



**DECEMBER
JANUARY
2018/2019**

9 DEC **FAIR TRADE MARKET**
Christmas shopping to support
artisans in developing countries

16 DEC **ROOM FOR CHRISTMAS**
Children's Christmas
musical

9 DEC **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
Bi-lingual Mass and celebration

21 DEC **MESSIAH CONCERT**
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FROM THE PASTOR



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

1. Our Parish Finances: First and foremost, I want to thank to all those who have made a commitment of financial support to our parish community during our financial stewardship campaign this fall. Please know your commitment of financial support to our parish community is greatly appreciated. Your pledge—no matter the size—is important and makes a difference. It allows us to continue to offer the many programs, ministries and services that are the hallmark of our Basilica community.

In regard to our parish finances, as I write this column we are behind in our anticipated income at this point in our fiscal year. Our finance committee monitors our income and expenses closely so that, if it becomes necessary, we can make the appropriate decisions about balancing our parish budget.

I am hopeful that with our collections at Christmas and with year-end giving we will be back on track with our projected income. Thank you to all of those who support our Basilica community financially.

Please know of my great gratitude for your ongoing financial support.

2. Advent and Christmas Events/Activities at The Basilica: As we move into the Season of Advent and Christmas, there are several events/activities at The Basilica which you are invited to attend.

- On **Sunday, December 9** we will hold our annual **Global Fair Trade Market** from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Great gifts will be available from local vendors, just in time for Christmas giving.
- **Taizé prayer**, with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be celebrated in the lower level of The Basilica on **Tuesday, December 11 at 5:30pm.**
- On **Sunday, December 16** our Cathedral Choristers, Children's Choir, Cherubs, and Juventus as well as the children of the Learning Program will present **Room for Christmas** by Mark Burrows. The musical combines original songs and familiar carols from around the world to tell the story of the Incarnation. The musical will be presented in the lower level of The Basilica after the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses.
- The Basilica will also be hosting **Messiah** on **Thursday, December 20 at 7:30pm and Friday, December 21 at 8:00pm.** For more information about these performances visit thespco.org. To reserve your ticket for the December 21 performance contact Holly Dockendorf at hdockendorf@mary.org.
- Finally, we hope you will plan on joining us for one of our Masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Our Mass schedule is available on our website.

3. Sanctuary Supporting Congregation: As I have mentioned previously, one of the values we strive to live every day at The Basilica is compassion. As such, we become aware of our shared brokenness, and we deeply respect all of God's people and gratefully welcome all as Christ as we share hospitality, love, acceptance and care. We are a community serving the needs of people in our community. Every day we provide basic tangible and physical resources such as sandwiches, clothing, toiletries, shoes, bus cards, help with I.D. cards and assistance with transportation.

A few months ago our parish leadership made the decision that The Basilica would become a Sanctuary Supporting Congregation. In becoming a Sanctuary Supporting Congregation, we would continue to do what we currently do for those who come to our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, many of them from Ascension, our sister parish in north Minneapolis. We would also continue our advocacy work and our prayerful support particularly for those who are on the margins and in need. The difference would be that we would be named as part of a network of congregations that are committed to supporting this work.

Now admittedly, in today's world, the word "Sanctuary" may come with a lot of baggage. It may be helpful to note, though, that it shares the same root as the Latin word: "Sanctus," which means holy. Jesus has told us that **"whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you do for me."** Additionally, on his trip to Colombia this past September Pope Francis called on Catholics to **"promote the dignity of all our brothers and sisters, particularly the poor and the excluded of society, those who are abandoned, immigrants and those who suffer violence and human trafficking."** Responding without judgement to the needs of those who come to our doors is what we are called to do as followers of Jesus Christ.

Becoming a *Sanctuary Supporting Congregation* is very different from being a *Sanctuary Congregation*. Being a Sanctuary Congregation requires additional commitments that could put The Basilica at some legal risk. As your pastor, I cannot do that in this circumstance. This is why our leadership has been carefully evaluating Sanctuary Supporting Congregations, which have significantly fewer commitments and would serve as a way to continue to compassionately serve a community in need and as an outcome of living our faith.

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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

MASS

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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I would encourage anyone who has questions or concerns about this issue to take them to prayer. If after praying about them, you would like to share them with me or with a member of our parish council, you can contact us through our parish website. As we continue to discuss this important issue we will need your thoughts and your prayers to do what is right for our Parish and to follow our faith calling.

