August September 2018

BASILICA DAY
Ice cream social following the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses.

ORGAN CONCERT
Assumption Day premiere concert.

FALL FESTIVAL
Enjoy great food and games for all ages.

SESQUICENTENNIAL
Celebrating 150 years as a parish.

A traditional church with a modern message.
FROM THE PASTOR

With this column I would like to update you in regard to several areas of our parish’s life.

1. Parish Council Elections: I am pleased to inform you that in the recent elections for our Parish Council, Erik Miles (representing Christian Life) and Xander Broeffle (representing Learning) were elected to our Parish Pastoral Council. I am also pleased to report that Eric Brandt has accepted re-appointment to the Council as an at-large member; Alfonso Cornish has accepted appointment as the Finance Committee Representative to the Council; and Mara Stolec has accepted appointment as the Development Committee representative to the Parish Council. I am very grateful to each of these individuals for their willingness to serve on our Parish Council.

The members of our Parish Council represent a cross section of our parish. The Parish Council meets monthly and works with me and our staff to determine the needs, aspirations, and direction of our parish. As such it plays a vital role in our parish community. I am enormously grateful to our Council members for sharing their insights and expertise as we work together to carry out the mission of our parish.

2. Strategic Planning: As I have mentioned in previous bulletins, a few months ago we received approval from our Finance Committee and Parish Council to engage the services of the MacCallum Ross company to help us begin the process of developing a new strategic plan for our parish. (Our previous plan carried us through spring of 2018.) This plan will serve as a road map to guide and direct our efforts for the next three to five years.

The reason we engage in strategic planning is simple. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29.18). If we don’t consciously and prayerfully plan for our future, we are at risk of drifting into a future not of our choosing and certainly not of our making.

David MacCallum and Patti Ross have been guiding the development of a new strategic plan by reviewing our previous strategic plan as well as demographic and other information. An extensive process has been put in place to ensure that relevant information and perspectives are reflected in the plan. They also have interviewed key members of our staff, parish leadership, and community leaders. You will be hearing more about this process in the days ahead. We anticipate that the rollout for our new strategic plan will take place this summer or fall.

3. This year’s Landmark Ball: Many thanks to all those who attended and/or supported this year’s Landmark Ball. For those of you who are new to our parish, The Landmark Ball is an annual fund-raiser sponsored by The Basilica Landmark to help support the ongoing maintenance and renovation of The Basilica of Saint Mary and its campus. This year $102,763 was raised for this ongoing work. Our thanks go to Jen and Roshan Rajkumar who chaired this event, and to Holly Dockendorf our Event Manager. I am also very grateful to the many people who worked on the committees for this event. They did an outstanding job.

Each year as part of The Landmark Ball we include a Fund-A-Need project. This year the Fund-A-Need project was the interior lighting of The Basilica Dome. We will be replacing the old (and large) lights with new LED lighting. The new lighting will be

JOIN US

BASILICA DAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
AFTER 9:30 & 11:30AM MASSES
Join us for Mass as our choirs return for this annual celebration of the solemn dedication of our beautiful Basilica.
After Mass, join us on The Basilica’s West Lawn for:
- Ice Cream Social
- Activities for Families and Children
- Mary Garden Tours

FALL FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
AFTER 9:30, 11:30AM, & 4:30PM MASSES
BASILICA LAWN
Plan to attend the Fall Festival—celebrate our parish community. Great food, games and activities for families and children.
Volunteers are needed to help make this annual event a success. Register to help at mary.org.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Join us to celebrate our parish’s 150th anniversary. Opening Weekend of Sesquicentennial Celebrations. Archbishop Hebda will be the celebrant at the 9:30am Mass.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1:30PM
For over 25 years we have celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis with a traditional Blessing of Animals.
THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

is a community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we:
• Practice biblical stewardship
• Share our faith with others in word and deed
• Pursue ecumenical and interfaith relationships
• Rejoice in rich diversity

As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we are committed to provide:
• Inspiring liturgies and sacred arts
• Transforming life-long learning opportunities
• Engaging service to one another and justice for all

EUCHARIST
Saturday
5:00pm

Sunday
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
4:30pm, 6:30pm

Monday-Friday
7:00am and Noon
Saint Joseph Chapel

Nursery
Available Sunday 9:30am Mass for children through age 4.

Accessibility
Center East bronze doors and ground level doors for accessible entrance. Wheelchairs available upon request.

SACRAMENTS
Please call the parish office for:
Baptism and Marriage
Anointing of the Sick
Homebound Communion

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brighter, less expensive and will not produce nearly as much heat as the old lighting—something for which I am particularly grateful.

4. Our Parish Finances and Budget for Next Year: A big Thank You to all those who have been so generous in their financial support of our parish this year. As I write this column (at the end of June) we are slightly ahead in regard to our anticipated revenue, and we are also under budget in regard to our expenses. Given this, we hope to end the fiscal year with a smaller than expected deficit. (The deficit will be covered by a portion of the income from the rental of our school building. The reminder of the school rental income goes into our parish reserve fund.)

