



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

## Welcome

It is hard to come to The Basilica any time of the year without coming face-to-face with people who are homeless “signing” for money.

The sight of people panhandling is powerful and provocative. It is an experience that pulls at the hearts and minds of every person of faith.

What is the best response to the people who are “signing” and panhandling on the corners of our city? How does one act in

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accord with our faith when there are so many variables to consider? What is the compassionate thing to do? What is the faithful thing to do?

Recently, The Basilica was part of two programs about panhandling through our work with the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness. These programs wrestled with the complex issues of homelessness and panhandling. Together with business owners, police officers, neighborhood representatives, mental health experts and homeless advocates, The Basilica led a conversation that got to the heart of the question: *How should I respond to panhandling?*

Realizing that you will always be guided by your conscience at the

moment of meeting the person panhandling, we offer the following guidelines adopted by the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness for responding to people who panhandle in our community. I invite you to prayerfully read these suggestions and enter into conversation with your family,

friends, co-workers and neighbors.

### **1. Give recognition and an openness to a relationship.**

The most important part of a response is to recognize the dignity of the person panhandling. With an open heart, greet the person, and if it is possible, get to know their name and their story.

### **2. Do not give money.**

Giving money perpetuates panhandling in our community: if you make money, you keep doing it. It also feeds addictions and leads people into a downward spiral of health. Giving money may be the easiest thing to do, but we are challenged to respond in a compassionate way that makes a real difference.

One man who was formerly homeless shared his story of “making” over \$400 in less than half an hour panhandling in front of The Basilica one Sunday morning. He admitted that the magnitude scared him. He said, “It was so easy. I could feel myself being pulled toward letting go of everything else in my life and staying there. I had to stop right away or I was going to be lost in my addiction.”

### **3. Build relationships with and support programs that work to end homelessness.**

Get to know the programs at The Basilica and in the broader community that work on the important issue of ending homelessness. Specifically, get involved with The Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness, The Basilica’s St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, and St. Stephen’s Human Services. Support these programs with donations and volunteer time, and direct people who panhandle to them. For more information, contact the Christian Life office at 612.317.3477.

### **4. Advocate for policies and laws that will address issues that are the root cause of panhandling (including**

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involved ... visit  
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learn more!*



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The Basilica of Saint Mary

**homelessness, mental illness, poverty, addiction).**

Get to know your elected officials, and let them know your priority of ending panhandling. Tell the stories of the people that you meet on the streets. Share with everyone you know about why ending homelessness is important to our community and to you. Get involved in The Basilica Voices for Justice Team and work to empower our community to advocate for these important issues.

The experience of coming face-to-face with people panhandling invites and challenges us to put our faith into action. Let us struggle together as we prayerfully decide what action to take.

#### 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

*"People do not hear the Lord's call in isolation from one another....Vocations are communicated, discerned, accepted and lived out in a community of faith which is a community of disciples."*  
—Pope John Paul II

My name is Michelle Bovy and I've been a Basilica parishioner for about 10 years. I spent four years volunteering in the learning department as a Wednesday evening catechist. I read in the bulletin that there was a need and felt called to give back to a parish that provided so much to my spiritual well-being. So, amidst a chaotic schedule of work and family, I sometimes had to force myself to show up on Wednesday evenings. Surprisingly, however, in the classroom of a dozen or so elementary-aged children, I felt an overwhelming sense of grace, peace and comfort — the last things I expected to find there! In addition, I met fellow catechists who became true friends that I'm blessed to have in my life to this day.

What I took from this experience is that when you do what God calls you to do, even when it doesn't feel easy, it will often energize you rather than drain you.

I am no longer a catechist but may very well return to that calling at some point. Currently, I work with a team of parishioners whose objective is to increase engagement in our faith community. During the months of August and September, we focus on and communicate the message of stewardship of our gifts — sharing your skills, talents, love and experience. This is just one theme of six that comprise the overarching theme of Biblical Stewardship, a way of life rooted in scripture.

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](http://www.mary.org) and select "Volunteer," or contact Sally at 612.317.3417.

## 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.

## 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.

## CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO BE A PERMANENT DEACON?

For single or married men, age 30-60 years old, who want to follow Christ Jesus — who came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many. Diaconate Inquiry Sessions will be held on October 3, 10, 17 and 20 at The Saint Paul Seminary. Contact Patty McQuillan at [patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu](mailto:patty.mcquillan@stthomas.edu) or 651. 962.6891 to register. Questions? Contact Deacon Russ Kocemba at [kocemba@msn.com](mailto:kocemba@msn.com) or 952.933.3660.

## 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](http://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.

## 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

### SVDP INFORMATION TABLE THIS WEEKEND

Visit the St. Vincent de Paul ministries information table after the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses and learn how you can get involved in Families Moving Forward and other ministries helping our neighbors in need.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SECOND COLLECTION

With school underway and cooler temperatures on the way, our sisters and brothers need your help with food, shoes, transportation, rent assistance, life skills and so much more. With your St. Vincent de Paul support, we are able to respond with grace and dignity to thousands of neighbors in need. We will have a SVdP second collection at all Masses this weekend, or you can give online at [www.mary.org/donate](http://www.mary.org/donate). One-hundred percent — every single penny — of your donation goes directly to the people we serve.

