**Gym Masses**
**Presider: Fr. James Cassidy**

*Fr. Jim Cassidy* will be preaching on *Roll Away the Stone: We Are Beloved.* We welcome back Fr. Jim and the 20th anniversary delegation of Arm in Arm in Africa, just returned home from South Africa this week. Blessings to all who brought our love to our family there!

We are so grateful for the sung-prayer of our community and the musicians who lead it. Thank you *Fred and Anna Vagle, Tommy Barbarella, Lee Vague, Dik Hedlund* and *Peter Johnson.* *Cyril Paul* is also back with us today. Your faithfulness to music ministry here at St. Joan’s is appreciated by all of us!

**Family Mass**

On the third Sunday of Lent, the Woman at the Well tells her story of salvation. Thanks to actors *Barbara Meyer* and *Richard Dodson.* Worship together as a family each Sunday in Lent at our joyful family liturgies at 9:45/11:45am. All are welcome!

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**From: Julie Madden, Peace and Justice Director**

The encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well - the story we hear today - is where we meet a woman alone at a communal well. She is a Samaritan, unnamed, many times married and most likely alienated and unwelcome in her own town. She and Jesus exchange a frank, heartfelt dialogue that shatters the walls between them, establishes an authentic connection between them, and leads to Jesus sending her forth as an apostle to her village – a successful one, too, as many come to encounters with Jesus through her.

This story encapsulates so much about the power of an encounter, the establishment of justice by building relationships of mutuality, and the invitation of Jesus to be his love in the world. SJA, you are responding to that invitation in so many ways:

The 20th anniversary delegation of Arm in Arm in Africa just returned from South Africa and meetings with new and longtime partners there, and now are adding the joyful work of building relationships in Togo.

A delegation will leave in late March for the U.S./Mexico border with our Welcome the Stranger ministry. They return to organizations serving the migrants who are crossing the desert, and they will spend time in education and activism on the root causes of migration.

Our Sister Parish will send a delegation to Tierra Nueva Dos in Guatemala for 10 days living with our brothers and sisters in TNII, traveling in country, and celebrating 26 years of faith and friendship together in a journey of solidarity.

Our youth will return to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer, to learn from and work beside the Oglala Lakota people, and Camp SJA will focus on the culture, history and traditions of Somalia, shared by neighbors in our community.

Our discipleship is local, too! We are in the midst of the legislative session and encounters with legislators by our Housing Ministry, ISAIAH and the One Body initiative, as we seek to create a just and equitable future for all Minnesotans. Many of you are attending archdiocesan listening sessions to share your thoughts on the future of our church. You are making our soup suppers and Lenten evenings a joyful experience of love and good food. And you are coming together to create prayer shawls and homemade cards for those in our parish who are isolated and alone.

Last week we heard about the big moment of transfiguration on the mountain. Most of our days don’t include the clouds parting and the voice of God speaking to us from the sky, but most of our days do include the rich possibility of encounter. Pope Francis has said: “Jesus loves you very much and asks only one thing: that you reach out! Because reaching out multiples our capacity to love. An encounter with others makes our heart bigger.” Our discipleship is simply the willingness to hear one another’s stories, tear down walls, and share the good news that we all belong all the time in the limitless circle of God’s love.

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**Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:**

5pm Saturday & 7:45am Sunday in the Church
9am & 11am Sunday in the Gym
Family Masses at 9:45am & 11:45am in the Church

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**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, March 15**
Concert Series - Sofia, 7pm in the gym (doors open at 6:15pm)

**Monday, March 16**
Every Church a Peace Church, 6:30pm in Hospitality Hall

**Tuesday, March 17**
8am Mass in the Orleans Chapel
SAGES St. Patrick’s Day Mass & Luncheon, **Has Been Cancelled**

**Wednesday, March 18**
Soup Supper, beginning at 5pm in Hospitality Hall
Centering Prayer, 5:15pm in the church
Education and Spirituality, **Has Been Cancelled**

**Thursday, March 19**
8am Mass in the Orleans Chapel
Choir at 7pm in the Welcome Center

**Friday, March 20**
Stations of the Cross, 7pm in the church

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**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.