In our budgeting for next year we are anticipating a slight increase in our revenue, and have budgeted accordingly. As your pastor, I want you to know of my gratitude for your ongoing support of our parish. Please know, it is greatly appreciated.

5. 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 last few special collections here.

• On the weekend of April 28 and 29, $6,796 was collected for the second collection for The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund.
• On the weekend of June 2 and 3, (and afterwards with contributions that were mailed in) $22,253 was donated to help support Ascension School.
• And on the weekend of June 16 and 17, $7,400 was contributed to help defray the cost of air conditioning The Basilica during the hot summer months.

The contributions to these collections testify to the generosity of the people of The Basilica. Please know of my gratitude for your generous and caring response.

6. Change in Staffing: As some of you already know, this summer Cathy Edwards, who has served as our Coordinator of Caring Ministries for the past several years, is retiring. I am enormously grateful for Cathy’s work these past years. We will certainly miss her, but wish her well in her retirement. While we are sad to see Cathy leave, we are grateful that Wendy Cichanski Caduff has been hired to fill this position. Wendy comes to us from Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity parishes in Owatonna, where she was a Pastoral Associate for four years. Before that, she worked at Christ Church Newman Center in St. Cloud. She has many years of experience working in different parish settings. Wendy has a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry from Saint John’s University of Theology and Seminary, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from St. Cloud State University. And if Wendy’s last name sounds familiar that is because Ben Caduff, our Coordinator of Family and Young Adult Ministry is her husband. We are happy to welcome Wendy to her new position. Her education and work experience will surely be an asset to our parish and community.

7. Archdiocesan Bankruptcy: Recently we heard the good news that an agreement had been reached to resolve the bankruptcy of the Archdiocese. The agreement establishes a trust fund of approximately $210 million for the victims/survivors. Some of the money for the settlement fund came in the form of voluntary pledges of financial support from parishes and priests of our Archdiocese. I believe this is a wonderful statement of our compassion and support for our brothers and sisters who were seriously wounded and hurt by my brother priests and by others in our church.

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Art that Inspires Prayer

Some years ago, I visited The Walker Art Center to view an exhibit entitled “Ultra-Baroque.” Touring this not so Catholic exhibit in this not so Catholic institution I found myself in front of a work entitled Milagros or Miracles. It was composed of numerous metal images of human body parts such as arms, legs, hearts...At first glance, I found the exhibit grotesque. Then I was reminded of the Catholic custom of bringing the image of a failing body part to a sacred shrine in the hope of a miraculous cure.

As I was mesmerized by this work of art, my mobile rang. It was my sister letting me know my dad had been taken to the hospital for emergency surgery. In an instant, this museum dedicated to modern art became a sacred place and I prayed for a miracle as I continued to be inspired by Milagros.

Milagros was the right piece of art at the right time for this sacred moment to happen. The setting was not religious, the art was not religious, yet all of a sudden that element which is present in all good art, namely the connection with the Divine creative power, surfaced and inspired prayer.

Good art works in mysterious ways. In the words of Saint Pope John Paul II: sacred art is an "echo of the mystery of Creation with which God, the sole creator of all things, has wished in some way to associate" artists.

Most of the time we just walk by inspired and inspiring works of art without paying any attention. It often takes a wake-up call to see what is really there.

Milagros unexpectedly comforted me as I prayed in The Walker to the great surprise of those around me.

Liturgies

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption are:
7:00am Saint Joseph Chapel
Noon & 5:30pm in The Basilica

LABOR DAY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 10:00AM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
Mass will be celebrated at 10:00am. There will be no 7:00am or Noon Mass on Labor Day.

EUCHARIST WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:30AM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
All who are seeking healing in body, mind, and soul are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

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Sacred Art Exhibits

TRANSFORMED PAINTINGS BY GREG LECKER
EXHIBITION: THROUGH AUGUST 19
ARTIST RECEPTION: THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:00PM

Greg Lecker’s art transports viewers to natural and inhabited settings filled with motion and emotion. Working from direct observation, Greg’s brush and palette knife work responds to changing light, weather, mood. This exhibition will feature Greg’s plein air and studio paintings. Water references are common throughout scripture, and also in Greg Lecker’s work in Transformed. Painting Minnesota’s lakes, streams, and rivers is a meditative act for Greg: it quenches a thirst for understanding. Complementary scripture passages will be offered within interpretive signage. At Basilica Day (Sunday, August 12), Lecker will demonstrate plein air painting and be available for questions.
LITURGY & SACRED ART

VALLETTA: CITY SEA PEOPLE
A RETROSPECTIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDY
EXHIBITION: AUGUST 20 – SEPTEMBER 30
ARTIST RECEPTION: THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 6:00PM
To reflect on Valletta as a city, Stephen Busuttil has created a photographic retrospective of the capital of Malta in the 21st century, looking at how the city has changed between 2008 and 2018. Valletta was recently named the European Capital of Culture, which aims to promote the cultural, social and economic regeneration in Valletta and the Maltese Islands through collaboration, exchange and innovative practice. This exhibition was curated by Daniel K. Gullo and Tim Ternes of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at Saint John’s University.

