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Catholic Community

# Welcome

*We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey*

## Gym Masses

Presider: *Fr. James Cassidy*

**Pre-mass Speaker: JoAnn Campbell-Rice**, Spiritual Care Manager at Hazelden Foundation, will speak on Spirituality and Addiction.

**Mary Jane Alm**, Twin Cities singer and 2013 Minnesota Musician Hall of Fame inductee is with us today to offer two solos at our gym masses. Mary Jane is no stranger to our community and will be joining our big Cabaret show on Friday, night October 27! Welcome and thank you as always!

## Family Masses

To honor Indigenous Peoples day we have a lovely story, *One Small Blue Bead*, telling of our world filled with tribes of people who learn that we are all family. Worship together as a family at our child-friendly Masses in the church at 9:45 or 11:45 am. See you there!

**Warm Hands Warm Hearts Coat Drop-off:** If you have purchased a new winter coat for a child, please drop off the bag at the Arc (just across 45th St. from the north side of the parking lot). Volunteers will be there to greet you. We are so grateful for your donation and for your willingness to navigate our campus on this chaotic day! And remember that next Sunday is the deadline for this project.



## Pastor's 2 Cents: From Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Today's Gospel reminds us again of the self-offering of Jesus in the parable of evil tenders of the vineyard who kill the owner's son. Of course, it was also a warning to those who kill the messenger, whose cynicism and selfishness kill hope.

Most of us will never kill somebody, but we do sometimes kill hope in others. Last week, as a joke, I said I was a follower of Larry David's philosophy of aging – whine. Sometimes I hate to admit it but I really practice that - *This person isn't doing their job. Nobody respects me! We will never get this done. Why even try, the idiots are in control?* – and on and on and on.

Everyone in charge of the Church is wrong or incompetent - or both. The Church is not inclusive enough or, as more of my e-mails suggest, the Church is becoming too inclusive, you are destroying the Catholic Church. I've recently been getting more of those far-right fishing e-mails trying to get me to say something outrageous so they can forward it to the powers that be. Luckily, I don't have or want a Twitter account.

We can find any number of reasons why the world is going to hell in a handbasket. I always like to go back to one of my favorite cartoons, Cathy Guisewite's, *Cathy*. In the first frame, Cathy is in her usual state of misery looking out at us, the reader, complaining about her life and how people are against her. In the next frame she asks that God strike down her worst enemy, and then there is just a little pile of ashes where she was sitting. In the final frame a little smoke rises from the ashes with the caption, "Let me rephrase that."

We have met the enemy and it is US.

Somebody once told me, and they must have been famous, "No one can stop you from doing good or the loving thing. You are in control of what you do. No matter how negative they are or vindictive or disrespectful, you are in control of making the decision to do right".

In my early years of priesthood, I did a lot of 5th steps with teenagers in rehab. The 5th Step of the Twelve Step Program is "Admit to God, to ourselves, and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs." I usually found that if the person readily accepted responsibility of their own actions, they were on their way to recovery. More often, I would hear all the reasons why their life choices were forced on them and that it wasn't their fault. Some of the excuses were compelling, but it still was their choice to do what they did.

We can find all kind of reasons to give up. Life sometimes kicks us when we are down. Once again this week, almost as if God is taunting us, God shows both sides of reality. The lone hatred of a killer and the literally hundreds of heroic life-saving and life-giving responses of others. The choice is that you can kill hope or give hope.

**Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:**  
**5 pm Saturday and 7:45 am Sunday in the Church**  
**9 am and 11 am Sunday in the Gym**  
**Family Masses at 9:45 am and 11:45 am in the Church**

## Highlights This Week at SJA

FFI check the bulletin, the SJA website or call the Parish Center. The Upper Room is located in the Parish Center; Hospitality Hall, in the Church basement; the Arc, across 45th Street, 4457 3rd Ave.

