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Welcome

I have come to realize that every now and then when things get really busy, the needle on my energy level dips into the red zone.

When I recognize this, I try to get some extra rest, spend a little more time in prayer, make sure I touch base with friends, and try to prioritize the things I need to do. Over the years, I have discovered that these things usually help me to get things back in balance and restore my energy level.

make a conscious decision to give over to God.

I suspect that Saint Jeanne Jugan, the founder of the Little Sisters of the Poor, also encountered this experience in her life. I say this because she once told her sisters: "Go and find Jesus when your patience and strength give

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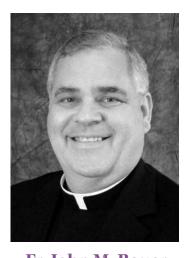
Occasionally, though, for whatever reason there are times when these things don't help and I feel stuck and a bit overwhelmed. These times usually occur when I get confused between my work and God's work. By this I mean that sometimes I fail to realize there are issues/ concerns which I can do nothing about and over which I have no control. When I recognize these issues/concerns, I need to

out and you feel alone and helpless. He is waiting for you in the chapel. Say to him, 'Jesus, you know exactly what is going on. You are all I have, and You know all. Come to my help.' And then go and don't worry about how you are going to manage. That you have told God about it is enough. He has a good memory."

While it is both good and important to give things

over to God, and while I am glad God will remember what I give over to God, in my experience, giving things over to God is easier said than done. Not only do I have difficulty recognizing those things I can deal with and those things I need to turn over to God, but worse, even when I recognize that I am in over my head, I often childishly wait to bring things to God in prayer. When I am finally able to turn things over to God in prayer, however, I find God patiently waiting for me and offering me the grace I need to deal with, accept, work through, or overcome whatever the issue or concern is.

Maybe someday, I'll learn to bring things to God sooner rather than later. For now, though, I find solace and take great comfort in knowing that whenever I bring those



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor

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things to God that are beyond my control, God will be there waiting for me and probably wondering what took me so long to bring things to God in prayer.

Biblical Stewardship

Liturgy and Sacred Arts

LOCAL STEWARDSHIP

Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need.

"Do small things with great love." Mother Teresa

Northside Partners:

St. Jane House

1403 Emerson Ave N.

As part of the Visitation Monastery of North Minneapolis, the St. Jane House provides a welcoming space for groups and individuals. It provides an opportunity for prayer, spiritual renewal, education, and an experience of Salesian Spirituality.

Alafia Place

Alafia is a Yoruba greeting from Africa that conveys tranquility, wellness, calmness, and good tidings. Its mission is to strengthen and sustain leaders by providing affordable housing and opportunities for personal and professional development that help them grow initiatives designed to transform the quality of life on the Northside of Minneapolis. Check out the website to learn more about the powerful stories connected to Alafia Place: www.alafiaplace.org.

From Death To Life

From Death To Life is an organization dedicated to ending violence through healing and reconciliation between families of victims and those who have caused harm. They offer support groups empowering parents to come to terms with the impact of homicide through emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical healing. To learn more, and to get involved in their prayerful programs, go to www.fromdeathtolife.us.

Challenge for this week: Learn about the powerful stories of people working with these organizations on the Northside, and share the stories with family and friends.

Prayer request for this week: Pray for those who are poor in spirit.

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)

Create bridges between

communities and advocate for those in need (Feb – Mar)

Leave the world a better place for future generations (*Apr - May*)

ECOLOGICAL:

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)

EXHIBIT: THROUGH APRIL 28

THE PRODIGAL SON:

RECEPTION AND TALK—SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1:00PM

FROM THE COLLECTION OF JERRY EVENRUD

Evenrud began his collection of Prodigal Son works in 1983. A visual narrative depicting scenes and themes from the biblical parable about God's love and forgiveness, it now includes hundreds of items from artists around the world, representing six centuries: paintings, etchings, sculpture, woodcuts, tapestries, ceramics, photographs, posters, music, book materials and more.

MISSA CHORALIS HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC FOR 5:00PM SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

March 2: Valley Chamber Chorale March 9: Seven Gifts Women's Schola

March 23: Minnesota Nice Men's a cappella Vocal Quartet

SUNDAY 4:30PM MASS—MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY

Fern "Shidako" Davidson - music for Japanese koto.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Please remember to set your clocks forward.

RAISE A SONG WITH PIPE AND VOICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 7:30PM

Warm the chill of winter with music for organ and choir in a concert featuring Chris Stroh, Principal Organist, Dr. Kim Kasling, Basilica Organist Laureate, and special choral guests under the direction of Dr. Axel Theimer.