MATTHEW 25
SCULPTURES BY TIMOTHY SCHMALZ
EXHIBITION: OCTOBER 4 – NOVEMBER 25
RECEPTION: TO BE ANNOUNCED
Works of Mercy sculptures by Timothy Schmalz will be displayed. They include When I Was Hungry & Thirsty; Sick; Naked; a Stranger; in Prison. The Basilica’s Homeless Jesus bronze near the front plaza is also part of this series.

CONCERTS AND MUSIC
SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
Join us this summer for inspiring music performed on the renowned Basilica organ. Free of charge. Free-will donations are gratefully received.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2:00PM, BASILICA
Katie Moss, Organist and handbell director at Messiah United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2:00PM, BASILICA
Dr. Jacob Benda, organ
Featuring the Minnesota premier of Pamela Decker’s new large-scale solo organ work titled The Seven Last Words and Triumph of Christ. The world premier of this piece occurred at the 2018 AGO National Convention in Kansas City—the one and only Minnesota reprise at The Basilica!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2:00PM, BASILICA
Tucker Moore, baritone and Christopher Stroh, organ and piano
A recital for accompanied voice featuring the Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Five Mystical Songs, along with other sacred vocal and solo organ “Sunday favorites.”

ASSUMPTION DAY ORGAN CONCERT
CONCERT: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 8:00PM, BASILICA
The concert will feature the premiere of a newly-commissioned work (in part by Chris Stroh and The Basilica) by Minnesotan composer Monte Mason. The work is titled: The Dances of Our Lady: Four Marian Antiphons for Saxophone and Organ.
David Davis, saxophone, Christopher Stroh, organ, and The Basilica Chant Schola.

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS
Juventus Youth Ensemble for singers and instrumentalists grades 9-12 meets Wednesdays 7:15-8:30pm in The Basilica School Choir room. Simple voice check or audition in August. Juventus leads music at the 4:30pm liturgy once a month, and at Christmas and Easter with Mundus Contemporary & World Music Ensemble. Space is limited. For more information, contact Walter Tambor at 612.317.3506 or wtambor@mary.org.

CONTEMPORARY & WORLD MUSIC MINISTRY
Consider singing or playing an instrument in a contemporary music ministry ensemble: Mundus (Contemporary and World Music ensemble, and Contemporary Musicians Ensemble). For more information, contact Walter Tambor at 612.317.3506 or wtambor@mary.org.

THE BASILICA BOYCHOIR
Boys, grade 4-8 (unchanged voice), are invited to join The Basilica Boychoir. As Cathedral Choristers, members will rehearse with the Choristers and learn choral repertoire, lead liturgies, and learn the basics of singing. Contact Teri Larson at larson@mary.org or 612.317.3426 to schedule a voice check and for more information.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR
There are openings in all sections of the Cathedral Choir. The choir sings at the 9:30 mass September through June 9 (Pentecost) and at major feast days and solemnities (Christmas, Triduum, Easter) as well as certain Archdiocesan liturgies. Audition requirements: art song or aria, sight-reading, pitch matching. Contact Teri Larson to schedule an audition.

CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS
Open to any child in grades 4-8. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 5:45-7:00pm. Voice check required in August. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 5 at 5:45pm. Contact Teri Larson to schedule a voice check.

CHERUBS & CHILDREN’S CHOIR
For children Pre-K and grades 1-3. Register your child at the first rehearsal, Wednesday, September 12, 6:00-7:00pm.

CHANT SCHOLA
Open to men and women interested in singing Gregorian Chant. Pitch matching required. Rehearsals TBD based on availability.

For the choirs listed above, contact Teri Larson at larson@mary.org or 612.317.3426.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fall is upon us—students getting ready to return to school, the days are beginning to get a bit shorter, and many of us are getting back into our routines after the summer break.

We are gearing up for our new program year. Around 200 families soon will be in the routine of bringing their children to our weekly faith formation programs. Many of these families have children who will spend this year preparing for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents of some of the youngest members of our parish community are preparing and planning for baptisms.

Our vibrant, young adult community has been meeting all summer for their bible study on Thursday evenings and their social and sports activities. Some of those same young adults and many more are engaged and coming to our doors for their marriage preparation sessions and workshops.

We have another large group of inquirers and sponsors who have begun the RCIA process to learn more about the Catholic faith. This year we also are pleased to offer a great line-up of speakers from our various local universities and organizations, a few of which are highlighted in this bulletin. We hope you will join us as we study and delve deeper into the scriptures, the traditions of the church, and our interfaith relationships.

Please join us as you are able, and check our website often for more opportunities scheduled for the remainder of our year.

