TOGETHER IN HOPE
Ecumenical professional-caliber ensemble.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Imposition of the Ashes at all Masses, Soup Supper following 5:30pm Mass.

SWEETEST BINGO
Family fun—join us for Mass and stay for Bingo.

LENTEN RETREAT
Gathering and reflection with Archbishop Hebda.

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. Christmas at The Basilica: Before Christmas becomes a distant memory, I want to express my gratitude to all those who made this year’s celebration of Christmas such a wonderful experience. Our attendance was great and I received numerous compliments about the quality of the liturgies and music. I was also very impressed with the prayerful spirit that permeated all of our liturgies. As your pastor, I have much to be proud of and even more to be grateful for this year.

I also want to thank all those who contributed financially to The Basilica this past year and particularly at Christmas. Your financial support makes it possible for us to continue to offer the programs, ministries, and services that are the hallmark of our parish.

2. Lent: While it may be hard to believe, this year Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 6. As a child I never really appreciated Lent. As I’ve grown older, though, I’ve come to realize how important and how good the season of Lent is for me, and for all of us. As in the past, we have scheduled a variety of different speakers, activities, and services at The Basilica during this special season. I invite and encourage you to take a look at your calendar and to plan on participating as part of your Lenten discipline. Visit mary.org for a list of our Lenten activities and services.

3. 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 last 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. The really good news this year is that over 200 new parishioners chose to make a pledge of financial support for our community.

In regard to our parish finances, as I write this column, we are slightly behind in regard to our anticipated income at this point in our fiscal year. Thank you to all of those who support our Basilica community financially. Please know of my great gratitude for your ongoing financial support.

4. Catholic Services Appeal: The 2019 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) will begin the weekend of February 2 and 3. This yearly appeal helps support the many ministries, services, and programs within our Archdiocese. Now, I realize many people are concerned that contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal will be used for purposes they didn’t intend. In this regard, it is important to note that The Catholic Services Appeal is an independent 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. This was done to insure that all the money that is collected through the Appeal would go directly and solely to the ministries, services, and programs supported by the CSA. No CSA funds go to the Archdiocese.

By pooling the financial resources from generous donors throughout our diocese, much important and necessary work is funded by the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). As your pastor, I wholeheartedly endorse the work of the Appeal. I encourage you to make a gift to support these important ministries, services, and programs. Please look for the Catholic Services Appeal information in pews, or learn more at csafspm.org.

5. Strategic Planning: Our Parish, Our Future: As I have mentioned previously, several months ago we began 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:

- **The Arts**: to move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through excellence in the arts and creative practices.
- **Inclusivity**: to build a culture where people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included.
- **Homelessness**: to 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. The insert in this bulletin includes a brief description of our new Strategic Plan. For more information, visit mary.org/ourfuture.
6. Campus Space Planning: As I have mentioned previously, last fall The Basilica Landmark has approved funding for the hiring of a liturgical consultant to help us look at our entire campus, and plan for its future. This fall Fr. Gil Sunghera S.J. was hired to help us build a vision for our campus spaces that helps us welcome the community and our guests. Fr. Gil is from 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 the renovation and updating of the interior of The Basilica. We will also need to consider how to make The Basilica and its campus more welcoming. Accessibility issues will also need to be looked at.

This process of developing a master plan for The Basilica and its campus will take several months and will need input from our parishioners. It will also occur concurrently with the implementation of our new strategic plan. We will share more information about this important work as we move forward.

7. 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 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 our 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 include a reunion for all couples who were married at The Basilica. The Wedding Reunion will take place on Saturday, February 23 with a blessing at the 5:00pm Mass followed by a reception. More information can be found at mary.org/weddingreunion. There will also be a School Reunion for former students of The Basilica School. This reunion will take place September 7. More information can be found at mary.org/weddingreunion.

8. Second Collections: While no one likes special collections, it is heartening to report that the people of The Basilica have been very generous to the last special collections here:

- On the weekend of December 1 and 2, $11,621.95 was contributed to the second collection to help support our sponsorship of refugee families through Lutheran Social Services.

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

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

The relationship between the Church and the world has been complicated and continues to be complex even today. The pendulum has swung between two completely opposite approaches. Using football terms, the first approach can be categorized as “defensive” as it leaves the Church hunkering down and closing itself off from the world. The second is more “offensive” as it has the Church go out into the world and engage with the world.

