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Welcome

Slow down and center on gratitude...

Happy New Year! I hope your heart is warmed and your spirit renewed in this Christmas season.

I must admit, I was consumed by the stress of the season in early December. Instead of a joy-filled heart, I was rushing through the “most wonderful time of the year.” The second Sunday of Advent arrived and overnight, a thick, heavy blanket of white buried us and my season of hope had been buried by the stress of an undone to-do list. That particular morning went

in my lap, I noticed her little eyes on the statue of Mary atop the baldacchino. It amazes me how a person so young can see so clearly what we glaze over. This time – the image of Mary, our example of patience in this season of hope...and as the Cathedral Choir led us in “Wait for the Lord,” tears filled my eyes and I remembered. Even in the small moments, God is with us.

Change is hard. My grandmother was central to all Christmas plans and this

weekly prayers of the faithful – instead of sadness, our community reminds me of my grandmother’s final words: “Life is good, it is so very, very good.”

Perhaps more than anything, a tragedy served as a reminder to slow down and center on gratitude. As many others, I still cannot fully acknowledge the horror of the reality that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Though answers seem impossible, I’m grateful for a place to come together to pray for peace and contemplate the unimaginable. A Basilica Vespers service the Sunday following united our community and offered hope.

When we face tragedies far from home, when we grieve loved ones and when we need a reminder of God’s presence, The Basilica community is here. The liturgies center us. The community surrounds and supports us. The outreach provides for the community and transforms our hearts.



Emily Carlson Hjelm
Executive Director

By the time Christmas arrived, God gave me grace and I had a new perspective: God has blessed us greatly and when life gets too busy, too fragile, too dark or too chaotic, we simply need to wait for Him.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart.

“Even in the small moments, God is with us.”

a little like this: breakfast and bundling, loading the car to slide sideways down the street, skating across the parking lot, rushing one daughter to Good Shepherd in the school and carrying twenty pounds of bouncing baby girl up the stairs into The Basilica. Finally, we arrived at Mass and took a seat near the crossing.

is the first year without her. Each year, Christmas Eve came alive in her little brown house with lefse (that few people ate,) a visit from Santa Claus and the caroling neighbors. In this vulnerable time filled with memories, I have found great comfort in The Basilica. From morning prayer when we remember those “who deal with grief of loved ones this season,” to funerals for others that provide comfort, to the

Deep breath. And then it hit me. As I sat with my baby

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

GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP

CAN WE FEED HUMANITY WITHOUT DESTROYING THE EARTH?

It is estimated that 15,000 children die each day due to malnutrition. The U.S. Council of Bishops urges advocating policies that protect and encourage family farming on a human scale with minimum use of chemicals and pesticides. Is this realistic?

According to the University of Michigan research – yes. The world currently produces the equivalent of 2786 calories per person per day. Under an organic-only farming regimen researchers estimate small farms could produce between 2641 and 4381 calories per person per day.

Carl Pray, University of Rutgers, New Jersey, finds there is good evidence that small-scale farming in developing countries is more efficient because small farms put more effort in the management of the land. But, he says, organic farming is more labor intensive - which presents issues in places such as China and India where the demand for labor is such that people are continually pulled out of the countryside.

However, Pray maintains that the idea that conventional farming is cheap is a fallacy. “Once you incorporate the health of people and environmental costs – organic farming is a much superior system.” Organic farming is thought to benefit biodiversity and the environment, as well as human health and dignity.

Pope John Paul II has written, “Respect for nature and respect for human life are inextricably related.”

“...during the seventh year the land shall have a complete rest, a Sabbath for the Lord, when you may neither sow your field nor prune your vineyard.” (Leviticus 25: 1-4)

CAN WE FEED THE WORLD?

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 12:45PM

BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Join us for a talk on the complexity of agricultural development, sponsored by the Global Stewardship team.

