Gym Masses

Presider: Fr. Jim Cassidy

Today we welcome very special guest musicians from South Africa. The singing group "29:11" is touring in the United States this summer and are with us today! "29:11" will be in concert with Robert Robinson here at SJA on Sunday, July 17 at 4pm. The concert is free and open to the public. Join us for this exciting afternoon of music!

Pastors 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

I am off to my 52nd college reunion, it’s actually our 50th postponed by Covid for two years. It’s time to get a report on our decrepitude and mortality index. I think last year’s health issue has put me high on the list. I originally noticed significant decay after our 30th reunion. It will be fun to see who I remember and who still remembers who they are - not funny. At our 50th high school reunion from St. John’s Prep someone found a 1963 picture of our class in front of the Abbey Church - I didn’t recognize myself. I will see you next week and report.

This week we have the classic statement of the Jewish Law, You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. Jesus commends the scholar who professes this as the road to eternal life. But then goes on to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan as an indicator of, who is my neighbor? - everyone. Its back to the old, “Do unto others as you would have done to you.” You just can’t escape it.

For many years I worked with Sr. Patrice Neuberger, when she was a parish outreach director. Being a newly ordained I looked to her for guidance as to what and when I should respond to requests for help. Her response was always if you have to ask yourself twice whether to act or not, act. Rats! She never gave you a good out on anything. Luckily, I took a good course on boundaries. But there is always that guilt should I or shouldn’t I act.

Of course, that is always the question most of our lives are attempting to answer, should I, or shouldn’t I act? One often hears the expression to take up your cross. What does that mean? Jesus did not end up on the cross by accident, he did it the old fashion way, he earned it. Each time he didn’t walk away from a controversy, spoke truth to power and hung out with the wrong crowd he was earning his cross and, as Paul says, For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. In other words, thank God he acted.

What are your unanswered questions?

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

Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:
5pm Saturday & 7:45am Sunday in the Church
9am & 11am Sunday in the Gym
Family Masses will resume in September
Looking Ahead...

8am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday in the Church

Sunday, 9 and 11am Gym Masses

July 17: Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker. SJA's own Deb Harley, Lee and Grant Vague will share their special music at our gym masses today. Thank you!


Today the SJA musician sisters, Celia and Savanna Sieckert will add their beautiful music to our gym worship. Celia is off to Berklee College of Music this fall. Our well wishes go with you.

Welcome and thank you, sisters!

July 31: Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Dean Magraw, guitar wizard, and our own singer, Carin Vagle, will add their special music to today's gym worship.

Welcome and thank you!

August 7: Presider: Fr. Jim Cassidy

August 14: Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Presider Schedule for Saturday, 5pm Masses in the Church

July 16: Fr. Peter Nosbush

July 23: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

July 30: Fr. Peter Nosbush

August 6: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

August 13: Fr. Peter Nosbush

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.
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.

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 Saturday, 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 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@mobileoavestc.com.

Marketing Expertise Needed: The SJA Concert Series Board seeks to fill an open volunteer board position to lead marketing strategy for upcoming concert seasons. If you have experience with marketing and wish to share your talent with our community in a meaningful way contact Anna Vagle at 612.823.8205 ext. 235.

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

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 Thielien at mthielen@stjoan.com.

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

FISCAL YEAR END June 30, 2022
Actual $2,201,463 Budget $2,114,900
Prior Year Actual $1,877,873

Year to Date (July 1, 2022 – July 3, 2022)
Actual $21,605 Budget $31,727
Prior Year Actual $34,628

Thank You for your continued generosity!

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.
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!

EcoSpirits Organic Garden Tour TODAY! Following both the 9am and 11am gym masses, you are invited to join us for a wonderful tour of a neighborhood garden, and learn great tips about organic gardening. We will meet at the Arc (across the north end of the parking lot) following each mass. Our presenter Matthew Smaus is incredible. Matt is also the farm manager for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community’s organic vegetable farm in Prior Lake.

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 SJAers. 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/virtualdelegation.

"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.

Housing Ministry Highlight: Our partners at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative have been in discussion with families on the North Side of our city as designs for Emerson Village take shape. Juxtaposition Arts has led the process, and it has included input from many community organizations and faith communities, as well as people who have experienced homelessness. Beacon hopes to receive the last pieces of necessary funding from the City of Minneapolis and the Met Council and then break ground in 2023 on this development of 40 beautiful new apartment homes for families on our city’s North Side. If you want to be a voice in support of Emerson Village, contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.

LGBTQ+ Book Club: All are invited to our next book discussion on Monday, July 18 at 6:30pm at Gabe’s Bar & Kitchen in St. Paul. We are discussing After Francesco by local author Brian Malloy. The St. Paul Pioneer Press says: “After Francesco is a tribute to those who died from AIDS and those who loved them...filled with humor, grief, recover, the endurance of love, and ultimately, hope.”
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 connect 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 at 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 on line. 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 midwife: 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.