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Welcome

Over the years, I have heard many people talk about recognizing God's presence in great and powerful events/moments that occur in the world or in their individual lives. Now certainly it is easy to discern God's presence at these times. In my experience, however, I have discovered that often God also resides in small events, in things of seeming insignificance. While it takes faith to discern God's presence in the great and powerful moments of our lives, I would suggest that it perhaps takes even more faith to discern God's presence in the everyday and ordinary moments of our lives.

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Our faith tells us that God is always present in our

lives and in our world — in great and powerful moments and events, as well as in the everyday and ordinary events of our lives. God abides with us always. God never ignores us or abandons us. The thing is, though, that if we only look for God in great and powerful moments and events, we will miss God's presence, and the grace that God offers us, in all the moments and events of our lives — the small as well as the great and powerful moments.

I think the above is important. We do not have to recognize God presence if we do not want to. God does not force God's Self

on us. Instead I believe God leaves hints or intimations of God's presence all

around us. And God has given us the intelligence, the curiosity, and the desiring, so that if we seek God in faith and love we will discover God's presence.

Certainly it is easier to discern God's presence in the great and powerful moments and events of our lives than it is to discern God's presence in the ordinary and everyday, in the small and seemingly insignificant events of our lives. The reality is, though, that God is present in both of these moments, and God is waiting for us discover and respond to God's presence.

God is indeed present and active in our world, in ways large and small, dramatic and ordinary. I believe, though, that those who try to recognize God in their own ordinary and everyday lives are the ones who will freely and daringly affirm God's presence in other unexpected places. And I



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor
The Basilica of Saint Mary

also believe that once we start seeing God's presence in the here and now, soon we will start to see it everywhere.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR GIFTS: SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE, TALENT, LOVE AND EXPERIENCE TO SERVE OTHERS

Marie Cassidy is a member of the Gifts Leadership Team, which is responsible for highlighting this stewardship theme during August and September.

As I transitioned into the “real world” after college, I knew my free time would be limited. I joined The Basilica ready to get involved, but I had trouble feeling truly connected to the work I was doing. There were great opportunities, but I often drove home feeling unfulfilled. Taking the Gifts Survey was an opportunity for me to find the sweet spot theologian Frederick Buechner described as “where our greatest passion meets the world’s greatest need.”

Now, I volunteer with programs I hold close to my heart. I leave The Basilica full of joy after playing with children at Families Moving Forward or discussing spiritual gifts with a talented group of women. I enjoy spending that precious free time at The Basilica, because my talents are being used to help others.

Are you interested in getting energized by putting your spiritual gifts to work?

Check out www.mary.org/giftsurvey for more information!

PRAYERS FOR EDEN

ART BY MARCE WOOD

EXHIBIT: NOW-AUGUST 25

Artist Statement: “I am a storyteller, creating images originating from Christian thought, mystical landscape and spiritual dialogue between all of creation. As an environmentalist, I have chosen to use my art as my voice, affirming the interdependence of all beings and celebrating the holiness of life. I believe that the universe is ultimately a joyful and cooperative home for all of us. Inspired by the works of Norval Morriseau, influenced by the primitive paintings of Henri Rousseau, and intrigued by the Mexican retablo, I find myself fascinated with bright colors, solid characters and mysterious landscapes. I think of my works as offerings, visual stories born from a circle walk between spiritual awareness and life participation.”

MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

FRIDAY VESPERS

FRIDAYS, 5:30PM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Join the Oblates of Saint Benedict of Saint John’s Abbey, Collegetown in celebrating Vespers (Evening Prayer).

FROM YOUR GARDEN TO THE BASILICA ALTAR

The liturgical environment team seeks large chrysanthemum blossoms and large ornamental grasses to dry for use in our seasonal environments. Call 612.317.3433 for details.

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

There will be no 7:00am or Noon Mass celebrated at The Basilica. There will be a 9:30am Mass celebrated at our sister parish, The Church of the Ascension.

