BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Honoring animals that share our lives and touch our hearts.

GREAT PUMPKIN BINGO
Dress in your best costume and enter in the annual Halloween costume contest.

ICON FESTIVAL OPENS
25th Annual Festival opens with a procession of Icons during the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses.

FALL COMMUNITY SERVICE
Volunteers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us for an hour of service following the 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30am Masses.

“Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord. For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own.” - Jeremiah 29:7
Once again I would like to update you in regard to several areas of our parish life. I have mentioned some of these items before, but I want to ensure everyone has heard of them. Also, I have included new information in regard to some of these items.

1. **150th Anniversary of our Parish**: As I write this column we are heading into the final events for the celebration of our parish’s Sesquicentennial. 150 years ago the Church of the Immaculate Conception was founded in Minneapolis. The first Mass was celebrated on October 4, 1868 in a shed church. A stone church followed and was dedicated in 1873. When the parish outgrew this building, seven lots were donated at 16th and Hennepin Ave in 1904. The cornerstone for what is now known as The Basilica of Saint Mary (The Basilica of Saint Mary was originally known as the pro-Cathedral) was laid in 1908, and the first Mass was celebrated in The Basilica on May 31, 1914.

150 years is an impressive amount of time. It speaks highly of the faith and dedication of those who have gone before us that not only has our parish survived, but it has thrived during the past 150 years. As our parish moves into its next 150 years we are extremely blessed by our parish leadership and our staff who serve our parish so well. It is a task and challenge for all of us, though—and it will take our combined efforts—to ensure that for the next 150 years our parish will continue to be a beacon of hope on the Minneapolis skyline and a place of welcome for all who come to our doors. I am excited by this challenge and very hopeful for our future.

2. **Our Strategic Plan: Our Parish, Our Future**: As we move into the next 150 years, we will be guided by our new strategic plan for our parish. (Our previous plan carried us through spring of 2018.) This plan will serve as a road map to guide and direct our efforts for the next three to five years.

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

As I have mentioned previously, at the October 2018 meeting of our Parish Council our new Strategic Plan was approved. The new Strategic Plan retains our core Vision, Mission, and Values, and builds on—instead of replacing—the previous strategic plan. There are three new Strategic Areas of Focus in our Strategic 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

We continue to work with a team of volunteer leaders and The Basilica staff to assist in both executing the strategic plan and ensuring we develop the right metrics and governance to ensure the outcomes desired are achieved.
3. Our Parish Finances: This fall we once again will be encouraging people to support our parish through their financial stewardship. The good news in regard to our parish finances is that thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we ended the fiscal year with a much less than anticipated deficit. (The deficit is covered by a portion of the rental income from our school building.) The bad news is that the income from our financial stewardship is not keeping pace with the increase in our expenses. While we are not at a critical juncture yet, we are at the point where if we don’t do something, the issue will only get worse.

Given the above, and to support the implementation of our Strategic Plan, our Parish Council and Finance Committee approved funding to hire a Change Management Consultant to help us identify those ministries, programs, services, etc. that are important and necessary for our parish community, and help us determine what services, ministries and programs will continue, change, or end. Our new Strategic Plan will provide the foundation to guide our decision making process and prioritization.

4. Archdiocesan Synod: On the Vigil of Pentecost (June 8, 2019), Archbishop Hebda formally announced that our Archdiocese will be embarking on a synod, our first since 1939. A synod is a formal representative assembly designed to help a bishop in shepherding of the local Church. It is the Archbishop’s hope that over the next two years, the synod process will involve every parish and draw on the gifts that have been bestowed in such abundance on the people of this Archdiocese to discern and establish clear pastoral priorities in a way that will both promote greater unity in our Archdiocese and let us to a more vigorous proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. In doing so, it will help Archbishop Hebda discern, through a consultative process, the pastoral priorities of our local Church today—and into the near future.

Archbishop Hebda described the local pre-synod and synod process as following Pope Francis’ “listening Church” model. “It’s the confidence that comes from believing that the Holy Spirit works in the faithful, and it’s in sharing those things that are most important to us that we’re able to recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit.”

