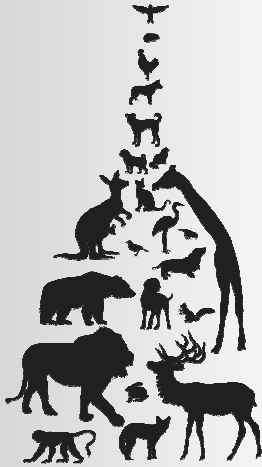


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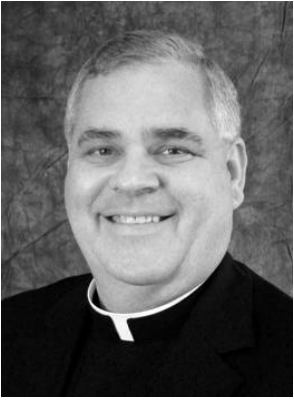
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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

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WELCOME TO THE BASILICA

FROM THE RECTOR
BY REV. JOHN M. BAUER



With this column I would like to update you in regard to several areas of our parish's life. I have mentioned some of these items previously, but I want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to hear of them.

1. Thanks to all those who helped make this year's **Basilica Block Party** so successful. Friday night was a near sell-out, and on Saturday we did sell out. Our Sunday event for families was also well attended. The food and music were great, the crowds were enthusiastic and well-behaved, and a good time was had by all. I particularly want to thank the more than 1,600 volunteers who helped over the course of the weekend.

As you know, the proceeds of the Block Party go toward the ongoing renovation and maintenance of our beautiful Basilica. Over the years, the Basilica Block Party has been beneficial to our parish in many ways. It has attracted volunteers, aided our growth, developed parish leadership and has raised over 3 million dollars to support The Basilica's restoration. The Block Party has provided tremendous visibility for the parish and the services we provide to the community. Given this, I am extremely grateful for all those who worked so hard to make the Block Party so successful this year.

2. Our Year-End Report and Our Operating Budget for the Next Fiscal Year: Thank you to all those who, in this difficult economic climate, continue to contribute so generously to The Basilica. Please know of our parish's as well as my personal gratitude for your generosity. It is your ongoing financial support that enables us to continue to operate as a parish community.

As I have mentioned previously, we ran a bit behind in our revenues for the past fiscal year. This is not surprising given the economy and the growing number of those who are unemployed. On the plus side, however, our staff did and continues to do a terrific job in terms of reducing and controlling expenses. In fact, because of the reduction in some staffing levels last spring and through the careful monitoring of our expenses, we were able to **reduce considerably our expenses for this past fiscal year**. Given this, while we had a deficit for this past fiscal year, the good news is that it will not be as large as we had anticipated. This deficit will be covered by our reserves and from our school lease.

Our annual year-end report with all the details was sent out electronically in September. It is also available on our parish website (www.mary.org).

In our budget for the next fiscal year (which began on July 1), we anticipated that we probably would see a further decrease in revenue. Coupled with this, we knew we would see increases in our insurance costs, as well as other costs over which we have no control. Given this, we took some difficult steps to contain our expenses. We initiated furlough days for our staff, as well as inviting them to take additional time off without pay. Additionally, staff compensation levels were not increased for the second year in a row. We also have not replaced a staff position in communications and instead are relying on current staff and volunteers to fill in for this position. While these measures were difficult, we felt they were necessary given the current economic climate. Our Finance Committee is aware of and is monitoring this situation closely. We are committed to bring us back to a balanced operating budget within three years. I will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

In the meantime, I ask you to continue to be generous in your support of The Basilica. I especially ask you to remember The Basilica as we move into the fall and the start-up of our various programs and activities. Please know of my gratitude and thanks for your generosity.

3. Cold and Flu Season: Recently in a couple of casual conversations, the issue has come up as to whether we are going to suspend the Sign of Peace during the cold and flu season. In response, I would note three things. First, this is an Archdiocesan, not a parish, decision. If there is cause for concern about the spread of the flu, I suspect our Archdiocese will respond with some guidelines and suggestions. Second, we need to let common sense prevail. Clearly, if you think, or even suspect, that you have been exposed to the flu, you should refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace and from drinking from the Communion Cup. Third, we need to keep our perspective. Shaking hands is one way you can be exposed to the flu virus. There are numerous other ways you can also pick up the flu virus. If we follow the procedures recommended by the CDC (frequent hand washing, etc.), use our common sense, and keep things in perspective, while there is no guarantee that we won't get the flu, we will certainly reduce our chances of getting it.

