



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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Welcome

For the past few weeks, I've been experiencing a little dry spell in my prayer life.

I'm not worried about it. It has happened before and it will probably happen again. Dry spells in prayer seem to be part and parcel of the spiritual life. People much holier than I — Blessed Mother Teresa for example

published in 1976 entitled *Song of the Sparrow: Meditations and Poems to Pray By*. Toward the end of the book I came across these words: *"If we were to attain what we reach for in prayer, then prayer would be*

comfort and fulfillment so many authors say it is supposed to bring."

"... if we can remember when we have experienced God's presence and grace in the past, we can then imagine that we will experience it again."

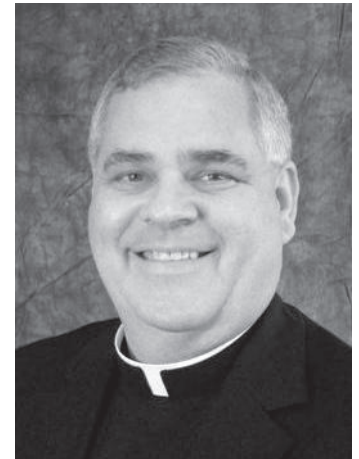
— have experienced long periods of dryness in their prayer. Yet they persisted because they believed that at some point they would experience again the God whom they had experienced and known in the past through their prayer and spiritual practices.

unnecessary. We reach out to God in prayer, and usually we are frustrated. Some books on prayer make me wonder if the author isn't exaggerating his own experience or putting into the book what he would like his prayer-life to be rather than what it really is. An active prayer-life does not mean an on-going experience of God. On the contrary, it usually means an on-going hunger for the God who seems not to be there. Like everything else worthwhile in the human condition, prayer is difficult and seldom brings with it the

As is often the case when I experience a dry spell in my prayer, I do some extra reading to help me get through the dryness. In this particular instance, I ran across a book by Murray Bodo, a Franciscan priest,

I found enormous comfort in these words. They reminded me that while we might like prayer to be a continuous experience of God's grace and presence, in fact this is not always — and sometimes not often — the case. And yet, we continue to pray. I suspect the reason for this is that God has placed within us a hunger for God's presence and grace. Once we have experienced this, we consciously or unconsciously yearn for more. It is a desire deep within us that keeps us trying to experience again and anew what we have known in the past.

I suspect more people pray than would admit it. I also suspect that most people experience dry spells in their prayer. At these times,



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor
The Basilica of Saint Mary

if we can remember when we have experienced God's presence and grace in the past, we can then imagine that we will experience it again. And this can propel us to continue praying — believing that the God who placed this hunger within us will ultimately satisfy it.

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

Biblical stewardship

Liturgy and sacred arts

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS

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

My name is Kathy Doty Koehler and I've been a parishioner for about 25 years and a volunteer even longer. Many times I have tried to discern God's call to use my spiritual gifts, but only sometimes have I succeeded. In this column over the past weeks, several volunteers have shared how they recognize their calling with clarity. They "feel energized rather than drained." They find themselves "full of joy." They "feel blessed to play a role in bringing the love of our parish to those most in need." They "feel an overwhelming sense of grace, peace and comfort." My response to these reflections is, "Yes, yes, yes, and yes!" That IS how it feels when God calls and I answer.

Except sometimes. Sometimes the call gets cut off. (Like those times I heard about interesting volunteer opportunities but never followed up.) Or sometimes God calls, and I pick up by mistake. (Like the time I tried something new and struggled through one of the longest evenings of my life, and afterwards I felt awful about myself and wondered if I had done more harm than good.) Then there are the times that God calls, but the message gets garbled. (Like the time I thought I was being called to serve, occasionally, as a parent-helper in a classroom, but as it turned out, I was being called to serve as a catechist. For six years.)

The point is, try something. If it feels right, great! If it doesn't feel right, don't do it anymore. If something needs to be done, God is calling someone to do it, so don't worry if it turns out not to be you. But keep the line open because God WILL call, and it will feel really good when you answer and the message comes through loud and clear.