### Sunday, October 8

*Welcome the Stranger*, 12:30 pm in the Upper Room

*WAMM Silent Auction*, 5 pm in the Gym

### Monday, October 9

*SAGES 2nd Monday Dialogue*, 1:30 pm in Hospitality Hall

*Mental Health Ministry*, 5:45 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran

*Welcome the Stranger* viewing *An American House*, 7 pm, Church

### Tuesday, October 10

*8 am Mass* in the Church

### Wednesday, October 11

*Healing Service*, 7 pm in the Church

### Thursday, October 12

*8 am Mass* in the Church

*Choir*, 7 pm in the Church

### Saturday, October 14

*Addiction Resources*, 9 am in Hospitality Hall

*Feed My Starving Children*, 2 pm at the Egan site

**Gluten-free Communion** is available upon request. Please see any of the Sunday sacristans in the Gym before Mass.

**SignUpGenius for Eucharistic Ministers** is available online. It is simple, user friendly and a reminder is sent 3 days before your scheduled volunteer day. FFI contact Marcia at [mkurtz@stjoan.com](mailto:mkurtz@stjoan.com).

## Looking Ahead...

### Sunday 9 and 11 am Gym Masses:

**October 15:** Presider: **Fr. DeBruycker**. Our Director of Adult Learning, **Cynthia Bailey Manns**, will speak on *Sacred Activism – a crucial call to us in this time*.

**October 22:** Presider: **Fr. Cassidy**. Speaker: MN Secretary of State, **Steve Simon**, will share his journey of service and inspire us in our work for human dignity and the common good.

**October 29:** Presider: **Fr. DeBruycker**. Several of our SJA youth will share their confirmation journey – this is always a wonderful Sunday in the gym as we are challenged to reflect on our own journey of faith.

**November 5:** Presider: **Fr. Cassidy**. We will remember loved ones who have gone before us in our All Saints/All Souls reflection.

**November 12:** Presider: **Fr. DeBruycker**. Speaker: **Mel Duncan**, executive director of the NonViolent Peaceforce is in the gym! Headquartered in France, with an office in Minneapolis, NVP is an unarmed, trained, paid civilian protection force in areas of conflict around the world.

### Scripture Readings:

Sun, Oct. 8: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-44

Mon, Oct. 9: Jonah 1:1-2:1-2,11; Luke 10:25-37

Tue, Oct. 10: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42

Wed, Oct. 11: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4

Thu, Oct. 12: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13

Fri, Oct. 13: Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26

Sat, Oct. 14: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28

Sun, Oct. 15: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Matt 22:1-14

## Prayer Corner: Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of healing:

*Chuck Abramson, Mary Albrektsen, Dean Andrews, Bill Ashenbach, Arlene Axelson, Danny Axelrod, Dennis Barta, Phyllis Berninger, Elaine Boehm, Sally Bolster, Rose Brown, Bill Brazil, Lorraine Bryant, Pam Burd, Tom Burns, Chris C., George C., Joe Chouinard, Nick & Megan Daoust, Ted deLancey, Colleen Dooley, Eric, Kris Erickson, John & Margaret Frees, Roman Garwood, Peter & Kathleen Giefer, Heidi Gregorich, Tom Griep, Brent Harapat, Pippa Hempe, Helen Hinton, Jim Hinton, Ethan Hoeschen, Megan Hoffman, Lexi Holland, Mary Hoody, Jan Horner, Kathy Horner, Neysa Housley, Kirk Ingram, Jen, Mario & family, Tricia Jacobson, Cecilia Jaisle, Marjorie & Scott Johnson, Paul Jonsson, Lois Kalis, Jean Karol, Maria Karpinski, Donna Kelly, Glen Kelley, Lois Kolis, Teresa Kragenbring, Luke, Marianne Lafex, Amy Lainus, Iva Lang, Melva Larson, Rachel Larson, Darlene Lawson, Gary Lindstrom, Eileen Lund, Pat Lyon, Jim Lyons, Malia, Kyle M., Katherine Malaga, Edna Manns, Anthony Marino, Harvey May, Dawn McClelland, Chuck Meiers, Teddy Mueller, Clara Murrell, Nate, Neala, Randy Naae, Steve Nathe, Pat Nelson, Ricky Nolan, Craig Nordby, Ken Olsen, Charlie Olson, Dick Olson, Paul Olvera, Colette Ott, Pam, Judy P., Michelle P., Jan Pabst, Augie Peden, Joan Penrose, Bill Peterka, Dick Pirola, Ron, Jim Rapp, Doris Rausch, Rob Rivan, Scott Rivard, Donald & Susan Roufs, Stephen Rowe, Dorothy Rowe, Helen Russett, Amy S. & family, Sara, Conrad Sampair, Kay Samuelson, Ottavio Savina, Tayler Schmmel, Dana Sell, Joyce Shortino, Sam Slagerman, Jon Smith, Ted Sparrman, Joan Speltz, Jeff Stearns, Becca Sweeney, David Sylvester, Irene Taddiken, Anne Taylor, Matthew Tennant, Mary Eve Thomas, Echo Thoren, Carin Vagle, Leroy Vague, Marlys Weber, Bennett Wentworth, Don Whitlow, Ian Dakota Wiek, Dave Wilkie, Jim & Jerry Wohnoutka, Jim Wolfe, Ann Woolsey, Annemaire & Ava Zubrzycki*

