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THE SCIENCE OF HOPE
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“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
FROM THE PASTOR

Fr. John M. Bauer
Pastor
The Basilica of Saint Mary

It has always been a mystery to me why some priests and bishops seem to find it necessary to make public statements or make public appearances that align themselves with—or worse—seem to endorse a particular political party or a specific candidate. As leaders in the Church, our role is to advocate for Catholic values and principles, not to endorse particular parties or candidates. Unfortunately, when you listen to some clerics, it almost seems as if the Catholic Church is a wholly owned subsidiary of one major political party or the other.

As a Church we articulate and teach moral rights and principles. We then apply these moral principles to specific issues and situations. It is not an exact science, but it does help people to discern and inform their consciences as they decide which candidate(s) to support. Unfortunately, because we apply our moral teachings to a wide array of issues, Catholics often face difficult choices about how to vote. How do we make these difficult choices?

In their 2007 statement, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” the bishops of the United States put it this way: “A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, such as abortion or racism if the voters intent is to support that position. In such cases, a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate’s opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity” (Faithful Citizenship #34).

In a later version of Faithful Citizenship, the bishops highlight eleven acts that they say are intrinsically immoral: (1) abortion, (2) euthanasia, (3) human cloning, (4) embryonic stem cell research, (5) genocide, (6) torture, (7) wartime targeting of non-combatants, (8) racism, (9) treating workers as mere ends (e.g., subjecting them to subhuman living conditions), (10) treating the poor as disposable, and (11) same-sex marriage. Numerous voters’ guides put out by various Catholic groups tend to emphasize certain priorities from this list. In point of fact, though, “All the life issues are connected, for erosion of respect for the life of any individual or group in society necessarily diminishes respect for all life. The moral imperative to respond to the needs of our neighbor—basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work—is universally binding on our consciences and may be legitimately fulfilled by a variety of means” (Faithful Citizenship #25).

Clearly neither of the major political parties or candidates supports all the moral positions of the Catholic Church in regard to a consistent ethic of life. There is no “perfect fit” for Catholics in regard to a political party or candidate. “There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate’s unacceptable position, even on policies promoting an intrinsically evil act, may reasonably decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons” (Faithful Citizenship #35).

So where does this leave us? Well, I would suggest four things.

First, everyone, and perhaps most especially Catholics in leadership positions, needs to tone down their rhetoric and turn up their Christian charity. If we are to convince people of the rightness of our beliefs, increasing the volume and invective of our words is not the answer. If our words and actions don’t come from a place of love and respect, it will soon be obvious that treating people, particularly those with whom we

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disagree, with dignity, decency, and respect is not an essential part of our Christian beliefs. I think Jesus would weep at this.

**Second**, everyone, and perhaps most especially Catholics in leadership positions, need to stop judging others. In this regard, in a recent homily Cardinal Blasé Cupich of Chicago said: “There should never be a time or a moment in which we judge others and their faith journey and say that a person is not Christian enough or Catholic enough.” Jesus was clear about not judging others. I think we need to take his words seriously.

**Third**, Catholics need to form their consciences. In regard to conscience The Second Vatican Council was clear: “Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, tells him inwardly at the right moment: do this, shun that. For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. His dignity lies in observing this law, and by it he will be judged” (Pastoral Constitution on The Church in the Modern World #16).

Our conscience, however, is more than just what one thinks or feels at a particular moment. Our conscience must be formed. In 2017, Pope Francis speaking in a video message to a conference organized by Italian bishops on his 2016 document on family life, “Amoris Laetitia,” said "The contemporary world risks confusing the primacy of conscience, which must always be respected, with the exclusive autonomy of an individual with respect to his or her relations." Pope Francis also said, though: "priests must inform Catholic consciences but not replace them.”

How does one form a conscience? We do it through prayerful discernment, dialogue with others, study of our Church’s teachings, spending time in reflection, and by being open to God’s grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Fourth**, and most importantly, everyone—and perhaps most especially Catholics in leadership positions, needs to pray—and pray long and hard. I am fond of saying that in my own life I have found that prayer changes things, and the thing that it changes the most is me. When we pray and are open to God’s grace, we can’t help but be kinder, more charitable, more accepting, more respectful, and especially more loving.

When we inform our consciences, pray, and ask for the guidance of God’s Spirit—and if we are open to that Spirit—I believe we will make wise and good choices when we go to the polls.