The synod process will begin this fall with prayer and listening events. After these events, in the spring/summer of 2020, Archbishop Hebda will announce the topics that will shape the synod. In autumn of 2020 and winter of 2021 there will be a parish and deanery consultation process. On Pentecost weekend May 21-22, 2021 there will be a synod assembly. Delegates to this assembly will be invited from across the Archdiocese and will meet to discern synod topics and vote on recommendations for the Archbishop. The Feast of Christ the King (November 21, 2021) is the anticipated publication of pastoral letter from Archbishop Hebda addressing the synod’s topics with a pastoral plan to shape the following 5-10 years.

I believe the synod process brings with it much promise for the future of our Archdiocese. It will only be successful, though, if people pray, participate, and honestly share their concerns, questions and hopes for our Archdiocese. To this end—since I first informed you of the synod—we have established a parish synod ambassador team who will work to solicit feedback from our parishioners and keep everyone informed as the synod process moves forward. I will share more information about the synod in the near future, as we continue to organize for our involvement and input. I mention it now, though, so that it will hopefully be in your minds, hearts and prayers.
FROM THE DIRECTOR

This November we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of our annual Icon festival. It all started in 1995 with a small exhibit of Icons in what used to be the Baptismal Chapel, now the elevator. Most of these Icons were borrowed from Deb Korluka, who since then has become our Basilica Iconographer. Over the years the number of Icons presented has grown substantially as we began borrowing Icons from different Orthodox Churches. We have also added lectures, Icon classes, tours of Orthodox Churches, and concerts. Today, our Icon Festival begins with the solemn procession of the Icons into The Basilica sanctuary on the Sunday closest to November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints. A few years ago we started pairing the Icons in the sanctuary with photos of deceased loved ones placed on The Basilica’s side altars on November 2, the Feast of All Souls. This is a strong visual reminder that whenever we gather for the celebration for the celebration of the liturgy we not only do that with all those present but with the entire Body of Christ across time and space.

One of the principle goals of our Icon festival is to introduce our Catholic community to the different Orthodox Churches that enrich our diverse Christian landscape in the Twin Cities and to encourage dialogue and friendship among the members of our respective Churches. It is our hope that we thus can contribute our small part to the unification of all Christians.

Some highlights of this year’s Icon Festival:
The Procession of Icons will be held during the 9:30am and 11:30am celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, November 3. The Icons will remain in the sanctuary through Christ the King, November 24.

On Sunday, November 10 at 4:30pm Chorbishop Sharbel Maroun, Pastor at St. Maron’s, Maronite Church and Fr. Emmanuel of Holy Family Maronite Church will celebrate the Maronite Divine Liturgy at The Basilica with the choirs of both churches singing.

Professor Ali Chamsedinne, member of St. Maron’s will speak about Christians in the Middle East on Sunday, November 24 at 11:00am.

The 25th Icon Festival will conclude with a performance of Rachmaninoff’s magnificent All Night’s Vigil on Friday, November 22 in St. Mary’s Orthodox Cathedral at 8:00pm and on Saturday, November 23 at 8:00pm in The Basilica of Saint Mary. The Cathedral Choirs of both churches will join forces for both concerts.

Liturg & Sacred Arts Office
Director – Johan van Parys

LITURGY

MISSA CHORALIS 2019-2020 SEASON
5:00PM MASS OF ANTICIPATION, BASILICA
The season begins on the first Saturday of October. 2019-2020 brochures for the Missa Choralis Season are located near the entrance of the church or visit mary.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1:30PM
For over 25 years we have celebrated the Feast of Saint Francis with a traditional Blessing of Animals. Gather on the lawn starting at 1:00pm. At 1:30pm we will process into the church for a brief service to thank God for the blessing of all creation and to pray for the continued well-being of our world.

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 8, NOVEMBER 12, 5:30PM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
In conjunction with Disability Awareness Month, there will be ASL, Braille leaflets, and special seating and lighting for those with disabilities.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
EUCHARIST CELEBRATED:
7:00AM SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL
NOON BASILICA
5:30PM BASILICA

REQUIEM MASS ON THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 10:30AM
SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL, GROUND LEVEL

EVENING PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 3:00PM, BASILICA
We begin this month of remembrance with solemn Evening Prayer for all our beloved dead. The names of all those who have died within the last year will be mentioned during the Litany of the Saints. All other names of the faithful departed will be listed in the worship leaflet. If you wish to include names of the faithful departed, please call The Basilica by October 17.

