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Catholic Community

November 19, 2017

Welcome

We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey

Gym Masses

Presider: *Fr. James Cassidy*

Emmy Award winning actor, vocalist, arts educator and community organizer, and dear friend of St. Joan of Arc, **T Mychael Rambo**, is with us today to inspire our music and sing for *Arm in Arm in Africa!* Welcome and thank you, as always!

Family Masses

Givin' back the gifts God gave us! As our Gospel reminds us to use our gifts to serve others, our children will place care packets on the Mobile Loaves Twin Cities truck, and our youth and families will share ways they have found meaningful service opportunities at St. Joan's. Come to the church at 9:45/11:45 for our child-centered liturgies!

Next week, Nov. 26, there will be no Family Masses. Have a blessed Thanksgiving! Join us back in the church on Dec. 3 for the start of our joyful Advent celebrations.



Pastors 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

I think most of us have heard the old joke about the person who died and was awaiting judgment at the pearly gates. Ahead of him in line was Mother Teresa and he overheard St. Peter say to her, "Mother if only you had done more for the poor" #definition of a bad day.

Of course, if you had gone to Catholic grade school in the 50's, this story wouldn't be at all funny. I can remember first hearing today's Gospel as a child. Sister asked us the questions: If God called us today what kind of report could we give of our lives? How did we use the gifts that God had given to us? Had we used them for the betterment of mankind or had we squandered them on selfish pursuits?

What if God told us that, had we applied ourselves, we would have found a cure for cancer or helped forge peace between Israel and the Arab world-how would we feel? Instead, we frittered away our time coloring and building models. This may have been the beginning of some of my mental health issue.

Among other things, it certainly gave us illusions of grandeur as to our own importance in God's plan. But you don't know if you haven't even tried to do the right thing! Thank God the Protestants saved us from works righteousness, i.e. that we can save ourselves by manufacturing multiple good deeds.

Before we slip into despair about not saving the world, just remind yourself you're only human; perfection is not an option. Sometimes we can paralyze ourselves thinking of what might have been without seeing the opportunities to do good already available in front of us now.

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In this season of Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity that we have as a faith community to make a real difference in our world.

ARM IN ARM IN AFRICA This weekend, I am honored to share the story of the two loves of my life, the SJA community and our brothers and sisters in South Africa. Today, we have the opportunity to offer our financial support for the eighteen year mission of our sustaining partner, Arm In Arm In Africa. I will be providing an overview of some of the shared community organizing efforts that have evolved over the years and will highlight some of our more urgent challenges and opportunities. There will be a second collection at all of our masses to support our programs around education, food distribution and health care. Your financial contribution to Arm In Arm In Africa, a 501(c3), is 100% tax deductible. We welcome and appreciate matching contributions that may be available through your place of employment. You may prefer to make your contribution online at www.aiaia.org, or receive an envelope from one of our AIAIA volunteers, which you can mail at your convenience. Checks are payable to AIAIA. Thank you for choosing Arm In Arm In Africa as one of your end of the year charitable contributions.

Grateful for your ongoing support,
Fr. James Cassidy, President, AIAIA

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, November 19

Advent Evening for Families, 4 pm, Church and Hospitality Hall

Monday, November 20

Every Church a Peace Church, 6:30 pm in Hospitality Hall

SAGES: Thanksgiving: It's More Than a Holiday, 7 pm, Upper Rm

Tuesday, November 21

8 am Mass in the Church

SJA Happy Hour, 4:30 pm at the Exchange in New Brighton

Thursday, November 23

Parish Center Offices will be closed

Thanksgiving Day Service, 10 am in the Gym

Friday, November 24

Parish Center Offices will be closed

Scripture Readings:

Sun, Nov. 19: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31;

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Mon, Nov. 20: 1 Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Luke 18:35-43

Tue, Nov. 21: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

Wed, Nov. 22: 2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31; Luke 19:11-28

Thu, Nov. 23: Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19

Fri, Nov. 24: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37,52-59; Luke 19:45-48

Sat, Nov. 25: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

Sun, Nov. 26: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26,28; Matt 25:31

Pastors 2 Cents (continued from page 1)

I think I have mentioned before how I have seen a quadriplegic completely destroy tough, seasoned nurses with a few well-placed negative comments, or a totally crippled, bedridden, arthritic patient give hope and encouragement with a smile. We all have power, it just depends on how we use it and *that* we use it.

