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December 10, 2017

Welcome

We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey

Gym Masses

Presider: *Fr. Jim DeBruycker*

Be Still and Know. Our Advent Sundays include an opening ritual of prayer, music and quiet, as well as witness stories from our parishioners on their experiences of the presence of God in times of light and darkness. We thank parishioner **Tony Purvey** for sharing his journey with us this morning and we ask God's blessing on all our Advent journeys.

The **SJA Choir** leads our sung prayer at today's gym liturgies. **Terrie Coats**, **Christina Pawlowski** and **Carin Vagle** sing *Billy McLaughlin's* "Oh, Mary" as we contemplate the possibility of Jesus' changing the world. They are joined by cellist, **Laura Sewell** and our SJA musicians. Welcome and thank you all!

Family Masses

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we have a play based on the story *The Gift of Nothing* by Patrick McDonnell in which friends Mooch and Pearl learn about a truly special gift. Join us for our family-focused Advent celebrations in the church at 9:45/11:45am.



Pastors 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

I am addicted to CNN, MSNBC, in a pinch will even watch FOX, and my Friday is not complete without the analysis of the Shields and Brooks' PBS News Hour. I checked with Hazelden and at this time they do not yet have a treatment program in place for this addiction, but there are only so many ways you can listen to the same news story before you break down. Have you ever seen Michelangelo's self-portrait of himself as one of the damned at the Last Judgement painted on the Sistine Chapel wall? That would be close.

I could go on but why bother? The news media is great at deconstructing events but not very good at presenting a constructive vision, The question we have to ask ourselves is, 'What would we like to see?' instead of, 'What do we have?' Or perhaps even, 'What is our vision of America?' I know these might be rather dumb questions to ask at St. Joan's- a place where there is a vision - but how do we ask them and get others to share this vision?

These questions are actually great for Advent. John the Baptist preached repentance for the forgiveness of sins, which one theologian translated as creating a new vision for a better way of life. We, however, seem to have a need to turn scripture readings into shaming messages and negative portrayals of life. What if we read into it the message Jesus intended, one that compels us to create a new and better world. Jesus does not want us to be good for his sake but for our own sakes. Jesus doesn't need us-we need Jesus. I know that doesn't sound revolutionary, but it is.

It means we don't have to kill each other defending Jesus; he can take care of himself. It is we who need change, we who need protection. No longer can we use Jesus to promote our favorite prejudice because he really doesn't care... unless it promotes respect and care for each other. It's like the Archbishop once told me, "Don't tell people what I think, unless I tell you. You don't know what I think."

So prepare ye the way of the lord; shape up, watch out, and create a better world for the people around you.

A short note: Dennis Heaney and I met with the leadership of Risen Christ School last week. The school serves a mainly immigrant population in remarkable ways and many St. Joan members volunteer there. Now the school has serious financial problems and they are reaching out for help. Our CARE Fund and Justice Grant committee are doing what they can but that's only so much. I hate bringing this up since we have come to you asking for special gifts this past year, but if you can help Risen Christ it would be great. Their mission mirrors SJA in many ways and would be a great loss if they fail. If you wish to send them a gift, write a check to St. Joan of Arc noting Risen Christ in the memo line. Then, drop it in the collection, bring it to the Parish Center or mail it to us. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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.

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

8 am Mass in the Church

Thursday, December 14

8 am Mass in the Church

Choir, 7 pm in the Church

Friday, December 15

Youth Ministry Cookie Decorating, 6 pm in Hospitality Hall

Saturday, December 16

First Reconciliation, 10 am in the Church

Sunday, December 17

Concert Series, O Christmas Three, 7 pm in the Gym



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.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday 9 and 11 am Gym Masses:

December 17: Presider: **Fr. Cassidy**. *Sofia*, a special musical trio (*Tim Frantzich, Carin Vagle and Dean Magraw*), will inspire our sung prayer and Advent ritual.