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 10:00AM-NOON
REARDON RECTORY, DINING ROOM, THIRD FLOOR
For more information, contact Mark Wyss at mwvss@mary.org or call 612.317.3410. Seating is limited. Registration is required.

EVENING PRAYER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 3:00PM, CHOIR STALLS
Members of the Schola Cantorum
CONCERTS AND MUSIC

LAKE WOBEGON® BRASS BAND
WITH CHRISTOPHER STROH, ORGANIST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7:30PM
Join us for a concert experience of music for British-style brass band and The Basilica organ. Program highlights include works by Eugene Gigout, Camille Saint-Saëns, Arthur Sullivan, and a newly-commissioned piece by Michael Halstenson based on ‘Masqueray,’ a hymn-tune composed by Richard Proulx (1937-2010) in honor of The Basilica’s architect, Emmanuel Masqueray. Free-will donations will be gratefully received.

MINNESOTA SINFONIA CONCERTS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2:00PM
A great mix of concert favorites including music for the holidays. These concerts are free and open to all. Families are encouraged to attend.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL INFORMATION SESSION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11:00AM
BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-1
Come hear about our new musical for 2019! Sing through the musical, learn about the speaking parts, and get all of the dates for rehearsals and performances at this information session lead by the directors of the musical. For more information, contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

ORATORIO SOCIETY CONCERT
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 8:00PM
The French Connection: Choral Masterworks from Fauré to Durufle Chorus, Chamber Orchestra and Organ
Tickets: oratorio.org

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS: DAY OF THE DEAD
NOVEMBER 1 & 2 AND THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Ofrendas will be built on two of the side altars. The Day of the Dead is celebrated throughout Mexico and around the world. The celebration focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members.
LEARNING

Fall in the Learning Department is always a time for getting started with another year of various offerings for our children, youth, and adults of all ages. We have now begun another year of faith formation with Christine Moore serving as our Coordinator of Learning and Sacraments for Children and Youth. Our young children have now begun preparation for First Reconciliation and high school Confirmation will begin soon. We are so grateful to all of the catechists, parents, and volunteers who help make all of our children’s and youth learning possible each year.

RCIA is now in full swing also; Cathy Edwards is serving as our RCIA Coordinator and once again has a great team helping with this year-long ministry. It is such a privilege to walk with people on their journey of faith and join in their discernment and see where God leads them this year.

Our young adult group finished a fun summer of events including volleyball, our annual picnic, and our ongoing offerings like Bible study, men’s and women’s group. We look forward to more spiritual growth, community building, and service events this fall.

One particular offering you may be interested in is Thursday, October 17. Becky Van Ness will join us for another Theology Day presentation from Saint John’s School of Theology/Seminary. She will present on Spiritual Direction: The Practice of Contemplative Presence. It should be an enlightening presentation on how we can learn more about the practice of spiritual direction and how we can be more present to each other. The presentation will be in the Teresa of Calcutta Hall from 6:00-9:00pm.

Ben Caduff,
Coordinator of Young Adult, Young Family, and Marriage Ministry

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 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.

Congratulations to the following children who were baptized in August of this year:

Oliver Samuel Grinolds • Simon James Grinolds
Penelope Brazys • Remington Samuel Rajkumar
Winnie Sloane Krishnan • Henry James Heinlein
Gianna Mazzei Anderson • Maria Ruthanne Lewis
Marcella Faye Frederiksen • Luka Robert Artavia

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

At any time during the year, The Basilica has approximately 60 couples in various stages of marriage preparation, some to be married here, some to be prepared here and married elsewhere, and others who only have their weddings at The Basilica. Ten of our couples will be spending a day with some of our marriage mentor couples and Basilica staff looking at their relationship and having time for prayer and conversation with each other. Please keep them and all of our couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11:00AM-NOON
SCHOOL, LL-1

