



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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## Welcome

There is not anything much cuter and sweeter than the yearly church Christmas pageant.

Tiny angels, little shepherds with painted-on beards, children dressed as donkeys, cows, sheep, the Three Kings, Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. The Basilica's celebration, **Our Gift of Song: An Epiphany Celebration**, is all of this. But The Basilica has combined the pageant with

**"Our children are our future and the support we show them is critical for our faith community."**

the strength of its parish-wide programs. **Our Gift of Song** is where our three programming departments come together - Liturgy, Learning, and Life – in a multigenerational event.

Imagine over 100 child, youth, and adult voices joining together to sing music of Christmas from around the world as well as the most familiar and beloved carols of the season.

Imagine the children of our Religious Education programs learning the carols and the stories that are part of the program during their

weekly classes starting in November and attending a preparatory Advent event and a dress rehearsal in January.

Imagine collaborating with our caring and justice ministries to designate an organization each year for which funds and products are

collected in support of their mission.

Imagine partnerships with The Guthrie Theater, professional actors and musicians, and our neighboring parishes.

These things we imagine are the strengths of our parish and the reasons people join our church: our incredible liturgies, our well-thought-out educational curriculum, our ministries that care for those with less, and our place of prominence as a member of our community.

This year's event is our 16th annual. It was originally called Lessons and Carols and took place during Advent. Several years ago, a conscious change was made to hold the event on Epiphany, because as explained by Music Director Teri Larson, "We have planned this event as an important part of the education of youth here at The Basilica, acknowledging that Christmas in our liturgical cycle follows through Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord, and is not governed by social norms, thus allowing the children to have a fuller grasp of the Christmas story and its meaning in our lives through the arts."

The highlights this year include the telling of the folk story, Babushka and The Three Kings; the combined choral piece, Sing for Peace; the Vietnamese dancers from Saint Anne/Saint Joseph Hein Church on the North Side; and a collection for Friends of Chimbote of Peru.



**Janet Grove**

Liturgy/Special Projects

This event is naturally a proud moment for the children and their parents and grandparents. But it is an equally proud moment for our entire parish whether you are a new or long time member, a young adult or a retiree. Our children are our future and the support we show them is critical for our faith community. Come experience the beauty and wonder of the Christmas season as seen through their eyes.

**Our Gift of Song: An Epiphany Celebration  
January 6, 2013 at 2:00pm**

### 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

### GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Agriculture Sector Development

Eco-palms in Southern Mexico and Northern Guatemala - One Approach to Sustainable Development

Although we have just celebrated Christmas, consider the Easter season. On Palm Sunday, have you thought about the origin of your palms?

Lately, eco-palms are a project similar to certified coffee, chocolate or diamonds. They are harvested in such a way that preserves the forest, and more of the sale price ends up in the hands of those who cut them. For some farmers, palms were purchased for quantity and not quality: this often pushes farmers to cut everything and leaves sorting and discarding—up to 50%—to the middlemen. For eco-palms, farmers are paid directly for the quality of the palm, leaving fewer palms—about 10%—discarded. Furthermore, eco-palms are community-based enterprise development, putting more responsibility, accountability and ownership in the hands of the farmers.

Eco-palms create two main impacts from its industry: environmental sustainability and social justice. Because palm cutters are trained to cut properly and allow the plant to survive, conserving bird and insect habitats and the greater forest.

Collaborations between private, public and non-governmental organization sector partners allow this industry to flourish instead of corporate competition hampering local communities. Regarding social justice, more money remains in the harvesting communities because of direct sales and higher purchase prices. Additionally, women in these communities bundle the palms.

Bringing jobs to these villages adds value to their societies through gender equality and stimulates the economy through new sources of employment. This form of development not only preserves its environmental source, but also establishes and strengthens community justice.

## 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)

### OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

#### CRÊCHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

DECEMBER 1—JANUARY 13, 2013

JOHN XXIII GALLERY & TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

#### OUR GIFT OF SONG

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2:00PM, THE BASILICA

Never been to Our Gift of Song? Wondering what to expect? Imagine the combined forces of over 100 children, youth, and adults of The Basilica joining to sing the anthem "Sing For Peace" by Jim Papoulis and Francisco Núñez. Originally written for the 2004 Lincoln Center Tree Lighting Ceremony in New York City, this piece speaks of the universal need for peace, not only in our outer world to eliminate war and conflicts, but our inner world and peace within oneself. The music begins simply with handbells, then slowly layers in voices and percussion. The children call out for peace in Spanish, Hebrew, Swahili, Latin, Native American, Japanese, and French, and the rhythmic joy crescendos to a rousing finale. Mark your calendars now as this is one of those not to be missed moments!