4. 150th Anniversary of our Parish: This year our parish celebrates its Sesquicentennial. 150 years ago the Church of the Immaculate Conception was founded in Minneapolis. The first Mass was celebrated on October 4, 1868. (When the parish outgrew its original site, seven lots were donated at 16th Street and Hennepin Avenue in 1904. The cornerstone of The Basilica, which was initially known as the Pro Cathedral, was laid in 1908, and the first Mass was celebrated in The Basilica on May 31, 1914.)

We kicked-off a year long celebration of our 150th anniversary on **Sunday, September 30**. Archbishop Hebda presided at the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses that day.

Throughout the coming year there will be a variety of events, activities and exhibits to celebrate our Sesquicentennial as a parish. I invite you to attend as many of these as you are able as we celebrate 150 years of faith.

Two events in particular I would like to note are a reunion for all couples who were married at The Basilica. This **Marriage Reunion** will take place on **Saturday, February 23, 2019**. There will also be a **School Reunion** for former students of The Basilica School. This reunion will take place **September 7, 2019**.

5. Updating our Parish Strategic Plan: As I have mentioned in previous bulletins, several 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.)

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.

I am pleased to report that at the October meeting of our Parish Council our new Strategic Plan was approved. Our new Strategic Plan retains our core Vision, Mission, and Values, and builds on, instead of replacing, the previous strategic plan. There are three Strategic Areas of Focus in our new Plan:

Art: move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through excellence in the arts and creative practices.

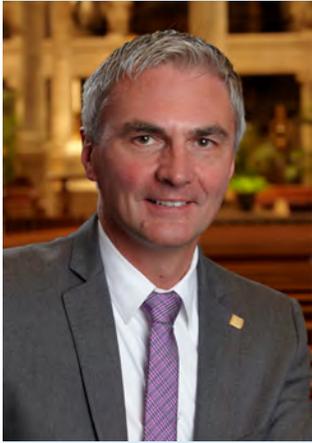
Inclusivity: build a culture where people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included.

Homelessness: respond to the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

This plan will serve as a road map to guide and direct our efforts for the next three to five years. Our efforts will help us identify those ministries, programs, services, etc. that are important and necessary for our parish community. If you would like to review a copy of our new Strategic Plan, please call the parish office.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



A few years ago, I was in Rome for *Gaudete* Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. I went to Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Afterwards, I waited for Pope Francis to appear at the window of his study in the Apostolic Palace for the traditional Sunday Angelus. I noticed that St. Peter's Square was unusually crowded and that there were great numbers of children.

After a brief greeting, Pope Francis asked everyone present to raise their *Bambinelli* for a blessing. Ever since Saint Pope Paul VI started the

Blessing of the *Bambinelli* in 1969, every pope after him has continued the tradition.

To my great delight the people around me took a baby Jesus out of their pocket or purse and lifted it up so Pope Francis could bless it. I wish I had brought one of mine.

Nativities or crèches are very popular in Italy and all around the world. The popularity of this tradition is often credited to St. Francis. In 1223, anxious to return the focus of the Christmas festivities to Jesus, St. Francis built his own life size nativity in a cave in Greccio near Assisi. It is believed that he modeled his nativity after a manger he had seen in Bethlehem. It is not clear if he placed a live infant or the carved image of a baby in the crèche. Either way, St. Francis placed the baby Jesus on a bed of hay between an ox and a donkey.

According to St. Francis' biographer, Thomas of Celano, word of this went out to the people of the town who arrived carrying torches and candles. One of the friars began celebrating Mass. Thomas of Celano wrote that St. Francis "stood before the manger...overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness..."

For St. Francis, the baby Jesus in the manger was intended to recall the hardships Jesus suffered even as an infant. In this early suffering, Francis saw a foreshadowing of the hardships Jesus was to suffer as an adult. Thus St. Francis shows us a Jesus who became truly human, sharing our suffering and pain and ultimately our death.

On December 16, which is *Gaudete* Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home nativity. Like Pope Francis does in Rome, we will bless these *Bambinelli* at the end of the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. As we hold our baby Jesus, may we like St. Francis be "overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness" because we know that we are holding an image of the one who through his life, death and resurrection showed us the path to salvation.

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LITURGY

EVENING PRAYER DURING ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 3:00PM

CHOIR STALLS

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS OF ADVENT, 9:15AM

CHOIR STALLS

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00AM EUCHARIST, BASILICA

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4:30PM, BASILICA

In anticipation of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we will celebrate with the Banderas and traditional Aztec dancers in a bi-lingual Mass at 4:30pm with music by La Familia Torres-Peña. A procession and dance begins on the plaza at 3:45pm with a fiesta following Mass in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall on The Basilica's lower level.

