



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



2021

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**CORPUS CHRISTI WITH  
EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION**  
The Basilica Schola Cantorum.  
In-person and livestreamed.

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**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION DEADLINE**  
Ballots must be cast online at [mary.org/vote](http://mary.org/vote).

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**BLESSING FOR GOOD MENTAL  
HEALTH AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Ice cream truck outside after the 9:30 and  
11:30am liturgies.

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY  
OBSERVED**  
Eucharist 10:00am. In-person and  
livestreamed.

*“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*

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# FROM THE PASTOR



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

## Yet another missed opportunity!

This past January Pope Francis issued a Motu Proprio: *Spiritus Domini*, which modified the first paragraph of Canon 230 of the Code of Canon Law. Through this action, Pope Francis made the decision that from now on the ministries of Lector and Acolyte were to be open to women. (A Motu Proprio refers to a document issued by the pope on his own initiative and personally signed by him.)

Now, there is nothing new about women proclaiming the Word of God during liturgical celebrations, or ministering as Eucharistic ministers or altar servers. In many communities throughout the world these practices have been authorized by local bishops, and have been in place for many years.

However, up to this point, the above has occurred without an institutional mandate. Rather, it has occurred as an exception to the protocols that were established by Pope Paul VI in 1972. At that time Pope Paul abolished the so-called "minor orders," but decided that access to the ministries of lector and acolyte should be granted only to men because both of these ministries were considered to be preparatory to the eventual admission to holy orders. However, after the conversations and consultation which took place and emerged from the last Synods of Bishops, Pope Francis decided to formalize and institutionalize the presence of women at the altar.

Now you would think that a change of this kind would be recognized and shared broadly. However, as I was writing this (at the beginning of May), I checked the United States Conference of Bishops' website and found no mention of it there. Further, I have heard of only a handful of bishops who have commented on it. I think this is a real missed opportunity. And in regard to missed opportunities Author Jodi Picoult once said: "Missed opportunities are never superficial wounds; they cut straight to the bone."

For centuries, women have served in our Church well, selflessly, and most often with little recognition and meager compensation. Now that Pope Francis has opened the ministries of Lector and Acolyte to women, you would think this would be cause for celebration—or at least acknowledgment. Sadly, for some reason, the leadership of our Church has not done this. I believe this is not just a superficial wound. More importantly, it is not only a wound for woman, but also it is a wound for our Church.

Whenever we can't or won't recognize the gifts of people in our church—in this case specifically the gifts women have to offer—we are less than we can and should be as a church. Church is at its best when it is able to recognize, accept, and celebrate the gifts and contributions of everyone, woman and men, young and old, rich and poor, named and unnamed; progressive and conservative; people of every race and nationality.

The muted response of our bishops to Pope Francis' "Motu Proprio" admitting women to the ministries of Lector and Acolyte is not just a superficial wound to our Church; rather it is a wound that cuts straight to the bone.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John M. Bauer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

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## THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

A community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we:

- Practice biblical stewardship
- Share our faith with others in word and deed
- Pursue ecumenical and interfaith relationships
- Rejoice in rich diversity

As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we are committed to provide:

- Inspiring liturgies and sacred arts
- Transforming life-long learning opportunities
- Engaging service to one another and justice for all

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# MASS

## SCHEDULE UPDATES

### SUNDAY

#### LIVESTREAM: MASS

9:30AM

Live on [mary.org](http://mary.org) and Facebook at [facebook.com/BasilicaMpls](https://facebook.com/BasilicaMpls)

Mass Recording Archive  
[mary.org/massrecordings](http://mary.org/massrecordings)

### MASS: PUBLIC WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY

9:30AM, 11:30AM & 4:30PM

Open for public worship. Please register online at [mary.org](http://mary.org). New Mass times will be posted to [mary.org](http://mary.org) as capacity allows.

### WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

MONDAY-FRIDAY

OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP

7:00AM

Please register at the door.

NOON

Please register online at [mary.org](http://mary.org).

### MASS REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Pre-registration is required and opens 24 hours before each Mass.
- Register at [mary.org](http://mary.org) or call the Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.
- You may only register for one weekday Mass at a time.
- Be sure to bring a face mask with you, which needs to be worn over your nose and mouth **at all times** at The Basilica.

# EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Position Statement

The Basilica of Saint Mary is a Catholic community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our faith calls us to uphold the absolute dignity of all people. *All are beloved children of God.*

With Minnesota “having some of the highest racial disparities in the nation despite being ranked one of the best places to live,” we need to recognize our complicity in enabling racism to persist in our community. In acknowledging racism as America’s original sin, as Catholics and a Catholic community, we confess our sin with the purpose of making atonement.

### Our Prayerful Intent

The Basilica will work to eliminate racism within the parish and the broader community. The Basilica will not be neutral in the face of any kind of injustice.

We will work to understand how institutionalized racism is present within The Basilica organization. Relying on established Catholic Social Teaching principles to guide us, we will work towards healing and reconciliation in our own parish. We need to build trust with all members of our parish community so that our words, actions, and thoughts are reflective of the total body of Christ.

