



Mass Times

Saint Joseph Chapel

Monday - Friday: 7:00am and Noon

The Basilica

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am, and

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**THE BASILICA
OF SAINT MARY**



Stewardship of Our Gifts

August & September 2013



*Sharing our knowledge, talent, love,
and experience to serve others*

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

A WAY OF LIFE

Stewardship of Our Gifts

All the baptized are called to discipleship

Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime....Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life...¹

The community of disciples should call forth and nurture each other's gifts.

People do not hear the Lord's call in isolation from one another... Vocations are communicated, discerned, accepted, and lived out in a community of faith which is a community of disciples.²

All of our gifts are from God and they are meant to be shared!

Time - In a busy society like ours, time is one of the most precious gifts we have. How we spend our time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of Christian discipleship.

Talents – Our talents are the special blessings that each of us has received from a loving Creator. They are those things that we are especially good at or that we especially like to do. When we serve God and others by sharing our talents, we give something of ourselves, those characteristics that make each of us unique human beings.¹

We possess all the gifts we need to make a difference in the world – to build the body of Christ.

Because the Church's individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. If any member withholds his or her gift, the vitality of the Body suffers.¹

The Church is built up through personal participation in and support of the Church's mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.¹

We use our gifts in all aspects of our life – both inside the church doors and beyond – in our families, workplaces, neighborhoods and communities.

Excerpts taken from 1) Stewardship: A disciples response, Tenth Anniversary Edition, .USCCB, 2002; 2) *Redemptor Hominis*, no. 21, Pope John Paul II

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The Basilica of Saint Mary celebrates stewardship by emphasizing six key themes throughout the year. Each theme highlights an important aspect of living a life rooted in scripture.

GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP—DECEMBER & JANUARY

Promote peace throughout the world

LOCAL STEWARDSHIP—FEBRUARY & MARCH

Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP—APRIL & MAY

Leave the world a better place for future generations

PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP—JUNE & JULY

Care for ourselves in body, mind and spirit

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS— AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Share our knowledge, talent, love, and experience to serve others

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP—OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Give generously and joyfully

One Body, Many Parts

NEW LIFE-STAGE GROUPS FORMING

We are called to help each other claim our gifts and exercise them in ministry together. Since the early days of the church, followers of Christ have gathered in small groups to share their faith and grow in fellowship.

A GROUP FOR THOSE IN THE “MIDDLE” – TO BE NAMED

If you don't fit in the Basilica Young Adults Group, and you're not quite ready for Crossroads (50+), we have a place for you at The Basilica! We are beginning a new group for fellowship, spirituality, and service for those around their 40's.

Planning Meeting: Gather to help develop future plans for the group on **Tuesday, August 6th at 5:30pm** in the Rectory Dining Room. If this group sounds like it's for you, contact Lynda at lyndamples@gmail.com or Alia at aliaannvo@gmail.com.

ROCK SOLID MARRIAGES

Come deepen the spiritual dimension of your marriage and make friends with other married couples in their 20's and 30's.

“Meet and Greet” Kick-Off event August 18
“Live Together, Pray Together” session September 29th

Gather following the 11:30am Mass in Sts. Ambrose/ Teresa Room, on the ground level of the church. Please register at mary.org for the events that you will attend.

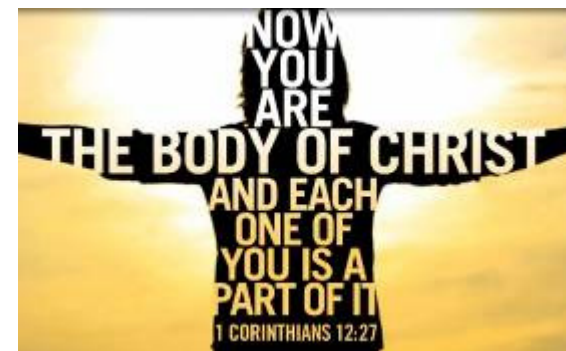
St. Paul teaches that all of us belong to Christ and each of us is needed for the whole body to function. We may think what we have to offer is not important or necessary; Paul states otherwise.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the place he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be?

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor...

But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it. If one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Discover Your Gifts

You may wonder what gifts the Spirit has allotted to you.

A number of inventories have been developed in recent years, one of which The Basilica has made available online!

The **Gifts Survey** takes about 20 minutes and provides immediate feedback of your three strongest spiritual gifts along with suggested opportunities for sharing your gifts.

The results may surprise you, puzzle you, or confirm what you already know about yourself. To further explore your giftedness, talk with friends or family members who know you well and, in your prayers, ask God for help in discerning your gifts.

The results are confidential; The Basilica does not capture or store the results of your survey.

To take the survey, find a quiet, unhurried time and log on to <http://www.mary.org/giftsurvey>.

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Art by Steve Olson, August 31—October 27

Artist’s Reception, Sunday September 15, 1:00pm

Pope John XXIII Gallery – Lower level of the Church

From canvas paintings to carvings on wood to sculpture, Olson explores social themes through form and emotion; relationships, loss, depression, grief, love, support. His art profoundly engages the human spirit.

