As I have spoken of many times, I worked within the Bell Telephone System for twelve years. I was a highly skilled technical electrical worker, working for the manufacturing and supply division of the Bell system known endearingly as Ma Bell. One of the reasons it was called Ma Bell was because it had rules and regulations for almost every event of your life. Every garage had a copy of the multivolume Bell System Practices Manual (BSPM). Inside you would find technical information, along with customer relationship criteria and even some sanitary practices you should have learned at home. (I remember one unmarried man on our crew who thought he might find a way to find a wife in its pages!) It also had regular reports on workplace accidents and how they could have been avoided. I only saw one accident considered an ‘act of God’ in all the years I worked there and that was a truck that had been struck by a meteor.

No job is so important or customer so valuable that we cannot take time to do our job safely… or something like that. That phrase was plastered all over the walls in the office, many times with a model of a pair of glasses with a screwdriver puncturing one lens.

There is no doubt the BSMP was overkill, but it did give everyone a standard Method of Procedure (MOP), or a standard of correct operation. I am writing this on July 11th, the feast day of St. Benedict (CE 480-547). In CE 516 he wrote his Rule which is still the rule of Benedictines, and the basis for many other religious orders—kind of the BSMP for living peacefully in community. It was so powerful a document that Benedict has been called the father of Europe by many. The time from the fall of Rome to the rise of Charlemagne was considered the Dark Ages in Europe, a time of lawlessness and decay. The monasteries became symbols of enlightenment and order that civil society looked to and began to emulate as they regrouped and restructured. When I interview marriage couples with the nuptial questionnaire, I often tell them that the great gift of the Catholic Church to the world was bureaucracy, and the rule was at the heart of that.

At the heart of the Rule of St. Benedict is proper balance. If you attended St. John’s University, you could not have graduated without hearing about Worship and Work. Benedict was wise in the ways of humanity, he knew about the workaholic and the over passionate scrupulous religious fanatic. His rule put both extremes within sane wraps so they did not destroy the workings of the community. Although I naturally side with Martha over Mary in today’s Gospel, we witness Jesus trying to establish a balance between work and prayer. Sometimes the best practice is to shut up and listen.

Parking: Please be considerate of our neighbors and their property. Do not block driveways or park in their “on-street” handicapped areas. Thank You!
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Scripture Readings:
Sun, July 17: Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42
Mon, July 18: Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Matthew 12:38-42
Tue, July 19: Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Matthew 12:46-50
Wed, July 20: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9
Thu, July 21: Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Matthew 13:10-17
Fri, July 22: Song of Songs 3:1-4b; John 20:1-2,11-18
Sat, July 23: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

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.

Looking Ahead...

8am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday in the Church

Sunday, 9 and 11am Gym Masses
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!

Presider Schedule for Saturday, 5pm Masses in the Church
July 23: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
July 30: Fr. Peter Nosbush
August 6: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
August 13: Fr. Peter Nosbush
August 20: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

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.

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Parish Life

St. Joan of Arc Volunteer Choir! Do you love to sing? Can you carry a tune? Do you want to be part of a lively music community? The SJA choir will be back starting rehearsals in September. Adults and teens are welcomed! Watch for details in the bulletin or contact Anna Vagle avagle@stjoan.com. Let’s make a joyful noise!!

“29:11” will be in Concert with Robert Robinson here at St. Joan of Arc today, Sunday, July 17 at 4pm in the gym. The concert is free and open to the public. Join us for this exciting afternoon of music!

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.

Democracy Talks Book Selection: We are reading “His Name Is George Floyd: One Man’s Life and Struggle for Racial Justice” and will discuss the book on Wednesday, July 20, 1:30 - 3pm, in the SJA Parish Center Tulip Room. Even if you haven’t read the book, you are invited to join us for a very good conversation!

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.

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.

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@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.

Where Does My Coffee Cup Go? We strive to be a zero-waste campus and your help is needed making sure that coffee cups are disposed of properly on Sunday mornings. Here’s the info you need:

1. All hot cups brought in from outside SJA are TRASH (not recyclable), unless marked "Certified Compostable"
2. Cold plastic beverage cups and lids are RECYCLABLE. Straws are not.
3. All cups from within SJA are COMPOSTABLE - organic, made from corn.

Thank you for your help!

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

**Week of July 4 - July 10, 2022**
- Actual $22,066
- Budget $31,727
- Prior Year Actual $34,628

**Year to Date (July 1, 2022 – July 10, 2022)**
- Actual $43,671
- Budget $63,453
- Prior Year Actual $69,256

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 Antiracism Ministry News: Next Sunday, July 24, join our SJA Antiracism team for our ongoing discussion of White Supremacy Culture and how it has impacted our lives as well as the life of our church and our nation. We will meet on Zoom at 1pm - please contact Julie Madden for the link if you can join us for this heartfelt conversation on dismantling racism and the structures that uphold it.

SJA Antiracism Ministry Field Trip: Join us in experiencing Human Toll: A Public History of 35W at the Hennepin History Museum (2303 3rd Ave S, Mpls), either on Saturday, July 30 at 10am, or on Friday, August 5, at 1pm. Questions? Contact Julie Madden.

Isaiah at SJA: No Time for Despair! If you are inclined to disengage from public life and participation in these times, we encourage you to connect with our SJA ISAIAH core team. Discussions and decisions that lift up our shared values reinvigorate us, our faith, and our communities. FFI contact Julie Madden on our work to ensure a thriving democracy and a caring economy.

Thanks to SJA Parishioners: Blessings and thanks to parishioners Theresa Dolata and Colleen Simmons, who are attending ISAIAH’s Weeklong Leadership Training. Colleen and Theresa, your commitment to the Beloved Community is a gift to us at SJA and to the world!

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, recovery, the endurance of love, and ultimately, hope.”

Thank You, SJA EcoSpirits! Thanks to all who organized and participated in the great tour of a neighborhood organic garden last Sunday. We learned so much from Matt Smaus and his family, If you missed the tour but would like to connect with us for tips on regenerative gardening and other earth-friendly practices, please contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.
Faith Formation and Adult Learning

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

**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.

**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.

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

**SAGES** sponsors the Last Tuesday for July on Tuesday, July 26 at 4pm Central via Zoom. The theme will be: What To Do with Conflicts? Presented by Mark Scannell. To receive the link please connect Mark at gasscann@bitstream.net

**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. 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.

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**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 Theilen at mtheilen@stjoan.com.
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