This is the end of the Church year, so the readings are asking questions about end times. Where are we heading? What guides us? Are we happy with who we are? Would God be happy with our direction and would we be happy to tell God about it? So, shape up and get to work!

But don't feel any pressure...

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 9 and 11 am Gym Masses:

November 26: Presider: **Fr. DeBruycker**. We will celebrate Christ the King Sunday in readings and music.

December 3: Presider: **Fr. Cassidy**. We begin our Advent Season: *Be Still and Know*. Our Sundays will include an opening ritual of music and prayer and quiet, as well as witness stories from our parishioners on their experiences of light illuminating darkness in their lives. Join us for this blessed season together.

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.

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

Chuck Abramson, Dean Andrews, Bill Ashenbach, Arlene Axelson, Danny Axelrod, Dennis Barta, Phyllis Berninger, Elaine Boehm, Sally Bolster, Bill Brazil, Lorraine Bryant, Pam Burd, Chris C., George C., Carrie Carlson, Dana Cell, Joe Chouinard, Nick & Megan Daoust, Colleen Dooley, Ann Duffy, Eric, Kris Erickson, Henry F., Mary & Del Fischer, Nathan Freeman, John & Margaret Frees, Roman Garwood, Peter & Kathleen Giefer, Stephen Goodman, Heidi Gregorich, Tom Griep, Brent Harapat, Helen Hinton, Jim Hinton, Ethan Hoeschen, Megan Hoffman, Mary Hoody, Jan Horner, Kathy Horner, Neysa Housley, Kirk Ingram, Jen, Mario & family, Tricia Jacobson, Cecilia Jaisle, Marjorie & Scott Johnson, Paul Jonsson, Molly K., Judy Kadlec, Lois Kalis, Jean Karol, Maria Karpinski, Donna Kelly, Glen Kelley, Marcia Kirchner, Lois Kolis, Teresa Kragenbring, Loyce, Luke, Marianne Lafex, Amy Lainus, Iva Lang, Melva Larson, Rachel Larson, Darlene Lawson, Linda Lindholme, Gary Lindstrom, Eileen Lund, Pat Lyon, Jim Lyons, Malia, Kamran M., Kyle M., Katherine Malaga, Edna Manns, Anthony Marino, Kaye Mason, Harvey May, Mayer Family, Dawn McClelland, Chuck Meiers, Marie Moilanen, Teddy Mueller, Clara Murrell, Nate, Neala, Randy Naee, Steve Nathe, Pat Nelson, Jeannie & Charlie Neumann, Ricky Nolan, Craig Nordby, Ken Olsen, Charlie Olson, Dick Olson, Paul Olvera, Colette Ott, Pam Paul, Joan Penrose, Bill Peterka, Dick Pirolo, Ron, Jim Rapp, Lorial Rathman, Nancy Rattray, Doris Rausch, Scott Rivard, Leslie & Steve Royal, Helen Russett, Sara, Conrad Sampair, Kay Samuelson, Ottavio Savina, Pat Schulstad, Dana Sell, Sam Slagerman, Joan Speltz, Jeff Stearns, Becca Sweeney, David Sylvester, Irene Taddiken, Anne Taylor, Tom Tedford, Matthew Tennant, Mary Eve Thomas, Echo Thoren, Carin Vagle, Leroy Vague, Marlys Weber, Bennett Wentworth, Dave Wilkie, Jim & Jerry Wohnoutka, Jim Wolfe, Ann Woolsey, Regis Yunker, 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 rehearse on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 pm in the church. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Schola rehearses on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7 pm in the church for Sunday, Nov. 26 masses.

