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August 18, 2019
Welcome
We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey

Gym Masses

President: *Fr. James Cassidy*

Pre-mass Speaker: *Cynthia Bailey Manns*, SJA Adult Learning Director, will speak on Archdiocese Synod 2021.

After a few months away, we welcome back singer, *Christina Pawlowski*. She will offer a solo today in honor of this past week's Feast of the Assumption of Mary. *Dan Chouinard* leads the band at today's gym masses. Treat yourself to "Dan around town" at one of his many performances or sing-a-longs!!
danchouinard.com Thank you to all of our musicians this Sunday and always!

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.



Pastor's 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Over the years I have had many 'foot-in-mouth' moments. One in particular happened to me while I lived in Florida in the mid-seventies. Having grown up in a Minnesota Democratic ghetto, I made the mistake of expecting all intelligent people I liked to also be Democrats. At a party I rather loudly expressed my thought that only idiots would be Republicans; I was the only Democrat in the room. We learn.

At my 50th high school reunion I had a similar experience, although this time I kept my opinion to myself. Many of my former classmates were small town rural business owners and it seems President Trump is their hero. Needless to say, our conversations avoided certain topics.

At least we were civil towards each other, and at the moment that is rather a rare commodity. It's pretty obvious there is not much respect shown to each other's opinions lately. The fear is this division will lead to violence, if it hasn't already.

So today's Gospel reading should not seem foreign to us. We know what it is like to be divided, to be at each other's throats, with each of us convinced that we are right. The difference is Jesus hoped this conflict would open us up to see the truth, like a prophet's words which sting our consciences.

The problem is that we are more like those who tried to kill the prophet Jeremiah. His words stung, but rather than change, they decided the best remedy was no remedy-kill the messenger. That seems to be the fate of many prophets.

It was certainly Jesus' fate. His challenges ultimately led to his death. He was crucified on the sword of conflicts he hoped would break through to understanding. His Resurrection would force his followers - and enemies - to reconsider who they were, and it was the seeds of the Church.

Of course we are still fighting that fight: What is truth? How do we best follow in the footsteps of Jesus? What is the common good?

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.

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

**Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:
5pm Saturday and 7:45am Sunday in the Church
9am and 11am Sunday in the Gym
Family Masses will resume on September 15**

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, August 18

Welcome the Stranger, after the 11am mass in the Upper Room

Tuesday, August 20

8am Mass in the Orleans Chapel

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 9am in the Parish Center

Wednesday, August 21

Welcome the Stranger, 6pm in Hospitality Hall

Thursday, August 22

8am Mass in the Orleans Chapel

Sanctuary Meeting, 6:30pm in the Upper Room

Parish Center Summer Hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

- Monday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30am - 9pm
- Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- Saturday, 9am - noon
- Sunday, 8:30am - 1pm

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

Enhanced Hearing Devices are available in the church and gym. They are located in the back of the church and the welcome center.

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:

August 18: Presider: **Fr. Cassidy**

August 25: Presider: **Fr. Cassidy**

September 1: Presider: **Fr. DeBruycker**. A reflection on Labor Day. We celebrate Catholic Social Teaching on the dignity of work and the rights of workers.

September 8: Presider: **Fr. DeBruycker**. Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 15: As our children and family programs being, our pre-mass speaker this week is parishioner **Amelia Franck Meyer**, director of Anu Family Services, mom, and nationally known child advocate.



Sunday, September 15: Family Masses (9:45 and 11:45am in the Church) and Faith Formation classes (8:45 and 10:45am) resume. Don't forget to register your kids for classes, if you haven't done so already.

Scripture Readings:

Sun, Aug. 18: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Mon, Aug. 19: Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

Tues, Aug. 20: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

Wed, Aug. 21: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thu, Aug. 22: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14

Fri, Aug. 23: Ruth 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat, Aug. 24: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

Sun, Aug. 25: Isaiah 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Luke 13:22-30