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EUCCHARIST

Saturday: 5:00pm-Visiting Choirs, Cantor & Organ

Sunday: 7:30am-Cantor and Organ

9:30am-Basilica Cathedral Choir (Sign Language Interpreted)

11:30am-Contemporary Ensemble/Choir

4:30pm-Contemporary Ensemble

6:30pm-Contemporary Ensemble

Monday - Friday

7:00am & 12:00nn-Saint Joseph Chapel

Nursery service available Sundays in the Cowley Center during the 9:30am and 11:30am liturgies. For handicapped access, please use the east entry. Wheelchair available upon request.

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RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 9:00am-10:00am and by appointment.

BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at 612.333.1381.

MARRIAGE

Must be a registered member for SIX months before scheduling a wedding. Call the Parish Office ONE year prior to setting wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

LITURGY AND SACRED ARTS

ILPOVERELLO: Medieval & Renaissance Music for Saint Francis of Assisi
The Rose Ensemble CD Release Concert
Saturday, October 3, 8:00pm
Tickets: Call 651.225.4340 or visit www.RoseEnsemble.org.

Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 4, 1:30pm

On the feast of Saint Francis, patron saint of ecology, we will gather with our animals on The Basilica lawn beginning at 1:00pm. At 1:30pm we will process into the church for a brief service to thank God for the blessing of all creation and to pray for the continued well-being of our world.

Docent Training Workshop
Saturday, October 10 & 17, 10:00am-2:00pm

Interested in providing historical, architectural and spiritual information by leading tours at The Basilica? Contact Mark Wyss for more information at 612.317.3410.

Taizé Prayer with Opportunity for Individual Confession
Tuesday, October 13 & November 10, 5:30pm
Saint Joseph Chapel

Funeral Planning Workshop
Saturday, October 24, 9:00am to Noon
Rectory Dining Room

Seating is limited to 14 participants. For more information contact Mark Wyss at 612.317.3410.

British Invasion—Simon Halsey Conducts VocalEssence Concert
Saturday, October 24, 8:00pm

Tickets: Call 612.371.5656 or go to www.vocalescence.org.

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 1

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour.

All Souls Vespers
November 1, 3:00pm
Basilica Church

All Souls, a Time to Remember Loved Ones

During October, envelopes will be available around the church for your memorial gift for All Souls. Gifts received by October 20 will be acknowledged in the All Souls Vespers leaflet. To submit a name or to make a gift over the phone, please contact Tim DeCelle at 612.317.3472 or decelle@mary.org. The names of those who passed away this year will be read out loud at the All Souls Vespers and those remembered with a memorial gift will be listed in the leaflet.

Sacred Art Exhibits

Praising Creation
Exhibition: Through October 25

Paintings and mixed media by Katherine Rogers and Elizabeth Erickson.

Icon Festival
Exhibition: October 31-November 22

The Festival opens with a procession of Icons during the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses on Sunday, November 1. On Saturday, November 21, Debra Korluka will lead a retreat exploring the iconographic tradition and theological interpretation of the Trinity Icon. It will be held from 10:30am to 3:30pm in the Terrace Room at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.

Art of the Catacomb
Art by Mark Roberts & Denise Rouleau
Exhibition: October 31-November 22

Mass for Minnesota Veterans
Saturday, November 7, 10:00am
Bishop Piché will preside.

Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11
In observance of Veterans Day, The Basilica offices will be closed. There will only be a 7:00am Mass this day.

Solemnity of Christ the King Vespers
Sunday, November 22, 3:00pm
Basilica Choir Stalls

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 26
In observance of Thanksgiving Day, The Basilica offices will be closed. There will be no 7:00am or Noon Mass. There will be an 8:30am Mass in The Basilica Church and an interfaith service at 10:00am at Temple Israel.

Advent Vespers
Sunday, November 29, 3:00pm

LITURGY & SACRED ARTS

Director – Johan van Parys

General Info - 612.317.3410
Liturgical Ministries - 612.317.3433
Sacred Art/Concerts - 612.317.3438
Music - 612.317.3426

LEARNING

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEARNING

Stewardship

Stewardship is important for young people, too! This October, our children and teens will be completing a stewardship pledge form made especially for them. Called at baptism to participate in the mission and ministry of the church, they will be dedicating themselves to child-friendly stewardship activities, such as prayer, visiting the elderly or sick, or making sandwiches for those who are hungry, to name a few. As we adults model good stewardship, let us also celebrate the many contributions our children make to our community, and continue to encourage them and hold them in prayer.

Children's and Youth Learning Programs

Weekly learning programs for children preschool through high school have begun. Many classes have openings remaining. If you are interested in registering your child or children, please download registration materials on www.mary.org, or call 612.317.3414.