Granted, there is a lot to be nervous about in our world. The relationship between our Church and the world is being questioned and tested. In the past, when facing a crisis the Church has often closed in on itself adhering to a more rigorous self-definition and a purification of the ranks. This is what the Council of Trent did in response to the Reformation. At other times the Church has adopted a much more open approach. The Second Vatican Council was the Church’s effort to unbolt its medieval gates and to build 20th century bridges. Since those days, now over 50 years ago, there have been calls to go further than what the council intended as well as calls to draw the bridges and bolt the gates anew.

Pope Francis has clearly demonstrated that his preferred approach is open and outward. Though he has not changed the theology of the Church he has changed how this theology is to be lived out. He has insisted that truth needs to go hand in hand with love. He has demonstrated that we need to engage in dialogue with anyone who wants to dialogue. And he continues to plead for a fundamental culture of encounter. As has been the case with every Pope since Peter, some members of our Church like his approach, while others do not. What is new is that those opposing Pope Francis are more vocal than ever before. It is, however, undeniable that Pope Francis is touching the religious imagination of many, many people.

In essence, Pope Francis is showing us anew that God is present in every human encounter. For certain, our encounters with God in the liturgy of the Church as well as through the theology of the Church are important for our spiritual growth. However, God is not limited by those as God speaks to us and teaches us in any and every encounter we experience on our earthly journey.

During these quiet liturgical days of winter ordinary time, may the liturgy help us to find the willingness and ability to be open not only to God’s presence inside the Church, but also and maybe especially to God’s ever surprising presence outside the Church.

Liturgical Ministries - 612.317.3433
Sacred Art/Concerts - 612.317.3438
Music - 612.317.3426

BLESSING OF THE THROATS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL
In anticipation of the Feast of Saint Blaise on February 3, Blessing of the throats will take place after the 7:00am and Noon Mass on February 1.

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 & MARCH 12, 5:30PM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
This service is characterized by mantra-like singing of simple, yet beautiful songs, following the Taizé community tradition of communal prayer focused on reconciliation and healing.

MASS ON PRESIDENTS’ DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7:00AM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
There will be no noon Mass.

DECORATING FOR LENT
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 8:30AM, BASILICA
Volunteers are needed to help decorate The Basilica for Lent. For more information, contact Travis at tsalisbury@mary.org or sign-up on line at mary.org.

LENTE OBSERVANCE
The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING: All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one’s need, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously.

ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, BASILICA
Eucharist at 7:00am, Noon, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
Soup Supper in Teresa of Calcutta Hall at 6:30pm

LENTE MORNING PRAYER
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS OF LENT, 9:15AM
CHOIR STALLS

FRIDAYS OF LENT
7:00AM, NOON, 6:00PM, EUCHARIST
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BASILICA
LITURGY & SACRED ART

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31 & APRIL 7, 14, 3:00PM, CHOIR STALLS
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2:30PM, CHOIR STALLS
On Palm Sunday, April 14, there will be a choral meditation beginning at 2:30pm with The Basilica Schola Cantorum.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH (NON-OBLIGATORY)
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, NOON MASS, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL
We will mark this solemnity with festive music (piano and cantor).

Eucharist with the Opportunity of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 10:30AM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL
Anyone suffering in body, mind, or soul is welcome to be anointed. We encourage family, friends and care providers to attend to support those in need of healing.

Funeral Planning Workshop
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 10:00AM-NOON
REARDON RECTORY, DINING ROOM, THIRD FLOOR
Register at MyBasilica on mary.org. For more information, contact Mark Wyss at mwyss@mary.org or call 612.317.3410. Seating is limited. Registration is required.

SOLEMNITY OF ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD (NON-OBLIGATORY)
MONDAY, MARCH 25, NOON MASS, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL
We will mark this solemnity with festive music (piano and cantor).

Easter Memorial Decorations
Help us beautify The Basilica this Easter. Please consider a special gift for Easter flowers in honor or in memory of someone special in your life. Look for the special giving envelope in this bulletin, and you may also give online at mary.org/donate. Memorials received by April 8 will be listed in the Easter worship leaflet.

