

# LOCAL STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2013



**Create bridges between communities and  
advocate for those in need.**

## BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

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A WAY OF LIFE

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Let us pray to God . . .

For the community we live and work in,

For all the people in it who are lonely,

For those whose voices are never heard,

For those who find no friends,

For the people in our city

who are homeless and without shelter,

For those who are disheartened,

And for those who feel betrayed.

Let us ask the Lord for forgiveness . . .

For the suffering we cause others,

For our forgetfulness and neglect of others,

For our lack of understanding of each other,

For speaking ill of other people,

For the bitterness we feel toward others,

And for the inability to forgive others.

Let us ask God for the grace . . .

To break down barriers among people,

To create bridges between communities,

To work toward equality and justice for all,

To promote peace,

To advocate for those who have no voice,

And to embrace all as our brothers and sisters.

Amen

# BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

## THE SEASONS

DECEMBER	Global Stewardship	Promote peace throughout the world
JANUARY		
FEBRUARY		
MARCH	<b>Local Stewardship</b>	Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need.
APRIL	Ecological Stewardship	Leave the world a better place for future generations.
MAY		
JUNE	Personal Stewardship	Care for ourselves in body, mind, and spirit.
JULY		
AUGUST	Stewardship Of Our Gifts	Share our knowledge, talent, love, and experience to serve others.
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER	Financial Stewardship	Give generously and joyfully.
NOVEMBER		

## WHAT IS LOCAL STEWARDSHIP?

### Summary Statement:

Create bridges between communities and advocate for those in need.

### At the End of March, Challenge Yourself to Say:

I made myself aware of local issues, and I took action to be the change I want to see within my community.

### In This Booklet:

We have countless opportunities to live out our faith right here in the Basilica neighborhood area. Use this resources to learn what it means to be a local steward and why this is an important element of our faith.

You will be exposed to issues our community has been struggling with for decades, issues that you are likely exposed to on a daily basis, but may not notice. Though the issues are great, community members and organizations are collaborating to make life better for all.

No matter what your involvement, great or small, you have the opportunity to change a situation, a life, a community, a city, and the world.

# WHY CREATE BRIDGES?

The mission of the Church is to **proclaim the good news, to celebrate the sacraments and to care for the needy**. As Catholics, we don't get to pick and choose among these commands; as we live out our lives, we must include all three.

During the Second Vatican Council, Catholic bishops expressed the conviction that we, as Catholics, are to "take on" the joys and hopes and the grief and anguish of our times. In other words, we are to **face the harsh realities of our times** and our community.

Below are some of the harsh realities of our time **in Minneapolis**.

What does it mean to "take on" these issues? The Catholic social teachings provide us with a focus in addressing these harsh realities. At the heart of all Catholic social teaching is the **dignity of human life**. This means that we measure every policy, every institution, and every action by whether it protects human life and enhances human dignity, **especially for the poor and vulnerable**.



Hands across the Northside event.

# 3,000

PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT IN HENNEPIN COUNTY.

# 1 in 3

HOMELESS WOMEN WITH CHILDREN HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

# 50%

OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ARE CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS.

When you find yourself thinking something like "those things don't happen here" or "those people are not my neighbors" or "those people are not like me" or "I don't know any of those people", remember Mother Teresa's words of wisdom: **"Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."**

# 1 in 4

HOMELESS MALES ARE US MILITARY VETERANS.

# 19th

MINNEAPOLIS RANKS

MOST VIOLENT CITY IN THE US, OUT OF 74 CITIES LARGER THAN 250,000 PEOPLE.

# 1 in 104

IS THE PROBABILITY THAT YOU WILL BE A VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME IN MINNEAPOLIS.

During this 2 month period of Local Stewardship, we challenge ourselves not only to open our eyes to the harsh realities of our time, but to recognize the power we have as individuals to combat these harsh realities, and to **take action** against them.

# END HOMELESSNESS

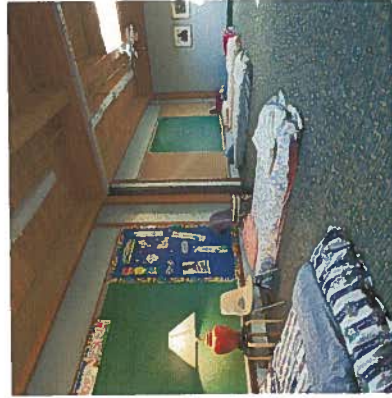
## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### Families Moving

#### Forward:

FMF is a program of Portico, an interfaith housing collaborative. The program consists of 43 hosting congregations throughout the Twin Cities providing overnight shelter, meals, and hospitality to up to 8 families every week of the year.