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First Eucharist/Reconciliation, Confirmation - 612.317.3435
Youth Ministry - 612.317.3439
Young Adult Ministry - 612.317.3435
Children & Family Ministry - 612.317.3439
Marriage Ministry - 612.317.3478

LEARNING

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

We offer classes approximately nine times a year for parents who are registered members of The Basilica and plan on having their child baptized here. Godparents are welcome too. More information and registration is available at mary.org Please check the weekly newsletter for future class dates. And, congratulations to the following children who were baptized in May and June:

- Juliana Rose Grundman • Emily Viola Kealing
- Nora Grace Verbeten • Autumn Joy Plec • Olivia Marie Broz
- Veronica Patrice Eick • Addilyn Rae Bitz • Daisy Streitz McCary
- Oliver Kazimieras Krevnevicius • Santiago Connelly Dunbar
- Wani Ladugore Ladu • Waden Ladugore Ladu
- Harlow Ryan Hoang • Margot Helen Schmidt
- Fiona Mavis McFarlane • Hailey Lynn Kline • Sophie Lee Turner
- Josephine Alberta Bruhn • Julia Diane Wienecke
- Clare Elizabeth Andersen • Gavin James Hoffner
- Evangeline Patricia DiNicola • Henry Raymond Parker
- Hudson Dean Kosiek

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the following youth and adults who received the sacrament of confirmation at The Basilica this Easter season.

- Grace Dibe Bassekle • Eve Pamela Clarkson
- Emma Jane Ehalt • Elizabeth Jane Flanagan
- Hilda Hillarie Habia • Thomas Robert Hemphill
- Thomas Charles Heusler • Margo Kelly Heusler
- Sophie Vivienne Moore • Bryan Uchenna Okere
- Alexa Hope Oremland • Mark Patrick Ramel
- Nathaly Johanna Romero • Lola Isabel Beatty Ruff
- Samuel James Beatty Ruff • Lauren Paige Schmelzer
- Ayla Chereen Straub • Curtis Allen Thiele
- Elizabeth Danielle • William Albert Valley
- Audrey Lynn Wethington • Danielle Marie Cabezas
- Jennifer Marie Pagano • Mary Lee Schmidt

WEDDING VS. MARRIAGE

When couples decide to marry, they can quickly get caught up in the excitement and details of the wedding day. At The Basilica, we are committed to preparing couples not only for the wedding day—but also, and most importantly—for a lifetime of marriage ahead. If you are considering marriage, please allow plenty of time for your “marriage” preparation. At The Basilica, we recommend couples begin 10 to 12 months ahead the wedding day.

If you attend The Basilica but are not a registered member, please remember that we require you to be a registered member for at least three months before being able to book a wedding date. Go to mary.org and click on Membership for more information.
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

REGISTER NOW FOR 2018-2019 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
The class year starts on Sunday, September 23. Use our online registration system to easily register for all classes (PreK through Grade 12) and for sacramental preparation programs. Remember, the online registration process is in two parts: class information and payment is the first step; and child(ren)/family information is the second. You MUST complete both sections to ensure we have all the needed information. If you have any questions, contact Kelli at kkester@mary.org or 612.317.3439.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION
Beginning in September, preparation for First Reconciliation will begin for children and their parents. Children age seven and older can begin this process. Parents have an active role in their children’s sacramental preparation, and we require that the children are enrolled in our weekly faith formation classes. Children are required to go through the process of First Reconciliation before they can prepare for First Eucharist. Contact Ben for more information about the process at bceaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3435.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG FAMILIES
We offer a variety of ministries for young families at The Basilica (families with children under the age of four.) Our MOMMs group (Mary Our Mother Mom) meets twice a month on Wednesday mornings with free child care available. Our newly formed DADs group meets monthly on the first Saturday. We also host a fall workshop for parents with free child care available. Visit mary.org for future dates.

REMAR MARRIAGE/BLENDED FAMILY SEMINAR
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 6:00-9:00PM
RECTORY, DINING ROOM
Are you currently in a remarriage? Are you considering marrying someone who was married before or has children? This insightful and supportive seminar deals with the unique issues faced by couples in a remarriage/blended family and gives you a chance to talk about these issues with other couples and seminar leaders with real-life experience and expertise. Register online at mary.org cost is $25/couple. Contact Nancy at nkeller@mary.org or 612.317.3478 for more information.

ADULT LEARNING

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AS A PATH TO HEALING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL
Together we will explore what restorative justice is and how to incorporate it into our daily lives. Hear from Jeanne Bishop, author of Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy, and Making Peace with My Sister’s Killer, as she shares her incredible story of strength and forgiveness amidst devastating circumstances. Also, Judge Janine Geske and Dr. Mark Umbreit will join the discussion. Judge Geske is a retired Wisconsin Supreme Court justice, currently at Marquette University Law School and speaks internationally on this topic. Dr. Umbreit is a professor and founding director of the Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking at the University of Minnesota. Please join us for this important conversation. Register at mary.org. All are welcome; free of charge. For more information, contact Paula Kaempfner at pkaempfner@mary.org or 612.317.3473.