On behalf of the Stewardship of Gifts team, I invite you to reflect on your gifts and consider what God might be calling you to do. Visit www.mary.org and select "Volunteer" or contact Sally at 612.317.3417.

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. Can Do Canines will share information about their organization.



THE ROSE ENSEMBLE CONCERT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 8:00PM, CHURCH
PRE-CONCERT DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM
The Miraculous Mass of Mary: North American premiere of a Renaissance masterpiece with special guest, Voces8 of London. Voces8 returns to the Twin Cities to take the stage with The Rose Ensemble in a ground-breaking performance of "Missa Ave Virgo Sanctissima" by Renaissance composer Géry de Ghersem, active in the Spanish courts of the 17th century. This program of ethereal vocal music includes Gregorian chant, Spanish-language villanescas, Latin motets, an encore performance of Sergey Khvoshchinsky's "Ave Maria," commissioned by The Rose Ensemble in 2010, and Ghersem's "miraculous" masterpiece, his sole-surviving Mass. For tickets, visit www.roseensemble.org or call 651.225.4340.

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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.

SOLEMN VESPERS FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 3:00PM, CHURCH
To mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council Pope Benedict XVI has called for the celebration of a Year of Faith. Archbishop Nienstedt will open this year with Solemn Vespers at The Basilica. The Year of Faith will be marked by prayer, education and service.

VESPERS FOR ALL SOULS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 3:00PM
During the month of November we remember all those who have gone before us. We begin this month of remembrance with solemn evening prayer for all our beloved dead. The names of all those who have died within the last year will be mentioned during the Litany of the Saints. All other names of the faithful departed will be listed in the Vespers leaflet. Names of the faithful departed may be submitted online at www.mary.org or by calling The Basilica office by October 29. You are invited to bring photographs of family or friends who have passed and place them on the side altars of The Basilica for the month of November. Please join us for this moving celebration.

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

SACRED ART EXHIBIT: ICONS IN TRANSFORMATION: ART BY LUDMILA PAWLOWSKA

SEPTEMBER 22—NOVEMBER 15

CHURCH, POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY, TERESA OF
CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
MEET THE ARTIST AFTER MASSES THE WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 22-23

Russian born Ludmila Pawlowska, who now works in
Sweden, has been deeply influenced by the color and
symbolism of the art in her home country. The
exhibition is not about icons but shows the icon as an
inspiration for Ludmila's artistic vision.

SACRED, HOLY AND MINE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 11:00AM-12:30PM

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

Led by Carol Frenning, this program will discuss the nature
of sacred space. There is no cost to attend.

CATHOLICS COMING HOME

WEDNESDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 7:00PM

BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7 WEST

Catholics Coming Home is an outreach to those who have
drifted away from regular participation in our church,
allowing them to take another look. Registration is not
needed. Questions? Call Paula at 612.317.3473.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LANDSCAPING PROJECT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 9:00AM-1:00PM, ST. PAUL

Our friends at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral have invited
us to join them on a Habitat for Humanity landscaping
project. Register with Lynn at 612.331.4866 or
lynn.gilligan@comcast.net.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP — WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00-8:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Led by Fr. J. Michael Joncas. Our discussion will concentrate
on the process of conscience formation in reference to
political and social questions. Register by September 26 at
www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414.

USE SCRIP CARDS FOR FOOTBALL TAILGATING AND BBQS

Football frenzy has officially begun! One of the best things
about football has to be tailgating and BBQs — use Scrip for
all your grocery items like burgers, hot dogs, chips, paper
plates and flatware. Scrip cards are available weekdays at
the Reardon Rectory; Sundays after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am
Masses; or buy online at www.mary.org/scrip. Questions?
Call Nola at 612.333.1381.

Volunteers are needed to sell Scrip cards after the 7:30, 9:30
and 11:30am Sunday masses, generally a one-hour shift per
month. Good people skills and attention to detail needed.
Background check is required. If interested, contact
Terri at 612.317.3471 or thashmore@mary.org.