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

Chuck Abramson, Arlene Axelson, Ned B., Dennis Barta, Phyllis Berninger, Elaine Boehm, Marcia Boehnlein, Nancy & Paul Borzo, Patty Brennan, Brent, Lorraine Bryant, Stacy Budd, Pam Burd, Allison Burgstahler, Catharine C., Courtney, George C., Dayna Cell, Kate Corey, Joe & Dave Culver, Meg & Nick Daoust, Will Davis, Mick Dease, Jim DeBruycker, Colleen Dooley, Bob Duffy, Ava Dunaly, Kathie DuRocher, Henry F., John Fierce, John & Margaret Frees, Amy Friedrichs, Kate Gilbert, Heidi Gregorich, Tom Griep, Abigail H., Emma H., Mary Hasbrouck, Brad Hinker, Jeff Hinton, Megan Hoffman, Jan Horner, Kathy Horner, Neysa Housley, Gina J., Ceil Jaisle, Paul Jonsson, Jean Karol, Glen Kelley, Chuck & Kathy Kennedy, Sage Kirscht, Barbara Klebel, Kate Kline, Liam, Luke, Amy Lainus, Iva Lang, Melva Larson, Dorothy & Darlene Lawson, Margaret Lulic, Alex M., AnnMarie M., Kyle M., Michael M., Janet Martens, Dawn McClland, John McGarry, Joaquin Mendez, Kate Meyer, Kelley Meyer, Royce Morrissette, Ted Mueller, Sheri Murch, Nate, Craig Nordby, Dick Olson, Paul Olvera, Colette Ott, Paula, Pam Paul, Bill Peterka, Alice Priola, Liz Prunziske, Jim Rapp, Carol Reiland, Jack Riebel, Donald & Susan Roufs, Steve Rudzki, Pat Russell, Shane, Joe S., Kay Samuelson, Don Schafer, Phil Schmidt, Steven Schuster, Fran Shepardson, Joyce Shortino, Mattie Sieler, Sam Slagerman, Harold Sonnek, Teddy Sparman, Joan Speltz, Doug Stahlke, Joleen Strosahl, Tess, Irene Taddiken, Tom Tedford, Matthew Tennant, Echo Thoren, Glo Tonskemper, Terry Underhill, Martha Utz, Carin Vagle, Leroy Vague, Barbara Verthein, Mimi Villaume, AJ & Theo W., Nikki W., Floyd Ward, Pam Washington, Marlys Weber, Julie Wegscheid, Todd Weller, Bennett Wentworth, Mary White, Kathy Wiberg, Eric William, Jim & Jerry Wohnoutka, Jim Wolfe, Morley Woodruff, Ann Woolsey, Sofia Wright, Julie Wylie, Mike Wyman, Curt Youngren, Baby Zoey Grace, Bridget Zivirn, 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

Music Ministry at SJA: Are you wanting to become part of a singing community? Are you interested in being part of the music ministry for the congregation once a month from September through May and on the Holy Days? Can you sing in tune? Do you love to sing? Join the SJA choir in September and make a joyful noise with this wonderful group of folks. Want more details? Contact Anna Vagle at 612.823.8205 ext. 235 or avagle@stjoan.com. NOW is the time!

Mark Your Calendars For The Campus Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21, 9am - Noon. Part of the fun of the day is the luncheon with the free raffle that follows the clean-up. To make the raffle happen we need some gifts. If you have a new item to donate please drop it off at the Parish Center. To sign up for the clean-up stop by the table in the welcome center after mass **today** or call the Parish Center.



LGBTQ Events Happy Hour: Monday, August 19 beginning at 4pm, at McGovern's, 225 W 7th, St. Paul. All are most welcome to join us.

SJA Community Archdiocese Synod 2021 Information Gathering, Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6pm in the Welcome Center. Archbishop Hebda identifies the Synod as "a "spiritual exercise" of listening and prayer, meant to engage Catholic laity to share their personal perspectives and ideas." Please join us to discuss how SJA, individually and collectively, can participate in the upcoming archdiocese wide Listening Sessions. It is imperative that we inform the archdiocese, and our fellow Christians, of our concerns, challenges, and hopes that we have as we strive to embody our mission in our daily life experiences. FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns or Julie Madden.

Save the Date! Sacred Conversations: *Our Health Care, Our Values, Our Community.* Senator Scott Jensen & Senator John Marty will address the question - *What would be the most effective and compassionate ways to provide healthcare?* Please join us for a facilitated discussion on Saturday, Oct. 5, 9:30 - 11am, in Hospitality Hall. Free and open to the public, yet registration required by Oct. 1 at 612.823.8205. FFI contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at cmanns@stjoan.com.

Arm In Arm In Africa: I am excited and honored to announce our newly designed website for *Arm In Arm In Africa*. Todd Dalebroux, a member of our AIAIA board, serves as our webmaster and has worked hard with his team to create our new website. I invite you to visit us at aiaia.org, I am confident that you will be able to come away with a good insight as to our mission, our vision, and the nineteen year relationship that we are honored to have with our African brother and sisters. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement of this important relationship. -Fr. Jim Cassidy



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.

Lost and Found Clean Out: All items that are currently in our Lost and Found have been placed on a table outside the welcome center. Please take a look and see if any of your belongings are there. All items not taken will be donated to Sabathani Community Center.



2019/2020 Faith Formation Registration is open for Nursery through 12th grade. Go to www.stjoan.com under the "News" portion on the home page.