In service to all, we will do this by:

- Nurturing an environment within our parish that provides equity, diversity, and inclusion for all through opportunities to engage in dialogue, education, and compassionate solidarity
- Identifying where institutionalized racism is in our parish while embracing an openness to reform our policies, practices, and procedures
- Providing opportunities for personal transformation, while working toward systemic change
- Working in collaboration with others in our community to deepen our impact both within our parish and within our larger community

In the words of Pope Francis reflecting on the killing of George Floyd: “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of human life.”

Both within our parish and our city, The Basilica will set an example of living out the Gospel of love. Others will feel compelled to follow this example because of how determinedly we strive for justice and peace.

This work is ongoing. We recognize we will fall short, and we need to build a culture of accountability. Attaining this integrity will enable us to turn this work outward to the community at large.

**Come Holy Spirit, give us strength, courage, and guidance for this journey and vision. Amen.**

Visit [mary.org/edi](http://mary.org/edi) for more information.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR



### Beauty that Saves!

Although rooted in Judaism which had a strict prohibition against the depiction of the divine, humans, and even animals out of fear for idolatry, very quickly after its inception Christianity embraced the arts for use in liturgical settings as well as for the proclamation of the Gospel. And despite the occasional iconoclastic setback or artistic blunder, Christianity and the arts have successfully partnered for some 2000 years.

The symbiotic relationship between Christianity and the sacred arts is complex and has many different strata ranging from rather obvious to quite complex. By virtue of its mere beauty, art has the capacity to provide respite and hope in a world that often teeters on the precipice of chaos. By touching the mind, heart, and soul, sacred art has the ability to offer unspoken insights into our shared human mysteries such as life and death or love and hatred. And through its shapes, colors, textures, and composition, Christian art has an uncanny way of presenting our Christian narrative and articulating our Christian values in ways that words cannot.

Christian art affirms who we are as Christians and at the same time invites and challenges us to be better Christians, sometimes dramatically but often in almost imperceptible ways. Those practicing Christian arts celebrate beauty itself and honor God, the source of all beauty in whose ongoing creative process they participate.

And so, over the centuries Christian communities have built chapels, churches, and cathedrals. They have adorned them with fine stained glass, frescos, paintings, and statuary. They have commissioned liturgical furnishings and textiles, vestments, and vessels. And rightfully so, each generation even until today has done that in the style proper to its own age not only in response to the changing times but often in anticipation of times to come.

If one were to strip our sacred spaces and liturgical celebration from all artistic endeavors there would be scarcely anything left. Architecture, art, poetry, and music are essential to the celebration of our liturgy. On one level, Christian art calls us to look at the world in a different light, a Christian light. On another level, Christian art invites us to think more deeply and to act more justly. And on a most profound level, the Christian arts support the liturgy in its mission to transfigure us and to change our very being.

Beauty truly saves!

### *Liturgy & Sacred Arts Office*

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Liturgical Ministries - 612.317.3433

Sacred Art/Concerts - 612.317.3438

Music - 612.317.3426

## LITURGY

### MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM

Via Zoom. Please find the link at [mary.org](https://mary.org).

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: CORPUS CHRISTI WITH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 3:00PM

Members of The Basilica Schola Cantorum.

In-person and livestreamed.

### NON-OBLIGATORY SOLEMNITIES IN JUNE

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

Special music will be offered during the Noon Mass.

In-person and livestreamed.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

MONDAY, JULY 5, HOLIDAY OBSERVED

10:00AM EUCHARIST

There will be no 7:00am or Noon Mass on Independence Day.

In-person and livestreamed.

### NEW BASILICA UMBRELLINO

The Umbrellino is the yellow and red striped half-opened umbrella on the west side of our sanctuary. Together with the Tintinabulum or the silver bell on the east side these are two of the symbols of a Basilica. After more than 30 years, the fragile silk used for our beautiful Umbrellino made by Phyllis Lehmberg was so deteriorated that we had to commission a new one.

We ended up commissioning the new Umbrellino from Slabbinck, a well-known Belgian company that specializes in liturgical textiles and accoutrement. Because we wanted a larger version than the standard they have in stock, they had to design it specifically for us.

Like the old Umbrellino, it is in the shape of a half-opened umbrella. The colors are the traditional red and yellow papal colors. On the pendants, you will find four coats of arms: the coat of arms for Pope Pius XI who declared our church a Basilica in 1926; the coat of arms for Archbishop Dowling who was our archbishop in 1926; the coat of arms for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and the coat of arms for The Basilica of Saint Mary. Archbishop Hebda dedicated our new Umbrellino during Mass this past Easter.

## SACRED ART EXHIBITS

### THE SISTINE CHAPEL TRILOGY

Currently on exhibit in The Basilica, in the cases placed on the East and West side, are two of the three volumes of the *Sistine Chapel Trilogy*. Visit [mary.org](https://mary.org) for more details.