KT_he King of Love by Betty Lou and Ronald A. Nelson

Come hear about our new musical for 2019! KT_he King of Love includes Advent and Christmas hymns and carols which never go out of fashion and are favorites that all of our children and families can learn and sing together for years to come. Sing through the musical, learn about the speaking parts, and get all of the dates for rehearsals and performances at this information session lead by the directors of the musical. For more information, contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 & WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Join us to learn more about Volunteer Ministry at The Basilica. Orientations will be held bi-monthly. Contact Ashley, Coordinator of Stewardship, Volunteers, and Membership with questions at 612.317.3417 or awyatt@mary.org.
ADULT LEARNING

THEOLOGY DAY: SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:
THE PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRESENCE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:00-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

The art of spiritual direction is deeply rooted in Christian tradition. We will explore how modern-and less directive-understandings of accompanying another relate to the practice of “contemplative presence.” We will explore how the experience unfolds for both the director and the directee, always connecting ideas and practices to the basic theological assumptions of spiritual direction. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Would you like to learn about becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic and want to know more about our faith? Each year we welcome new Catholics into the Church at the Easter Vigil. If you have not been baptized, or were baptized in another Christian faith tradition, and are interested in learning more about this process, contact Cathy Edwards at 612.317.3473 or cedwards@mary.org.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP
MONDAYS, 10:30AM-12:00PM
SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA ROOM, GROUND LEVEL

Please join us on Mondays for discussion of the Gospel Readings in Ordinary Time. For more information, contact Jolane Jones at 612.317.3414 or jjones@mary.org.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

MOM’S GROUP
OCTOBER 16, OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 13, NOVEMBER 27
BASIL THE GREAT, GROUND LEVEL

The Basilica MOMM (Mary Our Mother Moms) group welcomes mothers of all ages and stages to join us. Child care is provided on site. We meet every other Wednesday. Please check The Basilica online event page or contact Ben at bcaduff@mary.org for more information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our children preparing to make their First Reconciliation will be celebrating the sacrament for the first time during November or January. They have been learning about God’s loving forgiveness and how the Holy Spirit helps us identify ways to share peace with others. Please hold them in prayer during this special time.

BASILICA YES: YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE

11th and 12th Grade High School Youth: You are invited to strengthen your leadership experience, get involved in the community, share faith, and grow your friendships at The Basilica. Basilica YES teens are engaged in a variety of projects throughout the year and meet regularly on Sunday evenings. Together we are gaining volunteer experience for our college applications, reaching out to the world to make a difference (one activity at a time), and finding meaningful relationships within our parish community. We invite you to join us. For more information, contact Christine Moore, cmoore@mary.org or 612.317.3439.

NURSERY

Our Nursery has moved to Room LL-6 in the School. This new room will be dedicated space just for the Nursery. The Nursery is offered during 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA are young adults in their 20s/30s who gather for social events, opportunities for learning and spiritual growth, and to provide service to our community. This group is for singles and married couples. For more information about BYA, please email bya@mary.org or go to mary.org/bya.

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

Join us for our weekly, lectionary-based bible study. Come when you can. No preparation is needed and we have materials.

BYA FALL RETREAT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11-
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
SAINT JOHN’S ABBEY GUESTHOUSE
COLLEGEVILLE, MN

Once again we are offering a weekend retreat just for our BYA community. Young adults (ages 18-39) are welcome to sign up for a weekend of prayer, community and beauty on the campus of Saint John’s University. Dr. Shawn Colberg will share some reflections on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and what that means for us. During the weekend we will have a holy hour, presentations, free time, Sacrament of Reconciliation and some fun community time also. Cost is $100; scholarships are available. More information and registration details are at mary.org. Please email Ben at bcaduff@mary.org for more information.
Sometimes we have favorite scripture readings that are deeply familiar and precious to us. One such scripture for me is 1 Corinthians 13. It speaks about the power and gift of love—patient, not jealous or inflated... It puts love in context of all gifts—it is the greatest.