Cardboard Box City

On October 15, youth from all over the Twin Cities will sleep out in boxes on the State Fairgrounds in an attempt to raise awareness of homelessness. We'll rock out, sleep out and raise money to knock out homelessness. Please contact Kelli Kester at 612.317.3439 or kkester@mary.org by October 10 if you are interested. We need at least 10 seventh to twelfth graders to participate in this event.

Events Celebrating Day of the Dead September 25, The Basilica of Saint Mary November 1, Church of the Ascension

Mile and a Quarter invites you to explore the traditions and rituals behind the sacred celebration of the Day of the Dead. Learn about the specific foods, symbols and rituals associated with Day of the Dead in the undercroft on September 25 after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. Then on November 1, join us at Ascension for dinner followed by a procession and Mass honoring our beloved dead. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a photo of your loved one to the Mass. Please RSVP to the November 1 event by calling 612.529.9684 or sending an e-mail to cbaldus@ascensionmpls.org.

LEARNING OFFICE

Director – Paula Kaempffer

General Info/Baptism - 612.317.3414

Youth Ministry - 612.317.3439

Young Adult Ministry - 612.317.3439

Children & Family Ministry - 612.317.3435

Marriage Ministry - 612.317.3478

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation

If you are having a baby or are in the process of adopting a baby, NOW is the time to attend a baptism preparation class. Attending the class prior to the arrival of the baby makes practical sense. But more importantly, beginning some reflection now about bringing your child up in the faith of the Church, and what the commitment of baptism really means, makes good spiritual sense. Classes are offered monthly. Call 612.317.3414 for more information.

Baptism

Congratulations to the following children who were welcomed into The Basilica community through the sacrament of baptism.

July 19

Miles Harlan Abed
Hazel Rose Alexander
John Richard Blomer
Madalyn Charlotte Dunlap
Cosette Lily D'Marie Guimond
Tristan David Hagen
Mitchell Morett Herbst
Giovanni Albert Hoeben
Colin Michael Johnson
Sabrina Dionne Meisterling
Samantha Ann Porisch
Michael Fred Schroeder IV
Nata Marie Yonkoski

August 16

Olivia Micele Antonenko
Eliana Kienlen Brown
Enzo Thomas Doroff
John Charles Groeller
Sophia Clare Groeller
Frank Henry Huber
Princeton Chukwuebuka Hyde
Samuel Robert Modest
Georgia Marie Newberry
Theresa Yvette Ruth Parrish
Sofiya Arlys Schlingmen
Graciella Soledad Victoria

First Reconciliation

Please pray for our children who will be celebrating their first reconciliation on November 21.

Sacrament Policy Update

An important change has been made in the sacrament policy for first Eucharist and first reconciliation. While The Basilica has always offered families the opportunity to prepare for reconciliation prior to first Eucharist, in a *Catholic Spirit* article, Archbishop Nienstedt has stipulated that reconciliation should precede Eucharist. We ask that all families enrolling a child for first Eucharist also enroll in preparation for first reconciliation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Paula Kaempffer, Director of Learning, at 612.31.3473.

ADULT LEARNING

Theology Day

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00-9:00pm

Daniel Finn, PhD, will present on the topic, "The Economic Crisis and Catholic Social Thought." There is no fee to attend this event, though free-will donations will be gratefully accepted. A light meal will be served. Register through MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414. Theology Days are presented in cooperation with St. John's School of Theology and Seminary. Visit www.mary.org for a full listing of topics, presenters and dates.

2009 Interfaith Forum

The 2009 interfaith forum will be celebrating the topic, "Come Pray with Us: An Interfaith Experience in Worship." Over the course of six weeks, participants will be invited to several downtown houses of worship to participate in weekly services followed by a gathering and interfaith discussion. The series begins on Friday, October 23, with a 6:00pm service at Temple Israel. The Basilica will host Sunday, November 1, at the 11:30am Mass. For more details and a full listing of dates, times and locations, please see www.mary.org, or call 612.317.3414.

Medical Ethics Series

Thursdays, October 15-November 5, 6:30-8:30pm

The Basilica School

The Basilica is pleased to host a series on medical ethics, presented by Dr. Al Morales. Topics will include an overview of moral ethics, stem cell research, end of life issues, and the moral obligation for universal healthcare. Register on MyBasilica or call 612.317.3417.

Become a Sponsor for RCIA This Fall

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is beginning again this fall, and it is an exciting process. Becoming a sponsor is the perfect way to help us build. All you need besides being a confirmed Catholic is a love for sharing your faith and an open and friendly heart. Training is provided. For more information, please contact Paula at 612.317.3473 or pkaempffer@mary.org.

