From: Julie Madden, Director of Peace and Justice

Today I am glad and grateful to reflect on “St. Joan of Arc: 2020” in our gym liturgies and to look at the road ahead on our collective journey, from the perspective of our peace and justice ministries. It is also an opportunity to lift up the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, which I will do at the drop of a hat, often without encouragement (I'm fun at parties).

These principles are drawn from more than 125 years of documents written by church leaders in response to global issues that threatened the lives and the dignity of God’s people. Over the years, these principles have guided our perspective on seemingly insurmountable crises including economic justice and the rights of workers, war and nonviolence, climate change, and care for creation.

The principles of CST were my point of entry into the Church and continue to be the lens that makes sense to me as I try to make sense of the world. In short form, they are:

- Human Dignity: Each of us is created in the image and likeness of our loving God. This is our foundation.
- Common Good: We realize our human dignity in community. How we organize our society – in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.
- Option for the Poor: The moral test of our society is how we treat our most vulnerable members.
- Rights and Responsibilities: Every person has a fundamental right to what is needed to live in dignity – life, food, shelter, health care, education, employment. We also have a right and a responsibility to participate in our public life together.
- Role of Government: The state has a positive moral function to promote human dignity, protect human rights and build the common good.
- Economic Justice: The economy must serve people, not the other way around. All workers have the right to decent and fair wages and safe working conditions. No one is allowed to amass excessive wealth when others lack the basic necessities of life.
- Stewardship of God’s Creation: We are called to protect people and the planet and to live our faith in right relationship with all of God’s creation.
- Promotion of Peace and Disarmament: Peace is not just the absence of war. Peace is the fruit of justice.
- Global Solidarity: We are called to work together for the good our global family in an interdependent world.

Let these words settle in you for a moment. Then, let’s embrace these principles, embody them, and be a light to one another and to the world in 2020. Know that you are needed on this journey together, and thank you for being here.
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, February 23
Housing Ministry Intro, after masses in the Upper Room

Tuesday, February 25
8am Mass in the Orleans Chapel
Precinct Caucuses, 7pm in Hospitality Hall

Wednesday, February 26
Mass with Ashes, 8am and 12 noon, in the Church
Soup Supper, beginning at 5pm in Hospitality Hall
Sing-a-long with Steve Kremer, 6pm in the Church
Prayer Service with Ashes, 7pm in the Gym

Thursday, February 27
8am Mass in the Orleans Chapel
Choir at 7pm in the Welcome Center

Sunday, March 1
First Communion Registration Meeting, 12:30pm in the Gym
Young Adults Group, 12:30pm in the Welcome Center

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:
Sunday, March 1: First Sunday of Lent. Roll Away the Stone: We Are Free. Fr. DeBruycker will set us on our Lenten journey, joined by the SJA choir, with solos from Lee and Grant Vague.

Sunday, March 8: Roll Away the Stone: Rise Up! Second Sunday of Lent with Fr. DeBruycker and speaker Cynthia Bailey Manns, our Adult Learning Director. Musical group Sofia - Tim Frantzich, Dean Magraw and Carin Vagle - will be with us.

Sunday, March 15: Roll Away the Stone: We Are Beloved. Third Sunday of Lent with Fr. Cassidy presiding.

Sunday, March 22: Roll Away the Stone: We Are Healed. Fourth Sunday of Lent. Fr. DeBruycker is presiding, Kate Tucker returns to us as pre-mass speaker, and our musician is Ann Reed.


Scripture Readings:
Sun, Feb. 23: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matt 5:38-48
Mon, Feb. 24: James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29
Tues, Feb. 25: James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37
Wed, Feb. 26: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matt 6:1-6,16-18
Fri, Feb. 28: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Matthew 9:14-15
Sun, March 1: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11

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.
Choir will meet for a short rehearsal after the Ash Wednesday service.

Lent 2020 at SJA: This year, we will explore our theme - Rolling Away the Stone - as we reflect on what keeps us from following in the footsteps of Jesus and commit ourselves to embracing God’s love and love of neighbor with all our hearts.