This performance will include works by Bruckner, Britten, Finzi, Dupre', Hammerschmidt, Pierne, and Vierne. The concert is free and open to the public.

MINNESOTA SINFONIA CONCERT WINTER CONCERT SERIES IV—AN ITALIAN SOUVENIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2:00PM

Free, families & children encouraged to attend.

SCRIP PURCHASES MAKE DONATING EASY

Did you know there are three easy ways to buy Scrip shopping cards?

- —Sundays after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses in The Basilica's lower level $\,$
- —Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Rectory office
- —Online at www.mary.org click on "Purchase Scrip Today"

These Scrip cards are bought at a discount rate from your favorite retailers, then re-sold to you at regular face value. The retailer discount, which ranges between 2% to 20%, is donated to The Basilica for every purchase you make helping fund our extraordinary ministries and operations. Purchasing a \$25 Scrip card buys you \$25 to spend. Questions regarding the Scrip program, please call Nola at 612.333.1381.

Events of the Week

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

VISIO DIVINA: SEEING THE WORD

SUNDAYS, TODAY-MARCH 17, 10:45-11:30AM

BASIL THE GREAT ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

This program will combine Scripture passages and sacred artwork from the Saint John's Bible with the powerful prayer process of *Visio Divina*. Cost is \$10; scholarships available. Please register ASAP on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414.

HEALTH CARE FORUM

TODAY, 1:00PM-2:30PM

BASILICA'S 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.

SOLEMN VESPERS DURING LENT

TODAY, 3:00PM

BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

Basilica Schola Cantorum

Vespers, or Evening Prayer, starts with the lighting and blessing of candles. After singing psalms and listening to the Word, we process to the chapel of the Immaculate Conception where we conclude the service.

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

SUNDAYS, TODAY, MARCH 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. 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 but please register on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414 by March 7.

Get Involved

SHARE WITH US IN CHRIST'S MINISTRY

God has given us many gifts—we are called to share our time and talents to create a better community and world. Consider sharing your skills with The Basilica through the opportunities below or by visiting mary.org and clicking the "Volunteer" tab.

SOUP SUPPERS

Help out during Lent at a Friday Soup Supper: set tables, slice bread, serve, greet guests, or clean up. Contact Sally at 612.317.3419 for details.

BE AN USHER DURING HOLY WEEK

Help out during Holy Week by signing up for a Mass online at www.mary.org/minister.

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Volunteers are needed to help decorate The Basilica for Easter. Decorating will be Saturday, March 30, beginning at 8:00am. Lunch is provided. Duties include banners, wreaths, flowers, garland, cleaning, polishing, and setting up chairs. Sign up online at www.mary.org/minister.

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 <a href="needings.

DO YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR OFFICE ADMINISTRATION?

If you have a gift for clerical and office administration Christian Life may be the place for you. Are you computer literate, highly organized with data entry experience? There is a volunteer opportunity for you in the Christian Life Department with St. Vincent de Paul Outreach. Contact Kimberly at 612.317.3419 or kburns@mary.org.

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.

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

Learning

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.

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 mslaughter@mary.org. Groups will meet weekly during Lent.

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 mstarter@mary.org for registration materials.

SYMBOLS THAT SURROUND US: FAITHFUL REFLECTIONS

SUNDAYS, APRIL 14 AND 21, 11:00AM-12:30PM STS. AMBROSE AND TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL Johan Van Parys, Ph.D., will meet with us to discuss what symbols mean, why they are so important to the church and how we can use symbols to help us grow in faith. Please register on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414 by April 11. There is no cost.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

BYA COUPLES EVENT: LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MARCH 8, 6:00-8:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL AND CHURCH Come meet other dating, married, and engaged couples as we go to the soup supper and the Stations of the Cross at The Basilica. The soup supper starts at 6:00pm at the Teresa of Calcutta Hall with Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm in the church. RSVP to BYA@mary.org.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH

Johan van Parys, Ph.D., will present on the topic of symbols within the Catholic faith.

Development

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

We all share a hope that The Basilica remains a place to celebrate sacred mysteries for a people of faith, a center for community activities and a beacon of hope and love for generations to come. Our work to preserve and protect The Basilica is never done. With your help in 2013, The Basilica Landmark's Annual Fund has plans to re-roof the school and make the rectory accessible for all by installing a new elevator and updating the second and third floors. Please consider an online gift at www.thebasilicalandmark.org/give.