RCIA Rite of Welcome

Sunday, November 22, at 9:30am Mass

The group of RCIA inquirers, along with their sponsors and the RCIA team, will celebrate the Rite of Welcome, which marks the end of the period of inquiry and the start of the second phase, the Catechumenate phase, of the RCIA process.

Basilica Scrip: Give Back While You Shop

Available online soon. See www.mary.org/scrip for details

Do you shop for groceries or gas or eat at restaurants? If you do, you can help The Basilica by purchasing Scrip gift cards to use at your favorite stores. When you buy a \$25 Scrip card, you get the full \$25 value. The Basilica buys these cards at a discount, and that's how The Basilica benefits. Scrip cards are for sale on Sundays after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses in the undercroft, or Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the rectory. Just added to our offerings: Davanni's and Joe's Garage gift cards.

It's not too early to start thinking about your holiday shopping.

Visit www.mary.org/scrip for a complete listing of available Scrip cards that can be preordered. Questions? Call Nola at 612.317.3402.

YOUNG ADULT LEARNING

Sunday Night Live

Sunday, October 11, after 6:30pm Mass

Joe's Garage (1610 Harmon Place)

Sunday Night Live is a social and discussion group for young adults. This program is held monthly following the 6:30pm Mass and takes place at Joe's Garage on the north side of Loring Park. Join us on October 11 for a presentation on the topic, "Financial Stewardship: How Does It Concern Me?" The November event will be held on November 8 and will discuss the topic, "The Saints and Sacred Art: Beauty Engenders Beauty."

Young Adult Temperament Workshop

Saturday, October 24, 9:00am-Noon

The Basilica will host a Temperament Workshop for single young adults and dating couples. Participants will learn about themselves and about their most important core needs. After learning about our temperaments, we are better equipped to know what to look for in a job, to understand how to make a dating relationship work, what to look for in a potential life partner, how to take care of ourselves and how to respect others. Registration deadline is October 11 and cost is \$50. Register on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414.

Young Adult Wine and Cheese

Saturday, November 28, after 5:00pm Mass

Rectory Dining Room

Join other young adults (21+) for an enjoyable evening of wine*, cheese, chocolate and conversation. Call Kelli at 612.317.3439 for more information. **Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.*

Young Adult E-Newsletter

Sign up on MyBasilica to receive a monthly up-to-date listing of social, service and educational events for young adults in your inbox.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Remarriage/Blended Family Seminar

October 21, 6:00-9:00pm

Are you planning to remarry or considering marrying someone who was married before or has children? Are you currently in a remarriage? This important and helpful seminar deals with the most important, unique issues faced by couples in a remarriage/blended family. For more information about whether this seminar is for you, call Nancy at 612.317.3478.

Marriage Mentor Couples Needed

If you are a married couple who would like to give some of your time and experience to the Basilica parish community, consider the Marriage Mentor Ministry. A training session for new Marriage Mentor Couples will be coming up soon. For more information, call Nancy at 612.317.3478.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Employment Ministry Events

Registration required—sign up on MyBasilica, or call Janet at 612.317.3508.

Basilica Job and Resource Fair **Tuesday, October 6, 2:00-4:00pm** **Teresa of Calcutta Hall**

Bring your resume and come dressed to meet with employers from Twin Cities organizations and corporations. No registration is necessary, and there is no charge for the job fair.

Call for employers looking for good employees: Participate as an employer at one of the best job fairs in the Twin Cities! There is no charge. Contact Janet for details.

Pre-Fair Activities Begin at Noon!

Pre-fair activities include free haircuts, advice on dressing for the interview, resume hints, and much more.

Hope for the Holidays **Tuesday, November 24, 7:00pm** **The Basilica School, Room 103**

Even under the best of circumstances, the holidays can be a stressful time. Add unemployment to the mix, and the stress can increase tremendously. Join us when Barbara Laporte will provide nine tips to reduce holiday stress during job transition. The workshop is free, but registration is required.

An Employer's Perspective

As a recruiter at U. S. Bank, I have participated in the semi-annual Basilica Job Fairs since 2007. These events have given me the opportunity to meet a variety of job seekers who are looking for new opportunities ranging from entry level to senior management. I have been impressed by the overall professionalism of the candidates. The candidates are well prepared and have resumes in hand when they talk to me. As I meet candidates, I provide the following support:

- Identify the type of work they are interested in.
- Discuss their primary skills and past work experience.
- Provide instructions on applying for positions on U.S. Bank's Career Center and share information on job opportunities in the various business lines.
- Review and give suggestions on improving their resumes.
- Discuss the services and free training programs that are offered by the various Minnesota Workforce Centers.
- Encourage them to keep in mind employment and training opportunities offered by local nonprofit community agencies.

