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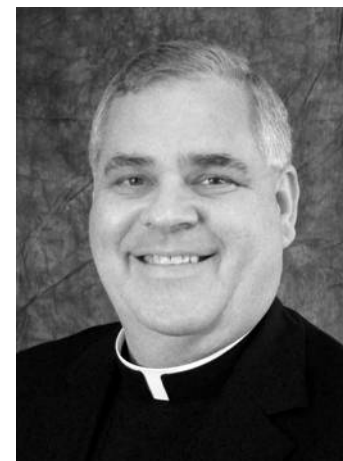
Welcome

On the weekend of April 27 – 28 we welcome back to The Basilica Fr. Michael O’Connell. As most of you know, Fr. O’Connell is the previous pastor at The Basilica and currently is pastor of Ascension Parish in North Minneapolis. Fr. O’Connell will be seeking our financial support as well as inviting volunteer support for Ascension School at a special second collection that weekend. Ascension School serves

disadvantaged backgrounds, creating a path that leads them to a future full of hope.

A critical component of this transformation is a six-week Summer Enrichment Program, known by the initials S.L.A.M. (Super Language and Math). It is a full-day, five-day-a-week program that provides math, reading, writing, listening and speaking enrichment, plus daily

This summer, Ascension School will add new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S.T.E.M.) components to their summer program to better engage students who are at or above grade level in language arts and math and have the inclination for a more challenging program. They are poised to increase student participation in the summer enrichment program by 30%.



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor
The Basilica of Saint Mary

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students who are at risk of falling behind academically and need extra attention to meet their potential. The majority of students — 83% — live in poverty, and the median income of families with children in the school is \$28,000. 97% of the students are students of color and 41% are still learning the English language. With over 90% of its students going on to college, Ascension School is transforming the lives of students from

meals (breakfast and lunch.) The immediate goal of the program is twofold: 1) To ensure that students don’t fall further behind during the summer months and 2) To provide a safe and secure environment from heightened violence that occurs during the summer months. The ultimate goal of the program is to decrease the learning and achievement gap that often accompanies children from low-income families.

The above are some facts about Ascension School. The question for each of us is why should we support Ascension School? Aren’t there things at The Basilica that need our financial support? There are two things I would note in response to this question. First, when we are concerned only with ourselves, we run the risk of becoming like the rich man in one of Jesus’ parables, who had such a bountiful harvest that he didn’t have space to store it. He didn’t consider sharing his bounty. In fact, his only

thought was to build larger barns to store his bountiful harvest. (Lk. 12:16-21) “But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.” The message of this parable is clear. We are called to share our blessings simply because we recognize that we have been greatly blessed.

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

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

Leave the world a better place for future generations

Blessing of The Bicycles: Saturday, May 18, 3:00pm

All are invited to the fifth annual Blessing of The Bicycles. Come to have your bicycle blessed for a safe summer of bike riding! We will gather on The Basilica Plaza and process into The Basilica Church to praise God; to pray for the safety of all cyclists; and to remember those who have been injured while riding.

Basilica bike oil will be distributed, and we will have Basilica caps and bike-bells for purchase. There will be ice cream and popcorn following the blessing. There will also be bike vendors on site. This is a community event for all ages.

Our Lady Of Ghisallo

Medieval legend says that Count Ghisallo was travelling near the village of Magreglio when he was attacked by highway bandits. Spotting an image of the virgin Mary in a roadside shrine, he broke away from his attackers and ran to it. There he took refuge, safe under Our Lady's protection. He was miraculously saved from robbers.

As the story spread, the Madonna del Ghisallo became known as patroness of local travelers. In more recent times, cyclists would often stop to rest and pray at the chapel. After World War II, Father Ermelindo Vigano, pastor at the shrine, proposed Ghisallo as the site of an Italian shrine by cyclists, and she was given as patroness of cyclists on October 13, 1949, by Pope Pius XII.

THE PRODIGAL SON: FROM THE COLLECTION OF JERRY EVENRUD

EXHIBIT: THROUGH APRIL 28

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.