# LITURGY & SACRED ART

*The Sistine Chapel Trilogy* is a set of three extra-ordinary books that document all the frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. It is the result of a five-year long collaboration between The Vatican Museums, Callaway, an international leader in art book making and Scripta Maneant, an Italian art publishing house. To create *The Sistine Chapel Trilogy*, a team of photographers made more than 270,000 digital images capturing every inch of the chapel in Gigapixel digital photography. They did this over the course of 67 consecutive nights, while the Sistine Chapel was closed to the public.

**Volume I** covers the late fifteenth c. (1481-1483) frescoes on the side walls of the Sistine Chapel.

**Volume II** is dedicated to the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. The ceiling frescos which depict nine scenes from the Book of Genesis, starting with the Separation of Light and Darkness.

**Volume III** is dedicated to the fresco of the Last Judgement.

## PITY OF WAR

Last year we were gifted a new bronze sculpture by Peter Walker, entitled *Pity of War*. You can find this striking image near the Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a maquette for a much larger sculpture that is yet to be cast. *Pity of War* is intended to honor the millions of nameless, voiceless and forgotten victims of war and human atrocities whose lives were upended against their will.

*Pity of War* depicts the head of a young child. Her eyes are strikingly bound and her mouth is shown shockingly silenced by abstraction and even by the removal of certain features such as her mouth and ears. Without words the image commands attention and draws the beholder into the narrative. In Peter's words, *Pity of War* is "not only about the past, but about the present and the future. It is both a commemoration and a challenge."

## ANGELS UNAWARES

AUGUST 2021

This coming August we will host *Angels Unawares*, a monumental sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz. Timothy is the artist who created our homeless Jesus.

*Angels Unawares* was commissioned by The Vatican and is placed in St. Peter's Square. A second cast was made for Catholic University. Before being permanently installed there, the sculpture is traveling throughout the country to different cities. Please find more information on page 9.

# MUSIC AUDITIONS

## CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm and sings for 9:30am Sunday liturgies and Holy Days. Repertoire is chosen from all genres of music including contemporary composers. Auditions will be held during the first two weeks of August. Please visit our website for the audition form and audition requirements. Contact Teri Larson at [tlarson@mary.org](mailto:tlarson@mary.org) to sign up. Current choir members will receive a link to sign-up for mandatory voice-checks.

## SCHOLA CANTORUM

WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 11, 18, 25, 6:00-9:00PM

The Schola Cantorum is a semi-professional group, which sings Sunday evenings in Advent, Lent, Easter and other occasions. Schola Cantorum members are staff singers and paid per service. Please bring a prepared solo (accompanist will be provided) and a résumé. In addition to range testing and vocalizations you will be asked to sing back pitches.

## CANTOR MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

4:00PM-5:40PM

If you or someone you know has a particular gift of song, a background in vocal music, and loves to sing at Mass, we invite you to consider auditioning to join Chorus Cantorum, The Basilica's team of volunteer Cantors and Psalmists. A first round of auditions will tentatively be held on Wednesday, August 11, from 4:00-5:30pm. Each audition runs nearly 15 minutes. Contact Chris Stroh, Basilica Organist and Liturgical Music Associate, for more information at [estroh@mary.org](mailto:estroh@mary.org) or 612.317.3505.

## MUNDUS

Our Contemporary and World Music Choir, enlivens the 11:30am liturgy two times a month from September through May. Repertoire includes music of contemporary American composers and music from around the world. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Openings for all voice parts (especially Tenors and Basses), and instrumentalists. Please contact Walter Tambor at [wtambor@mary.org](mailto:wtambor@mary.org) or 612.317.3507.

## JUVENTUS

Our Youth Ensemble (grades 8 and up) leads music once a month at the 4:30pm Sunday Mass, September through May. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30pm. There are openings for all voice parts and instrumentalists. Please contact Walter Tambor at [wtambor@mary.org](mailto:wtambor@mary.org) or 612.317.3507.

## CHORISTERS

Voice Checks for Choristers (grade 4-7) will be scheduled in August. Look for an email from Teri Larson.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

For information about our Cherub Choir (Pre-K to K) and our Children's choir (grade 1-3) please contact Katie Irvin at [kirvin@mary.org](mailto:kirvin@mary.org).

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT



"There is a difference between being quiet, and real silence."

This was a quote from one of our fine young adults at our mini-retreat this past spring. We were reflecting on St. Joseph, and how he never spoke a word in Scripture, and our own comfort or discomfort with silence in our spiritual lives. This young adult was reflecting on how easy it can be to slow down briefly and be quiet, but how difficult it can be to experience *real*

*silence* in our hearts where God can truly speak to us. I told her immediately that I will be quoting her often with such a great insight!

One of the possible lessons we have learned through this time of pandemic is the gift of silence. We have been given the opportunity to not only experience more quiet time in our lives, but also real silence and a chance to connect with God that we have not had previously. This connection with the Divine can help us through difficult times, as we know in our very being that God is with us through all of the highs and lows of our lives.

