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Welcome

Try to make a Lenten resolution to delve deeper into your faith...

Lent is nearly upon us once again. This is such a sacred time in the liturgical year for all of us. It is a time when we are called to explore the richness of this season as we delve more deeply into our own faith and look for ways to enrich our experiences as we anticipate the miracle of Easter.

recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery, not only for the RCIA group, but for the entire parish community. The focus is on penance and enlightenment through a deeper knowledge of Christ.

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During Lent, the group of catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized in another Christian tradition) participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is called to a period of intense reflection during the stage of RCIA called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. This stage includes The Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election, three Scrutinies, as well as a series of Lenten focused sessions.

This is a period of intense interior reflection intended to purify the minds and hearts of those preparing to receive sacraments at the Easter Vigil. This is time for spiritual

reception as a witness to some of the most integral rites of the RCIA process. For the past several months, the 9:30am Mass attendees have witnessed the catechumens being called forward and dismissed during Mass where they meet with RCIA team members to further delve into the Sunday readings in anticipation of their baptism at the Easter Vigil. As we move into Lent, the parish community will witness the Rite of Sending at the 5:00pm Mass on February 16. The Basilica will then host the Rite of Election on the afternoon of February 17 with RCIA groups from a number of parishes. At the 9:30am Masses during the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the Scrutinies will be celebrated.

This Lent, we ask that you consider becoming further invested in process of RCIA at The Basilica. You will find baskets filled with cards at the back of church and at the side doors. On each card is the name of someone who is preparing to become part of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We are asking members of our community to take a card and to pray for this person throughout Lent. A note may also be written to the person and dropped into the collection basket to be given to the RCIA catechumen or candidate. This support means so much to those who are in the final stages of the RCIA process.

Try to make a Lenten resolution to delve deeper into your faith during these holy weeks which the Church offers us. We have many special liturgies and concerts throughout Lent to assist us in our prayer lives and we are offering several opportunities for adult learning sessions to challenge our faith to grow. Also, we have occasions to assist those who are in need through our Saint Vincent de Paul coin banks and many outreach programs. Together let us embrace each other through prayer on this Lenten journey as we take a



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deeper look into our hearts to find our God.

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

Local Stewardship

Create Bridges between Communities and Advocate for Those in Need

"I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world." - Mother Teresa

The many needs of the world can overwhelm us. In fact, they can paralyze us. There are many people—people in our own neighborhoods and communities—who need housing, food, clothing, and other basic necessities of life. It is easy to feel powerless when we realize that the problems around us are greater than we ourselves have the time, talent, and treasure to completely solve on our own.

In the midst of this, it is important to remember that even if we are unable to immediately provide someone with a home, a closet of clothes, or even a meal, we can provide each person with a gentle smile, a warm greeting, and a listening ear. All of us need acknowledgement, love, and support as we walk life's steps. Creating bridges between communities and advocating for those in need starts on a small and simple level – it can happen in the instant of an eye contact, a nod of acknowledgement, and the action of remembering and sharing what we see and experience with others. The bridge itself between communities starts within ourselves – the very nature of how we interact with those around us.

As Mother Teresa reminded us, we are an instrument of God, the shining presence of God's love in this world. Each encounter with someone is an opportunity to communicate the love and compassion of Christ. As you journey through your week, challenge yourself to immerse yourself in the moment: hear someone's story, acknowledge their struggle, and journey with them through the uncertainty that they are walking. For, it is in walking these steps with someone that we connect as a community and promote the sacredness of each individual, especially those who are the most vulnerable among us.

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)

THE CULTURE OF BALANCE, RHYTHM, AND TEXTURE SPIRIT & SOUL

CURATED BY CHRISTOPHER-AARON DEANES

THROUGH TODAY

Artists: Ta-coumba Aiken, Mica Lee Anders, Rakhi Bisen, Lorenzo Crockett, Loretta Day, Christopher-Aaron Deanes, Christopher Harrison, Chrys Carroll, Stephanie Morris, Sean Garrison Phillips, Melodee Strong

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY & TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 5:30PM

ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

2013 ICON CLASSES

SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 16, 23, MARCH 2 AND 16

9:00AM-1:00PM

The Basilica of Saint Mary will host Icon classes during Lent. 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.

SIBYLS OF THE RHINE: ROSE ENSEMBLE CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 8:00PM

(PRECONCERT TALK AT 7:00PM)

Tickets: Call 651.225.4340 or www.RoseEnsemble.org.

