

WELCOME



WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY

August 22, 2010

At Our Gym Liturgies Today:

Fr. Jim DeBruycker will preside and speak at today's liturgies.

Thank you SJA musicians for keeping our spirits soaring during the summer months. **Steve Kremer** and **Deb Harley** will provide two solos at today's liturgies. "Make a joyful noise!"

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Next Sunday: Our pre-mass speaker, **Mark McLellan**, will update us on Mobile Loaves & Fishes, a collaboration between St. Joan of Arc parishioners and Knox Presbyterian Church to bring food and a welcoming presence to those in need.

Mark and our volunteer leadership team also invite new and continuing volunteers to learn more about this ministry and ways you can serve in our community following the 11 am mass next Sunday, August 29 in Hospitality Hall.

Family Mass begins on Sunday, Sept. 19. Mark your calendars & we will keep you posted. FFI call Gabrielle Dane at the Parish Center.

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 on Wednesday, September 1 at 7 pm in the church. Refreshments will follow. FFI call Mark Scannell at 612.387.3778.



Choir: SJA's volunteer choir begins rehearsals on Thursday, September 16 at 7 pm in the gym. If you love to sing, can carry a tune and want to be part of a vibrant, fun community, join us for our 2010-2011 season. FFI call Anna Vagle at the Parish Center.

Pastor's 2 Cents: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

I often tell couples, who moan over the paperwork for marriage preparation, that one of the greatest gifts the Church has given to us is bureaucracy. I know it seems counter-intuitive, but during the Dark Ages when tribal warlords fought to establish their ascendancy, it was the Church which kept the records of births, baptisms, weddings, even land deeds. Education was kept alive in the monastery schools. Without the Church who knows what would have been lost.

As civilization returned, the government reestablished bureaucracy, schools and the law courts. It wasn't until the French revolution that the Church finally relinquished its control over the bureaucracy and the concept of separation of Church and state was finally enshrined, although not completely.

So what does this have to do with today's readings? They are a lament over having lost perspective. The power structure has become so enamored with rules and regulations it has lost the meaning of God's covenant, God's care for God's people.

In the passage immediately proceeding today's Gospel, a woman crippled for eighteen years is healed. But it was on a Sabbath so the authorities were condemning Jesus. To Jesus they have become so tangled in rules they have lost the road to salvation.

The road was simple: faith in him who was sent by God (Jesus) and fulfilling the oldest command of the prophets—taking care that weakest are being cared for. Order preserves the world so we can plan and make progress. But order which prevents the weakest from surviving or being helped is systemic violence.

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 teary@stjoan.com.

Our Nursery is open Sundays 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. **We will Be Closed Today** at both the 9 and 11 am masses because of the Bandshell service.

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 Ann Kelly-Wright at 612.823.8205 ext. 231 or mkelly@stjoan.com.

Sunday School Classes will begin on September 19. If your child is not yet registered, please call the Parish Center as soon as possible. Registration is not completed if a payment is due and has not been received. Teachers and aides are needed for several classes in grades 1 - 6. If interested call Mary Ann at the Parish Center. Teacher/Aide training is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 9. If you have not RSVP'd or been contacted yet please call the Parish Center.



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

Youth Ministry Small Groups are being formed now. If you registered your youth, grades 7-12, for Faith Formation you will receive an email soon confirming registration and placement in a small group for the second and third Sunday of the month, beginning September 12. FFI contact Cathy Doyle-Burris at the Parish Center.

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

Eco-Spirituality: America's Great Outdoor Listening Session means you can make your voice heard on how our country needs to conserve our outdoor spaces. Go to doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/.

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. It is a big but very rewarding commitment. If interested or with questions, please contact Tom at the Parish Center.

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.