Ash Wednesday is Here! This Wednesday, Feb. 26 we begin our Lenten journey, both personally and communally, and we host our first soup supper (and grilled cheese sandwiches), in Hospitality Hall beginning at 5pm. Soup suppers are a great time for the whole family. A freewill offering will be taken for the Church of Gichtwaa Kateri and Native American Ministry. At 6pm, musician Steve Kremer will host a sing-along of SJA favorite songs. Then, at 7pm in the gym, we invite you to our Prayer Service. Fr. Jim DeBruycker presides with the distribution of ashes, music by the SJA choir, and witness stories shared by fellow SJA parishioners. There are also Ash Wednesday mass with ashes earlier in the day at 8am and 12 noon.

We need soup makers for Ash Wednesday and all the following Lenten Wednesday soup suppers. RSVP to the Parish Center.

Each Wednesday, following soup supper, our Prayer Partners invite you to centering prayer, followed by an event focused on education and spirituality, 6:30 - 7:30pm. On Wednesday, April 1, join us in the gym for a service evening to benefit local nonprofits, 6:30 - 8pm.

Also on Wednesday evenings following soup, families involved in the Palm Sunday project with Hearth of the Beast will meet in the gym, 6:30 - 8pm.

Our Sunday mornings will reflect on our theme in our prayers, music and scripture. We hope you will join us!

LGBTQ Happy Hour: Monday, Feb. 24 at 4pm at the Iron Door Pub at Lake and Lyndale.

Save the Dates! All are welcome to join the RCIA candidates at 7pm in Hospitality Hall, as they journey through Christianity 101 to learn about the following:

- March 18: Ethics and Conscience with Dr. William McDonough, St. Catherine Univ.

SJA 2019-20 Concert Series! Tickets are on sale after masses or online at stjoantickets.com. Tickets are $25 / students $10.

Chapel Series (in our church)

- Sunday, March 15: Sofia - Chambers of the Heart
  (Dean Magraw, Carin Vagle, Tim Frantzich)

Concert Series (in our gym)

- Sunday, April 26: Michael Monroe - From My Back Yard


Cyclepaths: Retiring this spring and enjoy cycling? Join us, we are a 3 church cycling group who bike the Twin Cities. Join us for a kick off lunch tomorrow Feb. 24. FFI: emailicas.casa@comcast.net.

Making the Connections: Climate Crisis and U.S. Militarism.

This Saturday, Feb. 29 at 10am, Sue Ann Martinson will speak at the WAMM (Women Against Military Madness) office at 4200 Cedar Ave. in Mpls. She’ll speak about the role that our military plays in the devastation of planet Earth and what we can do about it.

Solidarity with Our Muslim Neighbors: This Saturday, Feb. 29, join the second workshop of Allies and Friends to learn more about Islam and Islamophobia as we take the next steps in relationship and in advocacy. Sponsored by the Mpls Area ELCA Synod. FFI go to alliesandfriendsworkshop.weebly.com.

Sr. Helen Prejean in Town! Known for her tireless and powerful work against the death penalty, Sr. Helen Prejean is the author of Dead Man Walking and River of Fire: My Spiritual Journey. She will speak on February 27 at 7pm in the Rauenhorst Ballroom at St. Catherine University. FFI go to stkate.edu/lifeanddeath.

SAGES St. Patrick’s Day Senior Mass and Luncheon: Join us Tuesday, March 17 for 11:30am Mass in the church followed by lunch, song and door prizes in Hospitality Hall. Reservations required! RSVP to the Parish Center by noon, Saturday, March 14.

The Arm In Arm In Africa Delegation will be in South Africa until March 8. Join them in spirit by following their journey on their website at www.aiaia.org, or you can ‘Like Us’ on Arm In Arm In Africa’s Facebook page. There will also be a link from the SJA website.

Archdiocesan Synod/Prayer Listening Sessions: The next session is this Thursday, February. 27, at Our Lady of Grace, 5071 Eden Ave., Edina

Risen Christ Collection: Last weekend’s collections for Risen Christ School raised $12,477. If you weren’t at SJA last week and would still like to contribute to the school you can make out your check to Risen Christ School and put it in the collection basket. We will send it on to them. Risen Christ president, Mike Rogers, and the school’s leadership and students thank you for your generosity in Sunday’s collection, and for the SJA Outreach Fund naming Risen Christ a Sustaining Partner with an annual commitment of $10,000.