Happy Hour: The next SJA Happy Hour will be Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Exchange, 500 5th Ave. NW, New Brighton. Join us and our hosts, Wayne & Jill Schafer, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Exchange and meet and mingle with other members of our SJA community. See you Nov. 21 at 4:30 in New Brighton!



Thanksgiving Day Service at SJA: On Thursday, Nov. 23 at 10 am, we will celebrate one of our favorite traditions - a warm and intimate mass of thanksgiving with an open mic of gratitude for you to share your own thank-you! Please bring a bag of non-perishable food to be donated to the Aliveness Project, a community provider of services to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Let us share our abundance with those in need and celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving with one another!

Joe Chouinard will be releasing a new recording of his piano arrangements of Christmas music, and the music will be featured in a concert on Friday, Dec. 1 at 8 pm in the church. Musical guests, refreshments, CD's and more are in store. Come and enjoy!



An Advent Evensong Reconciliation Service is planned for Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4 pm in the church. Mark your calendars for this very special preparation for the coming Feast of Christmas!

SAGES Senior Mass and Luncheon, *Sharing Christmas Joy*, Wednesday, Dec. 6. 11:30 mass in the church followed by lunch in Hospitality Hall. SAGES invites all seniors for a gathering of prayer, food, entertainment and prizes. Space is limited; RSVP is required. Call the Parish Center by Sunday, Dec. 3. Free Will Offering.

Expectant Family Blessing! Are you awaiting the arrival of a new member in your family through birth or adoption or fostering? Let our community support you in this sometimes anxious time of waiting. Join our Prayer Partners on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7 pm in our church for prayer, story and a special ritual blessing. FFI contact Anna Vagle at 612.823.8205 ext. 235.

Risen Christ School: Minnesota's only Catholic dual immersion school is located in our neighborhood, and serves families from many cultures and countries with tuition based on family income. We are proud to partner with this excellent grade school in many ways. If your family is looking for a school, there is an info night Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6 - 7 pm in the school library, 1120 E. 37th St. S.

St. Leonard's Christmas Faire and Brunch: *Today*, Nov. 19, 9 am - 1 pm, 3949 Clinton Ave. Silent Auction, raffle, bake sale, craft sale & brunch. Adults, \$8, kids under 12, \$5, under 2, free.

SJA Concert Series:

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 after Sunday masses or at www.stjoan.com. After mass sales: cash or check only. On-line sales: credit card.

The Sunday Morning Registration and Information Office is located in the Parish Center. In the office you may register to become a SJA parishioner, get program information, sign up for a program, and register to volunteer. The office is open after both of our Sunday morning liturgies.

Parking: Be considerate of our neighbors and their property. Please don't block driveways or park in their on-street handi-capped areas. Thank you!

Healthcare Deadlines: Enrollment for 2018 for the Affordable Care Act began Nov. 1 and ends Dec. 15. Funds to publicize these dates have been cut, so please be aware and help get the word out to others who may need to apply for healthcare through the ACA.



Recycle: Please use the labeled receptacles for compost, paper, glass, plastic, cans, waste and cups. By doing so, we will be ecologically responsible and a big help to our maintenance staff as well.

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

Week of November 5, 2017

Actual \$36,978 Budget \$39,476
Prior Year Actual \$39,768

YTD (July 1 – November 5, 2017)

Actual \$611,272 Budget \$627,534
Prior Year Actual \$622,145

Thank You For Your Continued Support!

Pastoral Ministries

FFI on Pastoral Ministries contact Sherri Stella at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or [sstella@stjoan.com](mailto:ssstella@stjoan.com)

Mental Health Ministry: Please join us on Monday, January 8, 5:45 pm – 8 pm in Hospitality Hall for a discussion on *Creating Caring Communities*. All are welcome. FFI about our collaborative Mental Health Ministry, please contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

Did You Know? The *What's Left: Lives Touched by Suicide* art exhibit returns to our area for display at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 715 Minnetonka Mills Rd, Hopkins, Nov. 19 - Jan. 7. FFI: hopkinsgethsemanechurch/home or 952.935.1753.

