



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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Welcome

A while back I had to wait a few minutes for a prescription to be filled and, having nothing better to do, I filled the time by reading the back of the bottle of multi-vitamins I was purchasing.

I was amazed how much of the “minimum daily requirement” of various vitamins and nutrients the multi-vitamins contained. Because I take a multi-vitamin every day, I began to wonder why I am not a lot healthier than I am. It

a routine part of my day than a mindful and attentive time with God. In effect, I go through the motions, but my mind and heart are somewhere else. Now this is not a deliberate choice on my part; rather I just fall into a bad habit of

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then dawned on me that probably the most important of those three words was “minimum.” Whenever we do the minimum, we probably shouldn’t expect great results.

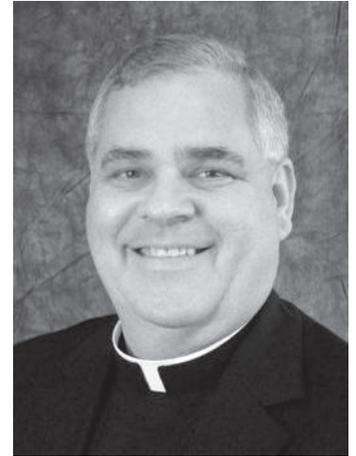
Sometimes, without being consciously aware of it, I take the “minimum daily requirement” approach to my spiritual life. I pray and preside at Mass, but at times this can become more

doing the minimum daily requirement in terms my spiritual life. I suspect I am not alone in this. At times, without our deliberately choosing it, we can put our relationship with God on autopilot and we can settle for the minimum daily requirement of time and effort in terms of our spiritual life.

When the above happens, we need to do something to jump start our spiritual life.

Things that might help include: spending some extra time in prayer or trying to pray in new or different ways. Making time for some spiritual reading or for a day of reflection or a retreat can also help. Being part of a community of faith that nurtures and challenges us can also give a boost to our spiritual life. The important thing is to realize when we have settled for the minimum daily requirement in regard to our spiritual life, and then make some positive choices to get back on track.

At times the minimum daily requirement can be a good thing. This is certainly true in regard to multi-vitamins. The minimum daily requirement is not a very good long term strategy, though, in terms of our spiritual life. To keep our relationship with God on track, we need to do more



Fr. John M. Bauer

Pastor
The Basilica of Saint Mary

than the minimal daily requirement. This is both our challenge and our goal as followers of Jesus.

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

My name is Mary Amundson and I've been a Basilica parishioner for about three years. When I joined The Basilica, I decided I wanted to be an active member and I looked for opportunities to be involved and to meet new people. As a first step, I completed the online gifts survey to gain a better understanding of my interests and preferences. One area I am particularly interested in, and feel called to serve, is that of hospitality and service. As a result, I volunteer in the Reardon Rectory, greeting visitors and providing coffee and sandwiches to the people that come to our door.

One thing that struck me, as part of my training for the role, was the teaching to see Jesus in all who ring the bell and ask for assistance. Every time I open the door, I am reminded of the role I play, although small, in bringing the love of our parish to those most in need. I am so blessed to be able to assist The Basilica in carrying out its vision to: *"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."* I have found gratitude in serving others and being an active member in this wonderful spiritual community.

Editor's note: Mary is a member of the Gifts Leadership Team, which is responsible for highlighting this stewardship theme during August and September.

Do you want to get energized by putting your spiritual gifts to work? Check out www.mary.org/giftsurvey for more information!

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)

SACRED ART EXHIBIT:

M.J. DINESS — JERUSALEM'S FIRST PHOTOGRAPHER: PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE OLDEST EXISTING NEGATIVES OF JERUSALEM

ON DISPLAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4

JOHN XXIII GALLERY AND TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

RECEPTION AND TALK BY JOHN BARNIER, DISCOVERER AND COLLECTOR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1:00PM

Learn more about the negatives, authenticated by the Harvard Semitic Museum, and about the photographer Mendel J. Diness.

SACRISTY RESTORATION: ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Liturgical ministers will meet in the conference room of the Reardon Rectory before all liturgies due to the restoration work in the sacristy. We hope to finish the work by September. Contact Johan van Parys with any concerns.