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Get involved

RING THE BELLS OF ST. MARY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 6:30PM, ST. CECILIA ROOM
(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

The Basilica music ministry is looking for people
interested in learning more about ringing The Basilica's
unique handbells at occasional festival liturgies. People
with any level of musical experience are invited to attend.
contact Chris at 612.317.3505 or cstroh@mary.org with
questions.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE — JOIN A TEAM!

Ministers of Hospitality (ushers/greeters) are essential in
supporting The Basilica's mission of hospitality to the
city. Join a ministry team today to have a profound
impact on the celebration of the liturgy. Volunteers serve
once a month at their preferred Mass time. Contact
Travis at tsalisbury@mary.org or 612.317.3433 for more
information and to sign up.

DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

There is significant need for more Eucharistic Ministers
at all Mass times on the weekend. The time commitment
is once a month at your preferred Mass time. Training is
required and provided. Please contact Travis at
612.317.3433 or tsalisbury@mary.org for more details.

GET THE BEST SEAT AT MASS

Acolytes (altar servers) share in an amazing ministry and
want to welcome you onto one of our teams. The time
commitment is once a month at your preferred Mass
time. Training is provided. Contact Travis at
tsalisbury@mary.org for more information.

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 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.

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY?

If so, help with the treats we serve at St. Vincent de Paul
shoe and outreach ministry. We need someone to be "on-
call" to pick up food donations and serve them. Contact
Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org for details
and help us make a real impact on the lives of our hungry
neighbors in need!

MEALS ON WHEELS SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS NEEDED!

Each Tuesday at lunch, the Basilica Meals on Wheels
team delivers healthy, tasty meals to our homebound
neighbors. Substitutes are frequently needed — contact
Leah at 612.374.4757 or lhtich@msn.com or Brittany at
612.532.1023 or bgarcia1210@yahoo.com to get involved.

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

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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.

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.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS, 1:00-3:00PM

Beginning October 1st, this group is designed for women who would like to meet to read and discuss books that intersect with our faith, discuss the Sunday scripture readings, and explore how we live as Catholic women on our spiritual journeys. Bring an open heart and a questioning mind. There is no cost to attend, though participants will be asked to purchase their own books. Register by calling 612.317.3414 or at www.mary.org.

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 mslaughter@mary.org for registration materials.

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD THROUGH CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 7, 14 AND 21, 11:00AM-12:30PM

ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL, THE BASILICA'S GROUND LEVEL

Presented by Catherine Michaud, CSJ, this three-part series will focus on revisiting the mission of the laity and the primacy of conscience, methods of Christian decision-making and discernment, and prayer for grace and holy indifference. Cost is \$20 for the series. Please register at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414. Scholarships are available.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION FOR TODAY'S BELIEVERS

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 28, NOVEMBER 4 AND 11, 11:00AM-12:30PM

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

Led by Cathy Cory, PhD, participants will study the biblical text and focus on how it invites us to hear God's voice in the present time and how it challenges us to renew our faith commitment today, so that we can live as a people of hope and promise. Register by October 24 at www.mary.org or by calling 612.317.3414. Cost is \$20; scholarships are available.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

September 14: Kelsey Budner and David Clark

September 15: Mignon Iber and Shawn Finn

GREAT PUMPKIN BINGO

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

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL,

THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Bingo is back on a Saturday night! Join us for Mass and stay for Bingo. Bring a friend or the whole family and enjoy food, fun, prizes and BINGO! Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. All proceeds benefit The Basilica of Saint Mary. Get your tickets on the register page at www.mary.org. For more information, contact Leah at 612.317.3432 or lfogelberg@mary.org.

FALL CHECK LIST: DON'T PLAN BY DEFAULT!

For many people, estate planning, which usually includes writing a Will or a Trust, is something intimidating or mysterious. For many reasons, many of us never get around to this project, or if we do, it's in the face of a crisis. You might not realize that even if you've never written a Will, you have engaged in estate planning by default. Even worse, chances are that your "default" estate plan might not be what you really want to leave behind for the people and institutions you care about. This fall, when you're cleaning up to prepare for winter, give some thought to cleaning up your affairs as well. And while you're considering who and what to remember in your estate planning, please consider a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark for the preservation and restoration of our historic church and its campus. More info? Contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN AND EASY WAY TO HELP?