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)

GREGORIAN VESPERS FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

The Rose Ensemble

Evening Prayer or Vespers (30 minutes) consists of the singing of a hymn and Psalms, the proclamation of the Word of God and prayers for the church and the world. At the end of Evening Prayer everyone processes from the choir stalls to the Lady Chapel for the singing of the Marian antiphon.

DE-GREENING OF THE BASILICA

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 8:30AM

Volunteer to help by contacting Travis at 612-317-3433.

SPIRIT & SOUL

ART BY AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS

JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 10

JOHN XXIII GALLERY & TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:00am in the Saint Joseph Chapel. There will be no noon Mass.

DOWNTOWN CHORAL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2:00PM

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY CHURCH

Seven downtown church choirs will join together for an ecumenical choral festival “Singing the Psalms.” Members of the choirs of Central Lutheran, St. Olaf Catholic Church, The Cathedral of Saint Mark, Plymouth Congregational, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian and The Basilica of Saint Mary join together this year at The Basilica to sing jointly Rachmaninoff, *Blessed is the Man*, Hubert Parry, *I Was Glad*, Cesar Franck, *Psalms 150* as well as perform the world premiere of a new choral work by Rosephanye Powell, commissioned by the downtown churches and titled, “Great is the Lord!” Over 350 singers combine for this event and are conducted by each choir’s director for the mass choir pieces. Each choir will also offer an individual musical offering for this hour long celebration of solidarity and our common bond in music and the singing of the Psalms. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will donation is accepted to further the commission of new music and to off-set the cost of the choral festival.

2013 ICON CLASSES

The Basilica of Saint Mary will host Icon classes during Lent (9:00am – 1:00pm on Saturdays February 16 and 23 & March 2 and 16.) Participants will write an Icon of The Return of the Prodigal Son. Tuition is \$295 for first time participants; this includes all materials. Contact Deb at akorluka@aol.com or 612-889-5868 to register.

Events of the Week

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS
BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7
Young adults...please join us as Sr. Catherine Michaud will present on the topic of The Early Church. *(Please note change from usual location.)*

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 4-part series. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships are available.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD NEEDS YOU

JANUARY 13-20
One of The Basilica's St. Vincent de Paul ministries, Families Moving Forward, will provide emergency shelter to 3-4 families January 13-20. Help us help the families by joining our team! We need volunteers to prepare/serve meals, play with the kids, wash laundry, stay overnight with the families and set up/take down the space. Contact Margaret for information - mconroy2@comcast.net or 612-374-9058. All ages are welcome!

GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD : DO WE HAVE A CHOICE? TOWARD SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD FOR ALL

JANUARY 15, 6:30-8:30PM ST. AMBROSE ROOM
Nancy Brown, parishioner and co-founder of a campaign to label genetically engineered food in MN, will present a documentary and lead a discussion about how we can protect the food system that sustains us all.

MODERN DAY SLAVERY: HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN HONOR OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: A PROGRAM ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1:00-2:30PM
BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
Minnesota is in the forefront of this tragic issue. To honor Martin Luther King Jr. come and learn about why MN is the 13th worst state in the country in human trafficking. Learn about effective responses and ways that you can make a difference. Call 612-317-3477 for more information.

Get Involved

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.

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 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 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 for more information.

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

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – PURCHASE SCRIP GIFT CARDS!

As the New Year begins, people start thinking about making- and keeping- resolutions. 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 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-

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 for registration materials.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

BYA COUPLES EVENT: RED BULL CRASHED ICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, ST. PAUL

Join a group young adult couples from The Basilica and the St. Paul Cathedral to watch this exciting event. Email bya@mary.org for more details.

Sign up for the BYA E-Newsletter on MyBasilica on 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 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.

THE EARLY YEARS...WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 10, 17 AND 24, 11:00AM-12:30PM

STS. AMBROSE AND TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Charles Bobertz, Ph. D., will lead us in a 3-part discussion on early Christianity. Please register on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414 by February 7. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships available.

THE BOOK OF JOB: WHERE IS GOD WHEN IT HURTS?

