

THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



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

**18TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
AUGUST 1, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY
5:00PM

SUNDAY
7:30AM, 9:30*, 11:30* &
5:00PM

*ASL Interpreted & Livestream

WEEKDAY MASS
7:00AM & NOON*

*Livestream

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OUR CALL TO HEAL AND GROW TOGETHER

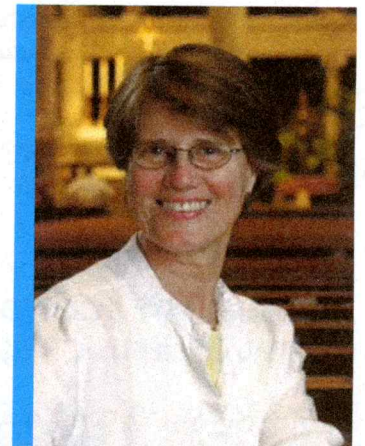
The Basilica offered various iterations of committees to address racism, over the past few decades. But if we are honest, they were initiatives that sat on the margins of our parish life. Without intentional malice, they allowed our community to remain comfortable, while offering opportunities to learn about racial diversity.

In 2018, The Basilica prayerfully embraced a new strategic plan. This plan identified inclusivity as a core commitment for our whole parish—crossing all ministries, penetrating all communications for volunteers, donors and community partners. With prophetic courage, this strategic direction responded to the signs of our times. It compelled us to begin anew, our commitment to address racism.

Racism is a reality with deep roots and wide misunderstanding. Fr. Bryan Massingale, in his book *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, frames the discussion with important definitions. He clarifies that “racism is a cultural phenomenon, that is, a way of interpreting human color differences that pervades the collective convictions, conventions, and practices of American life.” He importantly emphasizes that while “the commonsense understanding discusses racism as personal acts of rudeness, hostility or discrimination,” the focus on individual behaviors and attitudes misses the crucial and fundamental reality of racism as “a communal and learned frame of reference that shapes identity, consciousness, and behavior—the way a social group understands its place and worth.”

American anthropologist Edward T. Hall explains: “Culture is the logic by which I have learned to give order to the world. And I have been learning this logic little by little since the moment I was born... I learned to breathe this logic and forget that I learned it—I find it natural.”

We are called to see the implications of living in a country founded with the legal institution of human chattel slavery and all the underlying spoken and unspoken assumptions this rested on. Even after the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, threads of slavery remained.



Janice Andersen
*Director of Christian Life
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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.

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

Sitting with a twenty-first century heart and mind, it is tempting to soothe my discomfort and simply claim: This is no longer relevant. Slavery is gone. I yearn to claim to be beyond the cultural pull of racism. But facing the reality of centuries of oppression and generations of persecution, we see racism cannot be healed by denial or "just moving on."

Healing requires deep, community-wide acknowledgement of ways this fundamental and sinful paradigm gives order to our world, even today. We are called to recognize our complicity in enabling racism to persist: In 2021, can we reconcile the dissonance of living in Minnesota, with some of the highest racial disparities in the nation, despite being ranked one of the best places to live?

The Basilica is committed to wrestle with, expose and eliminate racism in our community. It is hard work we must do together. It calls the white community to take a lead in anti-racism work, along with the discomfort this brings, and provide healing spaces for our brothers and sisters of color.

The Basilica has commissioned an Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity Leadership Team. With parish leadership, it has identified core goals to work on together. We need your partnership and help to work on these goals and to grow together. Look for ways to engage at mary.org/edi. Come Holy Spirit; give us strength, courage, and guidance for this journey.

ANGLES UNAWARES

This powerful sculpture will be on display in front of The Basilica August 1-30. There are many events and activities taking place while it is on display—all are welcome to attend.

The *Angels Unawares* sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz depicts more than 140 refugees. The 3.5-ton, 20-foot-long sculpture, is currently on a national tour. Through this pilgrimage, people across the country have the opportunity to share in its message of welcome and hope.

The inspiration for the work arises from Hebrews 13:2

"Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares."

KEY DATES:

BLESSING AND UNVEILING

Sunday, August 1 at 10:30am
following 9:30am Mass

OPENING CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 1 at 3:00pm

CLOSING CEREMONY

Thursday, August 26 at 5:30pm

SUNDAY DOCENT TOURS

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 following the
9:30 and 11:30am Masses.



Learn more mary.org/angelsunawares.