In my prayer and meditation, I find myself challenged: I have deep faith. I can have steadfast hope. Yet, as I look deeply at my life—in my heart and mind—I realize the gift I long for the most is the love articulated in 1 Corinthians 13.

St. Paul wrote the first letter to the Corinthians to a community that was in stress. Corinth, a city that was a commercial stronghold, a melting pot of diverse people, was displaying open conflict. There were division, tension and legal battles among the community.

St. Paul wrote with confidence, grounding his words in Christian teaching. He was encouraging, but also willing to challenge all that strayed from this teaching.

There is great division and tension in our society today. As in the days of St. Paul, we can see effects in our community of inequity, oppression, broken relationships, sickness and poverty.

I don’t believe it is possible to live the love described in 1 Corinthians 13 without engaging in the public arena—bringing our Catholic voice and our Catholic Teaching into the public sphere. We are faced with opportunities to embrace division and tension and act in love. We are invited to speak the words of healing and love boldly to our community.

Pope Francis challenges us: "A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of them self, so that those who govern can govern. None of us can say, ‘I have nothing to do with this, they govern.’ Politics, according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good. I cannot wash my hands, eh? We all have to give something!" (Sept 16, 2013)

What will it look like to live love, as articulated in 1 Corinthians 13, today? As Catholic Christians, we are called to act together and confront the barriers to the love we yearn for.
SVDP HOLIDAY PARTY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9:30-11:00AM, TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL
The Basilica St. Vincent de Paul Ministry will hold a Holiday Party for families in our community who are living in poverty. Consider volunteering to help make the event a fun, family celebration. Volunteer to serve food, play games, and welcome those who come. Contact Mary at mbeseres@mary.org to learn more and volunteer.

CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 11:00AM-12:30PM, SAINTS AMBROSE/TERESA
What is it like to be a Christian in the Middle East today? How does one live out one’s faith among grave challenges and threats. Did you know the Arabic word for “witness” and “martyr” is virtually the same? Come to learn from our brothers and sisters from St Maron’s Maronite Catholic Church in Northeast Minneapolis. The conflict in Syria has cast shadows in our own backyard. For more information, call 612.317.3477 or email jandersen@mary.org.

THINK YOU’RE A GOOD LISTENER? THINK AGAIN!
Think about the times when you have had something to say, but have been interrupted or talked over. Too often, advice is given or comparisons made, and you are left feeling unheard and frustrated with an unfinished story. The Basilica Emmaus Ministry sends out trained listeners, equipped with active listening skills, and a nonjudgmental presence. These skills are taught and practiced.

If you feel called to this kind of ministry, in these areas, we are seeking to add more ministers to accompany those who request spiritual care from The Basilica. Interviews will take place this fall, and training begins in January. Please contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474 to learn more.

OCTOBER IS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH AT THE BASILICA
During October we will have a number of events that focus on eliminating barriers to participation at The Basilica. Join us for any or all of these upcoming events!

TAIZE PRAYER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 5:30-7:00PM, SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL
Taize Prayer with Braille leaflets, ASL Interpretation, and enhanced lighting and seating areas.

DISABILITY AWARENESS MINISTRY FAIR
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, FOLLOWING 9:30 & 11:30AM LITURGIES TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL
Learn about resources and organizations in the Twin Cities.

KEVIN KLING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:00PM, TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL
Local actor and storyteller Kevin Kling will help us think differently about “disability” in Laughter and Story as Archetype and Healing. This is a free event, but please register online at mary.org. For more information about this month’s activities, please contact Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

PRISONERS OR PATIENTS? TASK FORCE PARTNERSHIP BASILICA’S VOICES FOR JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 10AM-NOON, BASILICA SCHOOL, LL-7
What do we encounter when a person is released from jail or prison and has a persistent mental health issue? Learn from our panel of committee and community members how housing is an important piece to staying out of jail and prison.
A TAX-SMART WAY TO SUPPORT THE BASILICA LANDMARK 501(C)(3)

Do you have a traditional IRA? Are you, or will you soon to be, 70 ½ years old? If you answered ‘yes’, did you know you may make a tax free qualified charitable distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to The Basilica Landmark without increasing your taxable income or taxes? This is a popular, tax-smart option for giving. Funds transferred from your IRA will not subject your Social Security income to higher tax levels and if you are 70 ½ or older, will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

To take advantage, please contact your IRA plan administrator or Monica Stuart, Development Officer, at 612.317.3429 to learn more.