TRIDUUM / EASTER SUNDAY
HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 18
9:15am Morning Prayer Choir Stalls
Noon Midday Prayer Choir Stalls
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Basilica
9:00pm Quiet Prayer until 10:00pm Choir Stalls

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 19
9:15am Morning Prayer Choir Stalls
Noon Stations of the Cross Basilica
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion Basilica
7:00pm Tenebrae Basilica

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 20
9:15am Morning Prayer Choir Stalls
Noon Midday Prayer Choir Stalls
7:00pm Celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection Basilica
Cathedral Choir, organ, flute, brass & timpani

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21
7:00am Eucharist at Sunrise cantor, organ, soprano, violin
9:30am Solemn Eucharist Cathedral Choir, organ & brass
Noon Solemn Eucharist Cathedral Choir, organ & brass
4:30pm Eucharist Mundus & Juventus
There is no 6:30pm Mass.
A complete schedule of services and events for Holy Week is available online at mary.org.

SACRED ART EXHIBITS

ECCE HOMO: BEHOLD THE MAN
SANDRA BOWDEN COLLECTION
FEBRUARY 1-APRIL 28
This exhibition includes images from the early 17th century to contemporary works, designed to place the viewer at the scene where Jesus was condemned by the crowd as described in Matthew 27.

CONCERTS AND MUSIC

MINNESOTA SINFONIA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2:00PM
With pianist Alon Goldstein
SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2:00PM
With violinist Francesca Anderegg

TOGETHER IN HOPE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 8:00PM
BASILICA
Ecumenical professional-caliber choir performance. See page 11 for more information.

MACPHAIL SPOTLIGHT SERIES CONCERT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7:00PM
CHOIR STALLS
Lisz’ts Spiritual Journey
Tickets: 612.767.5250
$12 adults, $5 MacPhail students

ICON CLASSES
SATURDAYS, MARCH 9, 30 & APRIL 6, 13, 9:00AM-1:00PM
Painting or writing an Icon is a prayerful meditative process. The Basilica offers the opportunity to experience this during Lent. The image selected for the 2019 Icon Class is Saint Francis of Assisi or Saint Seraphim of Sarov. Deb Korluka will lead these workshops. Contact Deb at 612.889.5868 to register.

LITURGY & SACRED ART
SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are expecting, or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes. We offer classes approximately eight 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.

Congratulations to the following children who were baptized in November and December this year:

- Charles Patrick David Antonenko
- James Patrick McClenahan
- Parker Ione Myers
- William Edward Francis Roehrich
- Park Robert Isakson
- Blaire Maureen Rush
- Bridget Cecilia Kain
- Emmeline Medora Hamilton

MARRIAGE

The Basilica’s marriage preparation and wedding 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.” We encourage couples to begin their preparation at least 10 months to a year prior to their wedding. If the Sacrament of Marriage is in your future, and you would like to learn more, see more detailed information at mary.org or contact Nancy at nkeller@mary.org or 612.317.3478.

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.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

FIRST EUCHARIST

Our First Eucharist families are preparing for First Eucharist on Sunday, May 19 at 1:30pm. As a reminder to all involved, here are the dates of class preparation, rehearsal, and Mass.

- Sunday, March 3, 11:00am-12:30pm, Great Hall
- Sunday, April 7, 11:00am-12:30pm, Great Hall
- Wednesday, May 1, 7:00-8:15pm, Rehearsal and tour
- Sunday, May 19, 1:30pm, First Eucharist Mass

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING LENT

All children in Grades 1 to 5 are invited to join a simple Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 11:30am Mass each Sunday in Lent and throughout the Easter season, from March 10 to June 9 in Saint Joseph Chapel. Younger children are welcome to attend with a parent. The Rite of Dismissal for this occurs immediately after the liturgy’s Opening Prayer. The children return to the main church during the Preparation of the Gifts
LEARNING

MOMMS MINISTRY (MARY OUR MOTHER MOM)
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, FEBRUARY 6, 20, MARCH 6, 20, 9:30-11:30AM
CATHERINE OF SIENA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

The group’s mission is to provide a supportive community for mothers to enrich their personal spirituality, be a source of encouragement for the vocation of motherhood, and provide a connection with other mothers who are raising their children in the Catholic faith. Please join us, and together we will journey through the challenges and blessings of motherhood. Child care is provided in the room next door when you register your children at least one week in advance. We always appreciate volunteers for the nursery. Contact bcaduff@mary.org for more information and check the weekly newsletter for upcoming meetings.