December 24: Presider: **Fr. DeBruycker**. Our own *Steve Kremer* and *Terrie Coats* will sing solos on this last Sunday of Advent!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday, December 24

- 4 pm: **Fr. Cassidy**, especially for families, in the gym
- 4 pm: **Fr. DeBruycker** and the SJA musicians in the church
- 6 pm: **Fr. Cassidy** and the SJA choir in the gym
- 10 pm: **Fr. DeBruycker** and the SJA musicians in the gym

Christmas Day Masses - Monday, December 25

- 7:45 am: **Fr. DeBruycker**, quiet mass, no music in the church
- 9 am: **Fr. DeBruycker** and the SJA musicians in the gym
- 11 am: **Fr. Cassidy** and the SJA choir in the gym

The Parish Center Offices Will Be Closed Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Monday, Jan. 1 and Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Scripture Readings:

Sun, Dec. 10: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

Mon, Dec. 11: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

Tue, Dec. 12: Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:39-47

Wed, Dec. 13: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

Thu, Dec. 14: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

Fri, Dec. 15: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

Sat, Dec. 16: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Matthew 17:9a,10-13

Sun, Dec. 17: Isa 61:1-2a,10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

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

Arlene Axelson, Ben Barbastis, Dennis Barta, Phyllis Berninger, Pat Bigaouette, Elaine Boehm, Sally Bolster, Bill Brazil, Lorraine Bryant, Pam Burd, Chris C., George C., Carrie Carlson, Dayna Cell, Dennis Coleman, Kate Corey, Joe Chouinard, Nick & Megan Daoust, Colleen Dooley, Ann Duffy, Bob 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, Jim Hare, 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, Malia, Kamran M., Kyle M., Edna Manns, Anthony Marino, Kaye Mason, Harvey May, Mayer Family, Dawn McClelland, Chuck Meiers, Nate, Neala, Randy Naae, Steve Nathe, Pat Nelson, Sara & Steve Newman, Craig Nordby, Ken Olsen, Charlie Olson, Dick Olson, Paul Olvera, Colette Ott, Pam Paul, Joan Penrose, Bill Peterka, Dick Pirola, Ron, Jim Rapp, Nancy Rattray, Doris Rausch, Scott Rivard, David Rossini, Leslie & Steve Royal, Sara, Mary S., Conrad Sampair, Kay Samuelson, Ottavio Savina, Pat Schulstad, Dana Sell, Sam Slagerman, Jon Smith, Joan Speltz, Jeff Stearns, Chuch Stickler, Becca Sweeney, David Sylvester, Irene Taddiken, Anne Taylor, Tom Tedford, Matthew Tennant, Mary Eve Thomas, Echo Thoren, Bibi Tristani, Stacia Utz, Carin Vagle, Leroy Vague, Floyd Ward, Marlys Weber, Bennett Wentworth, Mary White, 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 this Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm in the church. Don't forget the choir Christmas party this afternoon at 3 pm in our new gathering space.

Food Shelf Donations Are Needed: You are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items with you when you come to Mass on Sunday and place them in our food shelf bins, located in the entrances to our Church and Parish Center. Your food offerings are donated to the Foodshelf at Sabathani Community Center each week. Thank you for your willingness to help those in need.

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.



Healthcare Deadlines: Enrollment for 2018 for the Affordable Care Act ends **this Friday, 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.

Where Does My Coffee Cup Go? We strive to be a zero-waste campus and your help is needed making sure that coffee cups are disposed of properly on Sunday mornings. Here's the info you need:

1. All hot cups brought in from outside SJA are TRASH (not recyclable), unless marked "Certified Compostable"
2. Cold plastic beverage cups and lids are RECYCLABLE. Straws are not.
3. All cups from within SJA are COMPOSTABLE - organic, made from corn.

Thank you for your help!