**Prayer Corner Requests:** To keep prayer requests current, names will be included in the bulletin for four weeks and then removed. To **add** a name or to **renew** your request, please call Nancy Becker at 612.823.8205 ext. 223.

**A Book of Prayer** is located in our Gym vestibule. If you have a family member or friend who is ill or who has recently died, please write their names in our Book of Prayer before Mass so we may include them in prayers during our Sunday Masses.

## Parish Life

**Choir** will meet this Thursday, Oct. 5 at 7 pm. This is a great time for new members to join and be a part of our Hymn Sing Sunday Mass on Nov. 5 as we remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. "Make a Joyful Noise!"

**Fall Healing Service:** Are you in need of physical, emotional, spiritual healing and/or support in your life? Join our SJA Prayer Partners as we gather to pray for and support our community members' need. Prayer is a small act of kindness! Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 7 pm in the church.



**SJA Happy Hour:** Our next Happy Hour is Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Bunny's, 5916 Excelsior Blvd, St. Louis Park from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us and meet other SJA folks. If you have any questions about our Happy Hours contact Dennis or Margo Heaney at the Parish Center. See you on the 17th at 4:30!

**New Member Dinner** - Wednesday, October 25: Welcome new members! If you've registered as a member since July, you and your family are invited to this informal dinner hosted by staff and volunteers at 6 pm in Hospitality Hall. Did you register this past year but were unable to attend a previous dinner? Join us at this one! RSVP to the Parish Center by Oct. 22, 612.823.8205.



**Cabaret** It's back! SJA's big, spectacular weekend of the Twin Cities' finest musical talent! Three nights, three different shows, three opportunities to support this fun fundraiser for the ministries of St. Joan of Arc. Don't miss it! Tickets are on sale today after gym masses. To purchase tickets during the week, call Mark Abeln at 612.810.2912.

### SJA Announces its 2017/18 Concert Series!

**Ann Reed CD Release Concert**, Sunday, November 12, 7 pm: A night of songs from Ann's first CD in four years, Winter Springs, Summer Falls; with multi-instrumentalist Joan Griffith, pianist Laura Caviani and more.

**O Christmas Three**, Sunday, December 17, 7 pm: George Maurer, Tommy Barbarella and Dan Chouinard, our three SJA bandleaders, are back together again by popular demand for a Holiday concert with guests Maria Jette, Julius Collins, Leslie Vincent, Jeff Engholm, Julie Bella, members of the Chouinard family, and more.

**Watch That Star - 2018 MLK Concert**, Sunday, January 14, 7 pm: Bruce Henry leads a spellbinding journey through 400 years of African-American protest songs, with an all-star band, singers Tonia Hughes, Robert Robinson, Mari Harris and Pavielle, dancer Kenna-Camara Cottman, the SJA choir and more.

**Urban Farmer's Almanac**, Sunday, April 29, 7 pm: Through music, comedy and conversation, Dan Chouinard and guests celebrate the bountiful city and explore ways of leading a greener urban life. With author and Star Tribune writer, Beth Dooley, Ruhel Islam of Gandhi Mahal Restaurant and Urban Farm, lots of musicians, storytellers and more.

**Tickets** are on sale before and after Sunday masses in the Egan Room and at [www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com). After mass sales: cash or check only. On-line sales: credit card.

**Meet Your Parish Council:** This weekend you are invited to visit with SJA Parish Council members, Ellen Velasco-Thompson after the 7:45 am Mass on Sunday and Renee Anderson in the hospitality area after the 9 and 11 Gym Masses and in Hospitality Hall after both Family Masses. If you have ideas or suggestions or are a new SJA member, stop by and say "Hello".

