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## Welcome

Recently, I read an article that contained an interview with Shane Claiborne, 37, a leading activist in the new monasticism movement and a founding member of the Simple Way Community in Philadelphia.

In the article, Claiborne was quoted as saying that, “at the heart of our Christian faith is the dual conviction that no one is above reproach and no one is beyond redemption.” I really liked this statement and have spent time reflecting on it.

At different times in our lives, I think we can identify with both of these sentiments. At times it is

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easy to feel superior to others like the Pharisee in Luke’s Gospel who, “with head unbowed prayed in this fashion: ‘I give you thanks, O God, that I am not like the rest of men — grasping, crooked, adulterous men — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I pay tithes on all I possess.’” At other times, we find it is easy to feel like the tax collector in this Gospel who kept his distance from God: “not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven. All

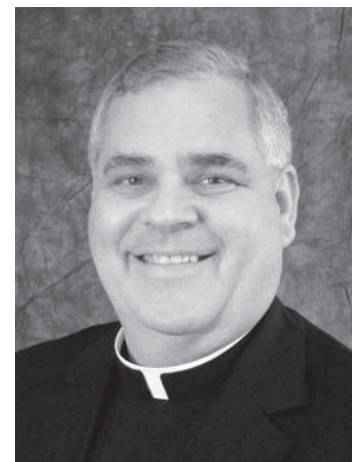
he did was beat his breast and say, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’” At these times, we need to remember Jesus’ insight into these men: “Believe me, this man (the tax collector) went home from the temple justified but the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself shall be exalted.” (Luke 18: 9-14.) None of us are without sin or

above reproach. We stand in need of God’s grace. And it is in God’s grace and because of God’s mercy that our sins whatever they may be are always forgiven. We don’t earn God’s forgiveness. We don’t merit it. All we have to do is acknowledge our need for it and God freely bestows it on us. The hitch is acknowledging our need for God’s forgiveness. At times it is easy to assume an “I’m not as bad as some of those others” attitude, which can

lead us to believe that we are somehow beyond reproach. The reality is, though, that while some people sin more grievously than others, we are all sinners. In regard to our sinfulness we differ only in degree, not in fact.

On the other hand, there are times when we can allow our sinfulness to separate us from God and the Christian community. We can feel so weighed down and burdened by our sin that we feel at a distance from God, and in the worst case can think/feel that we are beyond redemption. The reality is, though, that God’s grace is stronger than any estrangement we might feel. We only need be sorry for our sins and be open to God’s grace. The only barrier to the forgiveness of our sins is the hardness of our hearts — when we don’t allow God’s grace to find a home in our hearts.

We are all sinners — none of us is beyond reproach. But we are also all forgiven sinners — none of us are



**Fr. John M. Bauer**

Pastor  
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beyond redemption. If we can remember this, and if we let God’s grace find a home in our hearts, we, like the tax collector in Luke’s Gospel, will be justified by 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: BUILDING BRIDGES

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”

— Rabindranath Tagore

Brotherhood, Inc., is a non-profit organization that seeks to uplift and empower young African American males ages 16-24 who have had contact with the criminal justice system or gangs, or who are at risk of such involvement. It is a comprehensive re-entry and prevention program that provides culturally-sensitive social services, educational opportunities and on-site employment for participants. The organization is modeled after Homeboy Industries of Los Angeles, which houses the largest re-entry and gang intervention program in the country.

Brotherhood, Inc., participants take part in life skills development activities and gain knowledge in areas such as financial literacy, stress management, racial justice, fitness and wellness, self advocacy and empowerment.

Participants are employed through Brotherhood Brew, a social enterprise that offers fresh, organic, fair trade coffee, tea, and hot cocoa for sale to individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, churches, educational institutions and government entities. Through employment at Brotherhood Brew, participants gain an array of small business and customer service skills and build upon existing strengths in teamwork and leadership. Visit [www.brotherhoodmn.org](http://www.brotherhoodmn.org) to find out how you can help and to buy Brotherhood Brew coffee, tea or cocoa.