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

Since 1995 I have proudly displayed a small ceramic depiction of the Benedictine abbey of Clervaux in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in my home. When I was young, our family would attend Sunday Mass in Clervaux during our annual August holiday nearby. I went there on numerous retreats and I have always felt God’s presence in that place. Before moving to the USA in 1995 I made a last pilgrimage to Clervaux. That is when I bought the small ceramic image of the abbey. I have treasured it as a precious memento ever since.

A few years ago a friend accidentally broke it. I was not a happy camper to say the least. I knew it was just an inexpensive little piece but it carried much memories. Feeling badly, my friend asked for some glue which I reluctantly gave to him. He painstakingly glued the fragments together and returned the piece to me. The scars of the breakage are quite visible and yet, the ceramic seems more beautiful, more complex, more complete than before. It now bears the marks of friendship and it has become a telling metaphor of healing brokenness.

Reflecting on my friend’s efforts to refashion that which was broken reminded me of the ancient Japanese art form, of Kintsugi. Using gold and silver, Japanese artists have made an art out of repairing shattered pottery creating something new, more complex, and more beautiful.

Kintsugi is not only an art form it is also a lifestyle which seeks to repair that which is broken. We are all broken in some way; we are all in need of repair, of healing. While at the same time, we are the silver or gold God uses, to mend broken lives, relationship, and even society. This resonates beautifully with our Christian ideals as we are called to heal that which is broken in ourselves, in our relationships and in our world.

Whenever I look at my broken and repaired ceramic of Clervaux, I think of myself, broken, but repaired by God who uses all of you to do so. I think of my relationships, broken, yet repaired by God who uses all of us to do so. And I think of our broken world desperately in need of healing by God, using all of us to make it so. God is the artist and we are the gold used to heal our broken world.

Our world is suffering so much brokenness and it seems like some people are keen on keeping it thus or making it worse. As Christians we are called to do the opposite. We must bring healing and wholeness back to our world, repairing the shattered shards thus making us one again, bearing the marks of our struggle as caution and encouragement for the future.

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LITURGY

ALL LITURGIES ARE LIVESTREAMED UNLESS NOTED.
*PRE-REGISTRATION ON MARY.ORG IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE LITURGIES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH EXCEPTION OF THE 7:00AM WEEKDAY MASS.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS*
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Live stream Mass: 9:30am, public worship: 11:30am and 4:30pm.

EVENING PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS*
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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 27.

REQUIEM MASS ON THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS*
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, NOON, BASILICA

TAIZÉ PRAYER WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 5:30PM, BASILICA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5:30PM, BASILICA*
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 5:30PM, BASILICA

FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 10:00AM-NOON
ZOOM PRESENTATION
For more information, contact Mark Wyss at mwyss@mary.org or call 612.317.3410. Registration is required at mary.org.

VESPER FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING*
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 3:00PM, BASILICA
Members of the Schola Cantorum

THANKSGIVING DAY*
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
10:30am Eucharist, Basilica
There is no 7:00am or Noon Mass this day.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
7:00am Eucharist, Basilica
No Noon Mass. 7:00am is not livestreamed.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER*
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 3:00PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 3:00PM, BASILICA
Members of The Basilica Schola Cantorum

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS OF ADVENT, 9:15AM
Please find the Zoom link at mary.org or Facebook.
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
7:00AM EUCHARIST, BASILICA (NOT LIVESTREAMED)
NOON: EUCHARIST, BASILICA*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE*
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, BI-LINGUAL MASS 4:30PM, BASILICA

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
LIVESTREAM MASS: 9:30AM, PUBLIC WORSHIP: 11:30AM AND 4:30PM
On Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, you are invited to bring your baby Jesus to The Basilica if you have registered for Mass or place the baby Jesus in front of your screen for a special blessing.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS
Please help us beautify The Basilica this Christmas and livestream our Masses. Envelopes will be available or you can give online at mary.org/donate. For names to be listed in the Christmas leaflet, submissions must be made by end of day, December 18.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
The Christmas celebration liturgies will have limited attendance for social distancing. The attendance request form will be available online the first week of December. Visit mary.org for more details.