The Basilica of Saint Mary is a valued FMF partner, and is always looking for volunteers during the weeks in which we host families. We need volunteers to provide/serve meals, set up/take down the sleeping rooms, stay overnight with the families, and provide activities in the evening. For more information contact [mconroy2@comcast.net](mailto:mconroy2@comcast.net)



FMF lodging set-up

### Emerson North:

One of Portico's goals is to build Emerson North, a multi-family housing development on the Families Moving Forward site. They would redevelop their current FMF Program Center with better facilities to serve families and create affordable housing for families on upper floors.

### St. Vincent de Paul Ministries:

In 17th-century France, Vincent de Paul, with St. Louise de Marillac, served the sick and needy and organized countless local charities in the villages throughout France. These included founding institutions for abandoned children, opening soup kitchens, teaching young women to read, and improving prison conditions



St. Vincent de Paul Habitat Build

The Society of St. Vincent was founded in 1833, and today includes almost 900,000 members within 130 countries. The Society's purpose is to provide direct aid to those who suffer, and help individuals reduce and even eliminate the causes of their suffering themselves. Society members use their own resources, sharing not only possessions but the gift of their presence.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at The Basilica of Saint Mary includes Pathways, Shoe Ministry, Outreach Ministry, Food Ministries, and many other ways that we care for each other as a community. The Ministry depends on donations from parishioners and friends, 100% of which go directly to those we serve. Call **612-317-3419** to get involved.



St. Vincent de Paul Pathways

### CommonBond Communities:

CommonBond provides homes, hope, and community to 8,000 people who have low incomes. A hallmark of CommonBond is on-site services, providing pre-k readiness, youth mentoring, teen programs, adult career and employment programs, and more.

The Basilica is working with CommonBond to develop 50 units of new mixed-income/workforce rental housing units for families in North Minneapolis. The new housing will serve singles and families with children at 1926-2022 West Broadway. Look for details of a possible Summer 2013 ground-breaking! **Contact [DMillea@zelle.com](mailto:DMillea@zelle.com)** for more information.



Volunteers assist with landscaping

# END VIOLENCE ON THE NORTHSIDE

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### From Death to Life:

From Death to Life is an organization dedicated to ending violence through healing and reconciliation between families of victims and those who have caused harm. They offer support groups empowering parents to come to terms with the impact of homicide through emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical healing.

From Death To Life was founded by Mary Johnson in 2005, shortly before she came to forgive Oshea Israel, the young man who took her only son's life 12 years earlier. She now claims Oshea as her "spiritual son" and together they share their inspiring story of healing and reconciliation in the community. To learn more visit: [www.fromdeathtolife.us](http://www.fromdeathtolife.us)



End violence on the Northside

### Northside Achievement

#### Zone:

The mission of Northside Achievement Zone (NAZ) is to build a culture of achievement in a portion of North Minneapolis to ensure that all youth graduate from high school college-ready. They partner with schools, organizations, and families to significantly improve education and guarantee opportunities to support children from pre-birth to college.

Ways to get involved include sponsoring a one-time Family Night event, volunteering on a weekly basis, becoming a mentor, organize fundraisers, or become a financial contributor. For more info contact: [Jillian Kahn at jkahn@the-naz.org](mailto:Jillian.Kahn@jkahn@the-naz.org) (612) 521-4405 extension 211 or visit: <http://northsideachievement.org>



NAZ family night event

### St. Jane House:

The St. Jane House is a place of rest and delight in North Minneapolis, and part of the Visitation Ministry. It is a place for prayer, spiritual renewal, education, and community. **1403 Emerson Ave N Minneapolis, MN 55411**

### Alafia Place:

Alafia Place is a residence on the northside intended to strengthen and sustain leaders by providing affordable housing and opportunities for personal and professional development that help them grow initiatives designed to transform the quality of life on the northside of Minneapolis. To learn more visit: <http://www.alafiaplace.org/>



