

WELCOME



WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY

August 15, 2010

At Our Gym Liturgies Today:

Pre-mass speaker: *Joan Mitchell* will speak on *Empowerment of Women*.

We welcome violinist **Jim Price** to join our musicians today. Jim, world-music specialist, performs with the choir throughout the year and we are always grateful for his gift of music. Thank you!

The SAGES are Presenting a Resource Fair today before and after masses in the courtyard. A number of organizations will offer information for older adults on health, social services, educational and enrichment opportunities, networking and volunteer opportunities. Nokomis Healthy Seniors will be taking blood pressures.



Prayer Service for the Unemployed and Friends:

SAGES is sponsoring a Prayer Service for people who are unemployed and their families to come together, connect and pray, Wednesday, September 1 at 7 pm in the church. Refreshments will follow. FFI call Mark Scannell at 612.387.3778.

Pastor's 2 Cents: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

I have a cousin from Ireland named 'Jimmy' who pops in from the old sod every once in awhile. His name is actually Seamus but he likes Jimmy—when I was a child my grandfather called me Seamus because my name was Jimmy. I digress. I believe he is my great grandmother's mother's sister's great-great grandson—sorry Msgr. Neal, I wasn't paying attention in Canon Law. He has a mailing address in Dublin and in London, where his parents live. He must be at least in his mid-forties

He is, according to my late grandmother, the most dangerous kind of Irishman: overeducated, over opinionated and unemployed, but interesting and good looking. He was in town recently and told me all about the clergy sex scandals that have come to light recently in Ireland that are forcing reforms to the point of Episcopal resignations. Hard to believe, but they dwarf even what has gone on here in the U.S.

Of course, this reinforces his antichurch beliefs and I have to listen to his tirades. Never ask him why he doesn't believe. "I don't have that much imagination and can't suspend reason that long," is his usual answer. Somehow he remembered that this week was the feast of the Assumption. (Really angry ex-Catholics seem to remember more about Church teaching than do some practicing Catholics).

"Here is a case in point," he says. "Mary conceives Jesus, the priest confects Jesus, Mary conceives and raises Jesus, the priest celebrates the mass, yet he is considered the more likely image of the disciple. Mary answers 'yes' first of all to the question of ultimate discipleship by saying yes for all of us, and being Jesus' mother, but because she is a woman her symbolism is not powerful enough for women to be seen as priest. Then she is assumed into heaven because of being without sin and shares as a symbol of what we may all attain one day. Where's the logic?"

Wow! The Church would have problems with his conclusions but it is a fairly good presentation of the feast's importance. The power of accepting God's offer of discipleship transforms not only us but has the power of transforming the world through us. The priesthood of Baptism allows all of us to make Christ present in ourselves as a gift to one another, a communion of self. I'll let someone with better theology argue the rest.

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Faith Formation

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

SJA Sunday Nursery and Child Care:

FFI contact Tracey at 612.823.8205 ext. 240 or tneary@stjoan.com.



Our Nursery is open today and every Sunday for children from birth to age 4. Volunteers from within the parish care for the little ones while their parents worship at our liturgies. Please join us.

The Nursery Will Be Closed on Sunday, August 22 at both the 9 and 11 am masses. Please join us at the Lake Harriet Bandshell service at 10 am that morning. Bring a bag lunch for after the service, beverages will be provided.

Pre-school: (Ages 4-Kindergarten) FFI contact Cristine at 612.823.8205 ext. 230 or cpatlan@stjoan.com.

Grade School: (Grades 1-6) FFI contact Mary Anne Kelly-Wright at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or mkelley@stjoan.com.

Youth Ministry: (Grades 7-12) FFI call Cathy Doyle-Burris at 612.823.8205 ext. 234 or cdoyle@stjoan.com.

Life Long Learning: FFI contact Tom Smith-Myott at 612.823.8205 ext 226 or tsmith.myott@stjoan.com.

Eco-Spirituality: SJA Carpooling! We encourage you to sign up for our new carpooling link-up service. It's never too late to join! You are also encouraged to check out this green transportation option for getting to church. Request directions and instructions for our link-up website by sending a message to ecospirits@stjoan.com.

Interested in Becoming Catholic? The Adult Catechumenate/RCIA process will begin again in September for persons who have never been baptized, were previously baptized in a Protestant church, or baptized Catholic who have had no further sacraments. This process begins with a no-strings-attached Inquiry Period. If interested or FFI, contact Tom at the Parish Center.