THE EVE OF THE BIRTH OF THE LORD*
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
3:00pm  Vigil Eucharist (livestream)
5:30pm  Vigil Eucharist (livestream)
8:00pm  Vigil Eucharist
Midnight  Solemn Eucharist (livestream)

THE BIRTH OF THE LORD*
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30am  Eucharist at Dawn
9:30am  Solemn Eucharist (livestream)
Noon  Solemn Eucharist
4:30pm  Eucharist
There is no 6:30pm Mass.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
5:00pm  Mass of Anticipation
There is no Sacrament of Confession.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
7:30am  Eucharist
9:30am  Solemn Eucharist (livestream)
11:30am  Solemn Eucharist
4:30pm  Eucharist
There is no 6:30pm Mass.

EVENING PRAYER DURING CHRISTMASTIDE*
HOLY FAMILY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 3:00PM, BASILICA
EPHPHANY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 3:00PM, BASILICA
BAPTISM OF THE LORD: JANUARY 10, 3:00PM, BASILICA

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD*
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021, 10:30AM
BASILICA
There is no 7:00am or Noon Mass.

MASS ON THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY*
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021
BASILICA
Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30am.
There will be no 7:00am or Noon Mass. Basilica Campus and Offices are closed.

SACRED ART EXHIBITS
26TH ANNUAL ICON FESTIVAL
EXHIBIT: NOVEMBER 1-22
Some of the Icons from The Basilica’s collection will be displayed in the sanctuary. Additional Icons will be featured on mary.org.

PEACE ON EARTH CRÈCHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD
DECEMBER 1-JANUARY 15
Part of The Basilica’s collection will be displayed in the undercroft. Some will also be shown on mary.org to view virtually.

CONCERTS
For many years we have hosted a number of concerts in November and December for local music groups. Some of them are offering virtual concerts this year. Please visit their websites.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR
nlca.com

SAINT PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
thespco.org

THE SINGERS
singersmca.org

MINNESOTA SINFONIA
mnsinfonia.org

VOCALESCENCE
vocalescence.org
ADULT LEARNING

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On November 21 at the 9:30am Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome. In this Rite, adults who will become Catechumens, will be welcomed and accepted into The Basilica community.

The Code of Canon Law states:
“After a period of pre-catechumenate has elapsed, persons who have manifested a willingness to embrace faith in Christ are to be admitted to the catechumenate in liturgical ceremonies and their names are to be registered in a book destined for this purpose. Through instruction and an apprenticeship in the Christian life, catechumens are suitably to be initiated into the mystery of salvation and introduced to the life of faith, liturgy, charity of the people of God and the apostolate.”

As a community, we welcome those who will be preparing for their initiation into the Christian faith by baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. Also, adults who are already one with us by baptism will celebrate confirmation and Eucharist and thereby enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

By the choice these adults are making, they are united already with the Church and under the influence of the Holy Spirit. As a community we cherish and care for them and pray for their journey. As they join our community, we all are strengthened through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to learn more about RCIA please contact Cathy Edwards at cedwards@mary.org.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to all of our dedicated catechists, room assistants, hall/room monitors who are working to make our programs excellent.

BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM
TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL, LOWER LEVEL

Please email bya@mary.org if you would like to join us. For everyone’s health and safety during this time of COVID-19, we will do a quick health screening and temperature check and take down participant’s information for potential contact tracing purposes.
**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00AM ZOOM**

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. For more information call the Learning office at 612.317.3414. Please register online at mary.org.

The Basilica celebrates the children who received First Eucharist in September:

Marie Guettler • Nina Ackerman-Krueger • Sylvia Meagher
Evelyn Hillesheim • Rosalyn Hjelm • Ansley Kasica • Emerson Kasica
Karina Kreslins • Nadiya Garcia Schockency • Freya Hegerle • Kate Mechtel
Liliana Muñoz • Liliana Muzzio • Emilia Ortiz • Adleah Overton
Will Tuss • Remy Wang

Congratulations to the adults and youth who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 27:

Charlie Wagner • Megan Stuart • John Stuart • Gabriel Schmidt
Katrina Neviniski • Lauren Collins • Seth Flahaven • Lanny Niemi
Sean Dwyer • Josh Roberts • Ashina Jayan

The Basilica welcomes the children who received the Sacrament of Baptism on October 11:

Lana Pearl Do • Avery Elizabeth Chalupsky • Rohan Christopher Koep
Logan Thomas Stotesbery • van William Stotesbery • Elliot Jay Payne
Graham Lucas Sundstrom

**BASILICA YES**

**YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE**

We will be meeting virtually this year. All youth in Grades 11-12 who would like to join us are welcome. We focus on making the world a better place. We believe that small acts of kindness DO make a difference in our world. If you are interested in being part of this social and service group, please contact Christine Moore at cmoore@mary.org. Our group meets a few times a quarter on Sunday nights.