*Because circumstances may vary person to person, donors should discuss plans with a professional tax advisor.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK ANNUAL FUND

By supporting the Annual Fund, you ensure the longevity of our building. The following campus improvements have begun in 2019:

- Basilica school exterior
- Refurbishment of the Teresa of Calcutta Hall

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.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH CONCERT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 8:00PM

BASILICA

Co-presented by The Basilica of Saint Mary and The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra (SPCO)

The Basilica of Saint Mary offers an ethereal atmosphere for the cherished Handel’s Messiah Concert. Join us in celebrating the season through music, with classics such as the “Hallelujah Chorus” and other notable works.

Tickets start at $78 are may be purchased at mary.org/messiah. This event will sell out, so hurry and reserve your tickets early! For more information or to purchase via phone, contact Liz at 612.317.3428.

FAIR TRADE MARKET
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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 gifting needs or to treat yourself. Several local vendors will be offering a variety of fair trade merchandise created by artists and artisans from around the world. You’ll find a wide variety of merchandise including Mayan textiles and baskets, mittens and scarves from Nepal, woven baskets from Ghana, eco-jewelry, housewares, ornaments, fair trade coffee and much more.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6:00-9:00PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

Trick or treat yourself to tickets for Great Pumpkin Bingo! Come to win, stay for the food & cash bar. Tickets are available online now at mary.org/bingo.

Purchase early and save:
- Individual Adult: $25 in advance or $30 at the door
- Children 12 & Under: $5
- Purchase & decorate a table for 8: $175

No need to register for the costume contest; come dressed in your best to enter! Contact Liz with questions at 612.317.3428 or llegatt@mary.org.

THE BASILICA FUND

“The generosity of our parishioners means The Basilica’s doors are always open. Your giving allows us to serve.” - Rev. 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.

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.
5. Parish Council Elections: I am pleased to inform you that in the recent elections for our Parish Council, Nadia Webber (representing Liturgy) and Donna Bonicatto (representing Learning) were elected to our Parish Pastoral Council. I am also pleased to report that Dr. Deirdre Palmer will serve as the liaison to the Parish Council from The Basilica Landmark. And Katelin Richter Davis has accepted appointment as an at-large member of the Council. Finally, Trevor Adamek will serve as the Finance Committee Representative to the Parish Council. I am very grateful to each of these individuals for their willingness to serve on our Parish Council. The members of our Parish Council represent a cross section of our parish.

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

6. I would also like to update you on the work of our Campus Space Planning Committee. Beginning in January of 2018 this committee began working to establish a vision for our campus to prepare us for the next 150 years of service to the Church and the city. Earlier this year this group completed its work in providing a vision and set of priorities to ensure our buildings and campus serve both our current needs and the needs of future generations at The Basilica and the community. Their efforts have helped us move into the future with confidence and hope. I am enormously grateful for all the time and effort they put into this important work.

As a next step, we selected a team of individuals and organizations to assist us in creating a more specific Master Plan for The Basilica and its campus. The process, included “Requests for Qualifications” and later “Requests for Proposals” and in-person interviews. In these requests we wanted architectural firms that could work as a team with urban planners, historical preservationists, and landscape architects. We eventually interviewed three teams and ultimately recommended to The Basilica Landmark Board that the team, led by the Architectural firm HGA be hired to develop a Master Plan for our Basilica Campus. The Landmark Board approved the funding of this recommendation and we began negotiations for a contract with HGA.

As a next step a small Master Planning Committee was formed to work with HGA and their team in the development of the Master Plan for The Basilica and its campus. This Committee has been meeting for the past few months and will continue to meet this fall. In addition to the whole Basilica campus this committee will also examine some specific issues, e.g. accessibility, music, parking, and our liturgical space.

7. Feasibility Study: As I have mentioned previously, The Landmark Board also approved funding to hire the firm of Bentz Whaley Flessner to conduct a feasibility study to help determine fund raising capacity for a potential Capital Campaign needed to implement elements of the newly developed Master Plan.