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 5:30PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 5:30PM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

EUCCHARIST WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 10:30AM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick during a special Mass. We invite all the members of our parish who are sick, as well as their families to join us.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

On *Gaudete* Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, you are invited to bring the baby Jesus from your home nativity to The Basilica for a blessing during the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Please help us beautify The Basilica this Christmas. Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are available in the pew or you can give online at mary.org/donate. For names to be listed in the Christmas leaflet, submissions must be made end of day, December 14.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8:00AM BASILICA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 8:30AM-NOON, BASILICA

Sign-up on MyBasilica at mary.org or call 612.317.3433.

LITURGY & SACRED ART

THE EVE OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 3:00pm Vigil Eucharist *organ, cantor, Cathedral Choristers, Children's Choir and Cherubs*
- 5:30pm Vigil Eucharist *Mundus & Juventus*
- 8:00pm Vigil Eucharist *piano, cantor, guitar*
- 10:30pm Prelude Music for Christmas *organ, harp, flute*
- 11:00pm Choral Music for Christmas *choir, organ, harp, flute*
- 11:30pm Vigil of Lights *organ, cathedral choir*
- Midnight Solemn Eucharist *organ, choir, brass, harp*

THE BIRTH OF THE LORD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

- 7:30am Eucharist at Dawn *organ, cantor, violin, soprano soloist*
- 9:30am Solemn Eucharist *organ, choir, brass, strings*
- Noon Solemn Eucharist *organ, choir, brass, strings*
- 4:30pm Eucharist *music from around the world*

There is no 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 3:00PM, BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 5:00PM VIGIL MASS, BASILICA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 10:00AM, BASILICA

There is no 7:00am or Noon Mass.

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 3:00PM, BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

The Basilica Schola Cantorum and Cathedral Choristers

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 3:00PM, BASILICA CHOIR STALLS

The Basilica Schola Cantorum

MASS ON THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Eucharist will be celebrated at 7:00am in the Saint Joseph Chapel. There will be no Noon Mass. Basilica Campus and Offices are closed.

SACRED ART EXHIBITS

ONE FAMILY, MANY FACES

CRÈCHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

DECEMBER 1-JANUARY 15

POPE JOHN XXIII GALLERY & TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL



The Basilica's collection of Nativities or crèches represents the diversity of our human family. Pieces in the collection range from historic to modern, in a variety of mediums including clay, wood, and metal.

CONCERTS/MUSIC

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE OF SAINT BENEDICT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 8:00PM

Celebrating the Season Concert

Tickets at csbsju.edu/finearts or

320.363.5777.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:30PM & 8:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:00PM

Christmas Festival Concerts

Tickets at nlca.com or 612.722.2301.

MINNESOTA SINFONIA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2:00PM

Holiday concert—family friendly, free and open to the public. The Minnesota Sinfonia is a professional chamber orchestra based in Minneapolis.

ROOM FOR CHRISTMAS: A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

DECEMBER 16

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

FOLLOWING 9:30 AND 11:30AM

MASSES

Presented by the Children's Choirs and Faith Formation students.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 7:30PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 8:00PM

Celebrate the holidays with one of classical music's most beloved traditions. Concert tickets for Friday may be purchased at mary.org. Concert only tickets are available at thespco.org.

THE ROSE ENSEMBLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 8:00PM

A Tudor Christmas: Reverence and Revelry at the English and Scottish Renaissance Courts. Tickets at 651.225.4340 or RoseEnsemble.org.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Advent and Christmas have always been a special time of year in the Church calendar. Remembering back to when I was a child growing up in a family of 12 children, we had many Advent traditions which created fond memories in my heart. Our family traditions centered around others.

As much as we wanted it to be all about us and what Santa was

bringing us, my mother often had to bring us back to the real meaning of Christmas. We prepared goodies and gifts, and visited those we knew who didn't have anyone to make Christmas special for them. We helped collect toys and Christmas food baskets for families who didn't have enough to eat. We prayed at each meal for those who were hungry or in need in some way. We prayed for peace in the world as we knelt every evening together to pray the rosary. We were taught that Advent and Christmas meant that our Savior had come into this world to reveal God's great love for us and that we, in turn, were to spread that love to all.

