Pastors 2 Cent’s From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

As I read about the disciples’ first missionary journey I was reminded of a Crosier father who spoke on Mission Sunday at St. Leonard of Port Maurice. After much training he was sent to preach to an Indian tribe in the Amazon region. He traveled for days up the river getting deeper and deeper into uncharted territory. At a clearing they put unto shore and with handshakes all around they left him alone. He shouted after them as they paddled away and they all waved good-bye. He had not quite expected there would be no organizational system of any sort to aid him or instruct him as to what to do next. Had it not been for the hospitality and not a little curiosity of the native peoples he would probably have died out there. In retrospect he thinks there might have been some discussion as to his having been put on the menu. The native people understood Christian hospitality better than the preacher.

Of course, that was one of the messages Jesus was teaching his disciples, learn from your people. You can’t possibly know everything you need to know right away. Have the humility to listen, you may actually learn something. One of the messages of last week’s Gospel is that when you are so convinced of your own message as opposed to others “bringing down fire on them” as James and John wanted to do on the Samaritans becomes rational.

Jesus purposely sends out his disciples with little backup. They needed to live off the land, and let the people feed them as they fed them the Gospel. It really isn’t until after the trauma of the crucifixion and the healing of the resurrection that the disciples see themselves as primarily reconciling forgivers building a new kingdom of God’s beloved.

That ability to listen with humility seems to be lost in present day America. We are closing in on the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America in just four years. Are we going to make it? I was reading some of Alexis de Tocqueville’s musing on the America of the middle 1800’s. One of his more famous quotes is “The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather her ability to repair her faults.” Are we still that America?

Gym Masses

Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

On this July 4th weekend, we reflect in readings, visuals and music on themes of patriotism, nationalism, and our role as Christians committed to realizing America’s ideals of democracy and equality in this very difficult time. We thank our readers - Tinia Moulder, Enzo La Hoz Calassara, Cynthia Bailey Manns and Julie Madden - for bringing the words of prophets and patriots to us.

Christina Pawlowski and Steve Kremer will add their special songs to today’s gym masses. Thank you as always!

St. Joan of Arc Community Peace Prayer

Loving God, we ask your blessing on the community of St. Joan of Arc. Make us a people of prayer and peace. Give us hearts wide enough to embrace all whose lives we touch. May our presence among others be a constant witness for justice, compassion and hope. Amen
Scripture Readings:
Mon, July 4: Hosea 2:16,17c-18,21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
Tue, July 5: Hosea 8:4-7,11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
Wed, July 6: Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12; Matthew 10:1-7
Thu, July 7: Hosea 11:1-4,8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15
Fri, July 8: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
Sat, July 9: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
Sun, July 10: Deut 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

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.

The 5pm Saturday Mass is Recorded and Available on our YouTube Channel Sunday afternoon. Our Sunday Pre-mass Speakers can be heard on the SJA YouTube channel as well.

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


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 the Parish Center at 612.823.8205.
Gospel Music Workshop: Come join gospel singer Robert Robinson and South African singing group, "29:11" and learn the art of singing gospel music! Workshop dates are Saturdays, July 9 and July 16 from 10am to noon right here at St. Joan of Arc! It will culminate in a concert at 4pm on Sunday, July 17 in the SJA gym. Fee for the entire session and participation in the concert is only $25. To register call 763.600.6965 or 1.800.667.9426.

Parish Council News: Congratulations to SJA parishioners, Joel Racchini and Shannon Thompson, on their election to three year terms on the St. Joan of Arc Parish Council. They will officially join the Council at the September, 2022 meeting. SJA is grateful for Joel and Shannon’s willingness to serve and we hold them and the other Parish Council members in our prayers.

PT Maintenance Position: 15 - 20 hours weekly with weekend hours. Contact Steve F Sfriedrichs@stjoan.com or call 612.823.8205.

AIAIA Homecoming Online Auction: Open to all whether or not attending the event. Prizes range from original artwork to prized destinations. Bidding is open now at galabid.com/aiaiahomecoming.

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.

Catholic Social Teaching: The Foundation of Our Faith and Our Shared Future. The principles of CST offer us a powerful lens through which to see and love the world as God does. They are a blueprint for us in overwhelming times:

- **Human Dignity**: Every one of us is created in the image and likeness of God.
- **Common Good**: We realize our human dignity in relationship and community.
- **Option for the Poor**: The moral test of our society is how we treat our most vulnerable.
- **Rights and Responsibilities**: We all have a fundamental right to what is needed to live in dignity - life, food, shelter, health care, education, employment. We also have 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**: All workers have the right to decent and fair wages and safe working conditions. No one is allowed to amass excessive wealth while others lack the basic necessities of life.
- **Stewardship of God’s Creation**: We are called to live in right relationship with the earth.
- **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 globally in an interdependent world.