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

Week of February 10 - February 16, 2020

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Thank You for your continued generosity!
Pastoral Ministries

**FFI on Pastoral Ministries** contact Sherri Stella at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or sstella@stjoan.com.

**Mental Health Ministry:** Please join us on Monday, March 9, 5:45 - 8pm, in the Welcome Center, as Rev. Bob Albers presents, *Addiction and the Faith Community*. The evening begins with a light supper and all are welcome. FFI please contact Sherri at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or sstella@stjoan.com.

**Did You Know?** According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.2 million U.S. adults have experienced both mental illness and a substance use disorder in 2018. Some common symptoms of a substance use disorder may include:
- Isolation or withdrawal from family or friends
- Changes in behavior
- Engaging in risky behavior
- Loss of control with substances
- Feeling like you need a drug to be able to function

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Group:** Please join us on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 - 8pm, in the Parish Center, for a facilitated support group for family and friends of persons living with mental illness. FFI contact Sherri at the Parish Center.

**Coalition for Grief Support:** Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:15 - 8pm, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 2914 W 44th St., as Sr. Adaire Lassonde, SSND and social worker, presents, *Taking Care of Feelings*. The evening begins with light refreshments followed by the presentation and facilitated small groups. FFI contact Norine Larson at 952.925.2437.

**Homemade Cards:** Have you been given the gift of creating cards? Would you be interested in sharing your talent with our community? We are looking to start a new Card Ministry and would welcome your time and talent. FFI contact Sherri Stella at the Parish Center.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Please join us the first Monday of the month, 6:30 - 8pm, and third Tuesday of each month, 9 - 10:30am in the Parish Center. All are welcome! Our 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.

**TRUST Meals on Wheels** has openings for new clients. If you or a parent, friend, or neighbor is in need of a nutritious, hot daily meal delivered right to the door, call Eleonore at 612.822.6040.

Peace and Justice

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

**SJA Housing Ministry: Coffee and Cupcakes and Postcards Today!** Following both masses join us in the Upper Room for a brief intro to our work creating affordable housing and end homelessness. Or just stop by and sign a postcard to your elected officials...and take a cupcake!

**More Housing Ministry News:**
- **March 1:** Sign postcards after mass to our elected officials, urging them to support funding for housing and supportive services.
- **March 11:** Homeless Day on the Hill: Show up with hundreds of fellow Minnesotans to speak up for housing for all in need! There will be a brief training, a rally, and time to connect with legislators. It is such a powerful day. RSVP to Julie Madden at jmadden@stjoan.com.
- **March 28:** Join our volunteer team with Urban Homeworks, rehabbing a home or apartment to provide beautiful, affordable housing for a low-income family. No experience necessary! FFI/to volunteer, contact Julie Madden.

**Welcome the Stranger: Today**, following the 11am mass in the Daisy Room, learn about an upcoming delegation to the U.S./Mexico border March 26 - 29 with our Welcome the Stranger ministry. This unique trip will be both an immersion in the issues facing migrants, and a day of training and action with The School of the Americas Watch on Ending the Root Causes of Migration.

**ISAIAH Precinct Caucus Push: Here We Go!** This Tuesday, will you go to your precinct caucus, meet your neighbors, and help create a new vision in Minnesota and our nation? It’s not difficult, and your participation shapes our collective future. Stop by our ISAIAH table in the Welcome Center to learn more, pick up great stickers and meet fellow SJAers who are on fire with the power and potential of engaging in our democracy.

**Protect MN “Broken Hearts Day at the Capitol”**: This Thursday, Feb. 27, take action to end gun violence by standing with Protect MN for sensible gun laws. The day includes legislative visits and a rally in the rotunda. FFI go to protectmn.org.