**FROM POPE FRANCIS’ ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI:**

54. “Despite these dark clouds, which may not be ignored, I would like in the following pages to take up and discuss many new paths of hope. For God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realize that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious... They understood that no one is saved alone.”

**A PRAYER FOR OUR UNCERTAIN TIMES**

All Mighty God,
May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.
Amen.

- Written by Rev. Dr. William J Barber II
FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Power of Prayer

We are living in remarkable times, facing incredible challenges. Division in our society is rampant. A poll commissioned by Braver Angels, an organization that seeks to depolarize American politics, shows a large number of Americans fear violence—even civil war—as they anticipate results of the election. Across society, there is a lack of trust and good will.

Humanity has seen division and dangerous tension before. In April 2006, The Basilica welcomed Bishop Anthony Lobo from Islamabad, Pakistan. At that time, Pakistan and India were involved in a serious dispute over Kashmir, the northernmost geographical region of the Indian subcontinent: Two nuclear powers facing off, each trying to gain the upper hand and control the land.

As I spoke with Bishop Lobo back in 2006, I listened with awe about living among divisions so deep and hatred so thick, it brought two communities to the brink of nuclear war. Innocently, I asked Bishop Lobo, “How do you handle it? How do you stay positive and hopeful?” I’ll never forget his answer. He said, “Janice, I believe in the power of prayer.”

How deeply do we believe in prayer? How committed are we to pray, individually and collectively, and let go?

Pope Francis stated, “Prayer is powerful because it attracts the power of God, and God’s power always gives life, always...The many men and women who pray sow life.” Even the smallest prayer, even the sign of the cross, is a statement that God is in charge.

Through prayer, mystery and miracles happen. Touched by God’s presence, we are changed—empowered to boldly act in love, even among hatred and evil. And Pope Francis pushes us further, inviting us to be part of a “remnant of humanity that has not adapted to the law of the strongest, but asks God to do miracles and, especially, to transform our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh.”

Let us find many ways to pray, trusting God’s love will do miracles. Even if we do not see the way forward, we can believe God is present. Let us be part of this transformation.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Basilica Immigrant Support Ministry assists refugees, asylum seekers and those facing deportation by partnering with community organizations, fostering long-term relationships, offering financial assistance and other support. It provides education and advocacy on behalf of those we serve. Consider joining teams to accompany families who are migrants in our community. If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Betsy at eframsey@comcast.net.

Circle of Welcome Teams supports families who are refugees, as they build new lives in our community. Support includes welcoming at the airport on the day of their arrival to accompanying them over the first year of their lives in MN. The Basilica partners with Lutheran Social Services in this work.

Asylum Accompany Teams partner with Advocates for Human Rights to support families who are seeking asylum in the United States. These teams walk with families seeking asylum, assisting in basic life transitions such as finding housing, employment, and education.

Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) AID offers volunteer teams an opportunity to walk with individuals who have relatives held in detention. When a person is picked up by Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) they may be the main breadwinner in the family, leaving the family with limited resources to carry on. This team helps connect the family to legal services, school enrollment, social services and provides financial aid for basic needs.

MANAGING STRESS AND BUILDING RESILIENCY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:00-8:00PM, ZOOM

Are you stressed out or bored with work or life? Both conditions create the same response: a lack of energy to do anything! The Basilica Employment Ministry and To Find Your Fit have partnered to present this free virtual webinar. Come learn proven stress management techniques to improve your productivity and get back on track towards achieving your goals. Let’s do this. To learn more, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org or visit mary.org. Registration required.

ZOOM: THEOLOGICAL ROOTS OF NATIONALISM

THURSDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 6:30-8:00PM, ZOOM

Nazism has become a byword for unspeakable evil. In its rise to power, this was not always so clear. A German people made desperate by military defeat, political paralysis, and economic crisis, were open to Hitler’s promises to make Germany great again. In this six-part, online lecture series led by Dr. Michael Hollerich (Theology Professor at the University of St. Thomas), we will explore how a fragile democracy was replaced by a dictatorship, how nationalism helped both Catholics and Protestants to rationalize their collaboration, and what their experience can teach us about nationalism’s challenges today. For more information or to sign up for any or all of the six sessions, visit mary.org or contact Janice at jandersen@mary.org.