THE ROSE ENSEMBLE — SEASON OPENING CONCERT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 8:00PM, FREE

The Rose Ensemble is kicking off their 2013-14 season with a free concert. Listen to highlights from their renowned repertoire. Show up early to catch a fabulous silent auction, too. Details at www.RoseEnsemble.org.

EUCHARIST WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 10:30AM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, LOWER LEVEL

Those suffering in body, mind and spirit are welcome to attend Eucharist and receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 10:00AM TO NOON

Attend this informative workshop to help you plan a funeral service for a loved one or for yourself. Why leave planning for later, when preparing in advance may lighten the stress during a time of grieving? Register online at MyBasilica. A nominal fee of \$10 covers the cost of printed material.

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

BYA WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, FOLLOWING 5:00PM MASS
LOWER LEVEL OF THE CHURCH
Young adults, join us for this social to meet others in The Basilica's Young Adult community. Bring a friend and join us for beverages and light refreshments. Ages 21+, please.

ROCK SOLID MARRIAGES: MARRIED COUPLES UNITED IN FAITH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1:00-2:30PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL
Join us for the kick-off event for this new ministry at The Basilica for married couples in their 20's and 30's. The group will meet monthly to strengthen their marriages through discussion of important and relevant topics, scripture study and prayer. Please register on www.mary.org. There is no cost to attend.

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LOAVES AND FISHES MEAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, SAINT 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.

NEW GROUP FORMING AT THE BASILICA

MEET & GREET' ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 , 6:30-9:00PM (AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS) AT THE LORING KITCHEN & BAR
We are beginning a new group for fellowship, spirituality, and service for those in or around their 40's.

WALK TO THE FARMER'S MARKET WITH US!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, AFTER 9:30AM MASS
Meet outside the front northeast door of The Basilica across from the MCTC parking ramp. Get some exercise, purchase fresh produce, support local farmers and have fun with your Basilica neighbors! Sponsored by the Personal and Ecological Stewardship teams.

PARKING ALERT

The Cowley parking lot is closed due to construction. It is estimated to re-open after Labor Day. The east side of 17th Street will be handicapped parking only.

Get Involved

SERVE AS AN RCIA SPONSOR

Consider journeying alongside someone who is interested in becoming Catholic as an RCIA sponsor. Time commitment is Tuesday evenings, late summer through spring. Sponsors should attend a training session either August 20 or 27, or September 22 or 29. Contact Paula at 612.317.3473.

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS?

Opportunities are currently available to provide childcare to kids ages 1-11 at Pathways, our Thursday night life skills class. Time commitment is one Thursday per month from 6:30-8:15pm. Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org for more information on this great opportunity to put your faith into action!

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir sings for the 9:30am liturgy throughout the church year; September through June and major feast days and solemnities including Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. Repertoire includes music of all genres. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm. Auditions are required for entrance into the choir and include a prepared piece of music, sight-reading, and pitch recognition.

CLEAN WITH THE ALTAR GUILD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 8:00-10:30AM
Join the altar guild for a work morning as we care for the Marian shrines and images throughout The Basilica. Sign up online at www.mary.org/minister and click on Altar Guild Days or call 612.317.3433 for more information.

BASILICA FAMILY PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:30AM-2:00PM
Get in on the fun of this annual Basilica tradition! Contact your volunteer leader or staff liaison to see about staffing the ministry fair. We are seeking face painters, photographers, musicians, food servers, food runners, and people to run the children's activities. E-mail basilica.fair.picnic@gmail.com for details.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN AND EASY WAY TO HELP THE BASILICA?

We're looking for volunteers to help with hand-addressing, mailings and other tasks in the development office. This is a fun way to socialize with other volunteers and a great and easy way to help The Basilica community. No experience is necessary and there is no commitment required to join our e-mail list to find out about upcoming volunteer opportunities. To learn more, contact Kristian at kmauel@mary.org or 612.317.3421.