**SJA Outreach Fund:** The Outreach Fund is separate from our operating budget and we are grateful to all who contribute so that we can do the following:
- Provide emergency financial assistance through our CARE Committee for rent and utilities to parishioners and neighbors in need.
- Award Justice Grants twice yearly to nonprofit organizations in which you (our parishioners!) are volunteers and leaders. Contact Julie Madden for an application.
- Support our Sustaining Partners: Sister Parish; Women Against Military Madness; Arm in Arm in Africa; Mobile Loaves Twin Cities and - our newest partner - Risen Christ School!
**Faith Formation and Adult Learning**

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

**Our Family Lenten Program Is Back!** Each year, we partner with *In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre* to create a unique production of Jesus’ last days, to be presented before both Family Masses on Palm Sunday, April 5. Come for Soup Supper and stay for evenings of fun and learning for all ages! Five nights during Lent (March 4, 11, 18 & 31 & April 4) participants will make masks, prepare and rehearse for the play, and reflect on Lent guided by SJA staff and *In the Heart of the Beast* artists. To register for the project, contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com. We ask a $10 fee/person or $25/family.

**Can You Help with Our Play?** For our Palm Sunday play with *In the Heart of the Beast*, we need donations of large (2' x 2' and larger), clean pieces of cardboard and newspaper. If you can help, please contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com. Thanks!

**SJA Children’s Choir:** The choir, directed by Seth Boyd, is open to all in grades 3 - 7. Rehearsals start with a Choir Camp on Saturday, March 14 (11am - 4pm), then on Sundays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 19 (12:45 - 2pm). There will be five spring performances: April 25, April 26, May 3, May 9 & May 10. Make new friends. Learn about music. Give back to your church family. Join the SJA Children’s Choir! To sign up, contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

**Sole Care for Souls:** Volunteers wanted for a ministry providing free foot care to people experiencing homelessness through Calvary Baptist Church in Mpls. FFI [https://www.solecareforsouls.org/get-involved/](https://www.solecareforsouls.org/get-involved/).

**Join the Supper Club:** The Clare Housing Supper Club is an opportunity for families, friends, or individuals to prepare and serve the evening meal to residents and caregivers at any one of Clare Housing’s three community care homes for people living with HIV. This is a great way to help preserve your family’s mealtime, while providing comfort and care to others. Gourmet skills are not required! FFI contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

**Mentor Families:** Are you new to St Joan of Arc? 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 to meet with a Mentor Family! They will join your family for coffee & cookies after a Family Mass to share with you the ways their family has found a home at SJA. FFI contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

**Mark Your Calendars for Camp St. Joan - Dreaming A World United: Somalia, for 4 to 12 year olds, July 13 - 16.** Register your children now for early bird pricing, your teen to volunteer and earn community service hours, and/or yourself as an adult volunteer, at www.stjoan.com under the ‘Ministries’ tab. FFI contact Brooke, bbarnard@stjoan.com or Crystal, cdaugherty@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 & 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.

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

**First Communion 2020:** *Parent/Child Registration Meeting Sunday, March 1 or March 8 at 12:30pm in the gym. Extravaganza Sunday, March 29, 4pm. First Communion celebrations Saturday, April 25 or May 2 at 10am.*

**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.

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

**Scripture Matters:** Tuesdays, Feb. 25, Mar. 10 and 24, 1 - 3pm in the Arc. Please join us as we explore the Gospel readings of Lent. Please pick up a flyer with the Gospel readings in the Parish Center, the Welcome Center, or at the SJA website. All are welcome!

**SJA is Participating in a Parish Wide Survey** about discipleship as part of the Archdiocesan Synod process. The survey asks you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and will provide feedback to Archbishop Hebda and Fr. DeBruycker this spring. Please participate in the anonymous 10 to 15 page survey online through the link on the SJA website or pick-up a copy in the SJA Parish Center. The deadline is next Sunday, March 1. Thank you! FFI contact Cynthia at cmanns@stjoan.com.

**SJA Young Adults Social Group:** Please join the group for conversation and activities next Sunday, March 1, at 12:30pm in the Welcome Center.

**Parish Book Club** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to join! 5:30pm Social Hour, 6:30 - 8pm discussion in the Parish Center.

- March 11: *Illuminations* by Mary Sharratt
**Judy Solstad**  
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