As is our tradition, we will be collecting donations for an organization as part of this event. This year, that organization is the Friends of Chimbote in Peru. 21 Basilica parishioners will visit the parish in Chimbote from December 26, 2012 - January 3, 2013. A member of the parish recently started a Catholic pre-school. She is doing a great job working with the poor of the neighborhood. Most of the parents of the children cannot pay much, if anything, for her pre-school. Any games for children ages 2 - 5, or puzzles, coloring books, crayons, pencils, markers, etc., would be much appreciated. Another group from the Twin Cities will be visiting Chimbote in February; they will bring our items with them. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please bring your donations to the event on January 6 or make checks payable to Friends of Chimbote. Muchas gracias.

### TAIZÉ WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 5:30PM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

### GREGORIAN VESPERS FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 3:00PM, BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

The Rose Ensemble

## Events of the Week

### MORNING PRAYER FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS, 9:15AM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

### BYA (BASILICA YOUNG ADULT) BROOMBALL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 26-FEBRUARY 6, 6:00PM, MATTHEWS PARK

If you are interested in playing, please send an email [bya@mary.org](mailto:bya@mary.org) for more details. Otherwise, please plan to come and cheer on the BYA team!

### SOLEMN VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 3:00PM, BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 5:00PM, THE BASILICA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 10:00AM, THE BASILICA

### NEW YEARS EVE & NEW YEARS DAY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

There is a 7:00am Mass on New Year's Eve Day. There is no noon Mass.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

There is no 9:15am Morning Prayer on New Year's Day.

There is no 7:00am Mass or noon Mass on New Year's Day.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – PURCHASE SCRIP GIFT CARDS ON A REGULAR BASIS

As the holiday season is winding down, people start thinking about making changes for the New Year. Why not make using our Scrip program a priority for the New Year and purchase Scrip cards? Use Scrip cards to do your weekly grocery shopping and be sure to fill up with gas with one of our many Scrip cards. We carry Scrip cards for books, coffee, department stores, gas, groceries, pharmacies, restaurants and specialty stores. There are also hundreds of vendors to choose from online.

Online ordering is available and it is easy and convenient. Go to [www.mary.org/scrip](http://www.mary.org/scrip) to learn more and view a current list of retailers. Follow the "6 easy steps to register." Set up a Presto Pay account and you can even print off e-Cards within minutes. You have the convenience of shopping 24/7 online.

Scrip gift cards are available online; Sundays after 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am Masses; and Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm in the Reardon Rectory Office.

## Get Involved

### PRAYER SHAWL PRAYER

"...This shawl is to wrap you up, when you are cold, when you are hurting, when you are tired. This shawl is filled with blessings, with prayers and with love." If you would like to be a part of this ministry or if you or someone you know would like to receive a shawl, please call or e-mail 612.317.3474 or [cedwards@mary.org](mailto:cedwards@mary.org).

### COLD DAYS!

This time of year guests to St. Vincent de Paul Outreach and Shoe Ministry are in need of warm winter wear such as hats, scarves, gloves and mittens! And, guests are always in need of shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, feminine needs, etc.. Donating is very simple - just deposit items in the blue bin outside of the elevator on the lower level.

### A NEW MINISTRY - CATERING TEAM

Do you enjoy entertaining guests in your home? If so, perhaps you'd like to put that passion to work at The Basilica. I'm looking for several parish members to join a team effort to improve the way we support gatherings of 20-40 guests such as New Member Dinners but also special forums, receptions, etc. Please contact Sally at 612.317.3417 or [scarlson@mary.org](mailto:scarlson@mary.org) to explore further. No obligation or hard sell! Even if you simply have ideas to share, I'd love to hear from you.

### HELP US SHINE!

Do you like to clean, iron, polish or organize? The altar guild cares for the many vestments, vessels, and chapels/shrines of The Basilica and needs your help. Contact Travis at [tsalisbury@mary.org](mailto:tsalisbury@mary.org).

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE — JOIN A TEAM!