DADS GROUP
FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 9:00-10:30AM

Any and all dads in the parish are welcome to join this group, to encourage and support each other in the vocation of fatherhood. We typically have a topic for discussion to help guide our conversation, but the group is open to ideas. Contact bcaduff@mary.org for more information and check the weekly newsletter for upcoming meetings.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

We welcome children and youth to our weekly faith formation programs throughout the program year. If you are new to the parish, we invite you to join our Sunday or Wednesday faith formation classes. Our programs are for Preschool (age three) through Grade 12. More information and registration forms are available at mary.org or contact Kelli at kkester@mary.org or 612.317.3439.

ADULT LEARNING

IT’S COMPLICATED:
PAPAL AUTHORITY AND THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 11:00AM-12:30PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Lutherans have had a complicated understanding of and relationship with the Bishop of Rome. Those complications have been present since Father Luther, acting as an Augustinian friar, Professor of theology, and dutiful son of the Pope, proposed an academic debate on the power and efficacy of indulgences. As the Reformation proceeded, Luther was compelled to engage issues of papal authority in new ways—ways he did not anticipate when he first came to public attention. Ever since, the relationship of Lutheranism to the pope has been complicated. Presenter The Rev. Dr. William Russell serves as pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Please register at mary.org.

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 Old Testament texts that portray God differently, as a dangerous, threatening force. In this presentation, Dr. David Penchansky will examine three passages that describe God as an enemy of humans. Why are these troubling passages in the Bible and what might they mean for a contemporary reader? Dr. Penchansky is a professor of Theology at the University of St. Thomas. Please register at mary.org.

ROCK SOLID MARRIAGES
SATURDAY, MARCH 2
9:00-10:30AM
RECTORY, SAINT CECILIA ROOM

Prepare your heart and your marriage for Lent. Married couples, please join us for an introduction to the Lenten Season: Themes, Scriptures, Prayers, Worship. Leave with some weekly reflection/application questions to grow your marriage relationship during the Season of Lent. Nursery is available but must be requested ahead of time. Registration information is available at mary.org.

LENTEN GOSPEL SERIES
MONDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25, APRIL 1, 8, 15
11:00AM-12:30PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM

Join us as together we explore the beautiful Lenten Gospels together. No previous bible study experience is necessary. Registration is available at mary.org.

LENTEN RETREAT: THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF SUFFERING
SATURDAY, MARCH 16
8:00AM-12:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Archbishop Hebda will join us for a morning of Lenten reflection. More information and registration will be available at mary.org.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS, 7:15-8:45PM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

Lent begins Wednesday, March 6. A great way to commit to prayer and gathering in community is the BYA weekly Bible study on Thursday nights. You can come anytime. Each week we look at the upcoming Mass readings and usually go out after for more community time. We have all of the materials also, so you don’t have to bring anything!
FROM THE DIRECTOR

"With my whole heart I seek you..." Psalm 119:10

So often, our good intentions are left behind while life carries us toward actions that we do not intend. St. Paul resonates with this struggle when he states, "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate" (Romans 7:15). It is this powerful force of "intention" in our life that Lent invites us to consider.

What is it that we most truly desire? What is it that we hold most dear? The answers to these questions guide our life. Our actions, ultimately, reflect our deepest values. Lent is a time to recommit to God. It is a time to slow down and claim what is most important.

As we shift from Ordinary Time in to Lent, we are invited to use the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to recalibrate our inner compass—to focus our attention on our relationship with God. Our relationship with God shapes the way we understand ourselves. It directs our thoughts and actions each day.

As we pray, when we fast, when we give to those in need, we are reminded that God is with us—loving us through all our struggles, challenges, and joys. As we turn our attention to our relationship with God, we find comfort, forgiveness, and healing. As we recommit to God, we are loved even through our failing.

Lent bursts into our lives and reminds us to be intentional—to pay special attention to our relationship with God. The Basilica provides many ways to make this concrete. Join in the many opportunities for prayer, including Stations of the Cross, Taizé, or Centering Prayer. Perhaps it is time to participate in spiritual direction, where you can prayerfully listen to the movement of the Holy Spirit in all areas of your life. Pledge your commitment to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry and help our community reach out to our neighbors in need.