**Challenge for this week:** Seek out a Basilica youth group member and ask them what they thought of the Brotherhood, Inc., presentation in their youth group last weekend.

**Prayer request for this week:** Pray for all families and individuals who have been affected by the criminal justice system.

## 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 PRODIGAL SON:

### FROM THE COLLECTION OF JERRY EVENRUD

EXHIBIT: THROUGH APRIL 28

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

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.

### FRIDAYS OF LENT (days of abstinence)

5:30pm: Eucharist, St. Joseph Chapel, Ground Level

6:00pm: Soup Supper, Teresa of Calcutta Hall, Lower Level

7:00pm: Biblical Stations of the Cross, Basilica Church

### EXPLORE “ART AND SCRIPTURE” WITH ESTHER DE WAAL

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 6:15-9:00PM

When art intersects with the Word of God, people encounter the mystery of God anew. Join Esther de Waal, preeminent spiritual writer and teacher, to explore the relationship between art and Scripture with examples like the *Book of Kells* and *The Saint John’s Bible*. Begins with a festive reception in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall and ends with calming prayer in the church. Sponsored by the Benedictine Center of St. Paul’s Monastery at The Basilica of Saint Mary. \$30. Call 651.777.7251 or visit [www.stpaulsmonastery.org](http://www.stpaulsmonastery.org).

### MISSA CHORALIS HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC FOR 5:00PM SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

March 23: *Minnesota Nice Men’s a cappella Vocal Quartet*

### LENT TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 5:30PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

### EASTER MEMORIAL DECORATIONS

Help us beautify The Basilica this Easter. Please consider a special gift for Easter flowers in honor or in memory of someone special in your life. Look for the special giving envelope in this bulletin, and you may also give online at [www.mary.org/donate](http://www.mary.org/donate). Memorials received by March 20 will be listed in the Easter worship leaflet.

### USE SCRIP GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERIES

Did you know the average family grocery bill is currently around \$500 per month? Did you also know that using Scrip cards for all your family grocery needs could generate hundreds of dollars for The Basilica each year? Scrip cards are available for all major grocery stores with a portion of the value of each card going to The Basilica.

Scrip gift cards can be purchased:

After 7:30am, 9:30am, or 11:30am Masses on Sunday, Monday – Friday 9:00am-3:00pm in the Rectory Office, or online anytime.

Questions regarding the Scrip program, please call Nola at 612.333.1381.

## Events of the Week

### RAISE A SONG WITH PIPE AND VOICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 8:00PM

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, Dupré, Hammerschmidt, Pierne, and Vierne. The concert is free and open to the public.

### VISIO DIVINA: SEEING THE WORD

ENDS 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.

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

TODAY, MARCH 17, 11:00AM-12:30PM

STS. AMBROSE AND TERESA ROOMS, 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.

### SOLEMN VESPERS DURING LENT

TODAY, MARCH 17, 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.

### REDISCOVER SPEAKERS SERIES:

#### THE WAY—KEEPING GOD AT THE CENTER OF MY LIFE

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 7:00-8:30PM

ST. JOHN'S, 825 2ND AVE. N.W., NEW BRIGHTON

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 7:00-8:30PM

OUR LADY OF GRACE, 5071 EDEN AVE., EDINA

Join this discussion on what it means to live out a Christian life in the Church and keep God at the center of our lives. Presented by Deacon Joseph Michalak. Free. No registration needed. Learn more at [www.rediscover-faith.org](http://www.rediscover-faith.org).

### SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL (NON-OBLIGATORY)

There will be special music, piano and cantor at the Noon Mass this day in celebration of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph.

### MAKING AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

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

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

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.

## Get Involved

### BE AN USHER DURING HOLY WEEK

Help out during Holy Week by signing up for a Mass online at [www.mary.org/minister](http://www.mary.org/minister).

### DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

Sign up online at [www.mary.org/minister](http://www.mary.org/minister).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRIES INFORMATION TABLE

Stop by the St. Vincent de Paul ministries information table in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses for information on Pathways, Meals on Wheels, and our other ministries that reach out to help those in need.

### MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Make a real impact in our community and deliver meals to our home-bound neighbors! Our Meals on Wheels team currently is seeking a volunteer to deliver meals one Tuesday per month; total volunteer time is about an hour starting at 11:15am. You need to have your own transportation and be comfortable driving and parking in downtown Minneapolis. For more information:

Leah (612.374.4757 or [lhstich@msn.com](mailto:lhstich@msn.com))

Brittany (612.532.1023 or [bgarcia1210@yahoo.com](mailto:bgarcia1210@yahoo.com))

### MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 10:45-11:45AM

RECTORY DINING ROOM

If you have thought about getting involved in your parish and would like to find out about an opportunity you can do together as a couple, consider learning more about the marriage mentor ministry. This is a great way to share the gift of the good marriage with which God has blessed you with some of our many engaged couples preparing for marriage. This meeting is informational only and will not commit you to this ministry. Questions? Call Nancy at 612.317.3478.

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

*Check out all of our opportunities for volunteering at [www.mary.org](http://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 CLUBS

We will meet to discuss the Matthew Kelly book *Rediscover Catholicism* that can be picked up for free 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](mailto:mslaughter@mary.org). Groups meet weekly during Lent.

### 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.

### 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.

### CATHOLICS COMING HOME

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 3-MAY 8, 7:00PM

BASILICA SCHOOL, ROOM LL-7

We would especially like to welcome those men and women who might be returning to the church. Catholics Coming Home is an outreach to those who might have drifted away from regular participation in our church, allowing them to take another look. If you are considering returning to the Catholic Church, we invite you to take advantage of this opportunity we have planned for you. Call 612.317.3473 for more information or just come to our opening session. There is no cost to attend.

### SYMBOLS THAT SURROUND US: FAITHFUL REFLECTIONS

SUNDAYS, APRIL 14 AND 21, 11:00AM-12:30PM

STS. AMBROSE AND TERESA ROOMS, 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:

#### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, FOLLOWING 6:30PM MASS

Music as Mystagogy: Catechizing through the Sacred Arts  
Presented by Rev. Michael Driscoll, Ph.D. and the Notre Dame Club of Minnesota.

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.

## Development

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PLEDGE DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we are having a second collection and pledge drive for our life-saving Saint Vincent de Paul ministries. 100% of your SVdP gifts go directly to serve people in need. \$5 provides ten sandwiches, \$20 provides a gas voucher or bus card & \$75 provides 5 pairs of shoes. This Lent, we invite you to prayerfully consider a pledge or gift to our St. Vincent de Paul ministries.

### A GIFT FOR EASTER FLOWERS

The Basilica at Easter, with bouquets of roses, orchids and lilies, is a marvel to behold. Easter flowers also make a wonderful tribute or memorial gift. Gifts received by March 20 will be listed in the Easter leaflet. Please look for the special Easter flower donation envelopes in the back of church, or donate online at [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org).

### SPRING FLING BINGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 6:00-9:00PM

BASILICA LOWER LEVEL

Suffering from spring fever? Get out of the house and join us for the last bingo night of the season! Come for Mass and stay for the fun of exciting callers, entertainment, a cash bar and prizes including Basilica Block Party tickets, Hilton hotel stays and restaurant gift certificates. Food available for purchase. Register in advance and save! Tickets available at [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org). For more information, call Leah at 612.317.3432 or [lfogelberg@mary.org](mailto:lfogelberg@mary.org).

### THE BASILICA ANNUAL LANDMARK FUND

At the heart of every great city, there's a church which has defined the landscape and served as a spiritual, cultural and community center. The Basilica of Saint Mary — America's first Basilica — is that kind of stunning, sacred place. It is The Building of Hope for our metropolitan area. With your help, we will invest over \$2 million this year in our historic campus buildings in 2013: to re-roof the school, make the Reardon Rectory accessible for all by installing a new elevator, and update the second and third floors. Please consider a gift at [www.thebasilicalandmark.org](http://www.thebasilicalandmark.org).