RCIA Sponsors Needed! We will need several parishioners this year to be sponsors for candidates in the RCIA process who do not have one. This involves meeting every Tuesday evening. This is a big but very rewarding commitment. If interested or with questions, please contact Tom at the Parish Center.

Blessed and Blessing: A Spiritual Spa: Wisdom Ways Center



for Spirituality and St. Joan's offers a day of writing and reflection, of healing and blessing, expressed in ritual. Led by Karen Hering. Friday, August, 20, 9 am - 2 pm at the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph, St. Paul. No cost. (Optional breakfast \$3; lunch \$7). FFI or to RSVP, 651.696.2788 or www.wisdomwayscenter.org.

Choreographed Ballroom Dance Lessons: Liven up your relationship with your partner! Make friends and have fun! Sign up for an 8-week Introduction to Choreographed & Cued Ballroom Dance, Monday nights, Sept. 13 - Nov. 1, 7:30 pm - 9 pm in the gym. To register, call the Parish Center. Cost: \$40/person. FFI contact Joan Kampmeyer at 612.839.0183 or jmkampmeyer@gmail.com.

Visit www.stjoan.com for this week's features:

- Faith Workshop
- June MIM Meeting
- Faith Formation Registration

Register online for SJA events and programs at our website's "Registration Center" or send an e-mail to bgrover@stjoan.com

Liturgy Ministers

5 pm Saturday Liturgy - Church

Presider: Fr. James Cassidy

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherie Cooper and Bill Stewart

Reader: Gerry Sell

Sunday Liturgies

9 am - Gym

Presider: Fr. James Cassidy

Welcome Giver: Sue O'Brien

Reader: Sharon Moudry Slide Projectionist: Jean Hartman

Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Brennan, Jean Heberle,

Anne Kane, Marcia Kurtz, Georgia Pomroy,

Joan and Jim Schaefer, Jack and Susan Sell

11 am - Gym

Presider: Fr. James Cassidy

Welcome Giver: Sue O'Brien

Reader: Julie Madden Slide Projectionist: Dan Collins

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Donovan, Nancy Gormley,

Barb and Dick Janisch, Dennis and Margo Heaney,

Doris Rausch, Carol Saarela, Susan Tasa

Communion Ministers Needed: Please sign up for August masses on the sheets outside the sacristy or contact Becky at the Parish Center.

Host Minister Needed for Saturday 5 pm Mass: A Eucharistic Minister is needed to serve at the Saturday 5 pm mass on the second Saturday of each month. FFI contact Mary at the Parish Center.

Scripture Readings:

Mon, Aug. 16: Ezekiel 24:15-24; Matthew 19:16-22

Tues, Aug. 17: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Wed, Aug. 18: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16

Thu, Aug. 19: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

Fri, Aug. 20: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40

Sat, Aug. 21: Ezekiel 43:1-7; Matthew 23:1-12

Sun, Aug. 22: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Looking Ahead:

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning 8 am Mass is celebrated in the church with Fr. Jim DeBruycker.

- **Sunday, August 22:** Fr. *Jim DeBruycker* will preside and speak at the 9 and 11 am gym masses. A 10 am service will be held at Lake Harriet Bandshell
- **Sunday, August 29:** *Mark McClellan* will speak on *Mobile Loaves and Fishes*. Mark will continue the conversation at 12:30 pm in Hospitality Hall.

Prayer Corner

Please remember in your prayers those who are in need of healing:

Charlie Bloss, Dan Broderick, Carol Bulchuck, Harold Burkhardt, Callie, Judy Christensen, Dayna Cell, Jack Donovan, Pete Feigal, Mel Fussy, Gail, Pat Harding, Jenny Haigh, Henry, Jim, Sharon Kierski, Leslie Knoblauch, Carol Krush, Bill Lindberg, Lisa Lyons, Sr. Alice Marie, Bill McCarthy, Brian Moss, Ann Marie Miller, Gene Muelken, Karen Nickel, Patrick Joseph O'Connell, John Pirola, Sami Rasouli, Linda Scherer, Dana Sell, Leon Shanbroom, Sam Slagerman, Ross Starkson, Pat Stevens, Malary Strehlow, Trent, Barb Trumble, Paul Wright, Aaron Z.

Prayer Corner Requests: To keep prayer requests current, names will be included in the bulletin for four weeks and then removed. To renew your request, call Nancy Becker at the Parish Center.