I continue to participate in the Basilica Job Fairs with the hope that I can recruit great candidates for my company and also because I get immense personal satisfaction from helping people. I commend The Basilica on its Employment Ministry. Considering these challenging economic times and the high unemployment rate, you are providing a much-needed service.

Downtown Coalition for Grief Support **Fall Session: September 5-December 26** **Saturdays, 9:30-11:30am**

The Basilica of Saint Mary, lower level of church

A support group will share with you ways to keep your loved one's memory alive. They'll get you through the first months, holidays and anniversaries. And, even when you are past the most painful times, it is a place where you can come back. The Downtown Coalition for Grief Support provides education and support for those grieving the death of a loved one. Group meetings are held each week at a downtown church. You may join anytime. For more information call 612.317.3474.

Grief Ministry at The Basilica

In the summer of 2007, a group of Basilica members began a study to look at how we reach out to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one through death and how we might increase and improve our outreach. The steering committee shaped this mission:

Grief Ministry at The Basilica of Saint Mary offers support for anyone in the community who is experiencing the loss of a friend or family member through death. Trained volunteers will send cards and letters, make phone calls and provide referral resources to other support ministries in the community.

Ten ministers have been trained for this ministry and four are currently involved. These ministers have reached out to 198 members of our parish who have lost a loved one. Grateful thanks to Ron Gangl, Karen Harrison, Svea Forsberg-Holly, Margaret Klavins, Anne Maguire, Mary Ritten and Claudia Tenerow for their continued leadership and participation in this ministry.

Spiritual Journey Group **First & Third Saturdays, 9:30-11:00am** **Rectory**

Are you seeking a better relationship with God and Jesus? This longing is the bedrock of the spiritual life. Come see how God is gifting each person in the Spiritual Journey Group through the presence of others. We learn from each other through prayer, silence, and sharing where God is in our lives. Become aware of God's ways in your heart as you hear how God is present for others. Spiritual Journeys has resumed its bi-monthly meetings. Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

Loaves and Fishes **Friday, November 27, 4:00pm**

Provide a meal at River of Life Church (2200 Fremont Ave N). Join us at 4:00pm to prepare the meal and 5:00pm to serve. Contact Terry at nowaktj@yahoo.com to RSVP.

CHRISTIAN LIFE OFFICE

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Charity - 612.317.3413

Justice - 612.317.3477

Caring Ministries - 612.317.3474

Welcome/Hospitality - 612.317.3419

Upcoming Social Events

Crossroads Events

Crossroads is a dynamic, accepting and supportive group of people 50 and older.

Thursday Morning Book Club

First Thursday of the month, 10:00am

Join the Crossroads Book Club in the Cowley Center. Contact Pat McCauley at 763.374.2350.

October 1: *The Water's Lovely* by Ruth Rendell

November 5: *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri

Dinner Outing!

Thursday, November 19, 6:30pm

Join Crossroads for dinner at Jax Café. RSVP to Clarence or Caroline at 763.797.5295.

Crossroads Tour of the Titanic Exhibit

Tuesday, November 3—Arrival 10:00am, Exhibit Tour 12:00pm

Minnesota Science Museum, St. Paul

Tickets are \$19.50 each. Call Karl Jones at 763.427.7891 to RSVP. Payment is due by October 27.

Crisis Prevention, Intervention and Resolution

Saturday, October 31, 9:00-11:00am

Basilica School, Great Hall

Panelists from the Barbara Schneider Foundation and other local organizations will discuss ways, techniques, and resources that can be used to prevent people with mental health challenges from creating a crisis. Resources will be available for distribution. This program is sponsored by The Basilica's Mental Health and Disabilities Awareness Ministry. The presentation is free but we do request pre-registration at MyBasilica.

Engaging Spirituality: In Pursuit of an Undivided Life Information Night

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30-7:30pm

Basilica School, Room 109

Are you concerned about how to live an authentic life in a world where suffering and injustice are so pervasive? Are you searching for guiding wisdom about how to follow Jesus with integrity in these times? Are you open to opportunities for spiritual growth?

If your answer to these questions is an enthusiastic "YES," then you may be ready for **Engaging Spirituality**. Engaging Spirituality invites Catholic adults to break open their lives, penetrate the realities of our times, and explore the intersection between Christian spirituality and Gospel justice. For more information on Engaging Spirituality, call 612.317.3477.

Families Moving Forward

Week of October 18-25

In partnership with Families Moving Forward, The Basilica will provide meals and hospitality to families without housing who will stay in Teresa of Calcutta Hall for a week. Needed are volunteers to set up and take down the sleeping rooms and to serve as food hosts, overnight hosts, evening hosts, and laundry assistants. Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org to get involved.

The Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness

The Basilica is a founding member of the Downtown Congregations to End Homeless (DCEH), a coalition of 13 interfaith congregations that educate and engage congregants in the work of the Heading Home Hennepin plan to end homelessness. DCEH ensures that all congregations are active in the full continuum of work from direct service to advocacy, working in partnership with the broad community.

DCEH has four main goals:

1. Plan educational and volunteer activities that inform participants about poverty and homelessness.
2. Develop and implement strategies for coordinated advocacy around issues pertaining to poverty and homelessness.
3. Aid congregations in the shift from managing to ending homelessness in their own programs, including direct service.
4. Foster effective communication among congregations and in the broader community about DCEH's collective work.

What does it mean to "end homelessness"?

There will always be people who are homeless, but the system can change so that *fewer* people *fall into* homelessness, and *more* people *move out of* homelessness quickly. "**Housing First**" is crucial. People need housing before services can effectively address life issues. We need a *continuum* of housing options that address the needs of individuals, families and youth to move toward self-sufficiency. **Preventing homelessness** is more *cost-effective* and *humane* than allowing people to become homeless and then addressing shelter needs. **Supportive Housing** is safe, affordable housing *and* the resources needed to sustain it. We can all work for the solution. For details, call Janice 612.317.3477.

Youth Homelessness

Sunday, November 22, 1:00pm

Teresa of Calcutta Hall

Come and learn about youth homelessness, and what you can do to make a difference.

New to The Basilica? Join us for Dinner or Brunch!

Whether you are new to the area or have been with us for a while, we want to welcome you to The Basilica. Join us in the rectory dining room for a new member dinner or brunch to meet Basilica staff and other new members and to learn about your faith community.

If you are ready to take a "deeper dive" into life at The Basilica, join us for **Basilica 101**. Learn how The Basilica is organized, whom to contact for what, and the breadth of opportunities available for personal and spiritual growth. Sign up on MyBasilica, or call Sally at 612.317.3417.

October New Member Dinner

Tuesday, October 27, 5:30-7:00pm

Basilica 101

Tuesday, November 17, 6:00-8:30pm

November New Member Brunch

Sunday, November 22, 10:30am-Noon

RECTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

4. Scrip: As I have mentioned previously, a fund-raising effort our parish has gotten involved in is the **Scrip** gift card program. **Scrip** is a convenient and painless fund-raiser in which many schools and parishes in our area have become involved. The idea is simple: Before you go shopping for groceries, buy gas for your car, go out to dinner or buy a gift, you stop at The Basilica and buy gift cards for whatever store or restaurant you plan to visit. The gift cards are the same as cash and are just like the ones you purchase at the stores. The difference is that buying them from The Basilica results in The Basilica receiving a percentage rebate on every gift card purchased.

Gift cards are available for numerous local businesses and national chains and often can be individually ordered for specialty stores. At the present time **Scrip** is for sale daily in the Rectory and on Sunday mornings in Teresa of Calcutta Hall. We are also working to make Scrip available for purchase online starting in October, so look for information on our website.

As noted above, **Scrip** is a convenient and painless way to help raise money for The Basilica. If you would like more information about **Scrip**, you can stop by on Sunday morning or call or visit the rectory.

5. Archdiocesan Planning Process: Included in our weekly newsletters recently were several inserts regarding our Archdiocesan Planning process. As part of the planning process, there have been and will continue to be a series of meetings to give people the opportunity for input into the planning process for the parishes and schools of our Archdiocese.

Now, as I mentioned in a previous bulletin, in the interest of full disclosure, I should mention that I am a member of this Task Force. The goal of the Task Force is not to impose a plan on the parishes and schools of our Archdiocese, but to help them work together to develop a plan for their future. No parish or school in the Archdiocese is exempt from participating in this planning process. Rather, it is by working together that we hope to develop a plan for the long-term viability of our parishes and schools. The Task Force is just beginning its work. If you have questions or concerns about this planning process, please let me know.

6. Leadership Development: In January we will offer a Leadership Development Series for parishioners who might be potential leaders in the various ministries, committees, and groups in our parish. It's important for the life of every parish that new leaders continually emerge. When this doesn't happen, good-hearted and generous people can easily get "burned out" because no one steps forward to take their place.

With this series we are trying to be proactive and invite people to think about how they can serve our parish community in a leadership role. While we are working to identify people who will be invited to participate in this series, if you would like to suggest the names of fellow parishioners whom you think might be potential leaders in our community, please call the parish office and let us know.

7. Special Collections: While no one likes special collections, it is heartening for me to report that people of The Basilica have been very generous to the second collections listed below.