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 who 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, Nov. 30 at Our Lady of Peace Church, 5426 12th Av. S. Annie Lumbar Bendson, grief survivor and grief coordinator, will present, *The Power of Your Story!* 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 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.

Sister Parish Card and Craft Fair Coming Up! Next weekend Nov. 25 - 26, we invite you to check out the beautiful handmade items created by members of our Sister Parish in Guatemala. Your support will help delegates from TNII come to SJA in 2018 - our first winter delegation arrives in February!

Every Church a Peace Church: SJA will host this gathering tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 20 in Hospitality Hall. Potluck at 6:30 pm followed by presenter and University of St. Thomas Associate Professor, Jack Nelson Pallmeyer, presents *The Politics of Economic (In)Security*, the economic toll of endless war and militarism. Jack is always a clear and powerful voice of faith and reason - and hope! Please join us.

Mobile Loaves Twin Cities needs toiletry size soap, toothpaste toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, socks, hats and mittens for the winter. Please place your donations in the collection hamper across from the food shelf bin in the Parish Center entrance. FFI contact mlf.mpls@gmail.com.

EcoSpirits Film: On Monday, Nov. 27, join our EcoSpirits at 7 pm in the Upper Room, for a showing of, *Doctrine of Discovery*, an exploration of our painful past centuries as a church and a nation, when we justified the oppression of indigenous people and the theft of land by Christian conquerors and settlers. We will be joined by native youth who are journeying to Rome to urge Pope Francis to revoke this doctrine.



LGBTQ Catholics in the Time of Pope Francis. On Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7 pm, we invite all SJAers to an audio presentation of Fr. Bryan Massingale's talk at a recent New Ways Ministry Conference. Join us for a hope-filled and challenging conversation! Enjoy great hospitality and great company as we envision a new future of welcome here in our church and beyond our faith community.

MN Voices United Benefit Concert for Hurricane Relief: On Friday, Dec. 1 at the Fitzgerald Theater, an incredible line-up of musicians - many, many friends of SJA! - will perform in concert to raise money for hurricane relief. Check out the list of performers and purchase tickets at www.fitzgeraldtheater.publicradio.org, and we thank these artists for sharing their gifts in service to the world.

The Changing Face of HIV/AIDS: To commemorate World AIDS Day, we will hear from staff of the Aliveness Project on Dec. 3, following the 11:00 mass, in the Parish Center Upper Room. The Aliveness Project, a recipient of Justice Grants through our SJA Outreach Fund and a neighbor of SJA (located at 38th and Nicollet), is a community organization providing life-giving services to people living with HIV/AIDS, and their families.

Housing Ministry: Volunteers Needed! On Saturday, Dec. 3, join a team of SJA parishioners working with Urban Homeworks to rehab a home or apartment that will provide beautiful and affordable housing for a low-income family. No experience necessary - FFI, contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.

Will You Join Our Delegation to Guatemala? If you are interested in traveling with fellow SJAers to our Sister Parish in Tierra Nueva Dos from August 10-20, 2018, please join our informational meeting on Dec. 6 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. It is a life-changing experience of faith and solidarity and we'd love to have you join us on the journey!



An Introduction to SJA's Building An Antiracist Church: On Sunday, Dec. 10, following the 11 am mass, join our SJA Antiracism core team for a brief introduction to their work and our journey together. Meet fellow SJAers, share your story, and enjoy hospitality together. We are committed to the transformation of our church, our community and ourselves as we work toward racial justice.

Without Papers: A Testament to the Dream Act. On Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm, SJA's *Welcome the Stranger* ministry (focusing on immigrants, asylees and refugees) will host the screening of this short film which lifts up the journey of a young woman and the impact the Dream Act has had on her life. We will be joined by filmmaker, Andres Parra, for discussion of this beautiful story and ways we can support the Dreamers in our country.