CANTOR AUDITIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1:00-2:00PM, CHURCH

Please call Teri at 612.317.3426 or Chris at 612.317.3505 with any questions or to book a time for your audition. You can also visit www.mary.org: Liturgy/Music/Adult Choirs for details.

THE HANDBELLS OF SAINT MARY NEED YOU

If you enjoy music-making and seek an outlet for your creativity, The Basilica music ministry is looking for you! We are looking for people interested in learning more about ringing The Basilica's unique handbells at occasional festival liturgies. A casual informational gathering will take place on Thursday, September 27 at 6:30pm in the St. Cecilia Room in The Reardon Rectory, lower level. People with any background and level of musical experience are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Chris at 612.317.3505 or estroh@mary.org.

CHOIR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

Here are the dates of the first rehearsals for the new program year and the first date choirs return to sing on scheduled Sundays.

Cathedral Choristers, Wednesday, September 5, 5:45-7:00pm (Sunday, September 16, 9:30am)

Cathedral Choir, Wednesday, September 5, 7:00-9:00pm (Sunday, September 9, 9:30am)

Mundus, Tuesday, September 11, 7:00-9:00pm (Sunday, September 9, 11:30am)

Cherubs, Wednesday, September 5, 5:30-6:00pm

Children's Choir, Wednesday, September 5, 6:00-7:00pm

Juventus, Wednesday, September 12, 7:15-8:30pm (Sunday, September 23, 4:30pm)

Events of the week

SUMMER SOLOIST SERIES

SUNDAYS, 9:30AM MASS, CHURCH

AUGUST 19

Greta Bauer, violin
Christopher Stroh, organist

AUGUST 26

Bill Bastian, tenor
Christopher Stroh, organist

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:30-8:00PM

REARDON RECTORY

Do you love to bicycle? Are you passionate about recycling, sustainability, and simplicity? Join The Basilica Green Team and meet other parishioners seeking to integrate their love of the environment and their faith. Call Karen at 651.308.0507.

CROSSROADS 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 6:00PM

Enjoy an evening starting with Mass at 6:00pm in the St. Joseph Chapel, Basilica ground level, followed by catered dinner-theatre and door prizes in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall, lower level, all for \$30 per person. RSVP and payment ASAP to Helen at 952.949.3697.

TRY SCRIP SHOPPING CARDS! IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANY MORE TO HELP THE BASILICA

Do you buy gas, groceries or shop at local department stores? Eat out at local restaurants? Try Scrip shopping cards. Scrip is easy, convenient, and doesn't cost you any extra.

Buy a \$25 dollar Scrip card for your favorite retailer, and you get the full \$25 value. The Basilica receives a rebate from vendors ranging from 2% to 20%. These funds support Basilica ministries and operations.

On sale weekdays at the Reardon Rectory, and Sunday after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses, or buy online at www.mary.org/scrip. Questions? Call Nola at 612.333.1381.

VOLUNTEER ONE HOUR, ONE SUNDAY A MONTH

Staff the Scrip sales once a month after Sunday Mass. Volunteers are needed Sunday's after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. Training provided. Background check is required. Contact Terri at 612.317.3471 or thashmore@mary.org if you are interested.

Get involved

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SIGN UP

AUGUST 20-24, NORTH MINNEAPOLIS

Register to build with Nathan at 612.816.2765 or nathan.peine@gmail.com. To provide food or serve as a host (check in guests, serve food) contact Megan at mploog1@fairview.org or Julia at 612.317.3413.

SOFAS AND SPOKES . . . AND APPLIANCES TOO!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 9:00AM-12:00PM

HENNEPIN AVE METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT

The annual furniture and bike drive of the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness (DCEH) will also accept appliances for Habitat for Humanity. Appliances must be less than 10 years old and in working condition (donors must take appliances that don't meet these criteria home). Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGERS AND MUSICIANS:

CHORAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUNG SINGER

Cherub Choir, Pre-K and K. Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00pm. Tuition of \$50 per child per season.

Children's Choir, Grades 1-3. Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm. Tuition of \$50 per child per season.