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

REMARRIAGE/BLENDED FAMILY SEMINAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 9:00AM-NOON

If you are planning a second marriage, or if you are currently in a remarriage, then you may benefit from some special resources related to your unique situation. This workshop will address some of the common issues seen by families in remarriages and/or blended families including custody, housing, step-parenting, former spouses, finances and the importance of the spiritual dimension. Cost is \$25/couple. Registration required; call 612.317.3478.

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 their faith to their children, and share what to expect on baptism day. Contact Michelle at 612.317.3414 or mslaughtera@mary.org for registration materials.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEARNING PROGRAM REGISTRATION

2013-2014 Learning program registration is underway as well as registration for sacrament preparation — First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Materials are available at the back of church and on www.mary.org.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS:

For more details about these events and the many other BYA activities, sign up for the BYA e-newsletter on MyBasilica through www.mary.org and visit the Basilica Young Adults Facebook page. With questions or to get involved, email bya@mary.org.

FALL KICKBALL

THURSDAY EVENINGS, BEGINNING AUGUST 29

BOSSEN FIELD, MINNEAPOLIS

BYA will be forming a fall kickball team, playing through October. Registration is underway and space is limited. Contact bya@mary.org if you are interested.

RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

RCIA is the process of education and discernment by which those adults who have not been baptized, or have been baptized in another Christian faith, become part of the Catholic faith. We are currently preparing for the upcoming year of RCIA to begin on Tuesday evenings in September. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about Catholicism, please contact Paula at pkaempffer@mary.org or 612.317.3473 for an informational interview.

ADULT LEARNING PROGRAMS

A number of interesting new programs with some great speakers will be held at The Basilica in the upcoming program year beginning in September. Please see www.mary.org under Adult Learning Studies and Speakers to see some of the programs on the horizon.

WEDDINGS AT THE BASILICA

Congratulations to the following couple who recently celebrated the sacrament of marriage at The Basilica:

August 2: Shannon Eveland and Ryan Balko

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUILDING OF HOPE

At the heart of virtually 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.*** The Basilica



Landmark's mission is to preserve and restore this treasured structure. Last year, The Basilica Landmark invested nearly \$1 million in The Basilica campus. This summer, the entire Basilica campus is busy with The Basilica Landmark activity, including:

- Building an elevator tower to make The Reardon Rectory accessible for all
- Re-roofing The Basilica School building
- Restoring the Sacristy stained glass windows
- Updating The Basilica School and Reardon Rectory second and third floors to increase functionality and usage, and Hosting over 30,000 guests at The Basilica Block Party, now a Landmark event. ***The Basilica Landmark ensures The Basilica stays strong for another century.*** With your help, we will invest over \$2 million this year in our historic campus buildings. We need your support to do it. Your gift to The Basilica Landmark ensures The Basilica stands strong for the next 100 years. Please join our vital efforts with a gift to the 2013 Annual Fund with an online pledge at thebasicalandmark.org/give/how-you-can-help. Contact Tim DeCelle at 612.317.3472 for more information.

WHY ARE BEQUESTS A GOOD THING?

Making a legacy gift commitment to The Basilica Landmark brings all kinds of good results. Here are a few:

1. You help preserve and restore our historic church and its campus.
2. You feel good about making a meaningful gift.
3. A charitable will provision is a relatively simple gift form and is possible without assistance of an attorney or financial planner (though it's always good to get professional advice).
4. The provision need not specify a specific dollar amount, but rather a percentage of the estate or the residue of the state after other recipients are addressed.
5. The gift carries limited financial impact as it passes to The Landmark after death.

You show your loyalty to the church you love by making this commitment, not by the amount of the bequest. Please consider how you can be an important part of the future preservation and restoration of The Basilica through a legacy gift to The Landmark. Contact Robin at rkeyworth@mary.org or 612.317.3429 for more information.

