I have a standing appointment at Fairview Southdale hospital every Tuesday morning at 9:15 AM. I have been doing it so long now, the volunteers recognize me. Every week I go through the same grilling: ‘What’s your last name?’ ‘When’s your birthday?’ ‘Have you been exposed to COVID?’ ‘Have you left the country recently?’ etc., etc., etc. I then get my identification bracelet and wait to get called for my procedure. Occasionally, but not very often, thank goodness, I get that puzzled look from the admittance clerk who informs me they cannot find me on the computer. They always ultimately find me but there is that short feeling of panic and a word comes to mind which I cannot express here and it’s not, “Oh darn!”

I am sure you have had this experience such as an appointment or a reservation that has been mislaid. The more important the event, the more frustration that is felt. I am going to miss my flight. Where am I going to stay? How am I going to schedule this needed procedure? So, imagine arriving at the Pearly Gates only to be told we have no record of your existence. And as it turns out, it doesn’t matter how important or famous you may be, salvation is an equal opportunity provider.

Jesus gives us more than a few of these warnings in the Gospel. Some are shots across our bow to shape up and others are a reminder of how valuable his work is for our salvation. In Matthew he says it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into the kingdom of heaven. Since anyone who makes more than $50,000 dollars a year is considered part of the 1% wealthiest worldwide, he means you. Our only hope, then, is in his response to his disciples, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Mat. 19:26)

Jesus wants us to be recognized—that’s why he came to earth. But he also wants us to have a great life; he wants us to create the kingdom of God with him on earth as it is in heaven.

God does not want us to despair of salvation, but he also wants us to be aware of the possibility of goodness in this world and our responsibility to each other. He wants us to see each other and care. Don’t forget lest you be forgotten.

Catholic Tutor Corps On Site Today: For 22 years, CTC has provided one-on-one tutors to Catholic school students in grades 1-8. Our help is needed more than ever as families deal with the impacts of COVID. If you can help a student a couple of hours a week, please stop by the table in the Welcome Center after mass—what a difference your time can make!
Scripture Readings:
Tue, Aug. 23: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26
Wed, Aug. 24: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51
Thu, Aug. 25: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51
Fri, Aug. 26: 1 Corinthians 1:17-23; Matthew 23:1-13
Sat, Aug. 27: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

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.

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.

Looking Ahead...
8am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday in the Church

Sunday, 9 and 11am Gym Masses
August 28: Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
September 4: Fr. Jim Cassidy
September 11: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
September 18: Fr. Jim Cassidy

Presider Schedule for Saturday, 5pm Masses in the Church
August 27: Fr. Peter Nosbush
September 3: Fr. Jim DeBruycker
September 10: Fr. Peter Nosbush
September 17: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

The 5pm Saturday Mass is Recorded and Available on our YouTube Channel as well.

Our Sunday Pre-mass Speakers can be heard on the SJA YouTube channel as well.
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.

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

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.

LGBTQ+ Group News: ALL are welcome to join our next book club discussion tomorrow, 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 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 information on our SJA Housing Ministry, please contact Julie Madden.

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)!

School Supply Collection Ends Today! Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to our collection of new backpacks and school supplies. These will be distributed to 200 children through the Church of Gichitwa Kateri. Any remaining items will be donated to schools and education programs in the urban American Indian community. Every student should start a new school year with fresh new supplies!

SJA EcoSpirits Meeting Soon: Our SJA EcoSpirits is a ministry committed to caring for creation through action, education, advocacy, and in prayer and celebration. We plan many events for the SJA community, and we’d love to have you join us! Our ministry begins our fall meeting schedule tomorrow, August 22 at 7pm on Zoom. If you’d like to join our merry band, please contact Julie Madden at jmadden@stjoan.com for the link. We need your energy and your resolve to create a sustainable future for us all.

SJA EcoSpirits Tip: For info on how to freeze the fresh produce that is proliferating in our gardens and farmers’ markets right now, go to www.growingagreenerworld.com and type “freezing produce” in the search box.

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. 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, toiletty 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.

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.

**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, today, Sunday, August 21, at 10:15am or Wednesday, August 24 at 2pm. FFI/to RSVP, contact Sarah at sarahgleason@mac.com.

**SJA Antiracism Ministry:** Join our powerful ongoing discussion of White Supremacy Culture. This month 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.

**Experiencing Our Immigrant Communities Together:** Did your family settle in a neighborhood of St. Paul, or pass through as a new arrival to the U.S.? Join our Welcome the Stranger ministry on Saturday, Sept. 10 as we head to St. Paul to immerse ourselves in the history of Swede Hollow and the surrounding neighborhood, then enjoy the vibrant art & music of the Latinx community at a CLUES Fiesta. Carpooling options are available. FFI, contact Meghan at meghanmgrossman@yahoo.com. This is the first in a series of experiences to engage with immigrant communities in our cities.

**Mary’s Pence Visiting SJA:** Next 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:** Recently, 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.

**Sister Parish Virtual Delegation:** Thank you to everyone who joined us for our virtual events with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala. It was a wonderful week celebrating our 27 year relationship of faith and friendship!

**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.
- 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.
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 jdebruycrcker@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 Carondelet (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!

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

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.