Holiday Volunteer Opportunities:

Wreath of Love: If you took a card off of the Wreath of Love, please return your **wrapped** gifts to the Parish Center **today**.

SJA Jesse Tree: If you took an ornament from one of the trees outside the church or gym, please return your **unwrapped** gifts with the ornament attached **today**.

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 pre-sorting and marking of gifts or accompanying families the day of the sale, 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) **today** and next Sunday. Thanks to all who share your abundance during the Christmas season.

SJA Concert Series:

Christmas Concert: O Christmas Three brings our three band-leaders, Dan Chouinard, Tommy Barbarella and George Maurer back together by popular request with a host of favorite singers and musicians for a night of holiday music. Bring the whole family! Sunday, December 17 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:15.



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 handicapped areas. Thank you!

Consider Carpooling or Riding the City Bus to Church: Go to metrotransit.org for more information. Thank you!

Wills: Every adult should have a will, whatever the size of the estate. In addition to being a legal document, a will is an ethical document that conveys your values and priorities from which organizations and causes important to you may benefit. We hope that you consider including St. Joan of Arc as a beneficiary in preparing your will. If you already have, please let us know so we can thank you. Our legal title is Church of Saint Joan of Arc, Minneapolis.

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

Week of November 26, 2017

Actual \$37,239 Budget \$39,476
Prior Year Actual \$39,768

YTD (July 1 – November 26, 2017)

Actual \$733,379 Budget \$745,961
Prior Year Actual \$741,450

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?

- * 20% of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition.
- * 1 in 5 adults in America are living with a mental illness.
- * Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide.

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 Sherri Stella at the Parish Center or Carolyn Dobis, 651.485.2868.

Uptown Heating & Air Conditioning, in partnership with TRUST, is offering Furnace Tune-Up & Carbon Monoxide Safety Check. \$69 Fundraiser Special (normally \$210) TRUST receives the \$69; call TRUST at 612.827.6159 for the coupon. Furnace package includes: Video inspection of furnace and heat exchanger, test carbon monoxide, test safety controls test and adjust system efficiency, remove dirt, soot, and corrosion. Can be used for furnace or boiler, can not be used for rental or commercial property.

Peace and Justice

FFI on Peace & Justice programs contact Julie Madden at 612.823.8205 ext 228 or jmadden@stjoan.com.

Building an Antiracist Church: Join our Antiracism core team **today**, following the 11 am mass, in the parish center Upper Room, for a brief introduction to our 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.

SJA WAMM/Peacemakers: Stop by tables **today** with information from our SJA WAMM (Women Against Military Madness) Peacemakers on two great things: First, it's International Human Rights Day, and second, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize today. Our peacemakers are proud to be a partner in their efforts (learn more at www.icanw.org). We are followers of Christ calling for a message and witness of nonviolence from our church and our nation. Join us!

Without Papers: A Testament to the Dream Act. Tomorrow Monday, Dec. 11 at 7 pm in the church, 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.

Justice Grants Awarded: This is the Good News! This week we awarded grants to 8 fantastic organizations in which our parishioners are volunteers and leaders. What a powerful SJA experience this is! Grants are funded by our SJA Outreach Fund and give us the opportunity to partner with parishioners in your work in the world. Grants were awarded to:



- **Centro Guadalupano:** \$5000 to serve immigrant families with educational and outreach services.
- **MicroGrants:** \$4500 to provide grants to low-income people in the Twin Cities for education and employment goals.
- **Risen Christ School:** \$5000 in tuition assistance to families in poverty at this local dual-language grade school, which serves more low-income students than any other Twin Cities Catholic school.
- **ComMUSICation:** \$5000 to fund a community youth choir and music program in St. Paul's Frogtown Neighborhood.
- **Carmen Pampa:** \$5000 to support salaries for professors at this college in the mountains of Bolivia.
- **Luminarias:** \$5000 to help buy a van for a residential school in Guatemala that provides housing, food, medical care and tuition to indigenous Guatemalan young women.
- **Conversations with Friends:** \$5000 to provide visits and letter writing to immigrant detainees in county jails and detention centers, as well as basic needs including toiletries.
- **Joyce Preschool:** \$4000 to support this bilingual, multicultural preschool and its families, where 100% of the graduates in the last 6 years have been kindergarten ready!

