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Gym Masses

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Thank you Terrie Coats and Seth Boyd for your inspirational vocal solos today. We celebrate Sister Parish as well as tomorrow’s Feast of the Assumption with our sung prayer!

SJA Vision Statement

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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 will resume in September

Visit: www.stjoan.com  4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55419   612.823.8205   Fax: 612.825.7028
Looking Ahead...

8am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday in the Church

Monday, August 15: Assumption: 8am Mass in the Church. Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Sunday, 9 and 11am Gym Masses

August 21: Presider: Fr. Jim Cassidy
August 28: Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

September 4: Fr. Jim Cassidy

Presider Schedule for Saturday, 5pm Masses in the Church

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.

Scripture Readings:

Sun, Aug. 14: Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53
Mon, Aug. 15: Rev 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:30-56
Tue, Aug. 16: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30
Wed, Aug. 17: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16
Thu, Aug. 18: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14
Fri, Aug. 19: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40
Sat, Aug. 20: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab; Matthew 23:1-12

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.

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.
Parish Life

The SJA Adult Choir will begin rehearsing on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7pm in the Welcome Center! If you are interested, can sing in tune and have a desire for supporting, caring musical family…join us! We are back and we are here to make a “joyful noise!” FFI contact Anna Vagle at avagle@stjoan.com or 612.823.8205 ext. 235.

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.

Baseball isn’t the only thing better outdoors...Rain or shine, please join St. Joan of Arc liturgy leaders and musicians Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Lake Harriet Bandshell at 10am to experience worship in some of the best parks in Minneapolis during the summertime! Offerings collected benefits the Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. www.outdoorworship.org

Democracy Talks: We will continue the discussion of His Name Is George Floyd: One Man’s Life… The Struggle For Racial Justice, this Wednesday August 17, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. To join by Zoom, contact Mary at hayesmorris@gmail.com. If you haven't read the book, you are still most welcome to join our discussion.

LGBTQ+ Group News: ALL are welcome to join our next book club discussion on Monday, August 22 at 6:30 at Gabe’s Bar and Kitchen in St. Paul. Our book is Memory Board by Jane Rule. This poignant, humor-filled book is all about living, loving, and the nature of commitment - it speaks to all of us!

SJA Antiracism Ministry: Join our powerful ongoing discussion of White Supremacy Culture. This monthly discussion series is on Zoom. Join us for our next gathering on Sunday, August 28 at 1pm. RSVP to Julie Madden for the Zoom link.

Our New St. Joan of Arc Website is up and running at www.stjoan.com. Please take some time to check it out!

School Starts Soon: And our annual collection of fresh new backpacks and school supplies is beginning. Pick up a list of suggested supplies after mass or on the SJA website. These will be distributed to 200 children through the Church of Gichitwaa Kateri, and any remaining items will be donated to schools and education programs in the urban American Indian community. Plan on bringing your donation to the SJA Welcome Center by next Sunday, August 21. Or, you can order online and have backpacks and supplies delivered directly to: The Church of Gichitwaa Kateri Attention: School Supplies 3045 Park Ave. Minneapolis MN 55407

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, 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.

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

**Week of August 1 - August 7, 2022**

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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 - the Marys - of the Gospel, who dared to remain when the other disciples had fled.

SJA Speaks Up For Climate: Last week, SJA signed onto a letter to the U.S. Congress from the Catholic Climate Covenant, urging our leaders to respond boldly to the climate crisis. We thank our parish leadership, including our Parish Council, for your wholehearted support! The letter is available on the SJA website (and at catholicclimatecovenant.org). We also thank elected officials who helped pass the Inflation Reduction Act, which includes a climate investment of $385 billion. This investment will reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030. As the letter states: We echo Pope Francis’ words in Laudato Si: “True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good.” We ask you now, as he did, what kind of world do we want to leave to the children who are now growing up? God’s blessings to all who stand up and speak out for our Mother Earth.

SJA Outreach Fund Updates: Through the CARE Committee, our Outreach Fund distributes $90,000 a year in emergency financial assistance to parishioners and neighbors for housing and utilities. In addition, approximately $90,000 per year is awarded yearly in Justice Grants, through the SJA Outreach Fund, to nonprofits in which SJAers are active volunteers and leaders. Our Outreach Fund also provides a total of $35,000 in support annually to our Sustaining Partners (Risen Christ School, Arm In Arm In Africa, Sister Parish, Mobile Loaves Twin Cities, and Women Against Military Madness). Thank you to our amazing donors who make this possible:

- Bridging (a Justice Grant recipient) provides quality furniture and household goods to people pursuing housing stability. In 2021, Bridging served 10,002 individuals, and received more than $5 million in thrift-valued goods. 2,304 volunteers donated 47,197 hours of service. FFI on this incredible organization, go to bridging.org. Bridging client Michael F. said: “Bridging helped me get what I needed to be a better dad. I want people to know that it’s ok to ask for help.”
- Our awesome friends at Mobile Loaves Twin Cities (a Sustaining Partner) reported that in 2021, more than 3200 meals were served monthly, and over 7000 pairs of socks were distributed, along with other winter gear and hygiene items. What a powerful outreach this is to our community.
- We celebrate our Sister Parish (a Sustaining Partner) and their virtual delegation this week! We hope to see you all on Zoom.
- Our CARE Committee provides emergency financial assistance not just to individuals who call us for help, but to clients and families of several housing organizations and Risen Christ School. We are meeting with all of these partners this week to review our intake process, learn more about the realities their clients face, and gauge the impact of our support.

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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 either of these times, Sunday, August 21, at 10:15am or Wednesday, August 24 at 2pm. (FFI/to RSVP, contact Sarah at sarahgleason@mac.com).

SJA Housing Ministry Highlight: We are a proud member of the Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. Beacon engages congregations 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 information on our SJA Housing Ministry, please contact Julie Madden.
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 Dennis Heaney at 612.823.8205 ext. 234 or dheaney@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.

MICAH Service is an opportunity for SJA youth in grades 6 - 12 to serve once a month with an agency or organization that promotes Catholic Social Teaching. Our youth are mentored by SJA Service leader adults who accompany them on these service projects. If you are an adult interested in working with youth on MICAH Service please contact Dennis Heaney, dheaney@stjoan.com.

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

Parish Book Club: We are not meeting in August, we will meet again on the second Wednesday of September, 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.

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.

In the midst of your most difficult and challenging experience, remember - you are growing.

Be gentle with yourself. (Iyanla Vanzant)
• How are you as gentle with yourself as you are with others? How are you not?
• What changes can you make to care for yourself with gentleness?

Parishioner Registration: If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us! Registration forms are found in the Parish Center office (off the Gym) or at the Church entrance. If you have any questions, staff at the front desk can assist or email/call dhaugesag@stjoan.com; 612.823.8205, x238. We welcome you wherever you are on your journey!

2022 SEPTEMBERFEST: Back in person and better than ever! Join us Thursday, Sept. 8, 5 - 8pm, on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondolet (1884 Randolph Ave, St. Paul) and reconnect with your favorite Sister while enjoying food trucks, the beer garden, and family friendly activities. FREE admission and door prizes for this event, rain or shine!

Warm Hands Warm Hearts Coming Soon: Our beloved annual collection of new winter coats and accessories for children and youth will start sooner than you think! We invite you to check out pre-season sales and pick up coats now for drop-off later. Thank you so much (in advance)!

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.