**Love Is Always the Answer:** Have we received your 2017-18 Shared Ministry registration? What ministries are you called to this year? Thank you to those of you who have already renewed or made new ministry electives! Registration booklets are available in the vestibules, Parish Center or on-line at [www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com). Mail completed registrations to the Parish Center, or drop them in the vestibules' collection boxes or Mass collection baskets. Thank you for your service to SJA and our extended community!

**All Souls Memorial Mass:** Join us for a special Memorial Mass on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7 pm. This remembrance of our loved ones who have passed on to a new way of being begins in the Memorial Garden with the chanting of the names of those from our parish who have died this past year. We then process into our gym for a ritual lighting of candles and Eucharistic liturgy. Join Fr. Jim DeBruycker, the SJA Prayer Partners and the SJA Choir for this special evening on this Holy Day in November.

**Help Children Stay in School!** SJA is once again partnering with Common Hope ([www.commonhope.org](http://www.commonhope.org)) to collect donations of school supplies for children in Guatemala. We will be collecting supplies each Sunday in October in the bin outside the church. Please bring in only new, targeted supplies. For a list of supplies, please contact Gabrielle at [gdane@stjoan.com](mailto:gdane@stjoan.com).



### Mobile Loaves Twin Cities Needs:

- Hotel-sized toiletries to distribute to those who come to the truck for a meal - and we also need socks, socks, and more socks. Please place your donations in the collection hamper across from the food shelf bin in the Parish Center entrance. Thank you so much! FFI contact [mlf.mpls@gmail.com](mailto:mlf.mpls@gmail.com).
- Meat slicers - by slicing our own meat we save a lot of money. We need two teams once a month for 3 - 4 hours. One person slices, one bags. If you are interested in becoming a part of this wonderful ministry that feeds the hungry, contact Floyd Ward at [feward47@gmail.com](mailto:feward47@gmail.com).

Summary of contributions for the week and fiscal year. Includes plate, envelopes and estimated Sustaining Member payments.

#### Week of October 1, 2017

Actual \$26,286 Budget \$31,202  
Prior Year Actual \$30,721

#### YTD (July 1 – October 1, 2017)

Actual \$452,802 Budget \$463,251  
Prior Year Actual \$459,490

**Thank You For Your Continued Support!**

## Pastoral Ministries

**FFI on Pastoral Ministries** contact Mary Ann Kelly-Wright at 612.823.8205 ext 231 or via email: [mkelly@stjoan.com](mailto:mkelly@stjoan.com).

**Mental Health Ministry:** Monday, Oct. 9 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale. *What is success in today's world when living with a mental illness? What does living a good life mean?* Therapists from Westminster Counseling, Mpls will lead the presentation. If you live with a mental illness, are a family member or friend, or work as a professional, join us for this timely discussion. Light supper 5:45 pm; program 6:30 - 8 pm. CEU certificate for 1.8 hours available. All are welcome. Free will offering accepted. FFI contact Mary Ann at the Parish Center.

**Did You Know?** Presenters for Oct. 9 from Westminster will be: Margaret McCray, Ba, M.Div., D.Min clinical director and therapist, Susan Thornton, M.Div, MA, LP, Licensed psychologist and psychotherapist and Laurel Severns Guntzel, M.Div, MA, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.

**The Parish Visitor Ministry** offers confidential listening, prayer, communion and support in times of life challenges or transitions through phone calls and visits. This quiet support is available to parishioners that cannot join us for worship or would like an additional long or short term parish connection in the home, hospital, rehab or care center. FFI contact Carolyn Dobis, 651.485.2868.



**TRUST, Inc., Grief Support Series:** Thursday, Oct. 12 at Our Lady of Peace Church, 5426 12th Av. S. Rev. Karen Salisbury, chaplain, author, grief survivor, will present *Why God Why*. Registration, 6:15 pm; speaker, 6:30 - 7 pm; facilitated small groups, 7 - 8 pm. Schedules are available in the Parish Center and on the church and school hallway bulletin boards. FFI contact Norine Larson at 952.925.2437.

## Peace and Justice

**FFI on Peace & Justice** programs contact Julie Madden at 612.823.8205 ext 228 or [jmadden@stjoan.com](mailto:jmadden@stjoan.com).

**WAMM Silent Auction:** Women Against Military Madness is a Sustaining Partner organization of our SJA Outreach Fund, and our own SJA WAMM/Peacemakers continue to call us to a future of nonviolence. WAMM's annual silent auction will be in the gym **today** at 5 pm. A great evening celebrating the work and witness of this powerful organization.