RECENT CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT: A SPIRITUALITY FOR BUSINESS LIFE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 5:00-8:00PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM
2018 Notre Dame Hesburgh Lecture: How does Catholic social teaching tie into an understanding of markets, economies, and capitalism? How do we connect Catholic social thought to our work life? This talk outlines several Church documents that directly address this issue. Fr. Oliver Williams, professor at the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame will lead the discussion. All are welcome; no fee. Lecture is presented in partnership with the Notre Dame Club of Minnesota and with support from the Veritas Institute at the University of St. Thomas.

RCIA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER
Have you been searching for a faith home? Have you been to Catholic Mass and wondered what it was about? Have you heard some strange things about Catholics? Why not come and find out what is true about the Catholic faith in a relaxed, informative and experiential setting. If you are interested, contact Paula at pkaempfner@mary.org or 612.317.3473.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA are young adults (single and married) in their 20s/30s who gather for social events, opportunities for learning and spiritual growth, and to provide service to our community.

BYA FALL RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 28-30
SAINT JOHN’S ABBEY GUESTHOUSE COLLEGEVILLE
Register now for our annual retreat in the quiet of central Minnesota and the beautiful atmosphere of Saint John’s Abbey. We begin on Friday evening and end with lunch and Mass on Sunday. All young adults (age 18-30) are invited. For more information, contact Ben at bceaduff@mary.org. Registration details at mary.org.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

One of the themes Pope Francis often highlights is the importance of developing a “culture of encounter.” He speaks of a culture of encounter as a goal we all share, encouraging us to be courageous in ways we look beyond ourselves to recognize the needs and humanity of others, “Faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others,” he has said.

In these days of polarization in our society, heeding this call to develop a culture of encounter has great implications in our life personally and collectively. What will it take to live this call in our life?

To build a culture of encounter, we are invited to do one simple act: to go out and meet someone that is different than you. Perhaps this means you are called to listen to someone who disagrees with you. Perhaps you are called to get to know someone who frightens you or makes you angry.

The culture of encounter invites us to build relationships with others, to favor unity over division and reach across divides. We are invited to recognize those we struggle as a child of God. We ask them questions about themselves and then listen to what they say.

Developing a culture of encounter requires us to create space for another to share their story. With a desire to hear all voices, barriers that divide us can break down. We get beyond fear and distrust. We lay the foundation for greater empathy on both sides.

Developing and living a culture of encounter will take us out of our comfort zone. Yet often, we discover more about ourselves than about the other person.

We are challenged to model our lives on Jesus, who repeatedly stopped and spent time with outsiders. We are called to do the same. Let us find ways to work together and open ourselves to encounter another—thus experiencing the grace of our living God.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

SERVE

BACKPACKS FOR ASCENSION
BACKPACK STUFFING ON BASILICA DAY, AUGUST 12

The Basilica is excited to host our Annual School Supply Drive and Backpack Stuffing Event for Ascension Catholic School. Ascension School is deeply committed to the idea that no child should be denied a quality education on the basis of his or her family’s financial situation. This approach to opening the doors to all children is only possible through the generosity of others.

The Annual School Supply Drive and Backpack Stuffing Event was begun out of our desire to support this inclusive vision and contribute to a solid education for the children at Ascension. Donations are being collected in the bins near the church entrances until August 5. On Basilica Day, volunteers will fill the backpacks with the supplies.

Look for the backpack stuffing station on Basilica Day. It will be a fun time to fellowship with other Parishioners and help the children of Ascension School start the new school year well equipped!

MINISTRY RENEWAL

The annual Ministry Renewal process for all volunteer ministers deadline is August 31. The renewal process will be online this year. Please watch for your renewal email. The Basilica requires all volunteers to read and sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct every year. Contact Ashley with questions at awyatt@mary.org or 612.317.3417.

ACCOMPANY

WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS DYING:
A SPIRITUAL COMPANION

We have a beautiful new resource for persons caring for someone nearing the end of life. When Your Loved One Is Dying: A Spiritual Companion offers ideas for having important conversations that are sometimes difficult to begin; conversations about gratitude and forgiveness, ways to express our love, and say good bye. For more information, or to receive a copy contact Cathy edwards@mary.org 621.317.3474.

CENTERING PRAYER

FRIDAYS, 10:00-11:00AM

BASIL THE GREAT ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

Contemplative prayer, in the Christian tradition, is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate contemplative prayer. Meet with others called to this prayer to discuss a book about centering prayer, and then practice Centering Prayer for 20 minutes.

Christian Life Office

Director - Janice Andersen

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Charity - 612.317.3413
Justice - 612.317.3477
Caring Ministries - 612.317.3474
Welcome/Hospitality - 612.317.3417
Employment and Mental Health Ministry - 612.317.3508
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
Reflect on your relationship with the divine. Allow God to stir your mind and heart and learn about your personal spirituality. The purpose of spiritual direction is to deepen your connection to God. If you are interested in spiritual direction, call Janice at 612.317.3477.