Ministers of Hospitality (ushers/greeters) are essential in supporting The Basilica's mission of hospitality to the city. Volunteers serve once a month at their preferred Mass time. Contact Travis at [tsalisbury@mary.org](mailto:tsalisbury@mary.org) or 612.317.3433 for more information or 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. Contact Travis at 612.317.3433 or [tsalisbury@mary.org](mailto: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 to 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](mailto:tsalisbury@mary.org) for more information.

*Check out all of our opportunities for volunteering at [www.mary.org](http://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 planning. If registrations are low, we will need to cancel the event.

## 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 [mslaughtner@mary.org](mailto:mslaughtner@mary.org) for registration materials.

## REMARriage/BLENDED FAMILY SEMINAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:30-9:00PM, RECTORY DINING ROOM  
This important seminar is for couples who are in a remarriage or are considering a remarriage, and one or both have been married before and/or have children. This workshop will discuss some of the unique and important issues in a remarriage/blended family. Register on [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org) or call 612.317.3478 for more information. Cost is \$50/couple.

## THE YEAR OF FAITH 2013: CLAIMING THE TREASURES OF VATICAN II

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 13-FEBRUARY 3, 11:00AM-12:30PM  
STS. SMBROSE AND TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL  
Sr. Catherine Michaud, CSJ, will lead us on a treasure hunt through the key documents promulgated during the Second Vatican Council during this four part series. Please register on [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org) or by calling 612.317.3414. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships are available.

### BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

#### MEALS FOR MINDS FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 6:00-8:30PM  
SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY, 1201 UNIVERSITY AVE NE,  
MINNEAPOLIS  
We'll help sort food, set up stations and provide friendly service to put food directly into the hands of those in need. Space is limited to 20 volunteers. Email [bya@mary.org](mailto:bya@mary.org) to sign up.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS  
BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7  
Sr. Catherine Michaud will present on the topic of The Early Church.

*Sign up for the BYA e-Newsletter on MyBasilica on [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org) or visit the Basilica Young Adults Facebook page to learn about all of the upcoming BYA events.*

## THEOLOGY DAY — CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM: THE TRANSFORMING JOURNEY TO GOD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:00-9:00PM  
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL  
S. Mary Foreman, OSB, will present on this topic. Please register on [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org) on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414. Presented by St. John's School of Theology—Seminary. Donations will be accepted. A light meal will be served.

## YOUR YEAR-END GIFT TO THE BASILICA

The Basilica relies heavily on your year-end generosity to support our life-changing ministries 365 days a year. We have hundreds of ministries for children and families, the elderly, the unemployed, and those experiencing illness, grief or sorrow in our parish and in our greater community. You can help by:

- **Making a pledged financial commitment for 2013.** Your pledged commitment helps us budget and plan for the coming year. Please look for a pledge form in the back of church or pledge online at [www.mary.org/donate](http://www.mary.org/donate).

- **Fulfilling your 2012 pledge.** Your regular contributions and fulfilling your 2012 pledge commitments helps us achieve our budgeted revenue projections.

- **Making a special year end gift.** Over 30% of our annual donations are given at year-end.

Please consider a special gift to help us start the new year in a strong financial position. In order to receive tax-deduction credit for your 2012 taxes, mailed checks must be postmarked by December 31, 2012. Gifts to be billed to your credit card should be made online at [www.mary.org/donate](http://www.mary.org/donate) for processing this year, as The Basilica offices are closed on December 31, 2012 and January 1, 2013. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year, and wishing you have many blessings in the New Year!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR BASILICA SWEETHEART BINGO!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:00-9:00PM, LOWER LEVEL  
Beat the winter blues with Sweetheart Bingo Night! Contact Meghan at 612.317.3428 or [mgustafson@mary.org](mailto:mgustafson@mary.org) for information.

## GIFTS OF VALUE

When you look back at your Christmas celebrations this past week, what is it that makes you smile? Being with family and friends, attending The Basilica's glorious liturgies, sharing meals and exchanging gifts are part of the Christmas season for many of us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. So often the gift that touches us most is the thoughtful, caring one, not the most costly. The gift's value doesn't come from its price, but from the love, commitment, concern and dedication it reflects. So too with legacy gifts to The Basilica Landmark for the ongoing preservation and restoration of our beloved historic church—making a commitment to legacy in your will or trust or as a beneficiary of an IRA or 401(K) gives the gift its value, not the amount of the gift. As you continue to celebrate the Christmas season please consider a final gift in 2012, your legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark. For more information contact Robin at 612.317-3429 or [rkeyworth@mary.org](mailto:rkeyworth@mary.org).

## THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

The work of preserving and maintaining a historic landmark is ongoing, and nearly \$1 million was spent in 2012 for maintenance and restoration projects. In 2012, we restored the Narthex and Sacristy, repaired the west column on The Basilica's front facade, re-floored and repainted the St. Joseph Chapel, repaired the Rectory west portico and restored all the church exterior doors. Projects for 2013 include re-roofing The Basilica School and building a new elevator tower for The Reardon Rectory. Your support will ensure this exceptional building stands strong for future generations. Please support The Basilica Landmark's Annual Fund with an online gift [thebasilicalandmark.org/give](http://thebasilicalandmark.org/give).

# Christian Life

## DCEH INTERFAITH ADVOCACY TRAINING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 7:00-8:30PM

Join an interfaith effort sponsored by the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness to become an effective advocate for those most in need in our community. This interfaith effort builds relationships across congregation. For more information, call Kathy at 952.920.0391.

## MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE WELCOMES YOU SOCIAL HOUR

JANUARY 8, 7:00-8:00PM, RECTORY DINING ROOM

Join us and learn more about our mental health ministry. RSVP to [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) or 612.3178.3508.

## COMPREHENSIVE JOB SEARCH CLASS - FOUR-WEEK PROGRAM

JANUARY 10, 17, 24, AND 31 6:00-9:00PM

Learn and refresh yourself on all of the basics of the job search. RSVP to [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) or 612.317.3508.

## RECYCLE PERSONAL ELECTRONICS

JANUARY 12-13, 2013

Re-gift your old electronics to The Basilica! After all Masses on January 12 and 13, there will be bins available to recycle old personal electronic devices, including cell phones, digital cameras, MP3 players, iPods, GPS, tablets and ink cartridges. To get involved with this effort, please contact the Christian Life office.

## FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

JANUARY 13-20, 2013

The Basilica will provide meals and temporary emergency shelter to families January 13-20. Volunteers are needed to provide meals, play with kids, stay overnight, and set up/take down the rooms. To get involved contact Margaret at [mconroy2@comcast.net](mailto:mconroy2@comcast.net) or 612.374.9058. Volunteers of all ages are welcomed to help!

## CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

### THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER  
For more information call Karen at 612.872.7535. February 7 book selection is *The Company Car*, by CJ Haribal. The January 3 meeting will select upcoming books.

### DINNER OUTING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:00PM

Doolittle's Woodfire Grill, 550 Winnetka Ave. N, Golden Valley  
For reservations call Marilyn by January 20 at 763.541.9393.



## Did You Know?

The colors within The Basilica are the colors of Mary: white of purity, blue of truth, gold of glory and red of love.

## GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD : DO WE HAVE A CHOICE?

JANUARY 15 2013 6:30-8:30PM

St. Ambrose room, Basilica lower level. Presentation and discussion.

## BVJ FORUM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1:00-2:30PM, LOWER LEVEL

Minnesota is in the forefront of this tragic issue. Join The Basilica Voices for Justice Team and learn about why MN is the 13<sup>th</sup> worst state in the country in human trafficking. Find ways that you can make a difference. Call 612.317.3477 for more information.

## PRAYER LINE

Following is a sample of our Basilica weekly prayer line:

Please pray for: A Shooting victim-A diagnosis of Brain Cancer-Illness-Uncle deceased 11/12-My Family falling apart- Daughter to recover from surgery-A place to live and my son out of prison-Employment-Safety as I start Chemo-Renew relationship with my parents-Help to build up the North side. If you would like to receive this weekly list and include the intentions of members of our community in your prayer, please contact Cathy at 612.317.3474 or e-mail [cedwards@mary.org](mailto:cedwards@mary.org).

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOU!

Do you have experience with Access databases and VBA programming? Are you familiar with remotely supporting and maintaining an information system based on Access? Are you comfortable helping train volunteers who use the system, which is fully functioning and well documented? If you fit this description, our St. Vincent de Paul ministry needs you! Please call 612.317.3419 for more information.

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS

The **Gifts Leadership Team** is the group that helps parishioners live out this aspect of Biblical Stewardship, by planning communications and reaching out to individual parish members. We are looking for a few people to join us. Meetings are monthly and we have a lot of fun. Monthly commitment is 3-5 hours. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 or [scarlson@mary.org](mailto:scarlson@mary.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

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*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.*