### HEALTH CARE FORUM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1:00-2:30PM,

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

How does Health Care Reform affect each of us and the most vulnerable in our communities? How does it intersect with our faith? Join The Basilica Voices For Justice team to hear from leaders in the field and enter into civic dialogue about this timely issue. To get involved, contact Mary at [mtgleich@gmail.com](mailto:mtgleich@gmail.com) or Janice at 612.317.3477.

### EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY EVENT: THE FIVE SECRETS OF STRENGTHSFINDERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00-8:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

John Warder is an HR trainer and coach and is one of the most knowledgeable on the StrengthsFinder Profile. He will describe how to use the Top Five Talents in interview situations. Register at [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org) on MyBasilica or contact Janet at [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) or 612.317.3508.

### CATHOLICS COMING HOME

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 19-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.

### 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.

## Get involved

### 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](mailto:kmauel@mary.org) or 612.317.3421.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jfreeman@mary.org) for details and help us make a real impact on the lives of our hungry neighbors in need!

### 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.

### 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 [lhstich@msn.com](mailto:lhstich@msn.com) or Brittany at 612.532.1023 or [bgarcia1210@yahoo.com](mailto:bgarcia1210@yahoo.com) to get involved.

### FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 4

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, 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](mailto:jfreeman@mary.org).

### THE HANDBELLS OF SAINT MARY NEED YOU

We are looking for people interested in learning more about ringing The Basilica's unique handbells at occasional festival liturgies. An informational gathering will take place on Thursday, November 8 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. Questions? Contact Chris at 612.317.3505 or [cstroh@mary.org](mailto:cstroh@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.

## FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP — WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

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

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S 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 with special focus on seven key themes: the right to life and the dignity of the human person; the call to family, community, and participation; rights and responsibilities; the option for the poor and the vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity; and caring for God's creation. Please register by September 26 at [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org) on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414.

## 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](http://www.mary.org) on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 8: Breanne Boiteau/Marc Rochan;  
Emily Kennedy/Joshua Kempf

## THE BASILICA LANDMARK

The Basilica Landmark had a very busy summer, completing several significant projects. Please take a moment to check out the 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](http://www.thebasilicalandmark.org/give/how-you-can-help).

## FALL CHECK LIST: FIRST THINGS FIRST

Taking care of your health is important not only to you but to those who care about you — and who may need to care for you. Now is the perfect time to prepare a Health Care Directive that sets forth your health care wishes and allows you to appoint another to speak on your behalf in the event that you are ever unable to do so.

Do you realize spouses cannot make health care decisions for each other unless they have signed a validly executed Health Care Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney? And once you're 18, neither your parents nor "closest relative" can make health care decisions for you without a signed Health Care Directive or Health Care Power of Attorney. Contact [www.mnaging.org](http://www.mnaging.org) or your doctor's office for a simple, free form.

And while you're taking this important step for your welfare and that of your spouse and children, please remember the welfare of The Basilica of Saint Mary with a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark. For more information contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or [rkeyworth@mary.org](mailto:rkeyworth@mary.org).



## 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](http://www.mary.org). For more information, contact Leah at 612.317.3432 or [lfogelberg@mary.org](mailto:lfogelberg@mary.org).

## Christian life

### CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

#### 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.

#### BOOK CLUB

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

#### CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 10:30AM

Cruise on a Padelford Riverboat from Harriet Island for a four-hour tour into Minneapolis. Feast on brats and kraut and listen to polka music. Cost \$39.25 per person. RSVP and payment deadline was September 1. Call Karl at 763.427.7891 ASAP.



## Did You Know?

Fourteen infants will celebrate the sacrament of baptism at The Basilica of Saint Mary this weekend.

### CELEBRATING THE BASILICA'S MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

During 2011-2012, The Basilica of Saint Mary's mental health ministry accomplished many things in our mission to eradicate the stigma of mental illness. In addition to our two blessings in December and June, we hosted the following:

- Maureen Edstrom: "The Power of Prayer with Mental Illness"
- William Moyers: "The Spiritual Journey of Addiction and Recovery"
- Sue Gonyea: "The Caregiver's Caregiver"
- Fidgety Fairy Tales
- Interact Gallery Art Show

Look for a flyer soon detailing the events of our 2012-2013 theme: *Real People, Real Lives*

### AFTER-MASS HOSPITALITY IS AN IMPORTANT MINISTRY

The Basilica's mission statement ends with this declaration: "The parish is marked by hospitality and rich diversity." One way we accomplish this mission is by providing a welcome space where the community can gather and visit following Mass. Please consider serving by assisting at the coffee and donuts table or welcoming guests at the information desk. The time commitment is minimal — 30 minutes once or twice a month — and the rewards are infinite! We especially need volunteers for the 7:30am, 4:30pm, and 6:30pm Masses. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417.

### 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 Gilligan at 612.331.4866 or [lynnigilligan@comcast.net](mailto:lynnigilligan@comcast.net).

### 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](mailto:jandersen@mary.org).

### TRY SCRIP SHOPPING CARDS

Do you buy gas, groceries, or shop at local department stores? Eat out at local restaurants? Try Scrip shopping cards. Scrip is easy, convenient, and doesn't cost you any extra. The Basilica receives a rebate from vendors ranging from two to 20 percent. On sale weekdays at the Reardon Rectory, and Sunday after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses, or buy online at [www.mary.org/scrip](http://www.mary.org/scrip). Questions? Call Nola at 612.333.1381. Volunteers are also needed to staff the Scrip table after Sunday morning Masses.

#### CONTACT US

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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](http://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.*