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ANNUAL ADVENT BLESSING AND VIRTUAL PRESENTATION:
THE SCIENCE OF HOPE WITH DR. HENRY EMMONS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:30-7:30PM, ZOOM

We are living through a stressful, chaotic time. Stress-related disorders, including anxiety and depression, have never been more prevalent. Maintaining a healthy mind, a steady mood and an open heart have never been more important. What can we do to restore resilience and serenity, and to protect ourselves from the many faces of stress?

The Basilica Disability Awareness, Employment, and Mental Health Ministries invite you to a virtual presentation following the Annual Advent Blessing via Zoom:

5:30pm  Annual Advent Blessing with Father John Bauer
6:00pm  The Science of Hope: Blending New Science and Ancient Wisdom to Sustain a Healthy Mind, Mood and Heart

Blending neuroscience with wisdom traditions, we will explore what it takes to cultivate inner calm and joy, and to hold onto authentic hope through difficult times. Henry Emmons, MD, is a psychiatrist who integrates mind-body and natural therapies, mindfulness and neuroscience into his clinical work. He practices with Partners in Resilience in Minneapolis, and is a co-founder of NaturalMentalHealth.com, offering trusted information and holistic products to help individuals of all ages build their resilience and rediscover joy. Henry is the author of The Chemistry of Joy, The Chemistry of Calm, and Staying Sharp, and is in demand as a workshop and retreat leader for both healthcare professionals and the general public. Registration required for this free webinar at mary.org. For more information, contact Janet Grove at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

THE BASILICA’S GRIEF MINISTRY

“As I have come to know that grieving never goes away but colors into a special place in your heart that you carry with you.”—Ben Whitney, Basilica parishioner, reflecting on the death of his mother 35 years ago.

Our Emmaus Grief Ministers are dedicated to supporting, accompanying, and walking with Basilica parishioners who have lost a loved one. Volunteering out of the Caring Ministries Office, they send handwritten notes of support in the mail at various intervals throughout the first year after a death, and on the anniversary of a death for the first three years. It is a beautiful ministry of care that a volunteer can do on her or his own, at home. It requires compassion for those grieving, and an ability to stay organized. We are in need of more volunteers willing to serve in this ministry; would you prayerfully consider helping? Training provided, currently virtually. Contact Wendy at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org if you want to join the ministry.

Additionally, if a death happens to someone close to you, please let Wendy in the Caring Ministries office know so you can be supported in what feels right: by the Grief Ministry, by the Prayer Line, with a Basilica Prayer Shawl, with an Emmaus Listening Minister or by the weekly meetings of the Downtown Coalition for Grief Support.

EMMAUS LISTENING MINISTERS:
“HERE TO HEAR”

You don’t have to walk alone in times of difficulty or transition. Our trained listening ministers offer a one-on-one compassionate presence in a confidential setting for you to share what’s on your mind or heart. No matter the stress or the issue in your life, we’re here to hear you. No paperwork, no co-pays, just a person to sit quietly as you unpack all that is going on within. Volunteer listeners are available to meet once or more than once. Curious or want to know more about the Emmaus Listening Ministry? Call or email Wendy at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Presented by The Basilica of Saint Mary Mental Health Ministry, Nora McInerny held a Zoom Webinar with nearly 300 people from The Basilica community and from across the country and Canada. McInerny is a national treasure through her Ted Talks, podcasts, and books. She spoke about her book, No Happy Endings: A Memoir. Many thanks to all who helped put this event together during Covid-19, especially Basilica Staff: Janet Grove, Wendy Caduff, Lucy Sorensen, Mae Desaire, Emily Broeffle, Kris McBride, and R.J. Watson; and the Emmaus Ministry, Pamela K. Horn and Valley Booksellers of Stillwater, Minnesota.

PRAYER LINE

Have you ever found yourself promising to pray for someone when they are hurting? What would it be like to pray for people you don’t know? Each week, a list of names and intentions are compiled and emailed out to those who have the ministry of praying for the needs of others. Prayer is powerful! If you want in on this ministry, let Wendy know in the Caring Ministries Office by emailing her at wcaduff@mary.org and if you have a prayer need of your own, submit your prayer request at: mary.org/prayerrequests.