At The Basilica each year, we celebrate Advent and Christmas in many different ways. We have beautiful liturgies filled with anticipation of our Savior's coming. Our art throughout The Basilica points to waiting and joyful celebrations. Opportunities for various liturgical prayer and time for retreats are available during these winter days.

But throughout our Advent and Christmas season, it seems to me that it is about working until all in our world live in peace and have their fundamental needs met for safety, food, shelter, clothing. There are so, so many who have nothing and live in fear and hopelessness every day. Jesus came for them. We are responsible for each other. We are not in this world alone. It is not all about us. It is all about others.

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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 July through October:

Marilyn Maria De Morais • Theodore Alexander Bjelland
Addison Elizabeth LoCascio • Carter Paul Adamek
Ezra Collins Branson • Ophelia Thi Nguyen
Romeo Antonin Ayala • Maeve Joan Vanderpool
Addison Elizabeth Larson • Brooks Decker Johnson
Kate Elizabeth McElroy • Norah Emily Fish • Elaine Jude Koch

Evelyn Marie Vulaj • Scout Marie Champion
Miles Thomas Hesch • Luke Arlen Charles Sanders
Penelope June Wiggins • Giorgio Antonio Guglielmino
Lena Pearl Andreas • Micah Shaw Franke
Helen Marie Hindman • Elizabeth Claire Zack
Daniel Joseph St. Marie • Floyd Abraham Miles
YenLiang Chen Johnson • Lucille Marie Starr Tunheim
Noah Scott Tyson • Lochlan Cabby Nolan

Micah Thomas Lay • Jameson Thomas Lidberg
Catherine Lake Hemmingsen • Eva Lena Master
Madeleine Ellen Maureen Hanley • Noah Uy Strandberg
Jaxon Thien Luong • Torin Charles DeVos • Fiona-Ann McLaughlin
Camila Pilar Hernandez • Penelope Mae Hernandez
Sophia Nadine Levis • Thomas Henry Kissell
Gabriel Nicholas Najjar • Ruth Teresa Matthews

Bernadette Karen Kaufman • Croix Douglas Cowen
Michael Henry McGraw Healy • Joanie Elizabeth McGraw Bookler
Lily Grace Helms • Elin Jo Hawkins • Cameron Marie Paukert
Asher Brooks Paukert • Lily Joy Crowe • Ellis Glen Smock
Greyson James Pertile • Isaiah Lloyd Michael Sharpe

MARRIAGE

The Basilica's Marriage Preparation program focuses on preparing couples for the life-long commitment to a healthy relationship with one another and with God, as well as helping them prepare for the "big day." If the Sacrament of Marriage is in your future, and you would like to learn more, see more information at mary.org or contact Nancy at 612.317.3478 or nkeller@mary.org.

ANNULMENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:45-11:30AM

DINING ROOM, RECTORY

If you have ever wanted to better understand the process of annulment—or see if what you have heard about it is really true—this gathering is for you. We will explain why and when an annulment is necessary, review the process and timeline, and answer questions and explain possible misconceptions. No fee to attend, but please register at mary.org. For further details contact Nancy at 612.317.3478 or nkeller@mary.org.

LEARNING

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

ROOM FOR CHRISTMAS: A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 11:00AM AND 1:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Room for Christmas is for everyone who has ever felt they were running out of time to plan for Christmas, and wondered where the true meaning of Christmas was amidst all the wrapping paper, shopping, food, and parties. Come and experience a new musical by Mark Burrows, and presented by The Basilica's Children's Choirs and our faith formation students. Discover what each of us can do to make room for Christmas. Please bring a new toy for our toy drive collection to the performance.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Please hold our youth confirmandi in prayer as they experience a retreat on Sunday, January 13. This tremendously terrific group of young people are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 18.

ADULT LEARNING



THE POWER OF SACRED ART: BEAUTY THAT SAVES AND SHATTERS

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 2 & 9

11:00AM-12:30PM

SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Johan van Parys, Ph.D., our Director of Liturgy & Sacred Art, will explore the role art has played in the life of the Church throughout the ages and how the arts may assist in the building up of our church and broader community in the world in which we live. Registration requested. No cost to attend. Register at mary.org.

ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 17, 10:00-11:30AM

SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Join us for some learning and faith sharing around the Sunday Gospels of the season of Advent. All are welcome. Please register at mary.org or call Paula at 612.317.3473.