Saint Hildegard von Bingen and the minstrel's Song of Songs. Lush and contemplative sounds of a Gregorian Vespers service from the 13th century Benedictine Abbey of St. Emmeram in Regensburg.

SOLEMN VESPERS DURING LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 3:00 PM BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

Basilica Schola Cantorum

COMPLINE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 8:00PM

CHURCH, NAVE

Pray for peace at the close of day through the sung liturgy of Compline with the Minnesota Compline Choir. All are welcome; please be seated in the main church.

COLLECTING PALM BRANCHES

There is a basket as you enter church to collect palms received on Palm Sunday last year. These palms are burned to produce ash for Ash Wednesday.

Events of the Week

BUILDING BRIDGES

TODAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013 10:30AM-1:00PM
Be sure to go down to the Lower Level of The Basilica on Sunday morning. Meet representatives of organizations working in our community.

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 on a 3-part discussion on early Christianity. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships available.

DOWNTOWN CHORAL FESTIVAL

TODAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2:00PM, CHURCH
Seven downtown church choirs will join together for an ecumenical choral festival to sing Rachmaninoff, *Blessed is the Man*, Hubert Parry, *I Was Glad*, Cesar Franck, *Psalm 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 the concert is free and open to the public. A free-will donation will be accepted.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

TODAY, FEBRUARY 10, TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL,
LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH
FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS
Kelli Kester will join us to discuss missions and the recent trip to Peru.

INTERVIEWING FOR SUCCESS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 7:00-9:00PM TERESA OF
CALCUTTA
Learn interviewing skills and tips from her during this two hour class. RSVP to Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY: DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

FEBRUARY 13
Eucharist and distribution of Ashes:
7:00am *cantor & organ*
Noon *cantor & organ*
5:30pm* *The Basilica Cathedral Choir, Choristers*
7:30pm *Mundus, contemporary choir*
Soup Supper, 6:30pm, Teresa of Calcutta Hall, lower level

FRIDAY SOUP SUPPER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6:00 PM, TERESA OF
CALCUTTA HOSTED BY MENTAL HEALTH &
EMPLOYMENT MINISTRIES. ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRIDAYS OF LENT (days of abstinence)

5:30pm Eucharist, Saint Joseph Chapel, ground level
6:00pm Soup Supper, Teresa of Calcutta Hall, lower level
7:00pm Biblical Stations of the Cross, Basilica Church

Get Involved

MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

Get involved at The Basilica and strengthen your marriage at the same time! Married couples are needed to mentor engaged couples by meeting with them individually to facilitate discussion and share experiences. This ministry is fun and rewarding and something you can do together. Training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. Contact Nancy at 612.317.3478 or nkeller@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 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.

IT'S A GOOD THING

Do you like to clean or iron or polish or organize? Why not share those gifts and that passion with your Basilica community. The altar guild cares for the many vestments, vessels, and chapels/shrines of The Basilica and needs your help. Please contact Travis at tsalisbury@mary.org for more information.

Check out all of our opportunities for volunteering at 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.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED THIS LENT

At the church entrances you will find baskets containing cards with the names of those who are part of The Basilica's RCIA process and are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church this Easter. Please consider taking one or more names to include in your prayers this Lent. You are also welcome to write a note to the person. Please see the instructions on the card for details.

REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM: BOOK CLUB

We will begin to form groups that will meet to discuss the Matthew Kelly book *Rediscover Catholicism*, that can be picked up at the back of church. If you would like to join a group, please call 612.317.3414 or email Michelle at mslaught@mary.org. Groups will meet weekly during Lent.

VISIO DIVINA: SEEING THE WORD

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 17-MARCH 17, 10:45-11:30AM, BASILICA GREAT ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

This program will combine Scripture passages and sacred artwork from the St. John's Bible with the powerful prayer process of Visio Divina. Cost is \$10; scholarships available. Please register by February 6 so materials can be ordered.

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

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 28. Cost is \$20 for the series. Scholarships available.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT — FAITH: THE MULTI-STAGE JOURNEY INTO MEANING AND MYSTERY

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 8:30AM-NOON, TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Led by Catherine Michaud, CSJ, this parish retreat will be an opportunity to reflect on the relationship between faith and the meaning of life. We will examine the common stages of faith and consider what "mature faith" is. There is no cost to attend. Please register on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414 by March 7. There is no cost.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

February 2: Megan Lehrke and Matthew Wylie

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. This year we restored the Narthex and Sacristy, repaired the west column on The Basilica's front facade, refloored 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 painting the school. 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.