REFLECTIONS ON MY JOURNEY: LIVING WITH GUILLAIN-BARRE – Fr. Michael Joncas

Sunday, September 22, 1:00-2:30 pm

Teresa of Calcutta Hall (lower level of church)

Our gifts include all of who we are, even our weakness and wounds. Fr. Joncas is well-known in the Archdiocese and a popular teacher. Free. Register by September 20 at www.mary.org or call the Learning Office at 612.317.3414.



GIFTS LEADERSHIP TEAM

This team of parishioners works to strengthen Basilica member engagement through assisting parishioners in discerning their gifts and personally inviting them into volunteer ministry. They are also responsible for highlighting Stewardship of Our Gifts in August and September.

Mary Amundson
Michelle Bovy
Marie Cassidy
Kathy Doty Koehler
Karla Edin
Bethany Peters

You may request a meeting with a member of the team to talk about how you might get involved or deepen your involvement in the parish. Contact the staff liaison for the team, Sally Carlson-Bancroft, at 612-317-3417.

Events in August & September

PRAYERS FOR EDEN

Art by Marce Wood, July 6 – August 25

Artist's Reception, Sunday, August 4, 1:00 pm

Pope John XXIII Gallery – Lower level of the Church

Artist statement – I have chosen to use my art as my voice, affirming the interdependence of all beings and celebrating the holiness of life. Stop by Saturdays, 10:00am – 6:30pm, or Sundays, 7:30am – 8:00pm.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD WEEK

Monday-Friday, August 5-9

Each year Basilica volunteer share their skills and muscle by helping to build a home with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. To get involved, contact Julia Buege Freeman at 612-317-3417.

JOBSEEKER EVENT – LOST IN TRANSLATION

Thursday, August 8, 6-8 pm

Teresa of Calcutta Hall (lower level of church)

Learn how to translate your skills, experience and passion into a fantastic resume, 30-second pitch, and interview. This free event is sponsored by The Basilica Employment Ministry. Seats are limited. Register at www.arbez.com/lostintranslation/0808.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS—IN THE LITURGY & AFTER MASS

Saturday, September 7 & Sunday, September 8—ALL MASSES

The liturgy will focus on Stewardship of our Gifts in preaching, music, and offering ourselves in service.

BASILICA MINISTRY FAIR AND FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, September 9, 10:30am-2:00pm

Basilica East Lawn & Plaza

Reconnect with friends you might not have seen all summer or make new friends. The ministry fair showcases many great volunteer opportunities. Visit with star volunteers; find out what they do and why they do it. Enjoy activities and entertainment for all ages - along with BBQ from Famous Dave's.

Reflect—Discuss

Ask yourself or companions these questions on the ride home, gathered around the table or in a small group.

1. Think of a time when this parish brought out talents or gifts in you, maybe even talents that you never knew you had.

What actually happened?

What did individuals, or the parish as a whole, do to make that experience possible?

What attitudes or qualities were present that made your experience possible?

2. Think of a time when you felt that the church was really there for you or when you were served by this parish, its members, its programs, or the ministry of the parish.

Who was involved?

What happened?

What about this experience helped you feel served or ministered to?

3. Think of a time when you feel your service (no matter how “small” or “big”) was an expression of your own faith or moved you to go beyond yourself – where indeed you experienced that “service is our prayer.”

What happened to bring this forth in you?

Share Your Gifts—How To Get Involved

Read the weekly newsletter.

The “Get involved page,” as well as the department pages, list an ever-changing assortment of ministry opportunities. Pick up your newsletter at Mass.

Browse opportunities at www.mary.org.

Select **Volunteer** at the top of the screen.

Tell us about your skills and talents.

Registered users of MyBasilica may indicate skills or talents that they are willing to share with our parish community.

When the need for a particular skill arises, we query the database to see who in our community has that skill. At that point, you may be contacted.

Go to www.mary.org, select **Volunteer**, then **Skills to Share**

Schedule a discernment interview.

Contact Sally Carlson-Bancroft
Coordinator of Volunteer Support &
New Member Welcome
612.317.3417
scarlson@mary.org.

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Whoever speaks is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God. Whoever serves is to do so as one serving by the strength which God supplies. I Peter 4:10-11

A Stewardship Prayer

*Lord,
your love and generosity toward us,
your children, are beyond all
that we could imagine.*

*Help us always to be mindful
that all that we have comes from you.*

*Teach us to be respectful stewards,
caring for your blessings, and using
the specific gifts you give to each of us
to build up your body, the church –
in our parish, homes, and families –
and in our community so that all that we do
will honor you.*

We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus.

Amen

MINISTRY DAY-LEARN ABOUT OUR NEW 5-YEAR PLAN

Saturday, October 5, 8:30 am – Noon

Teresa of Calcutta Hall (lower level of church)

All parishioners, especially those who are active in Basilica

ministries, are invited. Sr. Catherine Michaud, CSJ, will unveil our new strategic plan and lead us in reflecting on how each of us can embrace it, as we go forth into the many communities in which we live and share our gifts. FREE.

Register by October 3 at www.mary.org or call the Learning Office at 612.317.3414.