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**Looking Ahead...**

**Sunday and 11 am Gym Masses:**

**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.

**Sunday, March 29:** Roll Away the Stone: We Are Alive! Fifth Sunday of Lent. Fr. DeBruycker presiding. Pre-mass Speaker; Jane Cavanaugh. Our own Tim Roehl will share special music.

**Sunday, April 5:** Roll Away the Stone: We Are Not Afraid. Palm Sunday masses. Presider: Fr. Cassidy.

**Family Mass** at 9 and 11am in the church with Heart of the Beast.

**Easter Sunday, April 12:**
7am: Sunrise Service: Fr. Cassidy.
9am: Fr. DeBruycker, Robert Robinson and the SJA choir.
11am: Fr. Cassidy, Robert Robinson and the SJA choir.

**Family Masses** at 9 and 11am in the church with Farmer Rick and his baby animals.

**Wednesday, April 8:**
Seder, 6pm in the gym. RSVP required.

**Thursday, April 9:**
Holy Thursday Mass, 7pm in the gym.

**Friday, April 10:**
Good Friday Services, 3pm & 7pm in the gym.

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**Scripture Readings:**

Sun, March 15: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42
Tue, March 17: Daniel 3:25,34 - 4:1,5-9; Matthew 18:21-35
Wed, March 18: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thu, March 19: 2 Sam 7:5-12; Romans 4:13,16-18,22
Fri, March 20: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Sun, March 22: 1 Sam 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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


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**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, March 19 at 7pm in the Welcome Center. Thank you for being prompt.

Lent 2020 at SJA: This year, we will explore our theme - *Roll 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.

- **Soup Supper:** Join us Wednesday evenings in Hospitality Hall, beginning at 5pm, for soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. This is a great time for the whole family!
- **We Need Soup Makers:** If you can bring soup for any Wednesday during Lent, call the Parish Center to let us know.
- **Centering Prayer:** Join our Prayer Partners following Soup Supper, 5:15 - 5:45pm, in the church, followed by an event focused on education and spirituality, 7 - 8pm.
- **This Wednesday, March 18. Has Been Cancelled**
- **Lenten Service Evening:** On Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 - 8pm, come to the gym for an evening of service projects for local nonprofits. Come when you can and go when you like. Fun and meaningful service opportunities for all ages. Bring a friend! FFI contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.
- **Our Sunday mornings** will reflect on our theme in our prayers, music and scripture. We hope you will join us!

Thank you, SJA: On Wednesday, March 4, our soup supper free will offering collected $852 to help defray the costs of our youth delegation to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer. Thank you to you who joined us for dinner and put money in the basket!

**Saint Joan of Arc Holy Week Schedule**

April 5, Palm Sunday: 7:45am mass in the church; 9 and 11am gym mass, Passion of Jesus with parishioner readers, gospel singer, Robert Robinson and the SJA Choir. **Family Mass: 9 and 11am**, in the church with the Heart of the Beast Passion project.

April 8, Seder: Ritual Seder Celebration and meal with Klezmer music, 6pm in the gym. Reservations required (612.823.8205).

April 9, Holy Thursday: Special Eucharistic celebration with washing of feet in the gym at 7pm. Choir sings.

April 10, Good Friday: Contemporary Stations of the Cross at 3pm and 7pm in the gym, featuring cellist Jacqueline Ultan.

April 11, Easter Vigil: 7:30pm mass celebrating our liberation from death to life with baptisms, confirmations. Reception follows.

April 12, Easter Sunday Gym Masses: 7am Sunrise Service with Fr. Cassidy and SJA musicians. 9am with Fr. DeBruycker, Robert Robinson and the SJA Choir. **11am with Fr. Cassidy, Robert Robinson and the SJA Choir. Family Masses, 9 and 11am** in the church. Eucharistic celebration with Farmer Rick and his baby animals.

