

# The Basilica of Saint Mary | 2017-2018 Children and Youth Ministry - UPDATED

## General Information

### Sunday Morning: 9:15-10:45am

- Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre-K – Grade 2 dismiss at 10:30am)

### Sunday Evening: 5:30-7:00pm

- Grade 6-10 and Basilica YES

### Wednesday Evening: 7:00-8:15pm

- Grade 1-5

All classes are held in The Basilica School; individual classrooms are posted throughout the building.

**Red** – classes will be held

**Blue** – No classes

**Gold** – special service/activity

See back of Calendar for program policies.

## FEBRUARY '18

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- 4 No classes – Super Bowl Sunday
- 14 No classes – Ash Wednesday
- 18 No classes – Presidents' Weekend
- 25 First Eucharist – parent/child meeting

## SEPTEMBER '17

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- 17 Open House & Parent Meeting
- 20 Open House & Parent Meeting
- 24 Sunday AM classes attend 9:30am Mass; PM classes held in The Basilica School
- 27 First Reconciliation – parent meeting

## MARCH '18

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- 10 Confirmation session (9-11AM)
- 18 First Eucharist – parent/child meeting
- 25 No classes – Palm Sunday
- 28 No classes – Holy Week

## OCTOBER '17

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- 8 First Reconciliation – parent meeting
- 8 Room for Christmas information and auditions
- 14 Confirmation session (9-11AM)
- 18 No classes – MEA
- 22 No classes – MEA
- 25 Room for Christmas auditions
- 29 Room for Christmas auditions
- 29 First Reconciliation – parent/child meeting

## APRIL '18

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- 1 No classes – Easter
- 14 Confirmation session (9-11AM)
- 11 First Eucharist – parent/child meeting
- 28 First Eucharist – rehearsal
- 29 Sacrament of First Eucharist – 1:30pm
- 29 Confirmation Rite of Sending – 4:30pm

## NOVEMBER '17

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- 1 Attending Mass – All Saints Day
- 5 Room for Christmas cast posted
- 5 First Reconciliation – parent/child meeting
- 8 Room for Christmas rehearsal
- 11 Confirmation Session (9-11AM)
- 15 Room for Christmas rehearsal
- 18 Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- 22 No classes – Thanksgiving
- 26 No classes – Thanksgiving
- 29 Room for Christmas rehearsal

## MAY '18

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- 2 Last Day of Classes
- 6 Last Day of Classes: Sunday AM classes attend 9:30am Mass; PM classes held in The Basilica School
- 20 Confirmation Mass – 1:30pm

## DECEMBER '17

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- 3 Room for Christmas rehearsal
- 6 Room for Christmas rehearsal
- 9 Confirmation Session (9-11AM)
- 10 Room for Christmas rehearsal
- 13 Room for Christmas rehearsal
- 16 Room for Christmas set-up/rehearsal
- 17 Room for Christmas performances (no classes)
- 20 No classes – Christmas break
- 24 No classes – Christmas break
- 27 No classes – Christmas break
- 31 No classes – Christmas break

## Staff Resources

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## JANUARY '18

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- 3 No classes – Christmas break
- 6 Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- 7 Confirmation retreat (1-5PM)
- 14 No classes – Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend
- 21 First Eucharist – parent meeting
- 24 First Eucharist – parent meeting
- 31 No classes – Super Bowl

## Program Details

### First Reconciliation/First Eucharist:

These dates and sessions apply only to those children (and parents) who have registered for this preparation. A detailed schedule will be made available.

**Confirmation Sessions:** Only Grade 10 Youth attend; all other Children and Youth hold regular classes.

### Room for Christmas

- Auditions and (most) rehearsal times follow the regular class times.
- A detailed schedule for this program will be made available to all involved families.
- Performances follow the 9:30am and 11:30am liturgies.

# The Basilica of Saint Mary | 2017-18 Children and Youth Ministry Program Policies

## Attendance

For consistency in the classroom, we ask that there be no more than two (2) absences per year. Please let your child(ren)'s catechist know if you will be absent. Catechists plan the lessons and activities based on a progression, so your child(ren)'s attendance is very important.

## Drop-Off / Pick-Up of Children

Parents of children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 (including Good Shepherd) are asked to walk their child(ren) directly to the classroom or gathering space.

At the end of class, children will be released only at the door of the classroom, and only to a parent or other authorized adult. Permission information as specified by parents at the time of registration is on file. Please note that the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 2 classes dismiss at 10:30am.

Due to Archdiocesan guidelines, and for the protection of children and catechists, there is never a time where a single child and a single adult are alone. For this reason, the second-to-the-last parent picking up his or her child after class will need to stay in the classroom until the last child is picked up.

## Communication with Families

The Basilica of Saint Mary's Learning Office will communicate regularly with families registered for the Learning programs via email. Messages will be sent to the email addresses parents listed on the registration form, or the email address on file in the parish database.

## Inclement Weather

On weekdays, The Basilica campus will close if and when the Minneapolis Public School district closes due to inclement weather. Should this be the case, or if classes are cancelled due to other circumstances, the Learning team will contact all families via email. The Basilica's website and phone messages will be updated with any relevant cancellation announcements.

Due to the number of liturgical celebrations on weekends, The Basilica does not typically close on weekends. If weekend classes are cancelled, the Learning team will contact all families via email. The Basilica website and phone messages also will be updated.

In any case, we encourage families to use their best judgment when choosing whether or not to travel to classes in inclement weather.

## Behavior

Should a situation arise where a child demonstrates unacceptable behavior, the parent(s) will be called and asked to pick up the child immediately. Situations considered unacceptable include the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol or other illegal substances, the possession of any device that could cause harm to people or property, the demonstration of abusive, violent, interruptive, inappropriate or disrespectful behavior, or any other behavior deemed unacceptable by program coordinators. The Basilica of Saint Mary reserves the right to suspend and/or expel any child found to be in violation of this behavior policy.