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS: MENTORING, ACHIEVING, GROWING

Consider being part of the one-on-one mentoring ministry with students at Minneapolis College. The students we match are working hard to complete their education while they struggle with homelessness and poverty. Partnering with a student experiencing these issues invites us to bridge a cultural divide and transforms both the student and the mentor. This year, we are starting a mentor/student cohort for the spring semester of the school year. Making necessary adjustments required for living through a global pandemic, we seek to support the students as fully as possible. If you would like to learn more or discuss becoming a mentor for the spring semester, please email andersen@mary.org or call 612.317.3477.
DEPARTMENT UPDATE

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we remain ever-grateful for the support we continue to receive from our parish community. This year we have adapted, pivoted, and adjusted what it means to be a modern church. While so much has changed, we remain dedicated to our mission of serving each other and our greater community.

One way we ask you to serve our community is by supporting The Basilica Fund, which accounts for 79% of our operating budget and funds our liturgies, ministries, and programs. As we continue to gather virtually or with social distancing, we ask you to consider a recurring electronic gift; taking the time to inform us of your giving plans offers the parish the most financial stability and allows us to make informed budget decisions throughout the year. Your gift is more important than ever and will sustain the work of our vibrant parish. You can set up yours at mary.org/give or by calling Stephanie at 612.317.3472.

As this year comes to a close, we ask you to make a Christmas gift to The Basilica. December is our largest financial month of the year, due to the incredible generosity at our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Christmas gifts can be made at mary.org/christmasgift. While the future remains unpredictable, the spirit of Christmas is felt each day through The Basilica community—united in our shared faith and hope for the future. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

No matter what brings you to The Basilica, virtually or in-person, and wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE BASILICA

As the celebration of the birth of Christ approaches, we invite you to consider a special gift to support our Advent and Christmas liturgies, and all The Basilica’s ministries throughout the year. Make a gift at mary.org/christmasgift.

GIFT DEADLINES FOR 2020 TAX CREDIT

In order to receive a tax deductible credit for 2020, checks must be postmarked by Thursday, December 31. Online gifts need to be received by midnight on December 31. The Basilica offices are closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.

THE BASILICA LANDMARK

This year, The Basilica Landmark has funded the critical yearly tuck-pointing maintenance on the church façade. Replacing the mortar between the stones will help keep the building water-tight to protect our revered interior space. We thank all those who made a gift to make this project possible.

If you would like to make a year-end gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund, the deadline to submit gifts to receive a tax deductible credit for 2020 is Thursday, December 31. You can make a gift at thebasilicalandmark.org/give.

THE BASILICA FUND

WE WELCOME YOU WHEREVER YOU ARE

For more than a century, The Basilica has been a place to gather and grow in faith. This remains true, as our ministries are still going strong in these ever-changing times.

We invite you to establish an electronic recurring gift to The Basilica Fund. Recurring giving allows us to budget for the year ahead and electronic giving means less paper and lower administrative costs, enabling your contribution to go further. To set up your gift, please visit mary.org/give or contact Stephanie at 612.317.3472. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our Parish and programming.

JOIN THE LEGACY SOCIETY

Have you considered a legacy gift to The Basilica Landmark? By giving a legacy gift, you can help preserve and restore our church and its campus for generations to come. Planned giving is for anyone, regardless of age, income level or assets. Strategies for making a planned gift can be tailored to meet a broad range of goals and circumstances.

For more information on the Landmark Legacy Society, please contact Monica at 612.317.3429 or mstuart@mary.org.
FROM THE PASTOR

THE ART OF PREACHING

Many years ago I used to give a talk to seminarians about taking responsibility for their spiritual growth after their ordination. One of the recommendations I offered them was that when they prepared their homilies each week they spend some time reflecting on the scriptures for the coming Sunday with some of their parishioners.

My reasoning was that the scriptures—as the inspired word of God—speak to each person differently. I reminded them that as celibate males it can be helpful to hear how the scriptures speak to women, to those who are married, and those of different ages. I also told them that over the years, I have been continually and pleasantly surprised—and often humbled—by the insights and wisdom of parishioners as they shared how a particular scriptural passage spoke to them. I always closed by telling them that it was the height of foolishness and hubris for a priest, deacon, or bishop to think that in preparing a homily they can’t benefit from the insights of others.

Now, I know most people reading this column aren’t preparing to become preachers. But you do participate in the homily each week, by listening to it and reflecting on how it affects or reflects your life. Given this, your insights are important and can provide a grounding in reality for the homilist.