SJA 2019-20 Concert Series! Tickets are on sale after masses or through the SJA website. Tickets are $25 / students $10.

**Chapel Series** (in our church)

Tonight, March 15 at 7pm, Sofia, Dean Magraw, Carin Vagle and Tim Frantzich, will be in concert in our church. Chambers of the Heart is all about healing, being transformed and nourished. This transcendent trio also sings the Beatitudes of Jesus and the poems of Rumi. Come, be inspired by this lovely evening of music for the soul! Tickets on sale after masses today. Doors open at 6:15.

**Concert Series** (in our gym).

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

**Christianity 101: March 18th Has been cancelled**

**Democracy Talks:** On March 18, you are invited to join the discussion of *Democracy in Chains* by Nancy MacLean at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. If you haven't read the book, join us anyway!

**Happy Chorus**

LGBTQ Group Happy Hour: All are welcome to join us on March 30 at 4pm at Downtowner Woodfire Grill, St. Paul. Come and meet wonderful fellow SJAers!

Cyril Paul is Turning 90! Join a special tribute to this incredible man and musician who has blessed us for so many years. Open house, Sunday, March 22, 2 - 4pm in the SJA gym. RSVP to Kevin at kfuhrman@fuhrmanmusic.com or 763.427.5604.

St. Joan's is Pleased to Welcome the Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus to their new rehearsal space! The mission of their organization is to celebrate diversity and to use music as a way to transform, educate and heal with a goal of eliminating homophobia and intolerance. Their next concert, which will touch on topics including immigration and conversion therapy, will be at Ted Mann Concert Hall on March 27 & 28. FFI go to tcgmc.org or call 612.624.2345. Welcome, TCOMC!

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

**Week of March 2 - March 8, 2020**

- Actual $35,423
- Budget $31,954
- Prior Year Actual $32,385

**Year to Date (July 1 – March 8, 2020)**

- Actual $1,511,578
- Budget $1,433,264
- Prior Year Actual $1,443,075

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, May 11, 5:45 - 8pm, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4100 Lyndale Ave South, as L. Read Sulik, MD., presents, *Moving from Anxiety to Optimal Wellbeing*. 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? It takes a community to heal. Communities offer hope through connection and unconditional acceptance, love and grace.

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, March 19, 6:15 - 8pm, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 2914 W 44th St., as Mark Scannell, life coach, author, trainer and speaker, presents, *Giving Thanks Can Help Us Grieve*. 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’s Chore Program Needs Workers! The program provides household chore and maintenance services to older adults living in South Minneapolis, helping them to continue living safely and independently in their own homes. TRUST is looking for volunteers that can do any of the following jobs: yardwork, raking, snow removal, small repairs, and house cleaning. If you are interested, please call 612.827.6150.

Peace and Justice

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

**Housing Ministry News!**
- **March 28:** Join our volunteer team with Urban Homeworx, rehabbing a home or apartment to provide beautiful, affordable housing for a low-income family. No experience necessary! FFI/to volunteer, contact Julie Madden.
- **Homeless Day on the Hill:** Thanks to all who attended this advocacy day at the Capitol and encouraged our legislators to make the necessary investments to end homelessness and create truly affordable housing in our state.
- **Family Supportive Housing in North Mpls:** Would you like to participate with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative in their work to provide 50 units of family supportive housing? Imagine the difference this could make to so many! FFI, contact Julie Madden.

**Every Church a Peace Church:** Tomorrow, Monday, March 16, Rep. Ilhan Omar will speak at this gathering of peace churches on *How My Muslim Faith Has Influenced My Activism*. 6:30pm potluck; 7pm presentation, in SJA’s Hospitality Hall. Please join us for this great discussion.

**Do You Serve With a Great Nonprofit?** May 1 is the deadline for our next round of applications for Justice Grants from our SJA Outreach Fund. Justice Grants are awarded to organizations in which our parishioners are volunteers and leaders - and we’d love to support your efforts for good in God’s world! FFI/for an application, contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.