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS: MENTORING, ACHIEVING, GROWING
Consider being part of the mentoring ministry with Minneapolis Community and Technical College. The responses we received from this year’s students show how impactful the Hennepin Connections program is. Here are just a few.

“The help I received from my mentor was terrific and helped me out a lot more than I expected. I’m truly glad to have (my mentor) as my mentor...”

“The best part of participating in the Hennepin Connections mentoring program this year is being able to speak with my mentor. Knowing there is someone to talk to at times does wonders for direction and staying motivated and on track.”

“The mentoring program is edifying. It strengthened my goals, my purpose. I have built an amazing friendship with my mentor. We share the good and bad with each other. We are still building each other up.”

These and more responses from the students help drive us forward. We are encouraged and excited to begin mentoring more MCTC students in the upcoming school year. If you want to invest in someone in a way that gives them direction and resources for their future, consider becoming a Hennepin Connections mentor. To learn more about this program for the upcoming school year, call 612.317.3477.

DEFEND

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY
The Immigrant Support Ministry is a volunteer team within The Basilica that assists refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Rooted in our Catholic Faith, we do this by partnering with community organizations, fostering long-term relationships, offering financial assistance and other support, and providing education and advocacy on behalf of those we serve. If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Dawn at dawnpaib@gmail.com or 612.317.3477.

BUILDING BRIDGES: UNDERSTANDING ISLAM AND SHARIA LAW
Join in a safe, non-threatening interfaith discussion that can raise awareness on Islam in our community. Hear about the experience of being Muslim in America and untangle the facts from fiction about Sharia Law. For more information, call 612.317.3477.

Being Muslim in America
Sunday, September 16, Saints Ambrose/Teresa Room, 11:00am

Sharia Law Explained
Sunday, September 30, Saints Ambrose/Teresa Room, 1:00pm

IMAGO DEI: BASILICA INITIATIVE ON RACIAL RECONCILATION
The Basilica is working to address the issue of racism and promote racial reconciliation. Together, we will bring opportunities to engage in forums, workshops, relationship building, prayer gatherings, theater and action for justice. Look for opportunities to get engaged.

BASILICA VOICES FOR JUSTICE
BVFJ provides tools and a framework to empower our community to use our voices for justice. This team’s work complements the wonderful work of charity done by The Basilica St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Consider getting involved in the many ways The Basilica is an advocate for change in our community. To get involved, contact Aara at aarajohnson@gmail.com.

CROSSROADS
Are you interested in socializing with other Basilica adults? CROSSROADS invites ALL adults to participate in events such as book club, hosted potlucks, lunches, dinners, museums, and theatre events. Do you have an idea you’d like to offer? Please let us know! For more information contact Janine at 763.566.5743.

All are welcome to attend the next planning meeting in August! Please see the calendar for August and September events.

MONTHLY E-NEWS
To receive Crossroads Monthly eNews:
• Go to mary.org/crossroads
• Near the bottom, click on “My Basilica.”
• On the right side, click “Subscribe.”
• Select “Crossroads” from the list.

Then, join others for various events and activities. Crossroads events are published in weekly Newsletter on the first and third Sundays of the month.

MASS & POTLUCK
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 6:00PM
Father John Bauer will preside over a 6:00pm Mass in the St. Joseph Chapel for Crossroads. A potluck will follow in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy Mass and fellowship with friends! Contact Marilyn Bartz at 952.913.5470 for more information and reservations.
SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE CITIES 97 BASILICA BLOCK PARTY!

The Basilica Block Party took place on Friday, July 6 and Saturday, July 7 and it could not have happened without the support of our incredible sponsors and volunteers. Thank you for being a part of our 24th celebration to benefit the restoration efforts of The Basilica Landmark and St. Vincent de Paul.

Over 1,700 volunteers worked throughout the event in about 15 various positions including Coke tent, Beer tent, ticket scanners, first-aid, safety, church tours, and more. All the volunteers were recruited, trained, and managed by a team of 53 volunteer coordinators and led by the 20 member volunteer executive team.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND
The Building that protects us all, needs us all.

The Basilica provides shelter to every person who visits. Some find warmth and hope on a frigid winter day, others come seeking spiritual renewal. Every day of every season, The Basilica serves as a haven for all, body and soul. Now The Building of Hope needs your support. The century old building stands magnificently in the Minneapolis skyline, but requires constant care to endure for generations to come.

Upcoming and Ongoing Needs Include:
• Tuck-pointing the dome
• Renovating the school south entrance
• Installing energy-efficient LED lighting around the altar

Help preserve our shelter for heart, soul, and spirit with a gift to the annual fund at thebasilicalandmark.org/give. Contact Stephanie Biehl at 612.317.3472 for more information. Your donation ensures that the building of hope can continue to serve as a haven for all who come.

The Basilica Landmark is a separate 501(c)(3) charitable organization from The Basilica, and was organized in 1993 to preserve and restore The Basilica of Saint Mary and its campus.