I would hope parishioners would feel confident and comfortable enough to let a preacher know when he has missed the mark and failed to tie the homily to your lived experience. A good preacher can learn from feedback from his parishioners. That doesn’t mean just telling a priest his homily was “good” or “bad.” Instead it may involve telling the priest about a specific point that resonated with you or raising a question about something you didn’t understand.

Preaching is an art not a science. Preparing a homily takes time and effort, and an openness to God’s grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In my experience, however, priests often face three major pitfalls in regard to preaching. 1. Superficiality; 2. Splitting; and 3. Spilling. Let me say a word about each of these.

Superficiality occurs when the preacher spouts glib bromides and tired maxims instead of taking the time to do background reading and research, prayerful reflection on the scriptures, and welcoming and listening to the insights of others. It may be easy to be sweet and sugary in preaching, but the people in the pews deserve better.

Splitting occurs when the preacher tells people how they should live and act, but isn’t living and acting that way himself. In its worst form, this has occurred with abusive priests, but it also occurs when a preacher is telling people to be good, kind, forgiving, generous and loving, and isn’t doing this in his own life. People pick up on this almost immediately. It takes a certain amount of humility to be able to say: We need to do these things and I struggle with them in my own life. This is a vital aspect of preaching.

Spilling in preaching is perhaps the worst offense for preachers. Spilling occurs when a preacher decides to talk about their personal issues, or uses the pulpit to express his own opinion on a political issue. For example, when I was growing up I remember hearing a homily on the evils of chlorinated water. I also have heard priests preach about how poorly they have been treated by people in their parish.

To this day, I have no idea where these priests found these themes in the scriptures, but nonetheless they preached on them. These are good examples of spilling. At base, spilling is an abuse of the power of the pulpit. The person who is spilling may use the scriptures as a springboard, but in reality all they are doing is using the pulpit to promote their own ideas and agenda. It is always and everywhere, wrong.

The power of preaching is not to deliver holy truth from on high, but to connect people’s everyday experience with the extraordinary experience and presence of God. Preparing and giving a homily should be an opportunity and an occasion for spiritual growth. Most priests I know take preaching very seriously and work hard at it. I suspect, though, that there have been times when we have all been guilty of superficiality, splitting, or spilling. And unfortunately, some do this on a regular basis. One of the best ways to prevent this is to take the time and make the effort to listen to what the scriptures are saying to others, to consider the lives of the people in the pews, and to connect God to their everyday live. That can help us hear more clearly and keenly what God has to say to us in the scriptures.

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

ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2020

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY
TOGETHER IN FAITH

Annually, we create a report to review the life of our parish as well as look ahead to the coming year. Reflecting on the past fiscal year has been a challenging and very interesting task.

Our fiscal year, which concluded on June 30, 2020, started on one trajectory and has evolved and changed as we have lived through a global pandemic and unrest in our city. We have continued to live our mission and values at The Basilica, and we have revised our programs and ministries to continue to meet the needs of our community.

This year, more than ever, we have learned the importance of our Basilica community. During these challenging times, while we have livestreamed the celebration of the Eucharist, we have missed gathering as a community to celebrate the Eucharist together.

The pandemic has been frightening and stressful in countless ways. In the midst of the uncertainty and confusion caused by the pandemic we have looked to our faith for comfort and guidance. And we have learned to welcome people virtually to our Basilica community.

We began livestreaming Mass in March and have continued to build our livestream tools and platforms over the past six months. Our staff has transitioned to new roles and adapted how we provide our ministries.

As we look ahead to the future, we continue to make contingency plans—not knowing what the future will bring, but looking ahead with faith and hope, and knowing that we will support each other.

Please remember, no matter what brings you to The Basilica, virtually or in-person, and wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Rev. John M. Bauer
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Cover photo: Virtual Choir Children of Light
Recorded August 10, 2020
For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.
Ephesians 5: 8-9

Featuring the Cathedral Choristers of The Basilica of Saint Mary under the direction of Teri Larson.
Children of Light (24-96850), Music by Valerie Ann Webdell
The Basilica of Saint Mary Operating Financials  
Fiscal Year 2020: July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020. Financial statements are pre-audited.

### Financial Statement

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*FY2020 was budgeted with a deficit to be covered by The Basilica’s cash reserve. The $105,207 deficit was $50,000 better than budget.