Another great lesson we have learned is the necessity of community, the reminder that we go to God together, and we need each other. Hopefully this summer will allow for more interactions with our family and friends that we have missed so much, and we experience God with us in those joyous gatherings. Hopefully too we are still able to experience real silence as well to continually connect with God within. "In a world that is often too noisy, that encourages neither recollection nor listening to God's voice, we are in such deep need of it" (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI).

Summer blessings to all!

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

### *Learning Office*

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Young Adult Ministry - 612.317.3478  
Children & Family Ministry - 612.317.3439  
Marriage Ministry - 612.317.3478

## LEARNING

### SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

6:30-8:30PM

ONLINE VIA 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 612.317.3439. Please register online at [mary.org](http://mary.org).

### BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

#### BYA BIBLE STUDY: IN-PERSON AGAIN!

THURSDAYS, 6:45-8:15PM

TERESA OF CALCUTTA HALL

We are back in-person for our weekly Bible study! Like earlier in the fall, we will be meeting in the lower level. For everyone's health and safety during, we will do a quick health screening and temperature check and take down participant's information **ONLY** for potential contact tracing purposes. Please email [bya@mary.org](mailto:bya@mary.org) if you would like to join us.

#### BYA GRASS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

EVENINGS, JUNE 14 - JULY 28

FULLER PARK, MINNEAPOLIS

Young adults, we are back with summer volleyball this summer on Monday nights. We are trying out grass volleyball this summer for a change of pace and a shorter season. We are hoping for five women and five men to play on the team, email Ben at [bcaduff@mary.org](mailto:bcaduff@mary.org) or reserve your spot on the team! Cost is \$15 for the six game season.

### ADULT LEARNING

#### MONDAY MORNING GOSPEL GROUP

MONDAYS, 10:30AM-NOON

BASILICA CAMPUS

Looking for a small group? Come join this group of adults that explore the Gospel and share what it means to them. No registration required. Come when you can. The meeting concludes in time for those that would like to attend noon Mass. For more information contact Ben at 612.759.2588 or [bcaduff@mary.org](mailto:bcaduff@mary.org).



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

A year like no other... How many times have we explained or complained with that mantra during our COVID-19 pandemic. For many months, almost no one set foot in The Basilica or indeed on her campus. With all this change though, some things, in their essence, stayed the same. As just one example, we still welcomed people into The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. And on Holy Saturday, several of them were Baptized, Confirmed, and received First Eucharist. At the Feast of Pentecost, many Candidates will be Confirmed and receive First Eucharist.

Following, is what some of them had to say about RCIA during the Pandemic.

### What has changed in your life?

"My relationship with God has changed, I have grown closer to Him. I'm excited about a lifelong spiritual journey with Christ."

"I feel the RCIA experience has opened up my mind and heart to the mystery of faith and the beauty of the Catholic Church. The Sacraments have become more meaningful, the liturgical calendar has become meaningful. I accept more on faith."

"I have gained a greater appreciation for the Catholic Eucharist as a thanksgiving to God. I have found the services to be deeply spiritual and meaningful."

"Praying has become a habit and has become more meaningful."

### In what ways have you experienced conversion?

"I have become more aware of the messaging and awareness of miracles and the possibility of miracles."

"Many of Johan's lectures helped me see things with new eyes and renewed heart."

"I feel my heart and soul have been transformed. I feel calm, settled and at peace, yet excited for the future in my faith life and how I can get involved and make a difference."

Certainly, as with all our ministries and most everyone's lives, there were challenges and disappointments. It was challenging for new seekers, to really feel a part of this great community. However, offering no disappointment, the Holy Spirit was present and powerful. We have many newly initiated members of The Basilica, ready to live a life of discipleship, hopefully very soon, on our campus.

"My daughter had these catechists a couple of years ago, so was very excited when her brother had them this year. I already knew they were a great team of teachers, but they have amazed me even more going virtual. In the 15-25 min they have with the kids each Sunday, they seem to engage and connect with each one. Their videos are fun to watch and my son loves the jokes they include."

I know the small time slot they have with the kids each week takes a massive amount of effort to coordinate and carry out. A huge thank you to our catechists, Coordinator, and everyone else that plays a part in making these happen. It has been a crazy year in which kids have had to give up so much for the greater good. Letting them still have an opportunity to connect with Faith Formation classmates, as well continue to grow in their Faith (especially during these trying times) is truly a gift. It is appreciated greatly! Thanks again to all!"

"Our daughter notes that her teachers are very organized. She especially loves the seasonal jokes! Our son likes the format of reading and discussing together that his teacher uses each week."

"We are very happy and grateful our son's teacher. She prepares excellent short video lessons to keep the children very attentive. She is a passionate and gifted teacher on Sunday mornings and engages all the children of the group in a supportive way during these extra-ordinary times. During a time that children are saturated with Zoom classes, this teacher has gone beyond and above our expectations with her lessons. Thank you for all your efforts and endeavors."

Thank you to all of our catechists, classroom assistants, substitutes and Zoom monitors who have helped make it a great year of learning about our faith!

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH: SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CHALLENGES AND VICTORIES IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

So many thanks!