MORNING PRAYER DURING EASTERTIDE

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM, ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL

MISSA CHORALIS HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC FOR 5:00PM SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION
APRIL 27 DELANO HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHOIR

MINNESOTA SINFONIA CONCERT

WINTER CONCERT SERIES —OLD FASHIONED FANTASIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2:00PM

Featuring Inna Faliks, piano

Free, families & children encouraged to attend

Overture in the Italian Style, in D Major, D. 590 Franz Schubert
Concertino in 3 Movements Ted Unseth

Sinfonia commission and world premiere

Supported by a generous grant from the McKnight Foundation

Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis Ralph Vaughan Williams

Scherzo from Octet Felix Mendelssohn

Piano Concerto No. 1 in g minor, opus 25 Felix Mendelssohn

THE BASILICA CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT IN ROSEMOUNT

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 7:00PM

CHURCH OF SAINT JOSEPH IN ROSEMOUNT

Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$10.00 seniors & children

Hosted by Fr. Paul Jarvis

13900 Biscayne Ave W, Rosemount, 651.423.4402

BLESSING OF BICYCLES

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 3:00 PM

Do you enjoy a bike ride for leisure? Are you a committed cyclist riding more than you drive? Are your children gearing up for a summer on their bicycles or tricycles? All are invited to the fifth annual Basilica Blessing of Bicycles. We will gather in The Basilica of Saint Mary to praise God; to pray for the safety of all cyclists; and to remember those who have been injured while riding. Basilica bike oil will be distributed, and we will have Basilica caps and bike-bells for purchase. After the blessing we will go on a group ride for all ages and abilities. For more information, or to volunteer at the event, call Andy at 612.317.3477 or andrew.e.willette@accenture.com.

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)

Events of the Week

SYMBOLS THAT SURROUND US: FAITHFUL REFLECTIONS

TODAY, APRIL 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. There is no cost.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEARNING PROGRAM REGISTRATION

2013-2014 program registration is underway. Materials are available at the back of church and on www.mary.org. Register early to save administrative fees.

COMPLINE DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON

SUNDAYS, APRIL 21, MAY 5, 19, 8:00PM

BASILICA CHURCH (NAVE)
Minnesota Compline Choir

Peace at the last—peace for the world. Come and join the Minnesota Compline Choir for prayer at the close of day—the office of Compline—during the Paschal Season.

LOAVES AND FISHES MEAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

ST. PAUL

Join the fun and help cook and serve a meal with the Loaves and Fishes program. To register, contact Debby at 651.423.6344 or dryan7@frontiernet.net.

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CITIES 97 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY

JULY 12 & 13

WWW.BASICABLOCKPARTY.ORG

Mark your calendar for the 19th Annual Cities 97 Basilica Block Party on July 12 & 13. There's no better way to celebrate the summer than great food, tasty beverages and rockin' music at the hottest music event of the summer!

The Bands: Matchbox Twenty, Grace Potter & The Nocturnals, Sharon Jones & The Dap-Kings, Matt Nathanson, Goo Goo Dolls, and many more. Check out our new website at www.basilicablockparty.org for ticket and band information.

The Raffle: Don't miss your chance to win great prizes with a \$5 raffle ticket! To purchase, call 612.317.3457.

To Volunteer: Don't miss our volunteer rally on May 7 at 6:00pm in the Great Hall of The Basilica School or call 612.317.3457 after May 13.

Get Involved

RCIA SPONSORS NEEDED

Are you interested in journeying alongside someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? We need several members of our community to fill the role of RCIA sponsor. Time commitment is Tuesday evenings, late summer through spring. Training provided. Contact Paula at 612.317.3473 to learn more.

MARRIAGE MENTOR MINISTRY

If you are a married couple and would like to get involved in something together as a couple that is challenging, fun and encouraging to your own marriage, why not consider becoming a Basilica Marriage Mentor Couple. Training provided. Time commitment is flexible. Contact Nancy at 612.317.3478.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

Looking for a meaningful opportunity to work with our children or teenagers? Catechists are needed at various grade levels for the 2013-14 school year. Please contact Kelli at 612.317.3439 or kkester@mary.org if you're interested or have questions.

DELIVER LUNCHES WITH MEALS ON WHEELS

Our Basilica Meals on Wheels team currently is seeking a volunteer to deliver meals on one Tuesday per month; total volunteer time is about an hour starting at 11:15 am. You need to have your own transportation and be comfortable driving and parking in downtown Minneapolis. For information contact Leah at 612.374.4757 or lhistich@msn.com or Brittany at 612.532.1023 or bgarcia1210@yahoo.com.

PATHWAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our faith-based life-skills class, Pathways, needs volunteers to greet guests, facilitate conversation, and provide childcare one/two Thursday evenings each month. Reach out to those in need and help us create classes that are welcoming, engaging, and enjoyable! For more information contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

RECTORY LISTENING MINISTRY

Do you enjoy sharing your time with others and listening to their life-stories and concerns? Listening Ministers provide a welcome space to receive unexpected visitors. We are currently seeking volunteers for weekly shifts: Monday-Friday afternoons 1:00-4:00pm, also Friday 9:00am-Noon. If interested contact Kimberly at Kburns@mary.org or 612.317.3413.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - CELEBRATE SERVICE

April 21-27 is a time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things through service. We are so grateful for all of the volunteers who give of themselves to make The Basilica the vibrant community that we love. A conservative estimate is that parishioners and friends contribute over 5,000 hours per month in all aspects of Basilica ministries and operations. Truly, volunteers are the engine of The Basilica. If you volunteer in any way, give yourself a pat on the back! If you would like to get involved, contact Sally Carlson-Bancroft at 612.317.3417.

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.

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.

THEOLOGY DAY: CONSIDERING VATICAN II FIFTY YEARS LATER

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 6:00-9:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Kristin Colberg, Ph.D., will lead this program that will discuss certain critical developments of Vatican II's decrees, contemporary scholarship on the meaning of the conciliar documents, and people's own experiences of the changes that the council brought to the Church. Registration required on www.mary.org or by calling 612.317.3414. Free will donations to Saint John's School of Theology will be accepted.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

DINNER AFTER MASS

SUNDAYS, APRIL 21 AND MAY 26, FOLLOWING 4:30PM MASS
ELI'S, HENNEPIN AVE

Come hang out and have dinner at Eli's with other young adults. This is a great opportunity to get to know the other young adults that you may see sitting in the pews during Mass! Come on over and sit with us in "our section" in the back of the front right-center section of the church or just meet us after Mass by the Lady of Guadalupe painting in the back of church. Once it seems that we have our group together, we'll walk together down Hennepin a couple of blocks to Eli's. Hope to see you there!

BYA GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 6:00PM

BASILICA SCHOOL ROOM LL-7

Join us after Mass to have some fun with other young adults in a relaxed social setting over a variety of board games.

RETREAT: MANY WAYS TO PRAY

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 9:30AM-1:30PM

FRENCH REGIONAL PARK, EASTWOOD ROOM

Register at www.mary.org. Capacity is limited to 33 participants. Enjoy a day of reflection and fellowship near some great walking trails. We will practice a variety of prayer styles introduced by several BYA peers. Cost is \$20. Scholarships are available upon request.

BYA WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL — DATE CHANGE

Please note that the wine and cheese social scheduled for May 4 has been rescheduled to June 1, following the Saturday 5:00pm Mass.

Development



THE EMMANUEL MASQUERAY BALL, A CELESTIAL CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 4

WINDOWS ON MINNESOTA IDS CENTER, 50TH FLOOR

Join us on the evening of May 4, 2013, for an event that will bring you to incredible heights with awe-inspiring views from Windows on Minnesota. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend either a divine sit-down feast or a hosted cocktail party featuring heavenly libations. Beginning at 9:30pm, partygoers will dance the night away to the otherworldly sounds of The R Factor and join in games that are sure to entertain. The occasion is guaranteed to be out of this world. This event will benefit the preservation and restoration efforts of The Basilica Landmark. For more information or to sponsor the event, contact Meghan at mgustafson@mary.org or 612.317.3428.

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THE MASQUERAY BALL ONLINE AUCTION

NOW-MONDAY, APRIL 29

Anticipation for The Masqueray Ball is building with the launch of the online auction. From theater and sports tickets, to hotel and restaurant gift certificates, there is something for everyone. Simply visit thebasicalandmark.org and begin bidding on the incredible items.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

Easter at The Basilica of Saint Mary is a breathtaking and deeply spiritual experience. By supporting The Basilica Landmark, you can help preserve and maintain our buildings so future generations can experience its splendor as The Building of Hope for our community. Please consider an Annual Fund gift to The Basilica Landmark. Contact Tim at 612.317.3472 or tdecelle@mary.org or give online at thebasicalandmark.org.