Children sing for Mass approximately every other month. Space is limited. Contact Pat at prarasim@gmail.com.

CHORAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE OLDER

ELEMENTARY SINGER

Cathedral Choristers, Grades 4-8, or unchanged voice, Wednesdays 5:45-7:00pm. Tuition of \$55 per season. Requires a voice check in August. Cathedral Choristers sing for Mass twice a month and at Christmas and Easter. Space is limited. See www.mary.org or contact Teri at 612.317.3426 or tlarson@mary.org.

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, 7:00-9:00pm. Auditions are required and include a prepared piece of music, sight-reading and pitch recognition. Space is limited and openings vary within each section. Audition time slots available on August 25, 9:30-12:30pm and other times by appointment. Visit www.mary.org or contact Teri at 612.317.3426 or tlarson@mary.org.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Consider singing or playing an instrument in one of our contemporary music ministry ensembles.

Mundus, contemporary and world music ensemble;

Juventus, youth ensemble, grades 8 and up;

Contemporary Musicians Ensemble

Visit www.mary.org or contact Walter at 612.317.3506 or wtambor@mary.org.

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 hospitality and planning. If registrations are low, we will need to cancel.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULT (BYA) EVENTS

FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Co-ed, men's and women's BYA softball teams are being formed. The league will run late August through October. Contact Matt at matthewkpeters@gmail.com if you are interested.

Sign up for the BYA E-Newsletter on MyBasilica or visit the Basilica Young Adults Facebook page to learn about all of the upcoming BYA events.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Have you been thinking about finding out more about Catholicism? Do you wonder what the church really teaches? Contact Paula at 612.317.3473 or pkaempffer@mary.org. If you are already Catholic but would like to share your faith with someone as a sponsor on their journey, give us a call. Sponsor training will be held in August.

SEEING THROUGH THE EYES OF LUKE

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5-NOVEMBER 28, 7:00PM

REARDON RECTORY DINING ROOM

Join us this fall for prayer, faith sharing and fellowship as we read and explore the Gospel of Luke. Participants will be invited to share their reflections on the readings and on God in their daily lives and personal prayer. Led by Tricia Burns. Cost is \$25. Register at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.2414.

THEOLOGY DAY: ISLAMIST AND LIBERAL ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES ON AN IDEAL NATION-STATE

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

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

Led by Jon Armajani, Ph.D., and presented by St. John's School of Theology. Please register at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.3414. Free will donations will be accepted.

2012-2013 CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LEARNING

Registration is open for children's and youth programs. Programs are available for children age three through grade 12 and begin in September. Materials are available in the back of church or at www.mary.org.

SACRED, HOLY AND MINE

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16 AND 23, 11:00AM-12:30PM

STS. AMBROSE/THERESA ROOM, THE BASILICA'S GROUND LEVEL

Led by Carol Frenning, this two-part program will discuss the nature of sacred space. There is no cost to attend. Register at www.mary.org on MyBasilica or by calling 612.317.2414.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following couples recently celebrated the sacrament of marriage at The Basilica.

August 10: Ann Burzinski/Jamie Rocha

August 11: Mercedes Livoti/Philip Walpole

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

The Basilica Landmark's summer renovation projects will be wrapping up over the coming weeks, including:

- Sacristy renovation, funded by the Partners in Preservation grant
- Repair and renovation of the school plumbing and bathrooms
- Restoration of the exterior church doors

You can help The Building of Hope with a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund.

Please give online at www.thebasilicalandmark.org/give/how-you-can-help.

WHAT ARE YOUR STORIES?

What will you leave behind when you are gone? What are the stories your friends will tell, laughing through their tears? Will your daughter try to re-create your recipe for turkey stuffing (as you tried to make it taste like your mom's)? Did you leave your imprint on the guests at St. Vincent de Paul or the people who received the Eucharist from your hands or those who rejoiced in the sound of your voice in the choir (or just in the pews)? Your legacy is whatever you leave behind to be remembered by, the lasting effects of your life. Consider making The Basilica Landmark part of your legacy with a planned gift for the continuing preservation and restoration of your beloved Basilica. Contact Robin at 612.317.3429 or rkeyworth@mary.org to learn more.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FUN 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 an easy way to help The Basilica community. No experience is necessary and there is no commitment required to join our email list to find out about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Contact Kristian at kmauel@mary.org, 612.317.3421.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

School starts for many in just a few weeks, and your gift of \$75 provides five pairs of new school shoes for children in need. Please consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul. You can give online at www.mary.org/donate and 100% of your donation goes directly to help people in need.