THE EMMANUEL MASQUERAY BALL

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

WINDOWS ON MINNESOTA, IDS CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS Looking out across the skies from a destination with a heavenly view The Masqueray Ball will float among the clouds while the sun sets on a starry evening high above the City of Lakes. Join us for an event that will bring you to incredible heights with aweinspiring views from Windows on Minnesota from the 50th floor of the IDS Center. Dinner, an auction, and entertainment will unveil a Celestial Celebration. This event will benefit the preservation and restoration efforts of The Basilica Landmark. For more information or to sponsor the event contact Meghan at <a href="majorage-maj

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.

SPRING FLING BINGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 6:00-9:00PM BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Join us for Spring Fling Bingo! Come for Mass and stay for the excitement of celebrity callers, prizes, food and bingo! Register in advance and save!

Two adults for \$35 until March 21 Adults: \$20 Kids 12 & Under: \$5

Table for 8 & Decorate: \$150

Visit <u>www.mary.org</u> for tickets. Contact Leah at 612.317.3432 for more details or questions.

TALK TO A FRIEND

Would you like to explore the idea of a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark without making any kind of commitment? Members of the Legacy Society will be in the Undercroft after the 9:30 and 11:30am and 4:30pm Masses to share their stories and listen to yours. If you love The Basilica and would like to help ensure its continued preservation and restoration please take a minute to talk to a friend about how you can help. If you've already remembered The Basilica Landmark with a legacy gift through your will or trust or as a beneficiary of an IRA, 401K or insurance policy, let us know so we can welcome you to the Legacy Society. For more information contact Robin at rkeyworth@mary.org or 612.317.3429.

Christian Life

NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 10:30AM-NOON RECTORY DINING ROOM For our newer parishioners. RSVP to Sally, 612.317.3417.

AN AFTERNOON WITH DAVE WELLSTONE: REFLECTIONS LOOKING BACK AND FORWARD

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 1:00-3:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

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 igrove@mary.org.

WITH FAITH AS SMALL AS A COFFEE BEAN: AN EVENING WITH BROTHERHOOD, INC.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 5:45PM BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

What is the key to keeping young African American boys in school and out of jail? Brotherhood Inc., a Twin Cities nonprofit modeled after Homeboy Industries in LA, thinks that jobs are the key. Come hear the stories of the inspiring young men in this program and how selling coffee for Brotherhood Brew, the first business Brotherhood, Inc. started, has transformed their attitudes, opportunities, families, and lives. Learn about the proven business model and how Brotherhood's leadership plans to expand. The Brotherhood staff will share their stories and also sharing samples of their delicious coffee. Please join for an insightful and inspiring evening.

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 *Etty Hillesum: An Interrupted Life* by Etty Hillesum and Eva Hoffman.

CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY & DINNER

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2:30PM

Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children from 2:30-4:30 at 401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids. Dinner follows at Outback Steakhouse, Coon Rapids. For information and reservations call Marilynn by March 19 at 952.681.7659.



Did You Know?

Every door into The Basilica church is marked with some symbol of the Trinity.

MAKING AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 6:30-8:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Are you new to the area or to the job search or do you just feel alone in the search? Lisa Cook of Walden University is back for this popular workshop detailing the importance of making and maintaining strong social connections for your job search and life. RSVP for this free workshop to jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

RETREAT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A RESURRECTION PEOPLE?

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 8:30AM-12:00PM

RECTORY DINING ROOM

Fr. Pat Griffin will lead us in a prayerful reflection on the intersection of faith and justice as we begin our walk with Jesus during Holy Week. RSVP to kburns@mary.org of 612.317.3419.

CATHOLICS GOING GREEN

APRIL 16, 23, MAY 1, 6:00-8:00 PM

Does your faith lead you toward being passionate about creation? Consider joining a three-part small-group reflection on the environment and our faith. Registration required. Dinner included. Call 612-317-3477 for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LENTEN COIN BANKS

Pick up an SVdP coin bank in the church during Lent, fill it with coins to support our St. Vincent de Paul ministries, and bring it to church on Holy Thursday. Every penny counts!

LOAVES AND FISHES MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A Loaves and Fishes event, led by Terry Nowak, will be held at River of Life Church at 2200 Fremont Ave N. in Minneapolis on Friday, March 22. We need 4-5 volunteers at 4:00pm to prepare the evening meal and 8-9 additional volunteers at 5:00pm to serve it. We will go out afterwards to Elsie's. To participate, contact Terry at nowaktj@yahoo.com or Julia at 612.317.3413.

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MASS TIMES

MON-FRI: 7:00am & Noon (SAINT 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.