### THE EMMANUEL MASQUERAY BALL

SATURDAY, MAY 4

WINDOWS ON MINNESOTA, IDS CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS

Float among the clouds while the sun sets on a starry evening high above the City of Lakes. Dinner, auction and entertainment will take place as you are brought to extraordinary heights. This event will benefit the preservation and restoration efforts of The Basilica Landmark. Tickets online at [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org). Contact Meghan at [mgustafson@mary.org](mailto:mgustafson@mary.org) or 612.317.3428.

### WHERE'S SAINT PATRICK?

When construction of The Basilica was near completion the stonemasons knew it would be years before the interior was finished, so they carved symbols into the stone pillars where each statue should be placed. If you look at the nearby column you'll see a heart with crown of thorns near the altar of the Sacred Heart, a lily near Saint Joseph and a shamrock near the statue of--Saint Anthony of Padua? It seems the proportion of Irish to Italian parishioners changed in the intervening years and St. Patrick is nowhere to be found (except in your heart). Look for these symbols and as you do, consider a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark to ensure that future generations may enjoy this story and all the wonderful stores at The Basilica of Saint Mary—including yours. Contact Robin at [rkeyworth@mary.org](mailto:rkeyworth@mary.org) or 612.317.3429.

# Christian Life

## WE ARE A RESURRECTION PEOPLE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 8:30AM-1:00PM

RECTORY DINING ROOM

Join Fr. Pat Griffin in a prayerful morning, as we prepare to enter Holy Week at The Basilica.

## WINTER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 8:30AM-3:30PM

Join our friends at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral for an interfaith Habitat for Humanity project. We will be working in Woodbury on a new four-plex. If interested, please contact Lynn at St. Mark's at 612.331.4866 or [lynn\\_gilligan@uhc.com](mailto:lynn_gilligan@uhc.com).

## CRAFTING A RESUME THAT LEADS TO JOB INTERVIEWS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 7:00-9:00PM

BASILICA LOWER LEVEL

Stan Brown, founder of Minneapolis Job Support Workshop, believes a resume is fundamental but is only effective when it portrays accomplishments. Come and work at designing a resume that will get you hired. RSVP to [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) or 612.317.3508.

## 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.

*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.

April 4 selection is *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

### CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY & DINNER

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2:30PM

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



## Did You Know?

The chapel of St. Anthony was originally intended as a chapel to St. Patrick, and a small stone shamrock can be found on the wall nearby.

## RESILIENCY

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 7:00-9:00PM

THE GREAT HALL, BASILICA SCHOOL

Steve Beseke, award winning writer and speaker, shares his approach and solutions to life's challenges, reversals, and stressors. Who in job transition doesn't understand all of those? RSVP to [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) or 612.317.3508.

## 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!

## DO YOU WORK IN A MEDICAL OFFICE?

Maybe you have samples of toothpaste, lotion, etc. that could be donated to guests of our St. Vincent de Paul Outreach/Shoe Ministries? Our guests are always in need of toiletries. Just drop items at the Rectory anytime we are open. Questions? Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or [jfreeman@mary.org](mailto:jfreeman@mary.org).

## BEFRIENDER LISTENING MINISTRY

Are you worried about a loved one who is a new parent, has a new identity, or a new illness? Are you unemployed or recently retired? The Basilica offers confidential, caring listening through the BeFriender Listening Ministry, inviting you to tell your story.

## PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

As a community we are called to pray for one another. In the midst of sorrow, hope, uncertainty and challenge, we pray. To receive weekly prayer intention lists through e-mail or land mail, contact [cedwards@mary.org](mailto:cedwards@mary.org) or call 612.317.3474.

## PRAYER SHAWL

Prayer Shawls are a reminder of God's constant love and the prayer and support of The Basilica community. We gather to create shawls that are blessed and presented to members of the community who are coping with sorrow, illness, loss or loneliness. New knitters are welcome, call Jane 952.556.5001.

## APPLY YOUR GIFTS AND STRENGTHS FOR AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE

Seeking friendly, flexible, easy-going people to staff the hospitality desk in the Rectory. This position is crucial to the smooth operation of our busy parish office. Respond to the doorbell and either admit the visitor or provide a sandwich. Openings on Monday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and Saturdays. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 today.

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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.*