CARE Committee News: In addition to assisting those who call the Parish Center asking for help with rent or utilities, our CARE Committee is proud to partner with several local organizations to serve their clients and families. Our partners are Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Project for Pride in Living, Alliance Housing and Risen Christ School. Over the next few weeks, we will be meeting with case management staff from these organizations to assess how our program is working for the households we serve together. Thanks to your contributions to the SJA Outreach Fund, the CARE Committee makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people each year who are living on the edge of homelessness, or are at risk of losing utilities. Thank you.

Tegeder Talks: Join us at St. Frances Cabrini for this fall's Tegeder Talks series where we will welcome Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, Catholic Theologian and Professor Emeritus, Emory University, who will speak on:

- Saturday, Oct. 26, 2pm: *Eros to Agape: Sexuality and Holiness in the Church*
- Sunday, Oct. 27, 11am: *Miracles: Recovering A Sense of Wonder*

Continuing Fr. Mike Tegeder's legacy of encouraging adult conversations about vital topics, table discussion and Q&A will follow each presentation. Registration opens Sept. 1 at www.cabrinimn.org. Free-will offering with a suggested donation of \$10 - \$25. Cabrini is located at 1500 Franklin Ave SE, Mpls.

Mobile Loaves Twin Cities needs toiletry size soap, shampoo and lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes and lightweight socks. Please place your donations in the collection hamper across from the food shelf bin in the Parish Center entrance. FFI contact info@mobileloavestc.com.

Wedding Policies: Weddings at St. Joan of Arc are provided as a service to members of the parish community. 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 Stella at the Parish Center.

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, Sept. 9, 5:45 - 8pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave. S., as Tracey Wilkins, MSW, LICSW from Willow Tree Healing Center presents, *Building Resilient Communities*. The evening begins with a light supper. All are welcome. FFI, please contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

Did You Know? A resilient community is one that promotes hope and healing through its ability to adapt, respond and support individuals living with mental illness, chronic stress, or facing overwhelming experiences.

Coalition for Grief Support: The Fall session begins Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:15 - 8pm, at Saint Joan of Arc in the Parish Center. Brenda DeMotte will present on *Grief - The Definition*. The evening begins with light refreshments followed by the presentation and facilitated small group sessions. FFI contact Norine Larson at 952.925.2437 or Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry: Please join us on the third Tuesday of each month, 9 - 10:30am in the Parish Center. In the Fall, we will return to the first Monday of each month, 6:30 - 8pm. All are welcome! Our prayer shawl members are open to teaching new members to knit and crochet. FFI contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

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 at the Parish Center or Carolyn Dobis at 651.485.2868.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

Healing begins with connection, shared understanding and unconditional love. It is when we walk alongside someone in their journey that we can transform pain and suffering into hope and healing. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please contact Sherri Stella at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or [sstella@stjoan.com](mailto:ssstella@stjoan.com).

Peace and Justice

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

School Supply Collection Ends Today: Thank you for all the backpacks and new, fresh school supplies you donated to the children of the Church of Blessed Kateri. Your generosity has been overwhelming. If you brought supplies today, our collection spot is in the Welcome Center.

Sister Parish Delegation Thank You: We just completed our 25th anniversary delegation from our Sister Parish in Guatemala, and we said goodbye to our delegates Miriam Vasquez and Alba Rivera, and Sister Parish Executive Director Carrie Stengel. We want to thank the community of SJA for your warm embrace of our delegates, and we are grateful to all who hosted, drove, translated and shared meals with us. A special thank you to our own Sister Parish committee, who planned 10 incredible days. Our next delegation will be from SJA to Guatemala - please join us!

Welcome the Stranger Border Connections Begins Today!



Our SJA Welcome the Stranger Ministry has planned several days of opportunities to connect with immigrants, asylees and refugees in our community, and to also connect with partner organizations serving immigrants. Following the 11am mass, come to the Parish Center Upper Room for an overview of our work, stories from our border delegations, and info on the activities coming up.

SJA Antiracism Ministry: Get to know our SJA neighborhood, our history of racism and our history in the movement for racial justice. Pick up info today after mass in the Welcome Center.

- **Wednesday, August 28:** Gather in Hospitality Hall at 6:30pm for an ice cream social and a conversation with community partners and elders. Daniel Bergin, neighborhood resident and filmmaker, will emcee and also show clips from his films including *Jim Crow of the North*.
- **Thursday, August 29:** Join a tour of the SJA neighborhood and sites of powerful moments in the life of our community.

We Welcome St. Stephen's Human Services! Next Sunday, following both masses, staff from St.



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Stephen's Human Services will be here in the Welcome Center with info on their programs and ways you can serve. A

recipient of a recent Justice Grant from the SJA Outreach Fund, St. Stephen's and the work they do is dear to our community - please meet our guests next week and learn more.

Iraq Today: An Eyewitness Account by Sami Rasouli on Monday, August 26 at 7pm at 4200 Cedar Ave. So. Sami Rasouli will speak about the continued presence of the U.S. in Iraq, and the experience of the Iraqi people as they attempt to rebuild after years of U.S. war and occupation. Sami works with the Muslim Peacemakers Team and will have info about the English for Reconciliation program in Iraq.