**A Blessing for Judges and Lawyers:** The Red Mass is celebrated annually for judges, lawyers, law students and legal professionals, asking the Holy Spirit to guide all those who seek justice in these professions. The Archdiocese will celebrate the 67th Red Mass on Oct. 7 at 6 pm at the Church of the Assumption in St. Paul. All SJA legal professionals, current or retired, are invited to an informal gathering Sunday, Oct. 22 at 10 am in the SJA Parish Center Upper Room for fellowship, hospitality, and a blessing.

**Welcome the Stranger Upcoming Events:** This ministry focuses on our welcome of immigrants, asylees and refugees in our community.

- **Reception for Jim Marx: Today**, following the 11 am mass join us in the Parish Center Upper Room to meet Jim and hear his compelling stories of serving people crossing the desert into the U.S. on our southern border.
- **An American House Film Screening:** On Monday, Oct. 9, join us for the screening of this documentary at 7 pm in the church. It is the incredible story of Annunciation House, which ministers to people crossing the U.S./Mexico border in search of a better life.
- Join **Welcome the Stranger!** On Sunday, Oct. 15, following the 11 am mass, learn more about our work and enjoy hospitality in the Parish Center with current members of this group. We are planning an upcoming delegation to the U.S./Mexico border and many other activities as well.

**Evolving an "Integral" Church:** The Catholic Coalition for Church Reform and Council of the Baptized invites you to an open forum on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul. Presenter is SJA parishioner and former director of Adult Learning, Tom Smith Myott.

**ISIAH Minneapolis City Council Candidates Forum:** Join us on Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 pm in Hospitality Hall and meet the candidates from Wards 8, 11, 12 and 13. This will be conversation, not presentation, so you will have a chance to connect with candidates. Hosted by SJA's ISIAH core team, along with leaders from other ISIAH congregations.



**Carmen Pampa Event:** We have partnered with Carmen Pampa through our Justice Grants (made possible by your contributions to the Outreach Fund). Many parishioners are involved in their work providing a college education for rural youth in Bolivia - currently, SJA parishioners Jon and Shannon Thompson and their family are spending the fall there. Carmen Pampa's wonderful annual wine tasting and silent auction is Tuesday, Oct. 17, 5:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. FFI, go to [carmenpampafund.org](http://carmenpampafund.org).

**An Encounter with Mitch Walking Elk:** Join our AntiRacism core team Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 pm in Hospitality Hall. Many were present in the gym this summer when Native leader Mitch Walking Elk came to SJA along with several youth. They are all members of a delegation to Rome, where they will meet with Vatican leaders to urge a revocation of the papal bulls of Discovery, which authorized Christians to "invade, search out, capture, vanquish and subdue" the lands of indigenous peoples and to "reduce their persons to perpetual slavery" for hundreds of years. It will be a powerful discussion, updating us on their work.

**Minnesota Citizens for Clean Elections:** On Sunday, Oct. 22, following the 11 am mass in the Upper Room, join us in discussion on ideas presented by pre-mass speaker, MN Secretary of State Steve Simon. Members of MNCCE, a non-partisan, non-profit that promotes electoral and government policies which reflect the will of the people and not the power of money, will lead our discussion.

# Faith Formation and Adult Learning

*We form the faith of our community through participation in prayer, liturgy, sacraments, education, community and works of justice.*

**SJA Children's Choir:** All children in grades 3 - 7 are invited to join our Children's Choir directed by Seth Boyd. The choir will have three exciting holiday performances: A St. Nicholas play (Dec. 3, Family Masses), A Christmas story (Dec. 17, Family Masses) and the 4 pm Christmas Eve Gym Mass. We start off with a rehearsal camp on Oct. 28, 11 am - 4 pm: fun, music & pizza! Other rehearsals are Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Dec. 10. Children can do both the Children's Choir and the Christmas Musical. To sign up, contact Gabrielle at [gdane@stjoan.com](mailto:gdane@stjoan.com).



**SJA Christmas Musical:** Children grades 1-8 are invited to join this year's musical, *The Loaned Manger*. Registration is online at [www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com). Each year, SJA children build their faith community by performing a Nativity story. Kids deepen their faith, increase their confidence, and make life-long church friends while creating a joyful production that is shared with the wider community. FFI email Terri Coats at [stagecoachslp@gmail.com](mailto:stagecoachslp@gmail.com).