A VERY SPECIAL GROUP

The Basilica Landmark's Legacy Society honors parishioners and friends who have provided for bequests and other planned gifts for the ongoing preservation and restoration of our historic church and its campus. Donors have made a commitment through their will or trust, a qualified retirement account or life insurance policy. These generous and forward-thinking friends are a very special group who has demonstrated that they want to be involved in The Basilica Landmark and the church it supports not only during their lifetimes but even after they are gone. Have you remembered the Landmark in your estate planning? Please let us know so we can give you the thanks you so richly deserve. If you haven't yet done so, please contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org to learn more.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR ASCENSION SCHOOL

Next weekend, you will be invited to make a pledge or gift to Ascension School. Former Basilica rector and current Ascension Pastor Fr. Michael O'Connell calls Ascension School "a miracle factory" in North Minneapolis. Students get quality education and personalized attention to prepare them for success in school and in life. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to Ascension School.

Christian Life

CATHOLICS GOING GREEN

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

Are you passionate about caring for our environment? Gather together for dinner and discussion. Registration is required, please call Donna at 952.939.0308.

CAREER ALTERNATIVES

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 7:00-9:00 PM

LOWER LEVEL BASILICA

George Dow is back with his wisdom for those over 40 who wonder what to do with the rest of their lives. RSVP for these free workshops to jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES VOLUNTEERS RALLY

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 6:00PM

RECTORY DINING ROOM

Volunteers needed for the 5th Annual Blessing of the Bicycles. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information contact Andrew at andrew.e.willette@accenture.com or 612.597.3217.

TOP TEN NETWORKING BLUNDERS

MAY 16, 6:00-9:00PM

LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH

Catherine Byers Breet returns with advice on how to network and secure that new job.

Crossroads welcomes Basilica parishioners and friends age 50+

CROSSROADS BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM

Meets in Cowley Center. For more information, call Karen at 612.872.7535. May 2 selection is *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck.

CROSSROADS DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 5:00PM

Salad Splash at the home of Don and Marilyn Walter. Beverages provided. For information and reservations call Marilyn at 763.541.9393 by April 23.



Did You Know?

The 12 statues of the apostles atop the Sanctuary gates are exactly half-size replicas of those in the Major Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome.

A RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 9:30AM-NOON

ST. AUSTIN CAMPUS 4050 UPTON AVENUE NORTH

(40TH & THOMAS AVENUES NORTH)

Offered by the North Side Catholic Parishes of Church of the Ascension, the Parish Family of St. Bridget, Our Lady of Victory, and The Basilica of Saint Mary. We will conclude with Mass at noon for those who wish to stay, offering a special blessing and anointing for those who serve in the important role and ministry of caregiver. Registration is required: Call Mary 612.521.7454 or Cathy at cedwards@mary.org.

JUSTFAITH: PATHS TO COMPASSION

What challenges do our neighbors face, and what can we do about it? JustFaith is a 24-week program that delves into the causes and challenges of poverty and helps participants find ways they are called to more fully live the Gospel. For more information about the upcoming Basilica JustFaith program, call 480.695.0552 or amanda.keim@gmail.com.

MINNESOTA ALLIANCE OF PEACEMAKERS

The Basilica of Saint Mary is a participating member of the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP). The mission of MAP is "To strengthen the effectiveness of the peace and justice community in Minnesota by enabling member organizations to share their resources, insights and ideas and devise cooperative strategies to accomplish common goals." If you would like to be part of this interfaith organization, dedicated to peace and non-violence, please contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org.

INTERFAITH TEAM OPPORTUNITY

If you are called to work with an interfaith team, consider becoming part of the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness Interfaith Action Team. Join together with members of 16 interfaith congregations in the downtown area. For more information, call 612.317.3477.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE BASILICA RECENTLY?

You're in good company! We welcome about 50 new parishioners each month. You're also invited to attend a dinner or brunch in your honor. Meet other new members and some of our fabulous staff. Coming up: dinner on Tuesday, April 16, at 5:30pm; brunch on Sunday, May 19, at 10:30am. RSVP to Sally, 612.317.3417.

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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.