SJA Stands Up - and Sings - for Justice: More than 200 people from many faith communities attended our SJA prayer vigil at the Whipple Federal Building, We were there to support our immigrant family and to protest our policies. Thanks to all who joined us. Your witness matters, and when vans came by to bring people to immigration court, we hope those shackled inside knew that they are not alone. On the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30am, the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration hosts these vigils.

An Interfaith Peace Vigil Against War: Wednesdays, 5 - 6 pm, at the Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Join us!

Faith Formation and Adult Learning

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

Mark Your Calendars! On Sept. 8, join us in Hospitality Hall for a Welcome Back Brunch for families after each of the Gym Masses. Meet new friends, reunite with old friends, check out your kids' classes, and enjoy a meal together. Hope to see you there!

Seeking Cooking Help: Do you like to cook? SJA's Faith Formation team is looking for volunteers to help prepare meals at several events throughout the year. All ingredients are provided - we need help preparing!



Our next event is Sunday, Sept. 8, our Welcome Back Brunch for families participating in faith formation. If you are able to help prepare pancakes, eggs, and fruit, please contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

Get Ready for Family Mass! Family Masses start up again on Sept. 15 at 9:45/11:45am in the church. Commit to worshipping together each week. Join us for our joyful, child-centered liturgies!

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 & 11am 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 welcome.

Pre-school: (Ages 4-Kindergarten) FFI contact Magnolia Ditzler at mditzler@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext. 230.

SJA's Pre-K Classrooms are the perfect place for your child to begin exploring their faith! With games, singing, story-time and crafts. We guide kids aged 3-5 years old to begin thinking about peace, compassion, and cultivating a personal connection to the sacred.



Classes happen during 9am & 11am Masses, our first day will be Sunday, Sept. 15! FFI or interested in scheduling a pre-k trial date to make sure our classroom is right for your child email Magnolia Ditzler at mditzler@stjoan.org.

Grade School: (Grades 1-6) FFI contact Marie Bissonnette at 612.823.8205 ext. 229.

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

Do You Volunteer in the Community? Our Micah Service is looking to add one or two new sites for the upcoming year. If you volunteer at an organization looking for more volunteers, or would be willing to companion a group of teens once a month in service please contact Brennan at bhall@stjoan.com.

Youth Ministry Orientation Fair! Save the date: Sunday, Sept. 22, 12:30 - 3pm, to kick off the Youth Ministry program year. Learn about new Micah service opportunities, meet your Small Group leaders, share a meal, and enter a drawing to win awesome prizes! Open to all 7th-12th graders and their parents. See you there! FFI contact Rose at raspholm@stjoan.com.

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

Questions to Ponder: Pastor, writer and spiritual director, Adele Ahlberg Calhoun, reminds us that, "It is possible to erect a life around sickness and dysfunction that even religion and spirituality are used to keep one in the same stuck place. No wonder the question 'Do you want to get well?' is answered by what we do more than by what we say." (*Invitations from God, Calhoun, 2011*) At SJA, we are challenged to continually respond to God's invitation by answering the questions, "Do I want to be well?" and "How am I willing to be responsible for my own healing?"

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

- September 11: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

RCIA: SJA welcomes you on your spiritual journey of study, exploration, faith sharing, and faith formation. The Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA, is an important Sacrament designed for adults (called Candidates), who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for Catholics who wish to be Confirmed, and may also include the Rite of Baptism. Each candidate works with an individual sponsor who will walk with them through this unique faith journey. The RCIA classes from fall 2019 through spring 2020, led by Fr. Jim DeBruycker and the RCIA team, build learning relationships that encourage provocative questions about what it means to be Catholic and opportunities to grow in one's faith. If you are interested, or for further information, please contact Cynthia Bailey Manns at cmanns@stjoan.com.



Save the Dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 12 & 26. Scripture Matters - God's word is alive. In this study of Genesis, you are encouraged to listen to the Bible, to your own questions and responses, and to the honest sharing of the other group members. Please join us, 1 - 3pm, in the Arc. RSVP by Sept. 1 online at www.stjoan.com or to the Parish Center. Cost \$6.99. Maximum 20 participants. FFI contact Cynthia at cmanns@stjoan.com.

2nd Monday Dialogues: SAGES reminds you to mark your calendars for our 2nd Monday Dialogues, September thru May, 1:30 - 3pm, in Hospitality Hall. Sept. 9, Mark Scannell speaks on *Resilience: Adversity Abounds; Learn to Rebound*. Oct. 14, Damien Poling, Salvation Army, on *Homelessness in the Twin Cities*. Nov. 11, Jill Freeman on *Gentle Transitions for Seniors*.

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