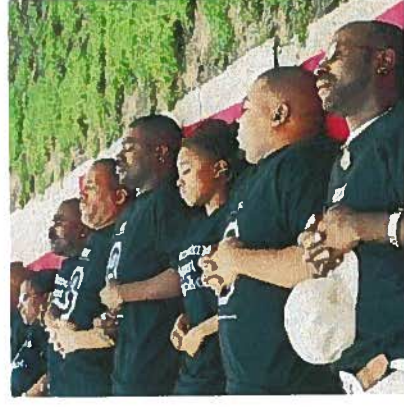
NAZ - future college graduates

### Protect MN:

Protect MN is an organization dedicated to working to end gun violence. Their focus is on education and working to prevent illegal access to guns. They support efforts such as requiring more consistent background checks for gun sales and transfer, and getting assault weapons and high-capacity magazines out of circulation. For more information visit [www.protectmn.org](http://www.protectmn.org)

### MAD DADS:

The mission of MAD DADS is to encourage, motivate, and guide committed men in the struggle to save children, communities and themselves from the social ills that presently plague neighborhoods, such as gang violence and illegal drug dealing. For more info contact: **(612) 822-0802**



Protect MN demonstration

# ADVOCATE FOR THOSE IN NEED

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Did You Know :**  
**a few**  
**calls**

**OR EMAILS ON AN ISSUE CAN**  
**MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE**  
**just like**  
**you**

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO**  
**APPROACH THEM**



DCEH Advocacy training  
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**Office for Social Justice:**  
 A facet of Catholic Charities in the Twin Cities, OSJ advocates for issues that can help individuals and families reach their full human potential and calls for justice in the community. [www.osjspm.org](http://www.osjspm.org)

**Joint Religious Legislative Coalition:**  
 Guided by God's vision of the common good as reflected in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions, JRLC mobilizes religious communities to influence public policy in Minnesota. [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org)

**MN Catholic Conference:**  
 MN Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota. [www.mncc.org](http://www.mncc.org)



JRLC Day on the Hill

**DCEH:**  
 Basilica is a founding member of this effective collaborative. The mission is to engage all 16 interfaith congregations and communities in the work to end homelessness. [www.dceh.org](http://www.dceh.org)

**MN Coalition for the Homeless:**  
 The Coalition's mission is to generate policies, community support, and local resources for housing and services to end homelessness in Minnesota. [www.mnhomelesscoalition.org](http://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org)

**Catholic Charities**  
 Catholic Charities work encompasses charity and justice—providing programs for children, families and adults, as well as organizing a call for justice in the



Code Red

community through Advocacy efforts. To get involved, go to <http://cctwincities.org>.

**St. Stephen's Human Services:**

St. Stephens is a leader in our community, founded with a mission to end homelessness through programming that includes housing opportunities, employment support, emergency services and outreach, and systems change. To get involved, visit <http://ststephensmpls.org>.

**Basilica Voices For Justice:**  
 BVFJ Network offers a framework for parishioners to get learn about and get involved in important local issues, and to use their voice for justice. To get involved, call **612-317-3477**.



Visitation sisters vote on the Northside  
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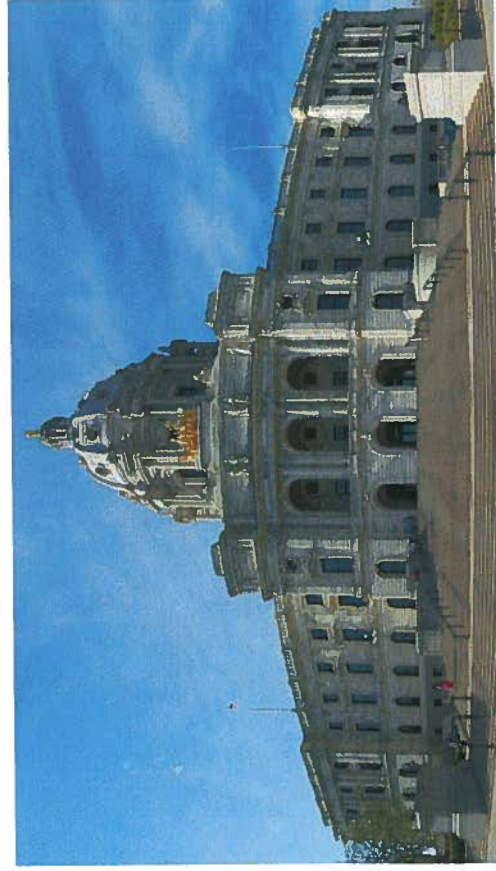
# CONTINUUM OF ADVOCACY

