

# The Basilica of Saint Mary | 2024-2025 Pre-School to 5th

## SEPTEMBER '24

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- 1 Labor Day – No Classes
- 8 Blessing of Catechists and Children at 9:30am Mass  
Open House - after 9:30 Mass  
10:45am – 11:45am
- 15 First Day of Class  
9:15 – 11:00am
- 29 Mass of Solidarity 5:30pm

## MARCH '25

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- 5 Ash Wednesday
- 9 Mandatory Safety Lesson (during class)
- 30 Spring Break – No Classes

## OCTOBER '24

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- 6 Blessing of the Animals  
2:00pm  
Pre-K to 3rd sing at Blessing of the Animals
- 20 MEA – No Classes

## APRIL '25

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- 12 Family Event  
Palm Sunday Crafts & Activities  
3:30 – 5:15pm  
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
- 13 Palm Sunday – No Class  
Children-Centered Liturgy at Noon Mass
- 20 Easter Sunday – No Classes
- 27 Divine Mercy Sunday  
- Last Day Celebration  
- Children-Centered Liturgy Noon Mass  
- Hospitality – 1:00pm  
Teresa of Calcutta Hall

## NOVEMBER '24

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- 10 Pre-K to 3rd Sing prelude at Noon Mass
- 17 Mandatory Safety Lesson
- 23 Family Event  
DIY Advent Wreath  
3:30 – 5:15pm  
Teresa of Calcutta Hall
- 24 No Class: Rite of Welcome  
Mass 9:30 am

## MAY '25

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- 4 First Communion Mass  
12:00pm
- 8 Confirmation Mass  
7:00pm.
- 18 Family Event  
Mary Crowning  
12:30 – 1:30pm

## DECEMBER '24

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- 1 No Classes – Blessing of Advent Wreaths\*
  - 8 Blessing of Straws for Home Nativities\*
  - 15 Blessing of Bambinelli\*
  - 22 Christmas Extravaganza\*
  - 24 Children-Centered Liturgy  
2:00pm
  - 29 No Classes
- \*Following 9:30am and Noon Masses

## General Information

**Sunday Morning Classes:**  
**9:15-11:00am**  
Pre-School-5th Grade.

**Red** – No Class  
**Green** – Class  
**Yellow** – Other

**Location: Basilica School**  
1601 Laurel Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

## JANUARY '25

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- 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 5 Blessing of Epiphany Home Kits following 9:30am and Noon Masses
- 19 MLK Day – No Classes

## Staff Resources

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*Coordinator of Learning for Children & Youth*  
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[JAuger@mary.org](mailto:JAuger@mary.org)

**\*There is a separate calendar for Middle School & YM/Basilica YES meetings. Please see it for details.**

## FEBRUARY '25

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- 9 Pre-K to 3rd sing prelude at Noon Mass
- 16 President's Day – No Classes
- 23 No Class – Youth Ministry Retreat

## Sacrament Preparation

**Katie Wethli**  
*Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation*  
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[KWethli@mary.org](mailto:KWethli@mary.org)

**\*There are separate calendars for First Reconciliation/First Communion, as well as Confirmation classes. Please see these for details.**

## Music Resources

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*Music Administrative Assistant and Coordinator of Contemporary Music*  
612.317.3507  
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## Program Policies

### Attendance

For consistency in the classroom, we ask that there be no more than two (2) absences per year. Please let your child(ren)'s catechist or Sacramental Preparation Coordinator know if they will be absent. Catechists plan the lessons and activities based on a progression, so your child(ren)'s attendance is essential.

### Drop-Off / Pick-Up of Children

Children will be released only at the classroom door and only to a parent, other authorized adult, or if they are old enough to dry themselves at the end of class. Permission information as specified by parents at the time of registration is on file.

Due to Archdiocesan guidelines and for the protection of children and catechists, there is never a time when a single child and a single adult are alone.

### Communication with Families

The Basilica of Saint Mary's staff will communicate regularly with families registered for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation programs via email. Messages will be sent to the parent's email addresses listed on the registration form or the email address on file in the parish database.

### Inclement Weather

Should this be the case, or if classes are canceled due to other circumstances, the Learning team will contact all families via email. The Basilica's website and phone messages will be updated with any relevant cancellation announcements. In any case, we encourage families to use their best judgment when choosing whether or not to travel to classes in inclement weather.

### Behavior

If a child demonstrates unacceptable behavior, the parent(s) will be called and asked to pick up the child immediately. Situations considered unacceptable include the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal substances. The possession of any device that could cause harm to people or property, the demonstration of abusive, violent, interruptive, inappropriate, or disrespectful behavior, or any other behavior deemed unacceptable by program coordinators.

The Basilica of Saint Mary reserves the right to suspend and/or expel any child found to be in violation of this behavior policy.

### Children's Personal Safety Lessons -Mandatory

The archdiocese requires all parishes and Catholic Schools to provide the following:

- Age-appropriate approved Personal Safety Lesson (PSL) instructions annually from K-12
- Make-up lessons for students who miss scheduled class time

Personal Safety Lessons (PSL) teach children and young people about personal safety. These lessons are taught within the framework of healthy relationships, healthy communities, and the Church's belief in the dignity of the human person made in God's own image.

For questions, contact Melissa Streit, The Basilica Safe Environment Coordinator, at [mstreit@mary.org](mailto:mstreit@mary.org) or 612.317.3417.

### COVID-19 Precautions

We will have hand sanitizers available throughout the classrooms and hallway.

**Please keep your child at home if someone in your family is sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Notify the Coordinator of Faith Formation if your child has a positive COVID-19 test and has been in class.**