Parish Center Information: Our Parish Center Summer Hours are: Monday, 9am - 4:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 8pm, Friday, 9am - 3pm, Saturday, closed, Sunday, 8am - 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you! We are also scheduling ministry group meetings on-site for groups dependent on group size and available room size, continuing to use Zoom and online options for larger groups. We will keep you posted as we go forward.

Food Shelf Donations Needed: We continue to accept non-perishable food items for Sabathani Community Center. Most needed items are cereal, water & sports drinks, laundry detergent and toilet paper. All items can be dropped off Sundays or Monday thru Friday, in the bins in the Parish Center during regular hours (see above). Thank you for your willingness to help those in need.

Mobile Loaves Twin Cities needs new socks, for men, women and children, washcloths, toiletry size soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Please place your donations in the brown collection hamper in the Parish Center. 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 contact Marie Thielen at mthielen@stjoan.com.

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 in preparing your will you consider including St. Joan of Arc as a beneficiary. 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

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Thank You for your continued generosity!
Pastoral Ministries

FFI on Pastoral Ministries contact the Parish Center 612.823.8205.

Did You Know? Social connections can decrease anxiety and depression, increase self-esteem and empathy, and improve physical, emotional, and mental health.

The TRUST Grocery and Errand Transportation Program provides rides to and from the grocery, hardware store, post office for riders age 60+ or those living with a disability. Contact 612.721.5786.

The TRUST Chore Program offers household cleaning, snow removal, lawn care, and minor home repairs at a low cost rate. Do you know someone who could benefit from these services? Contact 612.827.6150.

In Transition? Moving? Estate Closing? TRUST’s estate sale program will advertise, sort, price, and conduct the sale for you. Contact Jan 612.269.1865

Senior Housing: Sabathani Senior Center is now accepting applications for residents 55+. The complex offers studios, one and two bedroom units. To apply call 612.895.5900 or email sabathani@schuettcares.com.

Peace and Justice

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

SJA Outreach Fund News:
- To all who participated and volunteered in our recent Outreach Sunday, thank you! We so appreciate that you were here, greeting all of our guests from so many organizations, including our Sustaining Partners, our CARE Committee, and recent recipients of Justice Grants. Thank you also for your ongoing support of our SJA Outreach Fund.
- We are also thrilled to let you know that we have completed another round of Justice Grants, and have awarded a total of $51,000 to 11 incredible organizations and projects in which our parishioners volunteer and lead. It is such a great list:
  - Sankofa Village
  - Ninijiaanis One of Ones Montessori American Indian Childcare Center
  - The Advocates for Human Rights; Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative:
  - Mobile Loaves Twin Cities Fleece Project
  - Mayflower Immigration Team
  - Elder Voice Family Advocates
  - The Underground School
  - Asylum Coalition for Transition
  - The Coalition for Health Equity MN
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic

Learn more on our SJA website!

Sister Parish Virtual Delegation: Sign Up Now! For almost 30 years, we have journeyed with our Sister Parish in Guatemala in solidarity and friendship, and we have a perfect opportunity coming up for you to get to know our beloved family in Tierra Nueva Dos. From August 14 - 21, we’ll share activities via zoom with our Sister Parish family in TNII, and we will have activities live and in person with fellow SJAAers. We will learn and pray and laugh a lot together, and we’d love to have you with us. Register for the virtual delegation at bit.ly/virtualegation.

EcoSpirits Summer Camp Day in the Neighborhood: ATTN: All Current and Wanna-Be Urban Farmers! Welcome to our SJA EcoSpirits Summer Camp Day on July 10, with a wonderful garden tour near SJA, following both the 9am and 11am gym masses. The garden host will be Matt Smaus, Director of the Wozupi Tribal Gardens, an organic farm of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community in Prior Lake, MN. We build the Beloved Community through neighborhood gardening! FFI/ RSVP, contact Julie Madden.

"Building A City for All of Us: Affordable Housing Action": Join our SJA Housing Ministry and other congregations with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative on Thursday, July 28 at 6:30pm, either live at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, or on zoom. We have great momentum in the collaborative to create and sustain affordable housing in our city, where it is reported that the income needed to rent an average priced 2 bedroom apartment should be around $91,600 or higher. Imagine how many families cannot sustain this, and help us be part of the solution. FFI/to register go to beaconinterfaith.org and click on "events."

SJA Welcome the Stranger: Our WTS ministry is focused on building relationships with refugees, asylees, and migrants, and one of our valued partner organizations is Casa Guadalupana in St. Paul, which provides transitional housing, supportive services, and a welcoming community to new refugees. Ministry members have formed deep friendships with residents at Casa, and we welcome you to an Open House at Casa on Saturday, July 23 to learn more. FFI/to RSVP, contact Julie Madden.