As we learn about the experience of people who are living, literally, right next door to The Basilica in North Minneapolis, and as we understand more deeply the reality of homelessness in our community, we are faced with the question: **What can I do?**

As a Catholic Christian, we are challenged to move from feelings of powerlessness to **embracing our power and making a change** in the realities of our communities. There are many ways to get involved through charity and direct service. But there is another important facet to our action: **Advocacy!**

Advocacy is often thought of in terms of communicating with your elected official—through letter writing, visits, and phone calls. While this communication is important, advocacy can be understood in a more robust and dynamic way.

The non-linear journey of advocacy can be lived out through many different actions. All actions are valuable, and lead to **the goal of justice**. Consider the ways you would like to grow in competency and strength:



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1. Begin with **educating yourself**. Find experience in direct service volunteer work.
2. Move out of your comfort zone, and **speak to others** about what you learn, your volunteer work and experience.
3. Consider **joining others** in rallies for issues of justice.
4. **Write a letter** to the editor about your experience.
5. Use Social Media to **spread the word**.
6. **Build capacity** around issues to **inform others**.
7. **Organize** a meeting, book club, or event of some kind to help others learn about the issues and **take action**.
8. Become active in the **political process**, guided by your faith and commitment to the common good.
9. Become a **trusted source**/serve in elected office.

Find what is right for you as you grow in your capacity to transform the social order, in light of the Gospel of love!



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# EVENTS

## AT THE BASILICA & WITH PARTNERS

### Downtown Choral Festival

**Sunday, February 10, 2013**  
2:00pm

Basilica Sanctuary & seven other downtown church choirs, join in an ecumenical choral festival. Free admission.

### Movies with Jane

St. Jane House

**Feb. 21** at 6pm: movie "1 Am"

**March 25** a 1pm: movie "The Way"  
RSVP to [stjanehouse@gmail.com](mailto:stjanehouse@gmail.com)

### Healthcare Forum

**Sunday, March 3, 2013**

1:00-2:30pm

Basilica lower level

### Parish Retreat:

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**

8:30-12 noon

Basilica lower level

Faith: The Multi-Stage Journey into the Meaning and Mystery. No cost: Register at [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org)

### Mental Health Ministry

An Afternoon with Dave Wellstone: Reflections Looking Back and Forward

**Sunday, March 10, 2013**

1:00 - 3:00pm

Teresa of Calcutta

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### Employment Ministry Interviewing for Success

**Tuesday, February 12**

7:00 - 9:00pm

Basilica Teresa of Calcutta  
RSVP required to Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org)

### Myer Briggs Testing Instrument

**Tuesday, February 26**

7:00 - 9:00pm

Basilica Rectory Dining Room  
RSVP required to Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org)

### Where is God When It Hurts?

**Sundays, March 3, 10, 17**

11:00-12:30pm

Basilica St. Ambrose Room

Presented by David Penschansky, Ph.D. Registration necessary: 612-317-3414 \$20 cost.

### Employment Ministry

Making and Maintaining Social Connections

**Tuesday, March 19**

6:30 - 8:00pm

Basilica Teresa of Calcutta  
RSVP to Janet Grove at 612-317-3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org)

### Following the Spirit:

#### Discernment Series

Visitation Monastery of Minneapolis

**Mondays: Feb. 25th, March 25th, April 22nd, May 20th**  
7-9pm.

Designed to provide tools to help discern or recognize the next steps in your life. e-mail Melissa at [queenmab31@yahoo.com](mailto:queenmab31@yahoo.com) for more info and to RSVP.

#### Peace Dinners

**4th Tuesday of every month**

6-8pm

Church of the Ascension School Cafeteria

### St. Jane House Daily Prayer

7am Morning Prayer:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri

8:15pm Nightly Prayer

**Call for locations: 612-521-6113**

### From Death To Life

#### Prayer Walk

**June 8, 2013, 9:30am-11am**

Since 2003 this annual event has brought people together to reclaim Northside neighborhoods and streets for peace. Through prayer, song and their presence, the walkers spread a vision of hope and healing throughout the community.