Lent invites us to recommit to God. Let us be intentional about our spiritual life throughout this sacred season. Together, let us find something that continues to bring our relationship with God into the center of our lives.

Christian Life Office
Director - Janice Andersen

General Info - 612.317.3419
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

THE DOWNTOWN COALITION FOR GRIEF SUPPORT
SATURDAYS, 9:30AM, COWLEY CENTER

From January through April, The Basilica is hosting the weekly meetings for The Downtown Coalition for Grief Support. All adults grieving the loss of a loved one are welcome and there is no RSVP required. Visit mplsgriefsupport.com for more.

CENTERING PRAYER
FRIDAYS, 10:00AM
SAINT BASIL THE GREAT, GROUND LEVEL
Centering Prayer is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. It is the prayer of silence. New practitioners are welcome. Join us this Lent!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is a time of intentional listening for God in your life. There is something very powerful about listening prayerfully for the movements of the Holy Spirit in your life: Honestly and openly seeking God together, in confidential conversation. To learn about spiritual direction at The Basilica, contact jandersen@mary.org or 612.317.3477.

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone that has supported our efforts to partner with families that have arrived in Minnesota as refugees, as well as families that are seeking asylum in our community. The families are grateful to The Basilica community for our support and encouragement along their journey. If you would be interested in learning more about the Immigrant Support Ministry and how you can get involved, please contact Dawn at dawnpaib@gmail.com.

MENTAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL
TUESDAYS IN FEBRUARY: 5, 12, 19, AND 26
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM, FILMS BEGIN AT 6:30PM
SAINTS AMBROSE AND TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL
Films to be announced.

JOINT RELIGIOUS LEGISLATIVE COALITION’S DAY ON THE HILL 2019
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
The JRLC’s Day on the Hill is an annual policy briefing and lobby day. Clergy and lay people attend to show our interfaith commitment to social justice and to participate in the lawmaking process. The event includes prayer, issue briefings, time to meet with your district and opportunities to take action. Registration is required at jrlc.org.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 9:00AM-4:00PM
Join over 2,000 Minnesota Catholics for a day of education and advocacy, connecting our faith and our citizenship. Visit CatholicsAtTheCapital.org for more information.
FINDING BALANCE IN OUR SERVICE: FAITH IN ACTION RETREAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 8:30AM-12:00 NOON
BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-7

Saint Vincent de Paul said, “Service without reflection is just work.” Our Basilica community serves and accompanies many sisters and brothers in need. Discipleship also calls for defending those we serve and accompany. Join fellow Basilica community members to ground ourselves in Catholic Social Teaching and the spirituality behind defending and advocating for others. For more information, please contact Aara Johnson at aarajohnson@gmail.com. Visit mary.org to register.

STRONG ASSESSMENT AND WORKSHOP
THURSDAY, MARCH 21
6:30-8:00PM, COWLEY CENTER, WAGNER ROOM

Are you interested in learning about career areas and job titles aligned to your interests? Coach and trainer Cindy Edwards presents a workshop covering the STRONG Interest inventory results.

The assessment report cost is $22. The first 10 registrants will receive a report for free, courtesy of The Basilica. You must register in advance to Janet at jgrove@mary.org. Once your registration and payment has been processed, you will be sent a link to take the assessment and your report will be emailed to you.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 9:00AM-5:00PM
BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-7

Mental Health First Aid, a nationally credentialed course, teaches how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders in your community and will be taught by mental health expert Karen Lilla, RN and BSN. The class will be offered free of charge up to 30 participants, and lunch is provided. A certificate of completion will be given to all participants attending the entire course. RSVP required to Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

BASILICA VOICES FOR JUSTICE (BVFJ)

BVFJ provides tools and a framework to empower our community to use our voices for justice. Their work complements the wonderful work of charity done by The Basilica St. Vincent de Paul ministry. Look for the BVFJ Take Five table in the Lower Level of after Masses. To get involved, contact Aara at aarajohnson@gmail.com.

MN COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS DAY ON THE HILL

Join advocates from many organizations and congregations working to prioritize services and housing for people who are homeless. Connect with elected officials and share your concerns about poverty and homelessness in our community. Contact Daria for more information at dariabriol@yahoo.com.