2013 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

"All the earth is filled with his glory" Isaiah: 6:1-2a, 3-8

The 2013 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) to support ministries and programs in our greater Archdiocese is underway. On February 2 and 3, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will share information on the programs supported by the CSA, including outreach programs at Catholic Charities, preparation of our seminarians, support of retired priests in our diocese, and Catholic education in schools like Ascension School in North Minneapolis. Parish members will receive a mailing from the Archbishop inviting your support, and on February 9 and 10, we will have a second collection for pledges and gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT TAX LETTERS

Tax letters have been mailed for 2012 donations to The Basilica of Saint Mary and The Basilica Landmark. Should you need a copy sent to you or have questions, please contact Tim at 612.317.3472 or tdcelle@mary.org.

PRESERVATION IN HUMAN TERMS

When you consider making a Legacy Gift to The Basilica Landmark do you wonder what that might mean in human, not financial terms? Here's a perfect example of the effect of a gift to the preservation of our historic church. A school music group was rehearsing in The Basilica for their concert, acting like typical young people—energetic and a little boisterous. As they walked into the beautifully renovated Sacristy they were suddenly awestruck, quiet and respectful. Like typical young people they were also inquisitive, asking great questions and listening with interest to the history of the Sacristy and its restoration. Like us, they appreciated the beauty and grandeur of our treasured landmark. Your Legacy Gift to The Basilica Landmark will help provide many such special moments on into the future. To make an impact, contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

A GIFT FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us beautify The Basilica this Easter with Easter lilies and spring flowers. Gifts received by March 15 will be listed in the Easter leaflet. Donate online at www.mary.org/donate or look for gift envelopes in the back of church.

Christian Life

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 10:30AM-12:00PM

Learn a bit more about The Basilica and meet other new parishioners in a small group setting. Please register ahead of time so we can plan accordingly. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417.

HEALTH CARE FORUM

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1:00PM-2:30PM, BASILICA LOWER LEVEL

How does Health Care Reform affect each of us? How does it affect the most vulnerable in our communities? How does it intersect with our faith? This important forum will address issues relevant to our personal lives and to the health of our community. Come to hear from leaders in the field and enter into civil dialogue about this timely issue.

AN AFTERNOON WITH DAVE WELLSTONE: REFLECTIONS LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 1:00-3:00PM, TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Join Dave Wellstone as he reflects on growing up with his father, Paul Wellstone, and how the life lessons instilled in him are directing his work in mental health parity and policy, including the Ken Barlow Initiative to eradicate mental illness and stigma. Presentation will include time for discussion. For additional information contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

LOAVES AND FISHES MEAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Join the fun and help cook and serve a meal through the "Loaves and Fishes" program. Meal will be served on Fri. Feb 22. Location is in the Frogtown area of St. Paul. To register to volunteer, contact Debby at dryan7@frontiernet.net or 651.423.6344.

Crossroads welcomes Basilica parishioners and friends age 50+

CROSSROADS THURSDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM
For more information Call Karen at 612-872-7535.

March 7 book selection is "Ettly Hillesum: An Interrupted Life" by Ettly Hillesum and Eva Hoffman.

CROSSROADS DINNER OUTING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 6:00PM
PIAZZA'S ITALIAN RISTORANTE

8851 7TH AVE N, GOLDEN VALLEY.

For reservations call Janine by February 25 at 763.566.5743.



Did You Know?

Each Tuesday from September to Easter, more than 90 people gather as part of the RCIA process.

LIFE IS FULL OF TRANSITIONS

Sometimes these transitions seem huge or long or lonely. A BeFriender, through listening to your story, allows you to discover the wisdom inside you. Without curing or judging or offering advice, a BeFriender listens. You are freed to tell your story in the presence of a trained, compassionate, confidential listener. Connect your heart to your mind through telling your story. For information on meeting with a BeFriender, call the Christian Life office 612.317.3474 or e-mail cedwards@mary.org.

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED

Our guests to Outreach and Shoe ministry are always in need of toiletries such as socks, razors, and shampoo. Just drop items off at the rectory anytime! Questions? Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

PURCHASE SCRIP GIFT CARDS ON A REGULAR BASIS

Lent is here and there are many seafood dining choices, both restaurants and take out. It is also the time of year when families begin to thinking about spring break. Don't forget to pack scrip cards to take with you.

During this winter season, it is a great time to use scrip for home interior decorating and renovation projects.

Scrip gift cards are available online; Sundays after 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am Masses; and Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm in the Reardon Rectory Office.

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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.