WHAT ROUGH BEAST: NEGATIVE PORTRAYALS OF GOD IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 11:00AM-12:30PM

SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

The Monotheistic traditions teach that God is good. That is, favorably disposed towards humanity and desiring to help them and rescue them from difficulty. However, there are in the old testament texts that portray God differently, as a dangerous, threatening force. In this presentation, Dr. David Penschansky will examine three passages that describe God as an enemy of humans. Why are these troubling passage in the bible, and what might they mean for a contemporary reader? Dr. Penschansky bases this presentation on his book, *What Rough Beast: Images of God in the Hebrew Bible*. Please register at mary.org.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BASILICA'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00-8:30PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Our young adults are excited for our first ever talent show and everyone is invited to come for a night of entertainment and community! Mark your calendars for January 26 after the 5pm Mass. We will open the evening with a social hour and then proceed to the talent show. We have so many gifted young adults in our parish community, it is sure to be a wonderful event!



BASILICA WEDDING REUNION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:00PM

All who have celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at The Basilica are invited to this special evening.

Join us for 5:00pm Mass, all reunion attendees will be seated together to receive a special blessing.

Mass will be followed by a reception in the lower level. The couples and their families and friends are all invited to attend.

Please mark your calendar for this special celebration of your marriage as part of The Basilica's historic 150th year of anniversary celebrations.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



“...Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.” How often do we pray these words? Sometimes, we do things so often that it becomes mechanical. Advent is a time to embrace and engage this prayer anew.

During Advent, we are invited to prepare for a radical change of our reality. In a world colored with division, fear, war, and inequity, we hear that God is here with us. Each and every day, God is present—

intimately present. There is nothing to fear. What does this mean in our everyday lives? How can we prepare ourselves?

We are invited into two movements of love during this sacred season. The first and foundational movement of love comes from God to each of us. God is love (John 4:16). God’s love offers reconciliation and healing. God came to us, born a child to live among us—to experience all that we experience as we grow, learn, suffer, and die. We are not alone. God’s love is intimately woven into our being. Our challenge is to recognize this love amid the noise of the world, to receive it, and to let it change us.

As we begin to be transformed by the love of God, we experience the second movement of love—sharing the love in our actions. We are invited to act in love to create peace. We are challenged to live in love, sacrificing for the common good. We are asked to forgive, heal, and build together. These actions are not easy. They are often ridiculed in our society: Love is belittled and marginalized. Yet, God is love—deep, transformative love.

During Advent and beyond we are invited to sharpen our awareness of God’s love—and deepen our commitment to acts of love. There are many prayer experiences, volunteer opportunities and learning events to help us grow. Please prayerfully consider how you can engage and grow in love over this Advent/Christmas Season and beyond. Let us find peace—the peace that will come when God’s will is on earth, as it is in heaven.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE

THE POWER OF HOME: FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 3

Thanks to the efforts of Families Moving Forward (FMF) a program of the local non-profit organization Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, families stay overnight at churches and then go to work, school, or job searching during the day. The caring staff of FMF works with families, shepherding them on their journey to permanent housing, and volunteers welcome families with open arms, home cooking, and fun activities for all ages.

FMF is part of our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry—if you would like to learn how you can get involved during the hosting weeks, or on the planning committee, please contact Julia, Outreach Coordinator, at jfreeman@mary.org or 612.317.3413. Join us and put your faith into action as we make The Basilica a home for families without housing!

EMMAUS MINISTRY, WALKING THE ROAD

TRAINING BEGINS JANUARY

Being deeply listened to as we navigate the transitions, joys, and inevitable losses that the journey of life brings is a rare gift. How do we truly listen? How do we encourage another to tell their story? How do we know when to speak and when to be silent? You can learn the power of deep listening. Emmaus Listening training begins in January and provides a lifetime skill set of compassionate, active listening without judgment. If you are interested, please contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474.

GRIEF SUPPORT

If you have lost a loved one to death recently, our Emmaus Ministry and Grief Ministers would like to pray with you and for you and offer gentle, prayerful support to you at this time by remembering you and your loved one with notes and cards on anniversaries and holidays, and offer other resources for grief support. To volunteer for this ministry or to alert us to a death in your life, contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries Office at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474.