**Collection of Feminine Hygiene Items:** If you forgot to bring your items for this collection for women in emergency shelter, please drop them off today in the box in the Welcome Center. We thank two of our youth, Maggie & Emma, who coordinated this collection.

**Risen Christ Gala and Raffle Tickets:** Next Sunday, our friends at Risen Christ School, as Sustaining Partner of the SJA Outreach Fund, will be at tables after mass with raffle tickets for their upcoming gala on April 23. Risen Christ is a wonderful neighbor of SJA, the only Catholic school in Minnesota providing a quality dual language education in Spanish and English to a diverse community of learners.

**Nellie Jo David, Indigenous Rights Organizer, to Speak in Minneapolis:** WAMM’s annual meeting is Saturday, March 28 at 10am at the Spirit of St. Stephen’s Catholic Community. Guest speaker is Nellie Jo David, organizer for indigenous human rights and resistance to occupation. FFI, call 612.827.5364 or go to womenagainstmilitarymadness.org.

**EcoSpirits Earth Day Planning:** On Sunday, April 19, our SJA EcoSpirits will be in the Welcome Center with a variety of actions you can take to protect our magnificent planet, as well as a short film and a schedule of our summer activities, when we’ll be focusing on *The Birds and the Bees, the Butterflies and the Bats!*
Faith Formation and Adult Learning

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

Cake for Kids: For our Community Service Evening on April 1, we'll be making birthday bags for the Sabathani food shelf, we are collecting cake mix, frosting and candles. Please bring these items to the church by March 29. FFI: Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

SJA Children’s Choir: The spring session has begun, but you can still join! The Choir has five spring performances: April 25 & 26, May 3, 9 & 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.

Video Screenings of Our Palm Sunday play with HOBT: Jeff and Rita Nohner have created a video about our annual family Lenten project with In the Heart of the Beast puppets, SJA families, dance, masks, music, and song. Watch the play in the gym on March 22, after the 11am mass or March 25 at 6pm. Special showing for families, May 3, between the Family Masses in the church.

Clothing Collection for Togo: Arm in Arm in Africa is launching a collection for families in Togo, West Africa. During Lent, we are asking for donations of clothing and shoes for youth from birth through high school. The clothing should be new or gently used and suitable for warm climate. Please bring items to the bins in the Welcome Center or church vestibule each Sunday, March 8 - 29. FFI contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com. Merci!

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

Join the Clare Housing Supper Club, 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. Gourmet skills are not required! FFI, contact Gabrielle at gdane@stjoan.com.

Mentor Families: Sign up to meet with a Mentor Family! Your Mentor Family 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 is closed until further notice.

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.

Sunday Morning Elementary faith formation (grades 1-6), Pre-K (ages 4-6) are suspending programming until further notice.

First Communion 2020: Extravaganza Sunday, March 29, 4pm. First Communion celebrations Saturday, April 25 or May 2, 10am. FFI call Marie at the Parish Center.

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.

After discerning the recent concerns and uncertainties over COVID-19 (coronavirus), our Youth Ministry program has decided to cancel the remainder of our Club and Small Group sessions (March 15 and 29).

Pancake Breakfast: Save the Date for SJA Youth Ministries Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on April 26 to help support our Summer Delegation to Pine Ridge. Youth participating in our trip will be serving and sharing what they look forward to learning from our service on the Reservation. All funds raised at the breakfast through a free will offering will go directly to cutting the cost per participant. Hope to see you there!

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

Lent is the season which invites us to deep, healing listening to others and ourselves. When we listen in a healing way - without judgement but with compassion - we are "listening with the ear of the heart." (St. Benedict) How can you listen to the deep feelings of your heart to help healing occur? How can you listen to the deep feelings of another's heart to help healing occur?

Centering Prayer every Sunday at 10:15am in the Youth House (next to Parish enter). All are welcome!

Scripture Matters: Tuesday, March 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!

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. April 15 (3rd Wednesday, due to Seder): Emma by Jane Austen.