300 MILLION PEOPLE...

According to the Borgen Project, 300 million people across the world cannot afford shoes. Some of those children and adults live near The Basilica in shelters, camps, and under bridges. They risk cuts, infections, and frostbite. The Basilica’s St. Vincent de Paul (Svdp) Shoe Ministry provides vouchers for shoes redeemable at Kmart on Lake Street, including non-skid shoes or steel-toed boots for work, or warm boots for winter. Contact Outreach Coordinator, Julia at 612.317.3413 or jfreeman@mary.org to learn more about volunteering or to visit Svdp Shoe Ministry in action!
THE BASILICA FUND
“The generosity of our parishioners means The Basilica’s doors are always open.
Your giving allows us to serve.”
- Reverend John 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.

Give online at mary.org/give or by using the envelopes available in your pews.

BEAUTIFY THE BASILICA THIS EASTER
Please help transform The Basilica this Easter with lilies and colorful spring flowers. All flower tribute gifts given by April 8 will be acknowledged in the Easter leaflets. Please donate online at mary.org/give.

AN EASTER GIFT TO THE BASILICA
This Easter, please consider making a special gift to support Easter liturgies, and all The Basilica’s ministries throughout the year. Please donate online at mary.org/give.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND
By supporting the Annual Fund, you ensure the longevity of our building. Continually maintaining and improving our campus is crucial to our mission. Throughout 2018 a number of campus improvements were completed:
- Tuck-pointing of the dome
- Remodel of the lower level kitchen
- Installing energy-efficient LED lighting in lower level
- Updating church soundboard and equipment

Support our work in 2019 by donating 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.

SWEETEST BINGO & MEAT RAFFLE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 6:00-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL
Treat a friend, date, or yourself to a night of Valentine’s Day themed Bingo! Or why not try your odds at winning the coveted Meat Raffle?

Purchase in advance and save:
Meat Raffle Tickets: $5 (do not need to be present to win)
Individual: $25 in advance or $30 at the door
Two Tickets before January 22: $40
Children 12 & under: $5
Purchase & decorate a table for 8: $75

Tickets on sale at mary.org/bingo. For meat raffle tickets or more information, contact Liz at 612.317.3428 or llegatt@mary.org.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK BALL
SATURDAY, MAY 18
THE MACHINE SHOP
Join us for a festive night to benefit The Basilica Landmark at The Machine Shop in Minneapolis. This year’s Fund-A-Need project will be a refurbishment of the Teresa of Calcutta Hall in the lower level of the church, where our St. Vincent de Paul ministries take place daily. Get your tickets online at thebasilicalandmark.org.

For more information or to make a donation to the event, contact Holly Dockendorf at hdockendorf@mary.org or 612.317.3432.

SHARE YOUR BASILICA BLOCK PARTY STORY
As we approach the 25th anniversary, we want to hear the stories of our parishioners who have been involved in this event. If you would like to share your Basilica Block Party stories, please contact Liz at llegatt@mary.org.
Save the dates for Basilica Block Party on July 12-13.
TOGETHER IN HOPE CHOIR
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
8:00PM
DOORS OPEN FOR GENERAL SEATING AT 7:15PM

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The Together In Hope Choir, an ecumenical, professional-caliber ensemble of 60 voices brings a message of healing and Christian reconciliation. Directed by Mark Stover of the University of Michigan and Teri Larson of The Basilica of Saint Mary, the Choir will be accompanied by members of the St. Olaf College Orchestra.

The evening will include a shared ecumenical message from Archbishop Bernard Hebda of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and Bishop Ann Svennungsen of the Minneapolis Area Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The Together In Hope Choir opened the 17th International Festival of Sacred Music and Art in Rome, Italy, on the 501st anniversary of the Reformation, October 31, 2018, where they performed the world-premiere of So That the World May Believe: A Motet for Unity and Service and the European premiere of Holy Spirit Mass, both pieces by brilliant Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen.

Founded by Gary Aamodt and Celia Ellingson, the Together In Hope Project’s mission is to advance healing and reconciliation through the transformative power of music.

This special performance is part of the 150th anniversary celebration of the parish.

Concert free of charge.

NEWS

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS
Throughout the 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.