Summary of contributions for the week and year.
Includes plate, envelopes and estimated APP.

August 2 - August 8: Actual \$27,315 Budget \$28,900
YTD (July 1 - August 8): Actual \$177,504 Budget \$186,300

Bottom Line: Last week's contributions were 5% below budget. Fiscal year-to-date contributions are approximately \$8,800 or 5% below budget. In coming weeks, we will speak candidly about the need to make a renewed financial commitment to St. Joan of Arc - a commitment to provide the financial resources for our outreach, ministries, facility maintenance and various operating needs. As a community, we will determine the future of our spiritual home. Will it be a future of vibrancy and growth, or will it be a future of retrenchment and decline similar to what we are seeing in the greater church? How we financially support the work of SJA will impact the direction and future of our spiritual home. Let us continue to be a beacon of hope and possibilities. - *Erwin Templin Parish Director*

Peace & Justice News:

FFI contact Julie at 612.823.8205 ext 228 or jmadden@stjoan.com.

ISAIAH News: Host A Party, Change The World: The 90 member congregations of ISAIAH are encouraging all their members to host a house party this fall to discuss the future of the state of Minnesota, and our vision for that future as people of faith. The vision that emerges from these gatherings will be shared with the newly elected governor. If you can host a party for your family, friends or Small Christian Community, please contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center. Training is provided for facilitating the conversation.



SJA Summer Sunday at the Bandshell: On Sunday, Aug. 22 at 10 am, join SJA Prayer Partners and musicians for our annual summer service at the Lake Harriet Bandshell. This will be a joyful celebration, rain or shine. Special children's presentation by Rachael Kroog. All are welcome to this celebration!

Mobile Loaves and Fishes is in need of your help. We are collecting travel size toiletries, razors and all sizes of socks during the Bandshell service at Lake Harriet on Aug. 22. Also, there are many openings for our make ready and truck team volunteers Monday thru Thursday. FFI e-mail mlf.mpls@gmail.com.

School Supply Collection: *Today* ends our school supply collection for the children of the Church of Blessed Kateri, Christo Rey High School and Anishinabe Academy. Collection bins in the Egan Room (south side of the gym). Thank you for all your help!

Pastoral Ministries: FFI contact Roseann at 612.823.8205 ext 229 or rogers@stjoan.com.

Did You Know?...In the United States a person dies by suicide every 16 minutes, claiming more than 32,000 lives each year. Suicide and mental illness take an enormous toll on families, friends, classmates and coworkers, leaving communities across the country devastated by this national health problem. (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - www.afsp.org)

SJA Mental Illness Ministry: Pursuing Wellness of Mind, Body and Spirit meets the 2nd Monday of every month. Monday, September 13, Mary Morris, Executive Director of Cabrini Partnership will speak about Homelessness and Dual Diagnosis and their efforts to provide housing and services to support homeless adults who are mentally ill and chemically dependent. Registration and light meal at 5:45 pm, announcements and speaker at 6:30. Free and open to all. Certificate of Attendance is available. FFI contact Roseann Rogers at the Parish Center or Mary at claudemaryparadis@comcast.net.



MIM Recommended Reading: *You Mean I Don't Have to Feel This Way* by H. Pope, J. Hudson. Help for depression, anxiety and addiction.

SJA BeFriender Ministry: BeFrienders are parishioners who have been trained to extend the care of a faith community by listening with compassion and accepting people as they are. The contact is strictly confidential. If we can be of help to you, please contact Carolyn at 651.485.2868 or Roseann at the Parish Center.

SJA Memorial Garden: Requirements are for ashes buried there to be in a biodegradable container. You can reserve your own spot in the garden by calling the Parish Center and requesting an information packet. We invite you to come walk through our garden, read the names and take time to linger a while in their presence.

Finding Peace at Home: It is not OK for a person to call his or her partner frequently in order to police their activities or check up on them. For confidential resources and support call Marlene at 763.755.3265.



Mark Your Calendars: Planning is underway for **Cabaret 2010** to be held on Friday, October 29, and Saturday, October 30. It's not too early to begin talking to family and friends about getting together for this great evening of music featuring some of the Twin Cities finest musicians. Watch for information about ticket sales in future bulletins. Also, if you would like to know how you can be a Cabaret Sponsor, please call Mark Abeln at 612.810.2912 or Dennis Heaney at 612.339.1359.