This year has been so full of adaptations for everyone. In the Learning Department, we are especially grateful for our Children's and Youth Ministers who have been encouraging our families to continue with faith formation during the pandemic. They have posted assignments and met virtually through platforms like Google Classroom and Zoom. They record videos of themselves and even create animated videos on apps such as Moovly.

We'd like to share just a few of the notes we received about these awesome volunteers:



## FROM THE DIRECTOR



### Lament and Repentance

In a year of multi-layered trauma and suffering, there has been a powerful movement of contemplation in our community. Healing Our City ([healingourcity.org](http://healingourcity.org)), a virtual prayer tent organized by Don and Sondra Samuels, gathered people to prayer each morning at 8:00am. Our global community gathered to pray for healing, justice and for strength and courage. Each morning, faith leaders provided

words of challenge and encouragement.

As people of faith, we are invited into a two-step reflection cycle: We reflect on scripture—listening to how it speaks to the context of our life today. Then we reflect on our own actions—seeking to understand how our actions do or do not live out God's love found in scripture. Our lives weave these two movements of reflection into one another, over and over.

On April 26 The Rev. Mark Hanson, Former Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America offered a powerful message at Healing our City. He called us to two practices that can shape this reflection cycle and lead to transformation through love. The two practices are Lament and Repentance.

Lament invites us to cry out to God for mercy—individually and communally. We cry out in distress and sorrow to God—pleading for help. In deep and sincere communal lament, we name our problems; we seek justice and place our hope in God's deliverance.

Repentance invites us to declare publically that the way we are living has brought us to a dead-end. Individually and collectively, we admit that our ways are not ways of God's love and mercy for all. Our ways, individually and as a society, need to be turned a new way.

God's healing spirit of love and forgiveness moves through our lives and grows in our hearts, as we develop the practices of lament and repentance. Our society is transformed, as we turn toward God's justice, love and peace.

Let us engage in communal lament and repentance. Let us commit to turning toward our God, bearing witness that God's love in Christ lives in and through and among us.

### *Christian Life Office*

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## CHRISTIAN LIFE

### THE BASILICA'S DISABILITY AWARENESS MINISTRY HAS CHANGED ITS NAME TO

### AIM: ACCESS AND INCLUSION MINISTRY!

**We AIM** to make our faith accessible

**We AIM** to insure that everyone feels included regardless of who they are or where they are on their personal life journey

**We AIM** to include more people in our work

**We AIM** to do better to remove barriers to participation

AIM is looking for people with lived experiences who will work with us to continue to provide experiences that educate our community, resources for navigating the systems that impact people with barriers, social opportunities for our community to come together, and expertise as we look at our buildings and campus for ongoing improvements. The ministry meets every second Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm. Currently meetings are via Zoom. For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org).

### ZOOM: BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES ON ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

NOON-1:00PM

Sponsored by The Basilica Mental Health Ministry and the Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota-North Dakota

**Join us for the remaining presentations in this series:**

June 16: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

July 21: Effective Communication Strategies

August 18: Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning

Visit [mary.org](http://mary.org) for registration information. For questions, please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org).

### LISTEN, LISTEN...

When a woman with an aging parent suffering from dementia can share her story with a listening presence; when a patient with a life-threatening illness can talk about his fears to a caring ear; when a woman who has been abused finds comfort in safely telling her story to a nonjudgmental listener—that is the power of Emmaus Listening Ministry.

To become trained or to have a volunteer listener meet with you, contact Wendy at 612.317.3474 or [wcaduff@mary.org](mailto:wcaduff@mary.org). This is a free ministry at The Basilica provided by highly trained volunteers who know how to listen deeply. No paper trail, no interruptions, no broken confidence.

### ZOOM: PRISONERS OR PATIENTS TASK FORCE

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1:00-2:30PM

The next monthly meeting of this task force that discusses the criminal justice and mental health systems. For more information and the Zoom meeting credentials, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org).



# CHRISTIAN LIFE

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVITY PARISH-WIDE ZOOM FORUM

SUMMER 2021

In 2016, after the death of Philando Castile, The Basilica identified a call to intentionally address the important issue of racism in our parish, in our lives and in society. With the approval and support of the Parish Council, The Basilica began to prayerfully develop a parish-wide, faith-filled response to racial injustice.

In 2021, The Basilica leadership approved an EDI Position Statement for our Basilica Community. This Statement provides a foundation for our work on racial justice and offers a framework for defining goals. The EDI Position Statement will be shared with the parish community on Pentecost, Sunday, May 23. We will also hold parish-wide Zoom forums to learn about and engage with the Statement this Summer.

Look for dates on [mary.org](http://mary.org) and in upcoming Newsletters. If you have any questions about this parish-wide initiative, or to find ways to engage, contact [jandersen@mary.org](mailto:jandersen@mary.org).

## SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS NEEDED

The Downtown Coalition for Grief Support, of which The Basilica is a partner organization, hosts grief support groups on Saturday mornings and is in need of more small group facilitators. Have you lost a loved one to death? Do you know what it's like to feel that fresh sting of grief? If you have, and are willing to help facilitate conversation for others as they struggle with the loss of a loved one, please let us know. Training is provided by a grief counselor or hospice worker in the art of giving people encouragement to share about their own experience, making sure everyone has a safe space to be heard, etc... Facilitators would commit to serving either the spouse/partner loss group, the family/friend loss group, or the child loss group and the time commitment is flexible. For more information about this opportunity to be trained and serve, please contact Karen Harrison at 612.819.3722.

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION MINISTRY

The Basilica assigns a Homebound Communion minister to visit people on a regular basis, to pray with them, and to bring the Body of Christ when someone is unable to get to Mass. We as a faith community want to be there as someone enters a stage of decline, or as they navigate a period of recovery and gradually regain their strength. Yet the pandemic has grounded this ministry for over a year. We need to rebuild this ministry with a larger team of volunteers willing to bring Eucharist to parishioners: larger than before the COVID-19 pandemic. Can you help? It would involve a three and a half hour training, including the etiquette of making the home visit, confidence in leading the rite of communion, and some key listening skills. We will gather names of those who are interested in serving, until a date is set. Contact Wendy for more information at 612.317.3474 or [wcaduff@mary.org](mailto:wcaduff@mary.org).

## ANGLES UNAWARES SCULPTURE

AUGUST 2021

*Angels Unawares* is a bronze life-size sculpture created by Timothy Schmalz that depicts a group of migrants and refugees from different cultural and racial backgrounds and from diverse historic periods of time. They stand together, shoulder to shoulder, huddled on a raft. This incredible sculpture will be at The Basilica on the plaza throughout the month of August 2021. Please consider joining us for some important moments of celebration and learning, as we engage with this sculpture.

Look for more information on [mary.org/angelsunawares](http://mary.org/angelsunawares).

- Opening Celebration: Sunday, August 1 at 3:00pm
- Closing Ceremony: TBD

## THE BASILICA'S HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ANNUAL BUILD

This year we will be back and better than ever with our annual Habitat for Humanity Work Camp week! It's our 25<sup>th</sup> year of working on a Habitat home. At the time of publication, the dates and location were not confirmed for this year's build. Check [mary.org](http://mary.org) for updates or call Julia at 612.317.3413.

## THE VIRTUAL MENTAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL WAS A SUCCESS!

We had record registrations and the discussion on the films was excellent. If you are still interested in viewing the three films, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) for the links.

## WHERE ARE YOU IN JOB TRANSITION?

Are you unemployed? Underemployed? Unhappily employed? Wherever you are, The Basilica's Employment Ministry has resources to help you. Contact Janet at [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org) or 612.317.3508 to set up an initial intake meeting.

## ANNUAL ALL PARISH BLESSING FOR GOOD MENTAL HEALTH AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

9:30, 11:30AM & 4:30PM

Join us in-person or via livestream for this blessing. After the 9:30 and 11:30am liturgies, stop by the ice cream truck and get a treat! For more information, contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or [jgrove@mary.org](mailto:jgrove@mary.org).

## DEVELOPMENT

# LANDMARK SPARK VIRTUAL EVENT

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR LANDMARK SPARK SUPPORTERS

Landmark Spark could not have happened without the support of our incredible sponsors. Thank you for giving to our preservation and restoration efforts.

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## MAKING A GIFT

### THE BASILICA FUND

#### WE WELCOME YOU WHEREVER YOU ARE

We invite you to sustain our mission and renew or establish an electronic recurring gift to The Basilica Fund. To set up your gift, please visit [mary.org/give](http://mary.org/give) or contact Carla at 612.317.3407. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our programming.

### PLANNED GIVING

Making an estate gift through your will or trust is a wonderful way to show your support for The Basilica Landmark and its mission to preserve, restore, and advance The Basilica of Saint Mary. To learn more about the benefits of making an estate gift, visit [thebasilicalandmark.org/plannedgiving](http://thebasilicalandmark.org/plannedgiving). To make a gift to The Basilica Landmark Annual Fund, visit [thebasilicalandmark.org/give](http://thebasilicalandmark.org/give).

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# VOTE

## STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS

The Basilica of Saint Mary is committed to the future growth of our parish. The *Our Parish Our Future* plan outlines the three strategic areas of focus for the next five years. This plan builds upon the parish's strong vision, mission, and values.

### The Arts

Move, inspire, and transform individuals and communities through excellence in the arts and creative practices.

### Inclusivity

Build a culture where people feel valued, welcome, integrated, and included.

### Homelessness

Respond to the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

These three areas of focus were strategically selected through a comprehensive, contemplative process with our parish leadership, staff, and consultants.

The three areas will unify and inspire collaboration across our parish and resonate throughout our commitment to the community.

Learn more about the strategic direction of our parish at [mary.org/ourfuture](http://mary.org/ourfuture).

## OUR MISSION

### Our core purpose

A community rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we:

- Practice biblical stewardship
- Share our faith with others in word and deed
- Pursue ecumenical and interfaith relationships
- Rejoice in rich diversity

## THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY 2021 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Please take time to vote. The Parish Council represents you—our parishioners. The Council plays a key role in working with the pastor to ensure that The Basilica of Saint Mary community continues to live out our mission and vision.