ST. PAUL SEMINARY

Next weekend, gift envelopes will be in the pews for the St. Paul Seminary. Your gift helps educate more priests for today and generations to come. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

GREAT PUMPKIN BINGO — SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 6:00-9:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL,

THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

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. Stay tuned to www.mary.org for more information.

Christian life

CROSSROADS EVENTS

OPEN TO BASILICA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, AGES 50+

BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:00AM, COWLEY CENTER
The September 6 selection is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Call Karen at 612.872.7535.

CROSSROADS DINNER WITH FR. GILLESPIE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Happy hour with cheese and wine at St. Albert the Great Church, followed by dinner at El Norteno, 4000 Lake St. For reservations, contact Tom or Cynthia at 612.926.2624.

PARISH PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10:30AM-1:30PM
Three weeks out! This is our annual end-of-summer gathering, open to the whole parish. After 9:30 or 11:30am Mass, swing on down for some tasty barbecue from Famous Dave's, activities for all ages, and a ministry expo.

Do you like to bake? You can donate cupcakes for the cake walk. We need people to help set-up, serve food, supervise kids' games and a host of other tasks. Contact Sally at 612.317.3417 or Kiera at kiera.jacobson@gmail.com.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

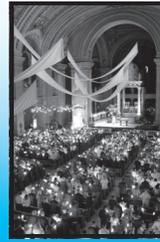
Being really listened to may heal, support and help us grow. What does real listening involve? How do we encourage another to tell her story? How do we know what to say and what not to say? How do we set the tone? How and when should we respond? BeFriender training provides the tools and skills for active, nonjudgmental listening. For information contact Cathy at 612.317.3474 or cedwards@mary.org.

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED FOR SVPD MINISTRY

It's back-to-school time, and our outreach and shoe ministries are busier than ever. We can always use hygiene items such as socks, shampoo, toothbrushes/toothpaste. Contact Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org if you have items to donate.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer shawls are given as a reminder of God's constant love and the prayer and support of The Basilica community. Experienced and novice knitters gather to create shawls that are blessed and presented to members of the community who are coping with the sorrow that illness, loss or loneliness may bring. New knitters are welcome! Call Katie at 763.458.8679 or Jane at 763.479.1555.



Did You Know?

The Stations of the Cross in the St. Joseph Chapel were created by Leo Winstead. The Stations are crayon on paper. The artist was 18 years old when he created them.

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY EVENTS

Register at www.mary.org through MyBasilica or contact Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508.

RESUME AND COVER LETTER 101

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 7:00-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
Presented by Nancy Fraasch of Walden University.

THE FIVE SECRETS OF STRENGTHSFINDERS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00-8:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL

MYERS-BRIGGS AND YOUR JOB SEARCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7:00-9:00PM
REARDON RECTORY DINING ROOM

HEALTH CARE FORUM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1:00-2:30PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, THE BASILICA'S LOWER LEVEL
How does health care reform affect us, the most vulnerable in our communities and our faith? Join The Basilica Voices For Justice and hear leaders in the field address issues relevant to our lives and the health of our community. For details or to get involved in The Basilica Voices for Justice, email Mary at mtgleich@gmail.com or call the Christian Life office at 612.317.3477.

SEEKING PARISH MEMBERS WITH THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

STAFF THE WELCOME DESK OR SERVE COFFEE AND DONUTS
The Basilica's mission statement ends with this declaration: "The parish is marked by hospitality and rich diversity." There are many ways in which we accomplish this mission. One important way is by providing a welcome space where the community can gather and visit following Mass. Please consider serving God and your parish in this way. The time commitment is minimal — 30 minutes once or twice a month. The rewards are infinite! We especially need volunteers for the 7:30am, 4:30 and 6:30pm Masses. Contact Sally at 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.