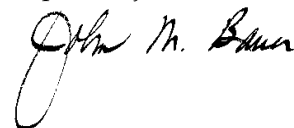
- At the end of June, just over **\$7,900** was contributed to the second collection for air-conditioning.
- At the end of July, almost **\$11,000** was contributed to the second collection for our Saint Vincent de Paul ministry.

These amounts, particularly in this difficult economic climate, testify to the generosity of the people of The Basilica. Please know of my gratitude for your generous and caring response.

8. Interfaith Forums: For several years now the various downtown congregations have hosted a series of Interfaith Forums. These forums were important and beneficial. They offered an opportunity for people from different religious traditions to interact with each other and to talk about their similarities and differences.

This year for the Interfaith Forums, different downtown congregations will invite people to come to their church/temple/mosque and experience one of their worship services and then talk about it afterward. It is our hope that by experiencing these various worship services and then having the opportunity to talk about them afterward, we can grow in our understanding and appreciation of each other's religion and religious practices.

The Interfaith Forums will begin at the end of October and continue through November and will culminate with our Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service. I am excited about the Interfaith Forums for this year and hope you will make plans to join us for as many of them as possible.



NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Concert & Dinner Featuring Anonymous 4: Tickets on sale now!

Wednesday, December 9

The Basilica Church

Join us for an evening of medieval English Christmas carols in glorious Middle English featuring Anonymous 4. Renowned for their unearthly vocal blend and virtuosic ensemble singing, the four women of Anonymous 4 combine historical scholarship with contemporary performance intuition to create their magical sound.

Proceeds benefit the Friends of The Basilica of Saint Mary Foundation. Tickets packages start at \$25 and are currently available online at www.mary.org/anonymous4. For more details, contact Meghan Gustafson at 612.317.3428 or mgustafson@mary.org.

Save the Date: Santa Bash

Friday, December 4

The Depot, Minneapolis

A benefit for The Basilica of Saint Mary

Throw on your coolest holiday sweater or garb, gather your hippest group of friends and get your tickets to kick off your holiday season in style! It's just \$20 in advance online or \$25 at the door. This event will have a cash bar, and all attendees must be at least 21 to enter. Tickets are available online at www.mary.org/santabash. For more information contact Meghan Gustafson at 612.317.3428 or mgustafson@mary.org.

Bingo Night Is Back!

January 26 & February 16, 2010, 6:00-9:00pm

Teresa of Calcutta Hall

Beat the winter blues with Basilica Bingo Night! Bring a friend or the whole family and join us for food, fun, prizes and BINGO! Tickets are \$20 in advance through MyBasilica.org or \$25 at the door. Children 12 and under play for \$5. All proceeds benefit The Basilica of Saint Mary. For more information or to sponsor a game, contact Meghan Gustafson at 612.317.3428 or mgustafson@mary.org.

Masqueray Ball 2010—Save the Date

May 15, 2010

Nicollet Island Pavilion

A Benefit for the Friends of The Basilica of Saint Mary Foundation

Decorate for Advent and for Christmas

Volunteers are needed to decorate on Friday, November 27, from 9:00am until noon for Advent and on Wednesday, December 23, from 9:00am until 3:00pm for Christmas. To volunteer, contact Mary-Elizabeth at 612.317.3433 or mmurray@mary.org.

Ushers Needed for Christmas

Give the gift of hospitality this Christmas by volunteering to serve one of the Christmas Masses as an usher. Ushers have reserved seating in the Church and are expected to arrive an hour before Mass. To volunteer, contact Mary-Elizabeth Murray at 612.317.3433 or mmurray@mary.org.

Friends of The Basilica of Saint Mary Foundation There's Still Time to Become a 2009 Member!

The Friends of The Basilica of Saint Mary Foundation celebrates The Basilica as an historical, cultural and spiritual beacon by supporting the ongoing restoration and preservation of the church and its campus.

While daily operations and utilities are funded through weekly stewardship gifts and special projects (such as the remodeled choir practice area) are funded through designated capital campaigns, membership gifts to the Friends Foundation provide funding for an array of projects that maintain our campus's safety, functionality, energy efficiency and appearance, preserving The Basilica's magnificence for generations to follow.

When you become a 2009 member of the Friends Foundation, you join a committed group of people who share a common appreciation for our treasure of a building. There are 3 easy ways to join the Friends Foundation:

- Fill out a membership form (available at church exits).
- Register online at our website: www.friendsofthebasilica.org.
- Contact Shana for details: shoffer@mary.org or 612.317.3403.