As the work of the Campus Space Planning, Master Plan Development, Feasibility Study and potential Capital Campaign has broad implications for our Parish we have been actively engaged with The Basilica Landmark Board, Parish Council, and Finance Committee to ensure our leaders are informed and appropriately involved in providing guidance and approval.

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 May 4 and 5, $5,676 was contributed to The Basilica Landmark Annual Appeal.
- On the weekend of June 15 and 16, $10,184 was contributed to the collection to cover the costs of air conditioning The Basilica.
- On the weekend of July 27 and 28, $6,787 was contributed to 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 and prayer for your generous and caring response.

Rev. John M. Bauer
Pastor, The Basilica of Saint Mary
The Basilica of Saint Mary and The Basilica Landmark have announced that multidisciplinary design firm HGA has been selected through a competitive process to lead the Master Planning and Phase 1 design for its landmark Minneapolis campus.

The team for the project exemplifies a unique blend of expertise: HGA in architecture and engineering, as well as historic preservation in partnership with Beyer Blinder Belle; Duval Companies in urban strategy; and TEN x TEN in landscape architecture. This team will build upon the foundation created by a diverse group of parishioners who have worked to establish a strategic vision for The Basilica and its campus.

“The new Master Plan will prepare us for the next 100 years of service to The Basilica and to the city, as we strive to live out our vision to ‘seek the well-being of the city’ (Jeremiah 29:7),” said Fr. John Bauer, Pastor of The Basilica of Saint Mary. “We look forward to working with HGA and the whole project team to identify opportunities for our campus renewal in architecture, urban planning, and historic preservation.” HGA brings an extensive degree of expertise including past projects at Lakewood Cemetery Garden Mausoleum, Temple Israel, and the Walker Art Center. "Along with this incredible team of partners, we are honored to be selected for The Basilica project and help build the future of this historic Minneapolis institution,” said Design Principal and Vice President Joan Soranno, FAIA.

The Basilica of Saint Mary is more than just a beautiful building; it is a gathering place for all those who pass through the doors. The Campus Master Plan is part of a long-term process that will help build a vibrant Basilica community and enable it to thrive into the future and meet the needs of the people it serves.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 9:00AM-NOON**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2:00-5:00PM**

**TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL**

Join us for one of the community informational sessions offered regarding the Campus Master Planning process with Fr. Gilbert Sunghera, Liturgical Design Consultant and Johan M. J. van Parys, Director of Liturgy and the Sacred Arts. The Basilica is developing a 100-year Master Plan to enhance the accessibility and beauty of the campus and we invite you to learn more about this long-term process. Both sessions will cover the same information. For more information, call Terri Ashmore at 612.317.3471.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

**About HGA**

HGA is a national multi-disciplinary design firm rooted in architecture and engineering. Founded in 1953, HGA believes that enduring, impactful design results from deep insight into the people and passions that animate each unique environment. HGA’s 11 offices from coast to coast craft specialized teams to serve clients in community, education, arts, healthcare, corporate, government, and energy industries.

[www.hga.com](http://www.hga.com)

**About Beyer Blinder Belle**

Founded in 1968, Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners is an award-winning architecture, planning, and interiors practice of 190 professionals in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Boston. The firm’s multi-faceted portfolio encompasses preservation, urban design, and new construction projects that span a wide spectrum of building typologies and sectors, including cultural, civic, educational, residential, and commercial.

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**About Duval Companies**

Duval Companies creates design, development and policy solutions for public, private and nonprofit ventures that enhance the built environment. Duval Companies generates concepts that are financially sound and contribute to a more just, beautiful, and sustainable world.

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**About TEN x TEN**

TEN x TEN is a landscape architecture and urban design practice grounded by a curiosity and passion for experimentation and agency. The studio was founded in 2015 by Maura Rockcastle and Ross Altheimer following conversations about the future of landscape architecture, and a commitment to build a practice around work that is inspired, immersive and enduring. With over 25 years of collective experience, the studio focuses on cultural, campus, and public realm projects.

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