Pride Week Thanks: We are grateful to all who planned our beautiful prayer service in celebration and thanksgiving for our LGBTQ+ community. Thanks also to SJAAers who volunteered with the Downtown Churches booth at the Pride Festival in Loring Park last weekend. SJAA, you are living God’s word of love and welcome, and you are needed now more than ever. Thank you for your witness!

Rest In Power: We give thanks today for the life of parishioner Marie Braun, who died this week. In their roles as leaders of our SJA WAMM/Peacemakers ministry, Marie and her late husband John taught us so much about the power and promise of Christian non-violence. Marie worked tirelessly to end war and militarism, and brought many global peace leaders to SJAA. We will so miss her joy, her resolve, and her commitment to truly following the God of peace.

An Interfaith Peace Vigil Against War: Wednesdays, 4 - 5pm, 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.

Nursery/Preschool:
Nursery and Preschool: We have delayed the start of our Pre-K (and Nursery) program because of COVID. We’ll reach out when we have a start date and we will keep you posted in the bulletin and/or on the SJA website when we know more.

Grade School/Family Mass: FFI (Grades 1-6) contact Marie Bissonnette at 612.823.8205 ext. 229. Family Mass contact Gabrielle Dane at gdane.com.

Elementary Faith Formation: Online registration now open for 2022/2023 classes at www.stjoan.com. NEW CLASS TIME 10am - 11am, between the masses on Sunday mornings.

Youth Ministry: FFI contact Chris Smith at 612.823.8205 ext. 230 or csmith@stjoan.com.

Registration for 2022/2023 Youth Ministry Classes has begun. Register online - visit the parish website for details. Classes will meet Sunday mornings, 10 - 11am, September - May. FFI contact Chris at csmith@stjoan.com.

Adult Volunteers are needed to lead and supervise small groups of 6-12th grade youth in the Micah Service Program for the 2022-2023 program year. Adult leaders will gather with youth six times throughout the program year at a specific service site or organization to explore how we can live our faith by serving others. If you are interested in leading a Micah Service group or would like more information, contact Chris Smith csmith@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext 230.

Summertime Middle School Day Trips (for students entering 6-7-8th grade fall 2022): Students will meet at ARC’s Value Village in Richfield for two hours of service from 10 am to noon, break for a bag lunch at a local park, then enjoy an afternoon activity together (see below for activities and costs), returning to SJA for parent pickup at 4:30pm. RSVP required. FFI/to register contact Chris Smith csmith@stjoan.com.

- Thursday, July 14: Mill City Museum & Stone Arch Bridge, $10 - 15. (July 7 sign-up deadline)
- Tuesday, July 26: Twin Cities Area Water Park, $10 - 15. (July 19 sign-up deadline)

Youth Ministry Summer Bonfires: Join us for s’mores, yard games, and community building this summer! Open to all 6 - 12th graders. Meet in the Youth House backyard (house just south of the Parish Center) from 7 to 8:30pm., Tuesday, July 12. Contact Chris with questions, csmith@stjoan.com.

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

Parish Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 6 - 8pm. FFI and a list of future dates and books check the SJA website under Ministries, Parish Life and click on the Parish Book Club button.

Centering Prayer: Join us Sundays in the Arc, 10:15 - 10:45 am, for an in-person meditation. We will also be simultaneously Zooming it online. FFI contact Ray Spack at raymondspack@gmail.com.

A Recipe for Resilience: Here are revolutionary love practices for this moment. Choose what you need. Share it.

GRIEVE: What is the shape of grief in your body? If you feel the primal scream in you, this is the time to make space for healing. Let yourself touch the sorrow, rest and breathe. Don’t isolate. Show up to a healing circle in your community. Organize one if needed. Go to vigils. Be with people who make you feel safe. Let in softness and love into the places that ache. Make space to just stop — and feel this together.

RAGE: What is the force of rage in your body? Notice where you are constricted, tense, or numb. Now move that energy – curse, scream, shake, dance, run. Don’t choke down your rage. Or let it fester. Be with people who can honor this rage and process it in safe containers. Your rage carries information – what is it telling you? You have something to fight for. You have a role to play, and no role is too small.

FIGHT: What courageous step are you ready to take? Do not swallow the lie that nothing can be done. You have a sphere of influence. Every choice we make – every word, every action, every encounter – co-creates culture and shapes what happens next. Will you use your voice, your art, your story, your money, your power, your heart?

REIMAGINE: What is the world you want? What does beloved community look like, feel like? We can only live into what we imagine. Protect time and space to dream and dream big. Then take one step toward that dream.

LISTEN: What do you need to approach opponents with humanity? If you are safe enough, take one step toward a courageous conversation. Lead with your story, above all. Listen for theirs.

BREATHE: How will you breathe today? This is the work of a lifetime. Our lifetime. Take time to rest, step away from the news, nourish your body and your beloveds. Remember the wisdom of the mid-wife: Breathe, my love, then push. When joy comes, let it come. In joy, we presage the world to come. - Valerie Kaur - 2022

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.