OUR PARISH
OUR FUTURE

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY
Our Vision
What we intend to create

The Basilica of Saint Mary aspires to be:

A 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.

A Beacon of Hope
we commit to welcome everyone with respect and dignity and to provide help and care especially to those most in need.

An Advocate of Change
we pledge to work toward justice, peace, and equality for all and to promote the protection of all of creation.

Strategic Areas of Focus

The Arts
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.

These three areas of focus were strategically selected through a comprehensive, contemplative process with our parish leadership, staff, and consultants. The three areas will unify and inspire collaboration across our parish and resonate throughout our commitment to the community.

Learn more about the strategic direction of our parish at mary.org/ourfuture.
Core Values

What drives our words and actions

Spirituality: Knowing that everything comes from God, we seek God’s will in all we do and we find inspiration in the communal and personal search for and experience of God.

Biblical Stewardship: Based on our biblical calling, we care for all God has entrusted to us including our material and spiritual blessings, our communities, our earth and environment, our relationships, and ourselves.

Compassion: Aware of our shared brokenness, we deeply respect all of creation as God’s own and we gratefully welcome all as Christ in our midst as we share hospitality, love, acceptance, and care.

Community: Because Jesus calls us to be one, we invite and encourage meaningful interaction among parishioners, our staff and the broader community as we work toward greater understanding and respect for one another.

Rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Our Mission
Our core purpose

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
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS
Unify the work and allocation of resources of the parish

Strengthen our Presence and Partnerships in the Twin Cities: Invite community-wide participation in our vision and mission.

Increase Engagement: Focus on increasing participation in our liturgies and ministries, expanding our volunteer leadership, and inviting parishioners into full and active participation in the life of the parish and proclamation of the Gospel.

Enhance the Experience of Belonging and Provide Excellence in Ministry: Welcome everyone as Christ, and offer ministries inspired by the Gospel and relevant in our day.

Steward our Resources: Manage our human, financial, and physical resources to meet changing needs by improving our parish operations including our systems, technology, and facilities while ensuring the parish’s financial stability.

“The arts

inclusivity

homelessness

“Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.

Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.”

Saint Teresa of Avila
(1515-1582)

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