We are in need of two parishioners to serve on our Parish Council—one to represent our Learning ministries and the other to represent the Christian Life ministries. By voting, you will help elect two new members to the Council.

**LEARNING - Andrea Luttermann, Incumbent**

**CHRISTIAN LIFE - Open Seat: Candidates  
Jan Buczek and My Lam**

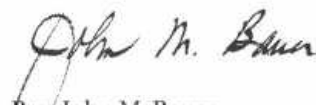
We are pleased to announce our candidates, who are well qualified and exhibit the spirit of stewardship, volunteerism, and leadership that make The Basilica of Saint Mary such a special place.

Please take a few minutes to read the biographies included, written in each candidate's own words and chronicle their personal commitment to The Basilica and its vital programs.

Thank you in advance for your participation and your continued support of The Basilica. Every registered adult parishioner in each household is entitled to vote.

Ballots must be cast online at [mary.org/vote](http://mary.org/vote) by **Monday, June 7.**

Sincerely,

  
Rev. John M. Bauer  
Pastor

  
Erik Miles  
Parish Council President

# 2021 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

## LEARNING

Providing quality lifelong learning and faith formation opportunities for children, youth, families, and people of all ages to engage with Christian scripture, Catholic teachings and traditions, and sacramental preparation.

### ANDREA LUTTERMAN, PARISH MEMBER SINCE 2010 - INCUMBENT



After attending The Basilica since 2008, I officially joined the parish in 2010 when I answered a repeated call for volunteer catechists. I worked with early elementary ages for 5 years. When I felt a call to deepen my knowledge, I joined Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) as a sponsor.

After two years as an RCIA sponsor I was invited to join the leadership team. As a team member, I support adults who are seeking to join the church and those who are sponsoring them. I also help to plan the weekly sessions and retreats as well as facilitating those events. In the last year, I have also joined the Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister teams.

This past year, I joined the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Leadership Team and have helped develop a position statement recently approved by the Parish Council that will lead to conversation

and learning within our parish.

I earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Minnesota State University, Mankato and worked in public accounting in Mankato. Since 2008, I've been working in Minneapolis in various accounting roles. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve in a leadership role on the Parish Council.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Basilica Christian Life department embodies the many ways we serve one another and work for justice. Volunteer opportunities include caring, charity, and justice ministries. Together, we work to serve, accompany, and defend one another.

### JAN BUCZEK, PARISH MEMBER SINCE 1985



I have been a member of The Basilica family since the mid 1980s. I am twice widowed, have six children and their spouses. I am Grandma to 16 grandkids and 11 great-grandkids. At the age of 50, I graduated from St. Kate's in Pastoral Ministry. I am so graced to be part of the ministries of Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and am an acolyte.

I also serve as a member of The Basilica's Team planning for the Archdiocesan Synod. Outside of The Basilica, I am a weekly volunteer at North Memorial Health. My hobbies include reading, creating greeting cards, and playing golf. I decided to "toss my hat into the ring" for Parish Council to add my talents to The Basilica vision of being a home of "spiritual nourishment, a beacon of hope, and an advocate for change." The continued mission of diversity has been such a gift. We welcome one and

all no matter where one is on their life's journey.

### MY LAM, PARISH MEMBER SINCE 2011



I started volunteering in 2013 at the Pathways programs under the St. Vincent de Paul ministries. I have served a variety of roles to maximize my contribution to the team.

I am proud to be a first generation American with parents that escaped Vietnam during the war in order to provide a better life for themselves and their five kids. I have made it a point to not waste the opportunity afforded to me by my family's sacrifice and am following my passion to inspire and help others in real estate. Through my real estate career, I have been a property manager helping low-income families find safe and affordable housing.

I currently have a proud career as a Chief Underwriter for a local home buying company that allows me to continue to show my growth and commitment in a leadership role. During my free time I love

traveling with my wife, Chi, playing golf, and cheering on the Vikings.

A favorite quote has inspired me during my life: "To live is to choose. But to choose well, you must know who you are and what you stand for, where you want to go and why you want to get there." Kofi Annan





## The Synod Process

### What is a Synod? What is the purpose?

*Quotes below are from Archbishop Hebda's June 6, 2019 article in The Catholic Spirit. Find the full article at [www.archspm.org/synod](http://www.archspm.org/synod).*

- "A Synod is a formal representative assembly designed to help a bishop in his shepherding of the local Church."
- The purpose is "to discern and establish clear pastoral priorities in a way that will both promote greater unity and lead us to a more vigorous proclamation of Jesus' good news."

### What is a Listening Church?

- The pre-Synod process has been designed to engage in a "sincere and respectful 'mutual listening' in which everyone has something to learn."
- "Moreover, it is not just listening to one another but to the Holy Spirit, the 'Spirit of Truth' (Jn 14:17), to know what the Spirit is 'saying to the Churches' (Rev. 2:7)."