**Feed My Starving Children:** On Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 - 4 pm, join other SJA families at the Eagan site to pack food for children in need. To sign up, contact Gabrielle at [gdane@stjoan.com](mailto:gdane@stjoan.com).

**Nursery:** FFI contact Michelle Dehn, Nursery Director at [mdehn@stjoan.com](mailto:mdehn@stjoan.com) or 612.823.8205 ext. 240.

**Our Nursery,** located in the lower level of the Parish Center, is open for the 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses. The Nursery is a wonderful community of families and volunteers that allows parents to enjoy Mass and meet other families in the Parish. Drop-ins are always welcome.

**Pre-school:** (Ages 4-Kindergarten) FFI contact the Parish Center at 612.823.8205.

**Pre-K Classes** will not be held **today**. Classes resume Oct. 15.

**Grade School:** (Grades 1-6) FFI contact Marie Bissonnette at 612.823.8205 ext. 229 or [mbissonnette@stjoan.com](mailto:mbissonnette@stjoan.com).

**First Reconciliation** parent and child registration and information meeting Sunday, Nov. 5 at 12:30 pm in the Gym. Children grades 2 and up who wish to prepare for this sacrament to be celebrated either Saturday, Dec. 9, or 16 at 10 am in the Church.

**Youth Ministry:** (Grades 7-12) FFI contact Rose Aspholm at 612.823.8205 ext. 241 or [raspholm@stjoan.com](mailto:raspholm@stjoan.com).

**Confirmation Information:** 10th or 11th graders and their families interested in the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to our Parent Information Night on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Arc. Confirmation Registration packets can be found in the Parish Center. FFI contact Rose at [raspholm@stjoan.com](mailto:raspholm@stjoan.com).

**Adult Learning:** FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at 612.823.8205 ext. 226 or [cmanns@stjoan.com](mailto:cmanns@stjoan.com).

**2nd Monday Dialogue with SAGES:** Enjoy coffee and dialogue with presenter Myron Orfield, a professor at the University of Minnesota Law School and one of the country's foremost authorities on metropolitan governance. His topic is, *Growing Segregation and Conflict in the Inner-Ring*. Join us on Monday, Oct. 9, 1:30 - 3 pm in Hospitality Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Is this your year to explore the sacrament, which may include the rite of Baptism, designed for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for Catholics who wish to be confirmed, If so, please contact Fr. Jim DeBruycker at [jdebruyster@stjoan.com](mailto:jdebruyster@stjoan.com) or 612.823.8205 ext. 224 to sign up for the classes beginning Oct. 10 at 7 pm.

**Addiction Resources - Awareness, Education and Support:** Please join us for a Kick-off Gathering on Oct. 14, 9 - 11:30 am in Hospitality Hall. RSVP to the Parish Center.



**Life Reimagined** provides guidance on how to understand where you are currently in your life and to think about what's next. Oct. 18, 6 - 9 pm in the Upper Room. RSVP to the Parish Center. 15 maximum participants.

**Sacred Conversations Series:** Oct. 21, 9 am - Noon in Hospitality Hall. Pope Francis calls us to "extend an invitation to work for a culture of encounters," and we can do so by creating space for dialogue and discernment by "going in search of other people, other cultures, other ways of thinking...coming out of ourselves because there is room in the heart for the person's point of view, opinion." Join us to learn foundational skills of 'civility' and a process of 'holy listening' that can be used in our encounters with others. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**What's New with Medicare for 2018:** Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 am - Noon in Hospitality Hall. Medicare Open Enrollment for next year is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Here's your chance to learn more about Medicare for yourself or someone else, and to preview health care and RX plans coming in 2018. Speaker is Arturo Steely, with the Senior LinkAge Line. Free and open to all.

**Conscious Parenting:** *Transforming Ourselves, Empowering Our Children*, is about being mindful of your behavior and engaging with your child as an individual (view TED Talk Conscious Parenting - Shefali Tsabary). Join us for an 8 month journey - Saturdays, 9 am - 12, 11/11, 12/9, 1/27, 2/24, 3/17, 4/14, 5/12, 6/2. 16 Participant Maximum. RSVP to the Parish Center.



**Parish Book Club** meets on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room to discuss *The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien. Everyone is welcome!



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