ACHIEVING PERMANENCE
We live in a fast-motion, often ephemeral world where change is constant, yet we often long for permanence. Perhaps that’s part of what drives so many of us to The Basilica of Saint Mary—the sense that our historic church has been here for generations and will be here for generations to come. You have the opportunity to achieve permanence too, with your legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark. No matter the size of your gift, you can be part of sustaining The Basilica into a future you will not see. You’ve inherited a treasure; you can endow its future. Let’s talk about achieving permanence—contact Monica at mstuart@mary.org or 612.317.3429.

GREAT PUMPKIN BINGO
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:00-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL
Fall is just around the corner and so is Great Pumpkin Bingo! Join us for Mass and stay for a night of Charlie Brown-themed Bingo. Don’t miss the fun of exciting callers, food for purchase, a cash bar and GREAT prizes including Basilica Block Party tickets, gift certificates and more! Details at mary.org.

Dress in your best costume and be entered in our annual Halloween Costume Contest! This is a family event. All ages welcome. Two Categories: children 17 & under, adults 18 & over. Exciting prizes to be announced. Register online at mary.org or at the door by 6:30pm to enter.
FROM THE PASTOR

In a letter to all parishioners a few weeks ago, I said that The Basilica of Saint Mary was one of the parishes that made a confidential pledge of financial support to the settlement fund. This decision was made in consultation with our Parish Council and Finance committee. After setting a range for this contribution they directed that our Parish Trustees and I make the final decision as to the amount of the contribution. The money for this pledge came from our parish reserves, which are funded by the rental income from our school building. Our financial pledge won’t be payable until the details of the settlement are finalized. It is our hope that making this pledge of financial support will send a strong message of solidarity and support to the victims/survivors.

While the settlement will resolve the Archdiocesan bankruptcy we need to continue to follow up with prayer and outreach to the victims/survivors. This needs to be and must be an ongoing effort. I hope you will join in prayer for those who have been so grievously wounded by members of our Church.

8. Refugee Sponsorship: This past June The Basilica welcomed our eighth Refugee Family through Lutheran Social Services. (So far we have sponsored 3 families from Somalia; 1 from Iraq; 1 from Ethiopia; 1 Karen; and 2 from Myanmar/Karenni.)

Our newest family is Karenni, originally from Burma. There is a mother, father, and two young daughters ages 4 and 6. They are coming from a camp in Thailand and have been there about 20 years. Lutheran Social Services is hoping to find secure an apartment for them in East St. Paul. The family has some relatives or connections there and they speak some English from working at a hospital in the camp. They arrived on May 23 and our refugee support committee gathered at the airport to greet them.

All of the families we have sponsored have been very different. However, they have all be very grateful and gracious as they settle into life in Minnesota. Their lives are filled with activity as they seek to learn English, enroll their children in school, find work, and care for medical and dental concerns.

If you are interested in helping with this project please Janice Andersen in our Christian Life Department at 612.317.3477.

9. Campus Space Planning: As I mentioned previously, The Basilica Landmark has approved funding for the hiring of liturgical space planning consultants. A few months ago these consultants began a process to help us look at and develop a master plan for The Basilica and its campus. Unfortunately, Robert Habiger, from the firm Dekker Perich and Sabatini out of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who had begun this work with us, has decided to retire. Fortunately, Fr. Gil Sunghera S.J. who worked with Robert initially has agreed to continue to work with us to build a vision for our campus spaces that helps us welcome the community and our guests. Fr. Gil is on staff at the University of Detroit Mercy (and works with their) School of Architecture. A committee of parishioners has been formed to work with Robert and Fr. Gil in this process.

Some of the important issues/concerns that will need to be considered are accessibility, making The Basilica and its campus more open and welcoming, and renovating and updating the interior of The Basilica.

This process of developing a master plan for The Basilica and its campus continues as I write this column. It will also occur concurrently with the development of our new strategic plan. We will share more information about this important work as we move forward.

10. Maintenance Projects at The Basilica: Finally, as I mentioned in an earlier bulletin, there will be several maintenance projects occurring this summer on our campus. As I hope you have noticed we are tuck-pointing The Basilica dome. We will also be upgrading the kitchen in the lower level of The Basilica; doing some upgrades to the church sound system; seal coating and re-striping the parking lots; replacing the fluorescent lights in the lower level of the church with LED lighting; and as mentioned above, we will also be replacing the lighting on the interior ring of lights in the dome with LED lighting. We also hope to reconstruct the South entrance to our school building sometime next spring.

We are hopeful that there will be minimal disruption with these projects. We are grateful that most of these projects will be funded by The Basilica Landmark.

Rev. John M. Bauer
Pastor, The Basilica of Saint Mary
PARISH SESQUICENTENNIAL

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

1868-2018
October 4, 2018 marks
The Basilica Parish’s
sesquicentennial anniversary.
From September 30, 2018 to
October 1, 2019 we will mark
this occasion throughout our
Parish with celebrations and
exhibits.

SESQUICENTENNIAL MASS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
Opening weekend of Sesquicentennial Celebrations.
Archbishop Hebda will be the celebrant at the 9:30am Mass.