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 Christmas Musical: *The Loaned Manger*, will be performed Friday, Dec. 1 at 7 pm, and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10 am in the Gym. Each year, St. Joan of Arc children in grades 1 - 8 build their faith community by performing a stage version of the Nativity story. You and your family are invited to attend this wonderful SJA tradition.



Adoption Book Club: This time we look to the classic, *Anne of Green Gables*, by Lucy Maud Montgomery. We plan to get together and talk about the book (and life) on Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 am at Turtle Bread, 4762 Chicago Ave., Mpls. If you are interested in adoption, please come, even if you don't finish the book!

New to SJA? Meet a Mentor Family! Do you love SJA but find it hard to connect with other parish families? Would you like to be part of the many exciting SJA ministries, but don't know how to get started? Sign up with a mentor family! Your mentor family will join you for coffee and cookies after a Family Mass to share with you the ways their family found a home at SJA. FFI, contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

Shoes for the Homeless: Calvary Church in Minneapolis has a foot ministry, in which volunteers wash and groom the feet of homeless guests and give them a fresh pair of shoes. We are accepting donations of gently used shoes for this ministry. Only sturdy shoes and winter boots in good condition please. FFI contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

Nursery: FFI contact Michelle Dehn, Nursery Director at 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 Olivia Brown at 612.823.8205 ext. 230.

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

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

Confirmation 2018: Registration packets due Sunday, Nov. 19. Hard copies can be found in the Parish Center or on the SJA website under Confirmation. A list of program dates can also be found online. FFI contact Rose at raspholm@stjoan.com.

Adult Learning: FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at 612.823.8205 ext. 226 or cmanns@stjoan.com.

#SJA<40 - Coffee & Chat! Calling those 23 - 39, let's come together on Sunday, Dec. 3, 12:30 - 2 pm, in the Arc, to meet and greet each other and share ideas for the #SJA<40 Ministry.

Thanksgiving: It's More Than a Holiday. Thanksgiving is so much more than a special meal and a springboard to Christmas. Join Mark Scannell on Monday, Nov. 20, 7 - 8:30 pm, in the Parish Center Upper Room, as he talks about the history of our Thanksgiving holiday and the power of giving thanks on a regular basis. Everyone is welcome!

Parish Book Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of a month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome anytime!

- December 13: *Underground Christmas* by Jon Hassler

Centering Prayer – Meditation: You are invited to Centering Prayer meditation, held each Sunday morning, 10:15 - 10:45, in the Parish Center. Meditation can help us detach from the worries and preoccupations that fill our minds and lead us to a greater sense of peaceful awareness.



Holiday Volunteer Opportunities:

Wreath of Love: The season of giving is once again upon us. Stop by the Wreath of Love after mass **today** and select the name of a local senior for whom you can purchase a gift and bring some Christmas Joy. Wrapped gifts can then be returned by Dec. 10.

SJA Jesse Tree: Choose an ornament from one of the trees outside the church or gym. Purchase a gift to benefit a child at People Serving People or the American Indian Center Golden Eagles Project, or an adult at People for Pride in Living/Cabrini Partnership. Return your **unwrapped** gifts with the ornament attached by Dec. 10. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

Christmas with Dignity: Many SJAers are involved in this great project with Hospitality House in North Minneapolis. Toys, games, clothing and books are sold to low-income families at affordable prices, giving parents the opportunity to choose gifts for their children. If you'd like to help the day of the sale, accompanying families, or can help with pre-sorting and marking of gifts, contact Paula Larsen at info@changeisachoice.com or 763.228.2493.

Native American Ministry: For a list of gifts to purchase for a family from the church of Gichitwaa Kateri, contact Mary Ellen at 763.535.7241, or Ruth and Gary at 612.922.1539. Wrapped gifts will be collected in the Egan Room (south side of the gym) on Sunday, Dec. 10 and 17. Thanks to all who share your abundance during the Christmas season.



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