After last week’s homily I decided to cull my files, get rid of excess junk. I found a file entitled silly stuff, here are a few examples.

A poem entitled: Best Poem in the World

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven’s door.
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought
Was rotting away in Hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well,

I nudged Jesus, ‘What’s the deal?
I would love to hear your take.
How’d all these sinners get up here?
God must’ve made a mistake.

And why’s everyone so quiet,
So somber—give me a clue.
“Hush child,” He said, “they’re all in shock
No one expected you!”

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.
Scripture Readings:
Mon, Aug. 8: Ezekiel 1:2-5,24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27
Tue, Aug. 9: Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14
Wed, Aug. 10: 2 Corinthians 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Thu, Aug. 11: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21-19:1
Fri, Aug. 12: Ezekiel 16:1-5,60,63; Matthew 19:3-12
Sun, Aug. 14: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

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...

8am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday in the Church

Sunday, 9 and 11am Gym Masses

August 14: President: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
August 21: President: Fr. Jim Cassidy
August 28: President: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
September 4: Fr. Jim Cassidy

Presider Schedule for Saturday, 5pm Masses in the Church

August 13: Fr. Peter Nosbush
August 20: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
August 27: Fr. Peter Nosbush
September 3: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

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.

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

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.
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!!

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 x 235.

Job Opening at St. Joan of Arc: Youth Ministry Director: We are looking for a talented individual with a commitment to lead a program for youth in grades 6 -12 that is structured around relational ministry and service programs in a parish that is committed to Catholic Social Teaching, a welcoming spirit and diversity. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and creative, as well as someone who will be a strong supporter of a vibrant Youth Ministry program in our parish. In addition, we want someone who is good at recruiting and working with volunteers. Qualified candidates should have a Bachelor’s degree in theology, education or related field as well as experience working with middle school and senior high students. They should be self-motivated and good at working collaboratively with other staff. Please send a letter of interest and a resume to Dennis Heaney at the Parish Center or dheaney@stjoan.com.

Sister Parish Virtual Delegation: We are so excited for this week of encounters! Please stop by our table in the Welcome Center after mass to learn more about our upcoming events. For almost 30 years, we have journeyed in solidarity and friendship with our loves ones in Tierra Nueva Dos in Guatemala, and we invite you to experience this very special relationship:

- A Celebration of Our Diversity: On Thursday, August 18, at 7pm on Zoom, meet and get to know members of our Sister Parish in Guatemala in conversation, with help from translators, as well as through videos we have created. We will share our hopes and dreams for our communities, and we would love to have you with us. Youth & families from both parishes are especially welcome.
- Solidarity Walk: We will take a virtual “walk” through Tierra Nueva Dos, and through Minneapolis, on Saturday, August 20 at 7pm on Zoom. Our Minneapolis “walk” will include experiences of art in our city since the murder of George Floyd, and we will meet powerful justice leaders in our Sister Parish community.
- Our SJA gym liturgy on Sunday, August 14 will be live-streamed in TNII! It is amazing that we can celebrate together. And on Sunday, August 21, the mass in TNII will be live-streamed, so if you'd like to experience that liturgy, please let us know!

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 on 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, toilet 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.

SJA EcoSpirits Tip: Check out www.GreenPages.org or other ethical shops and sites to explore socially just and environmentally friendly purchasing options for food, clothing and other essentials. Stay tuned for our next EcoSpirits Healthy Home event.

Parking: Please be considerate of our neighbors and their property. Do not block driveways or park in their “on-street” handicapped areas. Thank You!

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.

Minnesota Joined the 988 Network: The 988 Lifeline is a national network of over 200 local, independent crisis centers equipped to help people in mental health-related distress or experiencing a suicidal crisis. The 988 Lifeline provides free and confidential support via call, chat, or text to people in these types of situations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all across the U.S.

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 at 612.269.1865.

Peace and Justice

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

A Prayer Vigil for Loved Ones In Immigration Detention: On Tuesday, August 9, 7:30am, at the Whipple Federal Building (One Federal Drive, Minneapolis), the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration invites you to this monthly vigil. It is co-hosted in August by the Basilica, Maryknoll Lay Missioners, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. We will also be joined by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. We pray especially those who will be brought to immigration court that morning and taken directly for deportation. Join us live or on Zoom at https://tinyurl.com CSJsPraying4Peace. Let our presence be a source of solace to those who need our prayers, and a source of challenge to those who make and enforce these laws. The MN Catholic Bishops remind us: "Laws that undermine human dignity, separate families, and which prevent the exercise of basic human rights are unjust laws in need of reform."

Building Hope Together with SJA ISAIAH: We act together in faith for a caring economy and a vital democracy, and we invite you to join us on this journey. It is a powerful antidote to despair! We invite you to join us in the Parish Center for discussion at any of these times, Thursday, August 11 at 6:30pm; Sunday, August 21, at 10:15am; Wednesday, August 24 at 2pm. (FFI/to RSVP, contact Sarah at sarahgleason@mac.com).

Remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki: This week we remember the lives lost in 1945 when two atomic bombs were dropped by the U.S. in Japan. Casualties are estimated to have totaled more than 200,000 people in the days and years following the bombings. These bombings ushered in the age of nuclear weapons. We have partnered with the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize winning Int’l Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (www.icanw.org) to envision and work for a world free from this global threat.

Anti-racism Ministry News: The Hennepin History Museum (hennepinhistory.org) is currently hosting two exhibits on the impacts of the construction of Highway 35W on our neighborhood and on the Field/Hale School merger, also in our neighborhood. We encourage you to experience this vital part of our history. Watch the bulletin for an upcoming discussion of these exhibits.

Outreach Fund Updates:

- Our direct annual support to our Sustaining Partner organizations totals $35,000. These partners - Risen Christ School, Sister Parish, Arm in Arm in Africa, Women Against Military Madness, and Mobile Loaves Twin Cities - are integral to the life of SJA, and involve hundreds of our parishioners.

- Our CARE Committee provides emergency financial assistance not only to parishioners and neighbors in need, but to people associated with our CARE Committee partner organizations. These are Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Alliance Housing, Project for Pride in Living, Risen Christ School, and the Northside Achievement Zone. We are currently meeting with all of our partners to learn more about the realities their clients face, and to gauge the impact of our support.

SJA Housing Ministry Highlight: We are a proud member of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. Beacon engages congregations to show up in support of proposed new affordable housing developments, and also to show up during the legislative session to increase our investments in ending homelessness. Today we highlight Gladstone Commons, Beacon’s new proposed development in Maplewood. It will include 40 high-quality apartment homes for young families, and will be affordable for families who make less than $30,000 a year. Onsite support services will be provided by Solid Ground. Beacon needs us to help advocate for this project! FFI, contact jlewandowski@beaconinterfaith.org. For more info on our SJA Housing Ministry, please contact Julie Madden.

Mary’s Pence Visiting SJA: On Sunday, August 28, representatives from Mary’s Pence will be with us after mass in the Welcome Center, and we invite you to greet them and learn more about their incredible work providing funding and holistic support to women-led efforts for justice in Central America, Mexico, and the U.S. Founded by a Catholic sister, Mary’s Pence is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, but is independent of the church and does not base project funding on religious beliefs. It is named for all women of the Marys - of the Gospel, who dared to remain when the other disciples had fled.

An Interfaith Peace Vigil Against War: Wednesdays, 5 - 6 pm, 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: 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 K-5) 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.

Kindergarten: We are now including kindergarten children in our Elementary Faith Formation, grades K-5, on Sunday mornings. Volunteers are needed on several grade levels. If you are interested, please contact Marie.

Youth Ministry: FFI (Grades 6 - 12) 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 grade-level small groups of 6-12th grade youth in our Sunday morning faith formation program for the 2022-2023 program year. Adult leaders will gather with youth the first three Sundays of the month, 10 - 11am, from October through April, here on the SJA campus (teaching resources are provided!). If you are interested in leading a small group of youth or would like more information, please contact Dennis Heaney at dheaney@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 x 234.

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA, is an important Sacrament designed for adults (called Candidates), who are interested in becoming Catholic, or for Catholics who wish to be Confirmed, and may also include the Rite of Baptism. SJA welcomes you on your spiritual journey of study, exploration, faith sharing, and faith formation. Each Candidate works with an individual sponsor who will walk with them through this unique faith journey. The RCIA classes from Fall 2022 - Spring 2023, led by Fr. Jim DeBruycker and the RCIA leadership team, build learning relationships that encourage provocative questions about what it means to be Catholic and opportunities to grow in one’s faith. If you are interested, have questions or FFI, please contact Fr. Jim DeBruycker at jdebruycker@stjoan.com.

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.

Archdiocesan Synod Update (The Catholic Spirit, 6/24/22): The three-day Synod Assembly, held Pentecost weekend in St. Paul was the culmination of a three-year process of discernment for the future of the archdiocese that began with large-scale Prayer and listening Events, which helped lead to the Synod’s three focus areas: 1. Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization, 2. Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus’ love and respond to his all, and 3. Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young. Action items related to the focus areas were developed into 40 propositions that were discussed, discerned and voted on at the Synod Assembly. The results of the voting and written comments are expected to inform a pastoral letter Archbishop Hebda is writing and plans to release on or near the Feast of Christ the King Nov. 20. The letter will be followed by an action plan anticipated in early 2023.

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Lay Your Burdens Down:
"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves."
(Matthew 11:28-29)

In this scripture Jesus invites us to rest. We need to engage in sacred pauses to nourish our minds, bodies, hearts, and souls.

- How are you engaging in sacred pauses to nourish your mind, body, heart and soul?
- How are you encouraging and supporting others in their sacred pauses?
- How do you experience God’s love for you as you lay your burdens down to rest?

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for reminding me I am worthy of your unending love. Help me to feel your love surrounding me as I let go of the burdens I carry that weigh me down or cause me harm. Thank you for teaching me to love myself as fiercely as I love others. Amen.

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.