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 11:00AM AND 12:30PM
CATHERINE OF SIENA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Supporting the most vulnerable members of our community is a core Catholic tenet. The Immigrant Support Ministry (ISM) has spent the past two years guiding and empowering refugees during the resettlement process. We are seeking compassionate volunteers for our Circle of Welcome program. Prior experience is not required, only a kind heart and a desire to serve our community. Several required training sessions will be provided. If you are interested in serving or wish to learn more, please attend our next informational meetings. Contact Dawn at dawnpaib@gmail.com to learn more or to get involved.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

ADVENT BLESSING, DINNER, AND PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 5:30PM

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL AND TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

- 5:30pm Blessing by Father John Bauer in the Saint Joseph Chapel
- 6:00pm Dinner; Holiday Food representing the past 150 years of The Basilica
- 7:00pm Presentation by Greg Bancroft, D.Min, former Episcopal priest and pastoral counselor

The holidays can be a hard time for anyone, but especially for those without a job or experiencing mental or physical illness. Join us as we support each other through prayer, food, conversation, and laughter. RSVP for this free event by November 30 to Janet at jgrove@mary.org or 612.317.3508. Sponsored by The Employment, Disability, and Mental Health Ministries.

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 8:00AM-12:00PM

SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Centering Prayer is a receptive, deep method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer—prayer in which we experience God's presence within us: The workshop will provide a basic definition of contemplative prayer, guidance in the method of Centering Prayer, and lead us toward a deepening relationship with God. The morning will be led by Minnesota Contemplative Outreach. There is no set fee to participate. We hope all spiritual seekers will join us! For more information or to register, contact Janice at jandersen@mary.org or 612.317.3477.

SOCIAL JUSTICE REGROUNDING RETREAT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 8:00AM-NOON

BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-7

The Basilica will be implementing a new strategic plan. At this time, we ask: How do we look at The Basilica's work? How can we move forward? What are our frameworks and focus areas? Join parish community members to reground ourselves in how we approach Catholic Social Teaching, and faith and action at The Basilica. Newcomers to the ministries are welcome to join and plug into the work. For more information, contact Voices for Justice Chair, Aara Johnson at aarajohnson@gmail.com.

THE BORDER IS HERE: FAMILY SEPARATION IN MINNESOTA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 11:00AM, SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM

Most people are not aware that Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents are active in Minnesota. Often, arrests happen after dark, but increasingly they happen as people go about their daily lives. In 2016-2017, arrests skyrocketed by 67%, and deportations increased 3 times, leaving children bereft of parents. Steve Kraemer, from Conversations with Friends, will share his personal knowledge of the conditions in the five immigrant detention facilities located in Minnesota. Come and learn about Catholic Social Teaching and Migration from our Bishops and Pope. Find out concrete ways you can help.

THE POWER OF WOMEN WORKING FOR JUSTICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 11:00AM, SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM

Hear about the powerful transformation of women throughout the world through the work of Mary's Pence; providing grants to help women in the trenches working for justice in their communities in the US and Canada, investing in women in Central America and Mexico, as well as strengthening local groups through leadership development, operations support, and emotional wellness workshops in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 9:00AM

BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-7

St. Paul told the Corinthians, "The body is a unit, though it is comprised of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form one body. So it is with Christ." Have you ever stopped to consider which "part" of the body you are in doing the work of Christ? In this workshop, participants will have a chance to explore their spiritual gifts and how they might put them to use. We will be joined by guest speaker Deacon Thom Winninger. Register online at mary.org/gifts.

STORIES FROM CHIMBOTE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 11:00AM

SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM

Our Peru travelers will share their experiences and adventures—the love they shared and the sense of purpose they gained meeting the people of Chimbote. They want to empower our community to live the Gospel of Jesus.

CROSSROADS

Receive monthly updates by subscribing to our e-newsletter. Go to mary.org and log into MyBasilica.

CROSSROADS PLANNING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 11:00AM

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROOM

All are welcome to the planning meeting. Bring your ideas!

THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY, 10:00AM

COWLEY CENTER, WAGNER ROOM

December 6 *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
by Betty Smith

January 3 Select books for 2019

Questions? Call Karen 612.872.7535

LUNCHEONS

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday, December 4, 1:00pm. Hy-Vee Market Grill, New Hope. Reservations to Marilyn by December 1 at 612.618.2960.

Lunch at the Hilltop: Tuesday, January 15, 1:30pm. Reservations to Marilyn at 612.618.2960 by January 12.

DEVELOPMENT

The BASILICA FUND

We welcome you.

THE BASILICA FUND

*"The generosity of our parishioners means
The Basilica's doors are always open.
Your giving allows us to serve." - Rev. John M. Bauer*

For more than a century, The Basilica has been a place to gather and grow in faith. We welcome you wherever you may be on your faith journey. As we look to our future, we welcome you to support The Basilica Fund. Your recurring gift empowers our work inside these doors—and throughout the city.