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Grateful for your generosity

Your faithful support during the COVID-19 pandemic has allowed us to carry out our mission and continue to serve The Basilica Community.

St. Vincent de Paul Operating Financials

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(1) Outreach and Food Contributions - 100% of all contributions are used for outreach ministries for people in need.
(2) Income: Golf tournament proceeds are split with Ascension. Includes 50% of net proceeds and funds partnerships and miscellaneous expenses.
**The Basilica of Saint Mary**

**Income**

- **Operating Income**
  - Basilica Fund Giving 79%
  - Plate & Visitors 4%
  - Other 12%
    (Special Collections, Rental Income)
  - Program Income
    - Learning 2%
    - Liturgy & Sacred Arts 2%
    - Other Departments 1%

**FY 2020 Operating Financial Overview**

**Expenses**

- Administration 22%
- Buildings & Grounds 21%
- Liturgy & Sacred Arts 19%
- Development 13%
- Christian Life 9%
- Learning 7%
- Clergy 5%
- Communications 4%

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**St. Vincent de Paul Ministry**

**Program Expenses**

- **Housing Assistance** 22%
- **Shoes/Clothing** 20%
- **IDs/Documents** 13%
- **Transportation** 8%
  - (Bus, Car Repairs, Gas)
- **Food** 13%
  - (Sandwiches, Meal Partnerships, Packing Events)
- **Mentoring** 16%
  - (Minneapolis College, Pathways)
- **Immigrant Support** 6%
- **Other misc. expenses** 2%

100% of contributions help those in need
Livestreaming Production

We started livestreaming our first Stations of the Cross on Facebook on March 13 and the first Sunday Mass on March 15.

A professional camera team, QuickCast, started livestreaming Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Archbishop Hebda blessed the city of Minneapolis in a snow storm on Easter Sunday, April 12.

In early July, our new livestream camera equipment installation was complete and our first staff training was held July 8. Our Basilica staff filmed our first Sunday Mass at 9:30am on July 26.

National and Global Reach

Our livestream Masses have reached far beyond our walls. Each week we see visitors from across our city, state, and internationally attend Mass together.

As we continue to build our virtual ministries and programs we continue to reach out in new ways to our local community and beyond.

25,000
Livestream viewers on Easter Sunday—including views on mary.org and Facebook

11,979
Current total parish members

3,300
Average weekly visitors to mary.org

186
Basilica Serves volunteers—packing 22,500 meals for global needs November 2019

2
Virtual choral projects: I Believe by the women of the Cathedral Choir and Children of Light by the Cathedral Choristers
Art That Surrounds Us

New Basilica icon, Saint Josephine Bakhita. Made by Stillwater iconographer, Deb Korluka.

In our weekly video series “Art That Surrounds Us,” Johan van Parys, Ph.D., our Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts, shares information about a piece from The Basilica of Saint Mary's art collection. The newest Basilica icon, Saint Josephine Bakhita was introduced in June 2020.

Josephine Margaret Bakhita, F.D.C.C., was a Sudanese-Italian Canossian religious sister who lived in Italy for 45 years, after having been a slave in Sudan. Pope John Paul II canonized her on October 1, 2000.

Message of Peace: Summer 2020

Throughout the year The Basilica’s peace sign has served as a call to our city for peace and justice. On June 4, 2020 our community joined in prayer for the family and friends of George Floyd to mourn his loss and celebrate his life. We joined our voices to the call for an end to the evil and sin of racism that permeates our society and our institutions.
Responding to the Needs of our Neighbors

Our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry has continued to provide basic services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We had to close our regular facilities in March along with many other buildings in the city. With the support of our community, we were able to provide alternate facilities for those experiencing homelessness.

Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to provide coffee and sandwiches to our neighbors faced with the challenges of hunger. For several months, we were not able to have volunteers make the sandwiches, but we were able to support a local business that could safely provide them.

Vespers and Prayer Services

Socially distanced Evening Prayer held Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Throughout the pandemic we have held our Prayers for Solace and Peace and Taizé Prayer recorded live each month. These prayers are available online anytime at mary.org/vespersandprayers.

14,000
Sandwiches provided to Basilica neighbors faced with the challenges of hunger

2,870
Assists for state ID’s, driver’s licenses, and birth certificates for access to housing, employment, and other services

269
Families helped with rent assistance, preventing homelessness

21
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) participants