Pick up a flyer with more info after mass, and we thank our donors, volunteers and partner organizations for making this happen.

An Update from Puerto Rico: SJA parishioner R.J. Stevens, who works in Puerto Rico, will be with us to share observations on conditions there, including a short video, as well as info on relief efforts going on at this time. Please join us in the Parish Center following the 11 am mass next Sunday, Dec. 17 for information and hospitality.

Gender, Sexuality and the Reality of Creation: Academic Perspectives: Tomorrow, Dec. 11, at 7:30 pm, at the Anderson Student Center, University of St. Thomas faculty are hosting a panel discussion about gender fluidity and identity. This is in response to an event being hosted by the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity and its potential negative impact on transgender members of the community.

An Interfaith Peace Vigil Against War: Join us Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm, at the Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge.

Faith Formation and Adult Learning

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

Family Mass - Looking Ahead: On Sunday, Dec. 24 there will be no Family Masses in the church. Celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent at the morning gym masses and then join us at 4 pm in the Gym for our family-friendly Christmas Eve Mass, featuring a prelude program of child musicians (at 3:30 pm), the Christmas Pageant, and the Children's Choir. There will be no Family Masses on Dec. 31. See you back in the church on Jan. 7 to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany!

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 welcomes donations of gently used shoes for people in need. Only sturdy shoes and winter boots in good condition please. Questions? 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.

Volunteer Opportunity for 9-12 graders and their families: *Ronald McDonald House Cooks for Kids* meal program creates a home away from home for families whose children have life-threatening illness and need to stay near the hospital. Volunteers provide the food, prepare and serve the meal with lots of smiles and humor for the families. You must be at least 14 years old to serve and be accompanied by one or both parents who will serve with you. We are looking for 1-2 more families to join this awesome ministry. Meets the 3rd Sunday of the month, 10 am - 3 pm. FFI contact Rose at raspholm@stjoan.com.

Christmas Cookie Decorating Night: Friday, Dec. 15, 6 - 9 pm in Hospitality Hall. 7-12 graders are invited to come join the youth ministry crew in making holiday goodies, drink a cup of hot cocoa, sing carols and watch a Christmas movie. Enjoy some holiday cheer with your friends by decorating cookies and playing a few Christmas games. Everyone will leave with a plate full of treats and a heart warmed with the Christmas spirit. Please invite a friend! Registration 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.

2nd Monday Dialogue with SAGES: Enjoy coffee and dialogue with presenter Monica Nilsson, Director of St. Stephen's Human Services. Monica will discuss St. Stephen's efforts with homelessness among seniors. Join us on Monday, Dec. 11, 1:30 - 3 pm, in Hospitality Hall. 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
- January 10: *Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry

Baptism: To have your child baptized at St. Joan's you must be a registered member and participate in a 90-minute Baptism preparation class. FFI and to register call JP at the Parish Center.

Wedding Policies: Weddings at St. Joan of Arc are provided as a service to members of the parish community. Because of the large number of weddings, it is not possible to provide the services of a Presider or our facilities for people who are not registered parishioners. For a wedding to take place at SJA, it is necessary that one of the engaged couple be a registered member of the parish for at least six months before a wedding date can be set. A date can only be scheduled by one of the priests after an initial interview with the engaged couple. A minimum of six months from the time the date is set to the wedding is necessary in order to complete requirements. In cases where there has been a previous marriage ending in divorce, it is not possible to set the wedding date until notice of an annulment is in hand. FFI call Sherri at the Parish Center.



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. Thank you.



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