ORGAN DEDICATION 68TH ANNIVERSARY
RECITAL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
Celebrating the dedication of the Wicks organ with a
performance by organist Nicholas Schmelter.

MATTHEW 25
SCULPTURES BY TIMOTHY SCHMALZ
EXHIBITION: OCTOBER 4 – NOVEMBER 25
Works of Mercy sculptures by Timothy P. Schmalz will be
displayed.

2019 UPCOMING EVENTS
BASILICA WEDDING REUNION
Celebrating and bringing together couples married at The
Basilica.

PEACE SITE REDEDICATION
Dedication for new Peace pole and recommitting to the Peace
site actions.

SCHOOL REUNION AND PARISH PICNIC
Reconnecting all classes from The Basilica School and
celebrating the people and life of our parish for 150 years.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CELEBRATION
Concluding a year of celebrations and honoring the work of
our outreach program.

More news and announcements at mary.org/150years.

SHED CHURCH TO THE BASILICA
In 1866, with the blessing of Bishop Thomas Grace, Fr. John
McDermott purchased land on the west side of the Mississippi
to build a Catholic school which doubled as a church building
on Sundays.

The community continued to grow, and shortly before their
first resident pastor, Fr. James McColrick, arrived in October
1868, a “shed church” was built off the rear of the school.

The new (second) Church of the Immaculate Conception was
built beside the school at the corner of Third Avenue and Third
Street North in 1871.

On August 1, 1905, the Archbishop announced plans for a bold
and beautiful church: a Pro-Cathedral dedicated to Mary on
the western edge of the city, to be built simultaneously with his
new Cathedral in Saint Paul.

OUR HISTORY
How does a parish grow from a modest group of Irish and
Italian immigrants worshipping in a wooden shed to a grand
Basilica whose members hail from 434 different zip codes
across the Twin Cities metro area?

In the words of Florence Brown, intrepid chronicler of the
earliest years of our parish, it takes “boundless zeal, ardent
faith, untinted charity, holiest simplicity and deepest
consecration to the service of religion” . . . and about 150 years.

There are current Basilica families with roots in the original
shed church and new families joining our parish today.
Our community is our greatest strength and the heart of this
parish for 150 years.

If you have a family history story to share, please contact
Heather Craig, The Basilica Archivist at hcrea@mary.org.
WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY
7:00am  Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
9:30am  SVDP Shoe Ministry 
_Teresa of Calcutta Hall_
Noon   Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_

TUESDAY
7:00am  Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
9:30am  SVDP Outreach Ministry 
_Teresa of Calcutta Hall_
Noon   Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_

WEDNESDAY
7:00am  Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
9:00am  SVDP Sandwich Ministry 
_Rectory, Dining Room_
9:30am  SVDP Outreach Ministry 
_Teresa of Calcutta Hall_
Noon   Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
6:00pm  JustFaith  
_Catherine of Siena_

THURSDAY
7:00am  Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
9:15am  Morning Prayer  
_Choir Stalls_
9:30am  SVDP Outreach Ministry 
_Teresa of Calcutta Hall_
Noon   Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
6:00pm  Pathways  
_Basilica School_
7:15pm  Basilica Young Adults Bible Study  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_

FRIDAY
7:00am  Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
10:00am  Centering Prayer  
_Basil the Great, Ground Level_
Noon   Eucharist  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_

SATURDAY
9:00am  Confession  
_Saint Joseph Chapel_
5:00pm  Mass of Anticipation  
_Basilica_
7:30pm  AA Meeting  
_Basilica School, Great Hall_

SUNDAY
7:30am  Eucharist  
9:30am  Eucharist  
11:30am  Eucharist  
4:30pm  Eucharist  
6:30pm  Eucharist  
_Basilica_

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
10:00am  Crossroads Book Club

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
School Supply Collection Deadline
2:00pm  Organ Concert

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
5:30pm  Disability Awareness Ministry

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
10:00am  Immigrant Support Ministry Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
Basilica Day
Back Pack Volunteer Event
9:30 & 11:30am Ice Cream Social following Mass
2:00pm  Organ Concert

MONDAY, AUGUST 13
Habitat for Humanity Work Camp Begins

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
7:00am, Noon, 5:30pm Mass
1:30pm  Crossroads Lunch
8:00pm  Organ Concert

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
6:00pm  Artist Reception

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
11:00am  Recent Catholic Social Thought

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
10:00am  Immigrant Support Ministry Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Labor Day
10:00am  Mass
No 7:00am or Noon Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
10:00am  Crossroads Book Club

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
10:30am  Anointing of the Sick

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
11:00am  Fall Festival following Masses

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
5:30pm  Disability Awareness Ministry Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
5:30pm  Crossroads Potluck

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
11:00am  Being Muslim in America

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
6:00pm  Restorative Justice

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
6:00pm  Remarriage/Blended Family Seminar*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
BYA Fall Retreat

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
9:30am  Sesquicentennial Mass
1:00pm  Sharia Law Explained

*Registration/tickets/audition required