Secure online giving is simple; no need to remember cash or a check. It also means less paper and lower administrative costs, enabling your contribution to go further. Give online at mary.org/give. You may also support The Basilica Fund using the envelopes available in your pews.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration to support our Parish with your gift.

Handel's Messiah

MESSIAH CONCERT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
8:00PM CONCERT
THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

*Co-presented by The Basilica of Saint Mary and
The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra.*

Celebrate the season with one of classical music's most cherished works. The Basilica of Saint Mary offers an ethereal atmosphere for the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Concert tickets start at \$78 and may be purchased through mary.org/messiah. This event will sell out so hurry and reserve your tickets today!

For more information and reservations, contact Liz at 612.317.3428 or llegatt@mary.org.

GLOBAL FAIR TRADE MARKET

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30AM-3:00PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Please mark your calendars for the annual Fair Trade Market and do a little shopping for your holiday gift needs or to treat yourself. Several local vendors will offer a variety of fair trade merchandise from artists and artisans around the world.

You'll find textiles and baskets, mittens and scarves from Nepal, woven baskets from Ghana, eco-jewelry, housewares, ornaments, fair trade coffee and much more.

A GIFT OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please help transform The Basilica this Christmas with evergreen trees, poinsettias, greenery and wreaths. All flower tribute gifts given by December 14 will be listed in the Christmas leaflets. Please donate online at mary.org/give.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE BASILICA

During Advent and Christmas, thousands of people worship at The Basilica to celebrate the birth of Christ. Please consider a special gift to support these Advent and Christmas liturgies, and all The Basilica's ministries throughout the year.

Donate using the Christmas envelopes available in your pews throughout December or electronically at mary.org/give. You may also make a stock gift by contacting Audra at 612.317.3422 or ajohnson@mary.org.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

Our doors remain open as we repair the infrastructure of The Landmark campus. We continue to need your help more than ever through support of the annual fund.

This year, The Basilica Landmark is funding the following projects:

- Tuck-pointing of the dome
- Renovating the school's south entrance
- Installing energy-efficient LED lighting in The Basilica Lower Level

By supporting these initiatives, you ensure the longevity of our building. Donate online at thebasilicalandmark.org/give or by contacting Stephanie Bielmas at 612.317.3472.

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

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6. Special Collections: While no one is fond of special collections, it is heartening for me to report that the people of The Basilica have been very generous to the last few special collections here at The Basilica.

- On the weekend of June 17 and 18, **\$9,679** was contributed to help defray the cost of air conditioning The Basilica during the hot summer months.
- On the weekend of July 28 and 29, **\$10,835** was contributed to help fund our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.
- On the weekend of September 15 and 16, **\$9,514** was contributed to help fund our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry.

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

7. Campus Space Planning: As I mentioned previously, a few months ago **The Basilica Landmark** approved funding for the hiring of a liturgical space planning consultant. Fr. Gil Sunghera S.J. was hired and has been working with our Campus Space Planning Committee to build a vision for our campus spaces that will help 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.

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.

8. The Basilica App is Now Available. To get the App you go to the App Store and download MyParish. Once you download it, you search for Basilica of Saint Mary. The App was launched to the parish beginning on November 4. The App has message notification and group messaging features that we will be expanding soon. It is our hope that the App will help us keep in touch with people and make it easier for people to find out everything that is happening at The Basilica.


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

NEWS



SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the coming year we will continue to mark The Basilica Parish's sesquicentennial anniversary with art, music, and celebrations.

BASILICA WEDDING REUNION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Celebrating and bringing together couples married at The Basilica.

BASILICA SCHOOL REUNION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Reconnecting all classes from The Basilica School and celebrating the people and life of our parish for 150 years.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Concluding a year of celebrations and honoring the work of our outreach program.

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

GET CONNECTED



To download our app, visit myparishapp.com

Download MyParish app in your app store today. Search for The Basilica of Saint Mary.

Stay connected with notifications, community events, prayers, daily readings, Mass reminders, and much more.