GREAT PUMPKIN BINGO – SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 6:00-9:00PM

LOWER LEVEL OF THE BASILICA

Save the date - Bingo is back on a Saturday night! Bring a friend or the whole family and join us for food, fun, prizes and BINGO! Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. All proceeds benefit The Basilica of Saint Mary. Stay tuned to mary.org for more information.

Christian Life

JUSTFAITH

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING IN FALL

JustFaith helps participants put the call to follow Christ at the forefront of their lives. Groups of 8-15 meet for 24 weeks to read and discuss authors including Fr. Henri Nouwen and Homeboy Industries' Fr. Greg Boyle, talk to speakers who live out a preferential option for the poor and nonviolence, and meet with people in the community affected by poverty and racism. For more information, contact Amanda at 480.695.0552 or amanda.keim@gmail.com.

ECO STEWARDSHIP

Join The Basilica Eco Stewardship Team and deepen your understanding and commitment to care for creation.

- Tuesday, August 27, at 6:30pm, Rectory Conference Room: join the team in prayer, reflection, and planning.
- Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00pm in Basilica School LL1: Film and Panel Discussion, "Do The Math." Learn about the growing fossil fuel divestment movement.

For more information or to get involved contact Donna at rdkrisch@gmail.com.

CROSSROADS WELCOMES BASILICA PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS AGE 50+

CROSSROADS THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER
The Crossroads Book Club meets the first Thursday of the month in the Cowley Center. Call Karen at 612.872.7535 for information.

September 5: *Vacationland* by Sarah Stonick

AUGUST POTLUCK/PICNIC DINNER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 6:00PM
Summer Potluck/Picnic. For reservations and information, call Lynn at 612.377.9125 by August 26. Space may be limited.

"MAYA: HIDDEN WORLDS REVEALED" AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10:30AM-2:30PM
Schedule: Arrive 10:30am for coffee and treats (included in ticket); 11:00am, Omnitheater showing of *Mystery of Maya*; 11:45am, lunch on own; 12:30pm, tour of exhibit; 2:30pm, departure. Senior price \$14. Paid reservations in by Wednesday, August 28. Call Karl at 763.427.7891 for information and reservations.



Did You Know?

Nearly 3,000 hosts are used each week at The Basilica. The hosts are made by the Contemplative Sisters of the Good Shepherd in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

UNITE TO END HOMELESSNESS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2:00-5:00PM,

TEMPLE ISRAEL

Come to this interfaith event! Enjoy music, art, and food and participate in a short interfaith service. The event is sponsored by Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness, an interfaith collaboration of 16 downtown Minneapolis synagogues, mosques, and churches working together to end homelessness through education, advocacy, and action. For more information, call 612.317.3477.

NEW GROUP FORMING AT THE BASILICA

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

- "Meet & Greet" on Saturday, August 24, from 6:30-9:00pm (after the 5:00pm Mass) at the Loring Kitchen & Bar. Meet at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mosaic at the back of The Basilica after Mass.
- Planning Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30pm in the Rectory Dining Room.

If this group sounds like it's for you, contact:

- Alia at aliaannvo@gmail.com or 612.250.9818
- Nancy at nancy.kilzer@gmail.com or 612.805.3615
- Lynda at lyndamples@gmail.com

PRAYER LINE

As a part of our liturgies and in our personal prayer, we remember those who have asked for our prayer. In the midst of sorrow, uncertainty, thanksgiving and challenge, we pray. You are invited to participate in this ministry of prayer. To receive weekly prayer intention lists through e-mail or land mail; contact Cathy at cedwards@mary.org or 612.317.3474.

MINISTRY FAIR AND FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:30AM-2:00PM

The ministry fair celebrates many of the ways parishioners share their talent, knowledge, love and experience to serve God and others. The picnic is our end-of-summer get-together and features great food from Famous Dave's and activities for children. Volunteer by contacting basilica.fair.picnic@gmail.com. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 with questions about the event or this Biblical Stewardship focus.

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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.