

THE BASILICA  
OF SAINT MARY



## RESPONDING TO THE CRISIS IN OUR CITY

*Individually and collectively, The Basilica of Saint Mary community is responding to the critical needs of our immigrant sisters and brothers in these troubled times. Together, we seek to promote and protect human dignity through individual action and organized collective support.*

### Organized Collective Action:

- Basilica St. Vincent de Paul Ministry is paying rent, providing food, transportation assistance, and paying legal fees for our brothers and sisters who are unable to work. We continue to partner with our sister parish.
  - During these challenging times, we are expanding our reach beyond the scope of our normal SVdP focus to support families needing protection and are unable to work.
  - We are building momentum partnering with other Catholic parishes, interfaith networks, and local non-profits.
  - We are providing children, youth, and adults with important legal documentation through a partnership with Immigration Law Project, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid.
- If you know of someone who is unable to have basic needs met due to safety concerns, please reach out to [jandersen@mary.org](mailto:jandersen@mary.org) or call 612-317-3477. If you know someone who needs rides to church, reach out and offer to drive them. Let us know if you need help.
- Donate to [The Basilica SVdP](#) or [Ascension Church Emergency Relief Fund](#) to help with these expenses.
- The Basilica Faith Formation families are organizing a Food Drive to support our Community Partner. Donate through February 22 [Community Partner Food Drive through February 22 | The Basilica of Saint Mary](#)

### Individual Action:

- We invite you to pray for discernment about what you are being called to do, at this time in our city. Consider intentional prayer before or after Mass. Or find a time of quiet to listen to what the Spirit is calling you to.

- Consider going to [act-tc.org](http://act-tc.org) for many volunteer opportunities that walk alongside our immigrant brothers and sisters. Or contact [jandersen@mary.org](mailto:jandersen@mary.org) for opportunities at The Basilica or with other Catholic parishes. There is something for us all to do, in small and big ways.
- Take action through the principle of [subsidiarity](#) and help your neighbors.
- Donate to [Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota](#) to support a variety of important immigrant support ministries.
- Sign-up for the *Doing Something Just* weekly online newsletter, sent each Thursday at 11:00am. A newsletter of the [Justic Commission of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet](#).
- Faithful Witnessing:
  - Catholic Singing
    - Join a Candlemas walking prayer vigil of song in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors in the Near North. Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00-7:00 pm. Contact [jandersen@mary.org](mailto:jandersen@mary.org) for location. Look for more Catholic singing opportunities in weeks to come.
  - [Unidos Day at the Capitol 2026: Legislative Advocacy](#)
    - Thursday, February 26, 2026, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM,
  - Laudato Si' Movement Minnesota [Call on Catholics and all People of Goodwill to Stand Together with Immigrants](#).