SUNDAYS, MARCH 3, 10 AND 17, 11:00AM-12:30PM

STS. AMBROSE AND TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

In the Book of Job, the ancient sages staged a debate about the inconsistency between human pain and divine providence as it tells the story of Job. David Penchansky leads us as we study the Book of Job in three parts. Please register on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414 by February 7. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships available.

SWEETHEART BINGO IS BACK!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 6:00-9:00PM

BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Be a sweetheart and join us for Basilica Bingo Night!! We will have all the fun of Bingo along with our first ever Meat Raffle! Bring a friend or the whole family & join us for food, fun, prizes & BINGO!!

Admission: *(includes one card to play all night)*

- Adults - \$20 in Advance or \$25 at the Door

- Children 12 & Under and Raffle Tickets- \$5

Get tickets at mary.org/bingo. Contact Leah at 612.317.3432 or lfogelberg@mary.org for more information.

VALUE OF THE BASILICA

Albert Einstein once said, "The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving." The spirit of The Basilica is strong because so many people believe in its value as a place of hope and support for all in our community. Your gift to Financial Stewardship at The Basilica supports the programs that inspire all of us each week. It supports the programs that teach religious education and faith formation, provide job assistance and offer pastoral care for the downtrodden, the ill and the elderly. Please make a 2013 pledge online at www.mary.org donate or find pledge forms in the back of church.

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. 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 at www.thebasilicalandmark.org/give. *The Basilica Landmark is a separate 501(c)(3) charitable organization from The Basilica, and was organized in 1993 to preserve and restore The Basilica of Saint Mary and its campus.*

YOUR LEGACY GIFT

January can be a welcome respite from the busy season that stretches from Thanksgiving through Epiphany. It's a good time to reflect on what's important, on the gifts that last and the people, places and activities we care about most. If The Basilica is important to you please consider a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark for its on-going preservation and restoration. The Basilica Landmark is responsible for the many preservation and restoration projects in our church, the Reardon Rectory, School and Cowley Center. It's unthinkable that these buildings revert to the dilapidated, even dangerous, conditions of the early 1990's, yet without constant attention that's exactly what would happen. Add your help through a legacy gift in your Will or Trust or as a beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k) or insurance policy. For more information contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

Christian Life

COMPREHENSIVE JOB SEARCH CLASS - 4 WEEK PROGRAM

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

Learn and refresh yourself on all of the basics of the job search. RSVP to jgrove@mary.org or 612-317-3508.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME DINNER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 5:30PM, RECTORY

Anyone who has joined The Basilica in recent months is invited to dinner. Meet other new members, some of the staff, and learn a bit about your new parish. RSVP to Sally, 612.317.3417 or scarlson@mary.org.

DCEH INTERFAITH ADVOCACY TRAINING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:00-8:30 PM

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.

LISTENING AS MINISTRY

FEBRUARY 2013

Are you drawn to be a listening ear to your friends and family? Do the words 'Companion' or 'Confidant' describe you and your gifts? Consider participating in our Befriender Ministry. Contact the Christian Life office for more information.

CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

CROSSROADS THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00 AM

For more information Call Karen at 612-872-7535. February 7 book selection is The Company Car, by CJ Haribal.

CROSSROADS DINNER OUTING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:00PM

Doolittle's Woodfire Grill, 550 Winnetka Ave. No., Golden Valley. For reservations call Marilyn by January 20 at 763.541.9393.



Did You Know?

To change the lightbulbs, there is a catwalk between The Basilica ceiling and the roof which is accessed through a stairwell.

PRAYER LINE

If you would like to receive a weekly email with prayer intentions of members of our community, please contact Cathy @ 612.317.3474 or e-mail cedwards@mary.org.

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 apart 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.

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOU!

Do you have experience with Access data bases 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.

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. We're looking for several parish members to join a team effort to improve the way we support gatherings of 20-40 guests. Please contact Sally at 612-317-3417 or scarlson@mary.org to explore further. No obligation or hard sell! Even if you simply have ideas to share, we'd love to hear from you.

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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.