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

- Camp St. Joan Story
- 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. Jim DeBruycker

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill and Candy Marx

Reader: Doris Runa

Sunday Liturgies

9 am - Gym

Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Welcome Giver: Pam Oleson-Kremer

Reader: Roberta Hooyman Slide Projectionist: Jean Hartman

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Byrne, Mark and Nancy Carpenter, Ellen Dischinger, Vivian Dreher, Anne Kane, Kitty Sather, Mary Jo Schaak, Marilyn Anderson Spensley

11 am - Gym

Presider: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

Welcome Giver: Pam Oleson-Kremer

Reader: Adaire Lassonde Slide Projectionist: Jeff Grosscup

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Gormley, Audrey Kvist, Doris Rausch, Doug Wayman

Communion Ministers Needed: Please sign up for 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. 23: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22

Tues, Aug. 24: Revelation 21:9-14; John 1:45-51

Wed, Aug. 25: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32

Thu, Aug. 26: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51

Fri, Aug. 27: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13

Sat, Aug. 28: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30

Sun, Aug. 29: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Looking Ahead:

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

- **Sunday, August 29:** *Mark McLellan* will speak on *Mobile Loaves and Fishes*. Mark will continue the conversation at 12:30 pm in Hospitality Hall.
- **Sunday, September 5:** *Maureen Carlson* will speak on *Re-visioning Work*.

Rest in Peace

Patricia Friedrichs, mother of SJA staff member Steve Friedrichs and **John Kirschling**, brother of parishioner Mary Ahler have passed on to eternal life.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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, Michelle Flanagan, 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 9 - August 15: Actual \$29,264 Budget \$28,900
YTD (July 1 - August 15): Actual \$206,768 Budget \$215,200

Bottom Line: Last week's contributions were 1% above budget. Fiscal year-to-date contributions are approximately \$8,400 or 4% below budget. Thank you for your generous financial support. As the summer comes to a close, we look forward to a new faith formation year and a rich offering of programs and ministries. Please take the opportunity to become more involved in our vibrant and engaged community.

- 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.



Housing Ministry Volunteers Needed: Join our SJA volunteer teams working with our partner Urban Homeworks renovating existing properties to provide beautiful and affordable housing to low income families. Our next crew date is Saturday, Sept. 25 - anyone 16 or over is welcome to join in, no experience is necessary. Lunch provided, and a great day is had by all. FFI/ to volunteer contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.

Taking Heart: Getting to Know Your Neighbors: Taking Heart is a program of the MN Council of Churches and the Muslim American Society of MN, bringing Christians and Muslims together for food and conversation. The next meeting is an iftar at Masjid Ar Rahman (8910 Old Cedar Ave in Bloomington) at 7:30 pm, when you are invited to join in the breaking of the daily fast during Ramadan. FFI contact Gail Anderson at 612.230.3210 or Gail.anderson@mnchurches.org.

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

Did You Know?...Probably one of the most dysfunctional things about the corrections system is that it is the de-facto mental health catch-all for persons unable to access mental health services. When the nation decided to deinstitutionalize its public mental hospitals, the population decreased from 11,449 in 1955 to 1,593 in 1994.

-www.crimeandjustice.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: *Out of the Shadows: Confronting America's Mental Illness Crisis* by E.F. Torrey. Indictment of how we treat people suffering from acute mental disease.



SJA BeFriender Ministry provides pastoral care for people in all kinds of difficult and transitional situations. If you are a new mom, single parent, someone living with a chronic illness or lonely and want a BeFriender, please call Carolyn at 651.485.2868 or Roseann Rogers at the Parish Center.

SJA Memorial Garden is a beautiful space where you can memorialize the names of your loved ones with a message on a paver. You can also guarantee your own memory in that same place by buying a spot for your ashes. Information packets are available in the Parish Center.

Finding Peace at Home: Partners in loving partnerships don't say that you couldn't manage or take care of yourself without him or her. For confidential resources and support call Marlene at 763.755.3265.



Cabaret Tickets: Tickets for Cabaret 2010, to be held on Friday, Oct. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 30, will go on sale Wednesday, Sept. 15. Watch for more information about ticket sales in future Sunday 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.

Be a Cabaret Volunteer: Volunteers needed for Cabaret! If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please email your name, address & phone number to dianeklotz@comcast.net. There are a variety of opportunities available.