WEEKLY SCHEDULE

M

MONDAY

7:00am Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
9:30am SVdP Shoe Ministry
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
Noon Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel

FR

FRIDAY

7:00am Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
10:00am Centering Prayer
Basil the Great, Ground Level
Noon Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel

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TUESDAY

7:00am Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel
9:30am SVdP Outreach Ministry
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
Noon Eucharist
Saint Joseph Chapel

SA

SATURDAY

9:00am Confession
Saint Joseph Chapel
5:00pm Mass of Anticipation
Basilica
7:30pm AA Meeting
Basilica School, Great Hall

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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

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SUNDAY

7:30am Eucharist
9:30am Eucharist
11:30am Eucharist
4:30pm Eucharist
6:30pm Eucharist
Basilica

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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

ADVENT PRAYER

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS OF ADVENT
9:15AM
CHOIR STALLS

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23
3:00PM
CHOIR STALLS

DECEMBER

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DEC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:00pm Saint John's/Saint Benedict Concert*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

11:00am The Power of Sacred Art
3:00pm Advent Evening Prayer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00pm Crossroads Holiday Lunch*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30am MOMMs Gathering

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00pm Crossroads Book Club
5:30pm Disability, Employment, and Mental Health Ministries Blessing and Dinner*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00am Eucharist
8:00am Intro to Centering Prayer Workshop
Noon Eucharist

4:30pm National Lutheran Choir*
8:00pm National Lutheran Choir*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
10:00am Eucharist
2:00pm Minnesota Sinfonia
8:00pm National Lutheran Choir*

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DEC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30am Fair Trade Market
10:45am Annulment Information Meeting
11:00am The Power of Sacred Art
3:00pm Advent Evening Prayer
4:30pm Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:30pm Taizé Prayer with Individual Confessions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:30am Eucharist with Sacrament of the Sick

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:30am Blessing of Bambinelli at Mass
11:00am Room for Christmas Musical
11:30am Blessing of Bambinelli at Mass
1:00pm Room for Christmas Musical
3:00pm Advent Evening Prayer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:30am MOMMs Gathering

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30am Christmas Decorating*
7:30pm Messiah Concert*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00pm Messiah Concert*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00am Christmas Decorating*
8:00pm The Rose Ensemble*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

3:00pm Advent Evening Prayer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

8:30am Christmas Decorating*
3:00pm Vigil Eucharist
5:30pm Vigil Eucharist
8:00pm Vigil Eucharist
10:30pm Prelude Music for Christmas
11:00pm Choral Music for Christmas
11:30pm Vigil of Lights
Midnight Solemn Eucharist

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas

7:30am Eucharist at Dawn
9:30am Solemn Eucharist
Noon Solemn Eucharist
4:30pm Eucharist
(no 6:30pm Mass)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

3:00pm Evening Prayer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Parish Offices Closed
7:00am Mass
(no Noon Mass)
5:00pm Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

*Registration/Tickets required. Visit mary.org for details.

JANUARY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Campus & Offices Closed

10:00am Mass

(no 7:00am or Noon Mass)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:30am MOMMs Gathering

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

10:00am Crossroads Book Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00am Social Justice Regrounding Retreat

9:00am DADs Group

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JAN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Epiphany

3:00pm Epiphany Evening Prayer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

11:00am Crossroads Planning Meeting

5:30pm Taizé Prayer with Individual Confessions

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

11:00am The Border is Here

3:00pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00pm Crossroads Lunch

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30am MOMMs Gathering

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00am Spiritual Gifts Workshop

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JAN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

11:00am Power of Women Working for Justice

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Campus & Offices Closed for MLK Holiday

7:00am Mass (no Noon Mass)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00pm Basilica's Got Talent

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JAN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

11:00am Stories from Chimbote

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:30am MOMMs Gathering

SAVE THE DATE

BASILICA'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00PM

Our young adults are excited for our first ever talent show and everyone is invited to come for a night of entertainment and community!

BASILICA WEDDING REUNION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:00PM

All who have celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at The Basilica are invited to this special evening.

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

BASILICA CHURCH

Choir Stalls

Sacristy

Ground Level

Basil the Great

Catherine of Siena

Saints Ambrose/Teresa

Saint Joseph Chapel

Lower Level

Pope John XXIII Gallery

Teresa of Calcutta Hall

BASILICA CAMPUS

Basilica School

Great Hall, 3rd Floor

Lower Level-7

Cowley Center

Dease Room

Wagner Room

Reardon Rectory

Dinning Room, 3rd Floor

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- Home of Spiritual Nourishment - We aspire to be a place where all may be touched by beauty, be nourished in their faith and be inspired by truth.
- Beacon of Hope - We commit to welcome everyone with respect and dignity and to provide help and care, especially to those most in need.
- Advocate for Change - We pledge to work toward justice, peace and equality for all and to promote the protection of all of creation.