2009 Membership Levels & Benefits

Level	Contribution	Gift
Statue	\$50-\$249	Basilica magnet
Column	\$250-\$999	Basilica commemorative Centennial DVD
Mosaic	\$1,000-\$2,499	Sterling silver Basilica crest pin or pendant
Rose Window	\$2,500-\$4,999	Glass ornament replica of The Basilica's Mother of Divine Grace statue
Bell Tower	\$5,000-\$9,999	Hardcover Basilica history book & bookmark made from copper from The Basilica's original dome
Dome	\$10,000-\$19,999	Antique ivory key from The Basilica's original Wicks organ

Additional benefits:

- All 2009 members will receive The Basilica Magazine and the 2010 Basilica Calendar.
- Members who join at the \$1,000+ level will receive priority seating at special events including the Masqueray Ball and annual Friends Foundation Christmas benefit.

Community of Sant'Egidio

**Tuesdays, 7:00pm
Basilica Choir Stalls**

All are welcome to join the Community of Sant'Egidio each week for prayer and reflection. The group also engages around the many issues to which the Community is dedicated: promoting peace, participating in ecumenical dialogue, abolishing the death penalty, and advocating for those in need. Contact Katrina at kmu2102@columbia.edu.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Now, More than Ever

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

During October and November, The Basilica will celebrate Financial Stewardship, our opportunity to make a financial commitment to The Basilica and its many ministries. We depend on the generosity of our parishioners, as they are able, to create and maintain a vibrant, active, responsive, caring environment we value so deeply.

In times of need, the collective generosity and faith of individuals can move mountains.

And there's no mistaking it; we are indeed in a time of great need.

Amid the worst economy in decades, scores of parishioners have lost good jobs, and many others feel they are on the brink. We get more calls for assistance every day. More people need spiritual support; more need food; more need job assistance (our employment ministry gets almost 100 calls a week).

On October 3 and 4 we will hear from Father Bauer the many reasons to support The Basilica with a Financial Stewardship pledge. Each and every day our programs and ministries are able to provide education, welcome our new members, the Mental Health Ministry, catechist training, beautiful music from over 16 choirs, and so much more. On October 10 and 11 we ask that you participate in our Pledge collection weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and as a parish to show your commitment to The Basilica. Last year *over half* of our pledges came in on Pledge weekend. We hope that you will also consider making your pledge through EFT (electronic funds transfer) or a credit card because this saves both you and The Basilica time and money—and a few trees!

Please make a financial commitment today. If possible, please get a head start on 2010 and begin contributing *now* at your increased 2010 pledge level. The extra support will help give us a chance to balance the books in 2009—thank you! Starting in October we will have pledge forms available in the pews. Our pledge base goal this year is \$2.2 million. With everyone's help we can get there. If you have questions please contact Claire Mulligan at 612.317.3407 or visit www.mary.org.

Honoring the Heritage Society, Building Your Legacy

If you're reading this article, you are a supporter of The Basilica of Saint Mary, whether as a parishioner, a stewardship pledger, an attendee at Mass, a volunteer, or perhaps just as someone who appreciates the warmth of our community and the beauty of our church.

There is a very special group of people whose forward-looking generosity adds a new dimension to supporting our spiritual home, members of the Heritage Society. Through an estate gift to the Friends of The Basilica of Saint Mary Foundation's Rev. Michael J. O'Connell Endowment Fund, they will ensure that The Basilica and its campus will be here to serve future generations.

During the early 1990s that vision of a secure future for The Basilica was by no means guaranteed. Years of deferred maintenance caught up with our beautiful church, which was so badly damaged that razing it was a very real possibility. Thanks to the heroic leadership of Rev. O'Connell, the determination of parishioners and friends and the generosity of thousands, the church was saved. The Friends of The Basilica of Saint Mary Foundation's mission is to ensure the ongoing preservation and restoration of The Basilica and its campus, so that it never again faces destruction.

Join us in honoring Heritage Society members at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, November 1, and please consider your own planned gift to ongoing preservation and restoration by making the Rev. Michael J. O'Connell Endowment Fund the beneficiary of a willed gift, 401 K, IRA or insurance policy. Build your legacy and continue to support this beloved spiritual and cultural beacon in our community through a planned gift

For information on how to make a planned gift, please contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org.

Financial Update Year to Date—August 31, 2009

	FY 2009-2010 Budget YTD August 09	FY 2009-2010 Actual YTD August 09	Variance to July 09—June 10 Budget	% Change Over (-Under) FY 09-10 Budget	FY 2008-2009 Actual YTD August 08	% Change Over (- Under) FY 08-09 Actual
Total Revenue	\$468,247	\$459,164	-\$9,084	-2%	\$484,631	-5%
Total Expenses	\$545,733	\$505,966	-\$39,767	-8%	\$553,604	-9%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-\$77,486	-\$46,802	\$30,683		-\$68,973	

MISSION STATEMENT

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; to preach justice and provide emergency relief to the poor; to 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.