involved in The Basilica Voices for Justice, email Mary at mtgleich@gmail.com or call the Christian Life office at 612.317.3477.

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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.