### What is the Synod process?

- The pre-Synod process began fall 2019 engaging the People of God — laity, clergy, consecrated men and women and bishops — all walking together at the personal, parish, deanery, and Archdiocesan levels.
- The process culminates in the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly to be held Pentecost weekend, June 3-5, 2022, followed by a Pastoral Letter leading to a Pastoral Plan.

### Year 1 (2019-2020): The Church Listens

#### Prayer and Listening Events

- 30 Prayer & Listening events (19 open and 11 focus) held and attended by Archbishop Hebda.
- Over 8,000 faithful attended providing over 35,000 comments on what is working well in the Archdiocese and challenges and opportunities as we move forward together.

#### Synod Focus Areas

- Based on this feedback, along with other consultations and discernment, Archbishop Hebda determined the three focus areas that will shape the Year 3 Consultation process.
  1. Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization,
  2. Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call, and
  3. Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

### Year 2 (2020-2021): The Church Prepares

#### Praying with Scripture

- Five-part video series on praying with scripture and growing in holiness, including 25 prayer companions with reflections.

#### Healing and Hope

- Five-part video retreat to encounter Jesus' love and mercy to bring healing and hope and to provide resources for next steps.

#### Faith and Culture

Videos with expert teachers, testimonials, and panel discussion on four topics:

- Sources of Catholic teaching,
- Sexual morality and the family,
- The dignity of women, and
- The priesthood (both baptized and ordained).

#### Synod at Home

Five-part video series to create a faith plan to live as an intentional disciple based on four pillars:

- Prayer & sacraments,
- Lifelong learning,
- Generosity & service, and
- Traditions & fun.

### Year 3 (2021-2022): The Church Engages

#### Fall 2021: Parish Consultation Process with Small Groups

- Small groups meet in every parish to learn, pray, and discuss the focus areas.
- Parish feedback on the focus areas will help inform the Deanery consultation.

#### January/February 2022 Deanery Consultation Process

- Pastors and parish representatives gather one Saturday to learn, pray, and discuss the focus areas.
- Deanery feedback will help determine the Synod topics.

#### June 2022: Archdiocesan Synod Assembly (Pentecost Weekend):

- Approximately 500 appointed delegates (including two from each parish) gather to learn, pray, and discuss the Synod topics and recommend pastoral priorities to Archbishop Hebda.
- After considering the Synod recommendations, Archbishop writes a Pastoral Letter (November - Feast of Christ the King) leading to a Pastoral Plan to move our Archdiocese into the future.

**Join a  
Synod small group  
at your parish this fall!**

*See reverse side for details.*



All these free resources are  
available at  
[archspm.org/synod.com](http://archspm.org/synod.com)

# Join a Synod Small Group at your Parish this Fall!



## What will be discussed in the Synod small groups?

- **Three Focus Areas:** Small groups will discuss the 3 focus areas that arose from feedback given in the Prayer and Listening events.
  - **Focus area #1:** Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization.
  - **Focus area #2:** Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.
  - **Focus area #3:** Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

*See [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod) to read Archbishop Hebda's August 13, 2020 article in the Catholic Spirit for more details.*

## Why should I participate in a Synod small group?

- **Help Archbishop Hebda move the Archdiocese forward.**
  - Ideas generated in small groups will assist Archbishop Hebda in determining the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly topics.
  - Those topics will guide Archbishop Hebda as he creates the Pastoral Plan for the future of the Archdiocese.
- **Discover more about the Catholic Faith with your Church community through small groups.**
  - Build strong fellowship and community, connecting you with Christ, others, and your parish.
  - Dig deeper into the focus areas by examining Scripture, Church teaching, and today's cultural context.
  - Share how God has worked in your life and the life of others.

## How will Synod small groups work?

- **Purpose:** Small groups of approximately 8 people will gather to learn, pray, and discuss the Synod focus areas.
  - **Learn:** Discover what the Church teaches in today's cultural context.
  - **Pray:** Listen and reflect upon how the Holy Spirit is guiding you and your small group.
  - **Discuss:** Share insights into the focus areas from your own prayer and experience.
- **Facilitation:** A trained facilitator will promote a meaningful and charitable dialogue between group members.
- **Feedback:** A trained scribe will document the group's reflections on the Synod focus areas, which then will be provided to your parish and Archbishop Hebda.
- **Location/Dates:** Small groups will meet weekly at parishes across the Archdiocese for 6 sessions between September 19 and November 14. Each meeting will last 2 hours.

## How can I join a Synod small group?

- **Open invite small groups at your parish**
  - Come alone or with others and the parish will build a group for you. All are welcome!
  - Registration may be encouraged but not required.
  - Watch for more details regarding dates/times at your parish.
- **Existing small groups**
  - Already in a small group at your parish? Meet with your group using the Synod small group materials and provide feedback.
  - Contact your parish for more information.

*Your parish may offer additional types of Synod small groups.*

**Be a part of something bigger!**

**Join the Catholic family gathering in every parish throughout this Archdiocese to participate in the first Synod in over 80 years.**

**Don't miss this historic moment!**