We're looking for help with hand-addressing, mailings and other tasks in the development office. 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 kmauel@mary.org or 612.317.3421.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

Have you seen the variety of Basilica Landmark projects completed this summer? The Basilica Landmark has invested over \$1.1 million in our campus buildings this year alone, including: Sacristy renovation, funded by the Partners in Preservation grant, renovation of the school bathrooms and 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.

SANTA BASH 2012

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, JAMES VALENTINE VFW POST 246

Mix, mingle and dance the night away in style! Tickets are \$20, or \$100 for a six-pack and are available online at www.mary.org. Must be 21+ to enter. For more information or to sponsor the event contact Meghan at 612.317.3428 or mgustafson@mary.org.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Last weekend, we had a second collection to help our sisters and brothers in need with food, shoes, transportation, rent assistance, life skills and so much more. You can still participate — give online at www.mary.org/donate. Every single penny of your donation goes directly to the people we serve.

Christian life

CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER
The October 4th book selection is *Safe From the Sea* by Peter Geye.
Call Karen at 612.872.7535.

CROSSROADS AT THE OLD LOG THEATER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24
Lunch at noon followed by the play *A Perfect Wedding* at 1:30pm.
Cost \$32.25 per person. Reservations needed by October 19 to
Marilyn at 763.541.9393.

CROSSROADS FALL HARVEST DINNER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 5:00PM
Bring a fall vegetable or fruit dish to share. Limit of 20 people. For
location and information, call Bill or Bev at 612.827.3033.

JUSTFAITH

How is God calling me to live out my faith in a concrete way?

If this question resonates, JustFaith may be for you! JustFaith is a six-month justice formation process that meets weekly employing books, videos, lecture, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. JustFaith provides a tapestry of learning that enlivens the remarkable justice tradition of our church, and the gift of becoming community, sharing a life-giving and challenging journey of faith and compassion. Pre-registration is required. Contact Deb at deb.polchow@anoka.k12.mn.us or Janice at 612.317.3477.

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.

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED

Our outreach ministry is always in need of hygiene items such as socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shampoo. Donations can be dropped off at the Reardon Rectory. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in need!



Did You Know?

September is World Alzheimer's Month. During September, **Go Purple** in recognition of the 36 million people worldwide living with dementia and the millions of caregivers battling this disease.

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY EVENTS'

ATTENTION JOB SEEKERS! THE INTERNET IS COSTING YOU \$25 PER HOUR (OR MORE!)

OCTOBER 16; 6:00-8:00PM, TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
Applying for jobs online is costing the average job seeker \$25 per hour. Join us to learn why, and what to do about it. Done right, the internet is an incredibly powerful job search tool. Sadly, most people let the internet drive them, and end up wasting days and months in all the wrong places. The speaker is Catherine Byers Breet, Chief Stripe Changer ARBEZ, www.arbez.com. Sponsored by Brad Markwell of Thrivent Financial. For over three years, Brad and Thrivent have supported Catherine's community outreach and guided over 5000 job seekers.

SPEED INTERVIEWING

OCTOBER 23, 7:00-9:00PM, RECTORY DINING ROOM
Coach Cindy Edwards will help you make a first and lasting impression in a job interview. Topics include: first impressions, your personal brand, interviewing types, interviewing response techniques, closing the interview and more. Includes two rounds of mock speed interviewing.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Join us and help make The Basilica a home for families without housing. Through the local non-profit organization Families Moving Forward, The Basilica provides meals and temporary emergency shelter to families three weeks per year. Volunteers are needed to cook/serve meals, stay overnight with families at the church, play with the kids, converse with the adults, wash laundry and set up/take down sleeping rooms. Make a real impact on the lives of local families! Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org to get involved — it's a great family-friendly opportunity!

TENTH ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, ST. PAUL
Bishop Lee Piché will be leading the 10th annual Candlelight Rosary Procession from the Minnesota State Capitol to the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Gathering time is 6:00pm on the Capitol approach for pre-procession music and speakers; the procession begins at 7:00 pm. For more information see www.familyrosaryprocession.org.

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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.