### Brotherhood Inc

**Sunday, March 10, 2013**

5:45-7:00pm

Basilica lower level

Come to learn about an initiative to move young men from gangs to employment in the Twin Cities.

### St. Jane House

#### Mass with Sisters

**8am Wednesdays**

call or e-mail for locations: [maryfranreis@aol.com](mailto:maryfranreis@aol.com)

### From Death To Life Code Red

1-2pm on the **2nd Saturday of each month** on west Broadway across from the Cub.

### Families Moving Forward

The Basilica's next FMF hosting week is **June 16-23**

# PRAYER & REFLECTION

## Centering Prayer:

**7:30am Wednesdays**

**10:am Fridays**

St. Basil the Great Room  
Ground Level of Church

## Visio Divina:

**10:45 - 11:30am Sundays**

**Feb 17 - March 17**

St. Basil the Great Room  
Ground Level of Church

## Friday Evenings

### in Lent:

**5:30pm** Mass

Saint Joseph Chapel

**6:00pm** Soup Supper

Teresa of Calcutta Hall

**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross  
Basilica Church

## Taize Prayer:

**Tuesday, Feb 12**

**5:30pm**

Saint Joseph Chapel

**Tuesday, March 26**

**5:30pm**

Teresa of Calcutta Hall

## Retreat:

Entering into Holy Week with  
Christ

**Saturday, March 23**

**8:30 - 10:00am**

Rectory Dining Room

## Spiritual Direction:

Honestly and openly seek  
God together, in confidential  
conversation. Call **612-317-3477**

## Mass of Anointing:

**Saturday, March 2**

**10:30am** Mass

Saint Joseph Chapel

## Suggested Readings:

Love your fellow Christians always. Do not neglect to show hospitality, for by that means some have entertained angels without knowing it. Be as mindful of prisoners as if you were sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as yourselves ...  
-Hebrews 13: 1-3

Matthew 5: 1-10

The beatitudes

Deuteronomy 10: 17-19

The Lord's Majesty

Psalms 145: 8-19

The Greatness and Goodness of God

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

Thanksgiving After Affliction

# CLOSING PRAYER

God of Justice and Peace,

I dare to pray: Lord, let our community be changed,

For I long to see the end of poverty;

I dare to pray: Lord, let the rules be changed,

For I long to see our economic structures bring justice to the poor;

I dare to pray: Lord, let my life be changed,

Give me the courage and determination to join with others in seeing grace in every human face.

Trouble our consciences when they need to be troubled.

I ask simply, Lord, that you give me your heart.

Fill me with your compassion,

Give me your eyes to see, give me your boldness and selflessness and wisdom.

Help me to recognize the talents that you have given me.

In the strength of your spirit

And inspired by your compassion,

I make this promise to work for change,

And wait confidently for the day

When you make all things new

And those that weep will rejoice.

Amen

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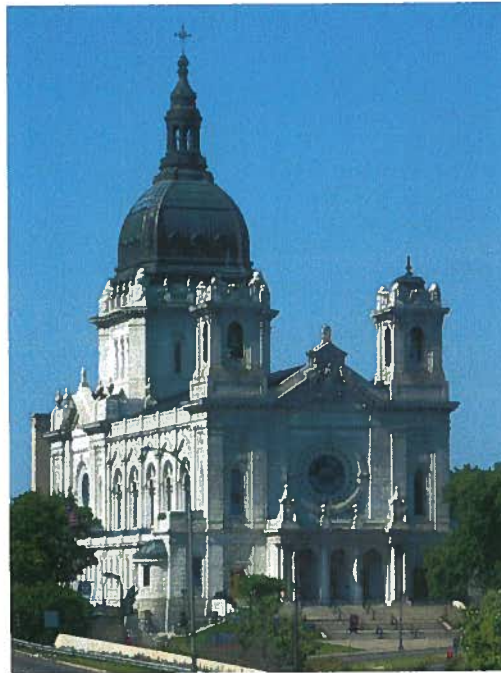
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Wilder Research

City of Minneapolis Website

FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program



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## **Mass Times**

### **Saint Joseph Chapel**

Monday - Friday

7:00am and Noon

### **The Basilica**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am,

4:30pm, 6:30pm

# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