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**FRIDAYS OF LENT**
MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29, APRIL 5, 12, 19
7:00AM, NOON, 6:00PM, EUCHARIST, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS BASILICA
FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1
7:00am & Noon Mass Blessing of the Throats

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
9:00am DADs Group

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
6:00pm Crossroads Planning Meeting
6:30pm Mental Health Film Festival

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
9:30am MOMMs Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
10:00am Crossroads Book Club
6:30pm Career Exploration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
2:00pm Minnesota Sinfonia
8:00pm Together in Hope Concert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
11:00am It’s Complicated: Papal Authority and the Protestant Reformation

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
5:30pm Taizé Prayer with Individual Confessions
6:30pm Mental Health Film Festival

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16
6:00pm Sweetest Bingo & Meat Raffle

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
11:00am What Rough Beast?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Presidents’ Day
No Noon Mass. Basilica offices closed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
6:30pm Mental Health Film Festival

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
9:30am MOMMs Group

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
5:00pm Basilica Wedding Reunion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
7:00pm MacPhail Spotlight Series

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6:30pm Mental Health Film Festival

SAVE THE DATE

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER
MARCH 6, 6:45PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Join us for a Soup Supper following the 5:30pm Mass. This will be the only Soup Supper during Lent this year.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 9:00AM-5:00PM
BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-7

Mental Health First Aid, a nationally credentialed course teaches how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders in your community and will be taught by mental health expert Karen Lilla, RN and BSN. RSVP required to Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK BALL
SATURDAY, MAY 18
THE MACHINE SHOP

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BASILICA LOCATIONS

Please call the Parish Office at 612.333.1381 if you need assistance finding a location.

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

Registration/Tickets required. Visit mary.org for details.
**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**
- 9:00am  DADs Group
- 9:00am  Rock Solid Marriages*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**
- 11:00am  Baptism Preparation Class*
- 2:00pm  Minnesota Sinfonia

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**
- 11:00am  Lenten Gospel Series

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**
- 8:30am  Decorating for Lent*

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**
**ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 7:00am  Eucharist
- Noon  Eucharist
- 5:30pm  Eucharist
- 6:45pm  Soup Supper
- 7:30pm  Eucharist

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**
- 9:15am  Lenten Morning Prayer
- 10:00am  Crossroads Book Club

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8: FRIDAY IN LENT**
- 7:00am  Eucharist
- Noon  Eucharist
- 6:00pm  Eucharist
- 7:00pm  Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**
- 8:30am  Finding Balance in our Service Retreat*
- 9:00am  Icon Class*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**
- 1:30pm  Rite of Election
- 3:00pm  Lenten Evening Prayer

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**
- 11:00am  Lenten Gospel Series

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**
- 9:15am  Lenten Morning Prayer
- 5:30pm  Taizé Prayer with Individual Confessions

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**
- 9:15am  Lenten Morning Prayer

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15: FRIDAY IN LENT**
- 7:00am  Eucharist
- Noon  Eucharist
- 6:00pm  Eucharist
- 7:00pm  Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**
- 8:00am  Lenten Retreat with Archbishop Hebda

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**
- 3:00pm  Lenten Evening Prayer

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**
- 11:00am  Lenten Gospel Series

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**
- 9:15am  Lenten Morning Prayer

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**
- 9:30am  MOMMs Group
- Noon  Solemnity of Saint Joseph Mass

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**
- 9:15am  Lenten Morning Prayer
- 6:30pm  STRONG Assessment Workshop*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22: FRIDAY IN LENT**
- 7:00am  Eucharist
- Noon  Eucharist
- 6:00pm  Eucharist
- 7:00pm  Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**
- 10:00am  Funeral Planning Workshop*
- 10:30am  Anointing of the Sick

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**
- 3:00pm  Lenten Evening Prayer

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**
- 11:00am  Lenten Gospel Series
- Noon  Annunciation of our Lord Mass

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**
- 9:15am  Lenten Morning Prayer

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**
- 9:15am  Lenten Morning Prayer

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29: FRIDAY IN LENT**
- 7:00am  Eucharist
- Noon  Eucharist
- 6:00pm  Eucharist
- 7:00pm  Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**
- 9:00am  Icon Class*
- 9:00am  Mental Health First Aid*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**
- 3:00pm  Lenten Evening Prayer

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