

WELCOME



WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY

Sunday, September 25, 2011

Gym Liturgies

Fr. Pat Griffin, retired pastor of St. Stephen's Church, will preside and speak.

Thank you, **Lee Vague** for sharing a song with us as a meditation at our gym masses. **Scott Malchow**, our regular sound tech each Sunday, joins us at the keyboard today and we welcome back **Peter Johnson** on the drums. We're All Together Again!

Family Mass

Today, we will kick off our annual collection of health and hygiene supplies for Guatemalan families.

Highlights This Week at SJA

Look for more information on the activities listed below in this bulletin or call the Parish Center.

Today, September 25:

Virtus Training at 1 pm in the Parish Center
WAMM Silent Auction at 5 pm in the gym

Monday, September 26:

ISAIAH Movie Night at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center
Enneagram Seminar at 7 pm in the Parish Center

Tuesday, September 27:

8 am Mass in the Church
Bible Study at 7 pm in Hospitality Hall

Wednesday, September 28:

New Parishioner Dinner at 7 pm in the Parish Center

Thursday, September 29:

8 am Mass in the Church
Choir at 7 pm in the Church

Sunday, October 2:

Faith Formation Classes Begin
Blessing of the Animals at 3 pm in the gym

WAMM Annual Celebration Today: Women Against Military Madness, a Sustaining Partner organization of SJA, will host its annual silent auction and celebration tonight, 5 - 8 pm in the gym. Suggested donation of \$10-30 (no one turned away); complimentary buffet and live music included. A great time for peace!



New Member Dinner: Welcome to SJA! We look forward to meeting you on Wednesday, Sept. 28! If you registered as a member between July and Sept. 2011, you and your family are invited to this fun, informal dinner hosted by staff and volunteers at 6 pm in Hospitality Hall. If you were unable to attend a previous dinner, join us at this one! RSVP to the Parish Center by Sept. 26.

Pastor's 2 Cents From: Fr. Jim DeBruycker

I am up at St. John's this weekend celebrating the fact I am getting older at our class's 40th Reunion. Please welcome Fr. Pat Griffin, our guest presider.

To become a vessel of the Holy Spirit is a task set out for all of us. The anointing prayer at baptism says we are "...as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life." We are anointed with Chrism, the symbol of the Holy Spirit, at baptism and then again at Confirmation. We are supposed to channel Christ into the world by our words and deeds.

This is in imitation of Christ as presented to us in today's reading from Philippians, often called the Philippians hymn, because it is believed to be one the earliest faith expressions or formulas of who Christ is as savior.

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
-Philippians 2:3-11

This is called the kenotic event from the Greek word for emptying—kenosis. Christ so surrendered Himself to God, that He became the perfect vehicle to receive God's Spirit into the world. This is the source of salvation and eternal life.

Last week's parable asked us if we realized we are gifted by God. This week's parable asks us if we are acting like gifts.

Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10 am, Johann van Parys, Liturgy Director of the Basilica will present on the new wording of the mass at Church of the Annunciation (54th & Lyndale) . It should be fun and interesting.

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Weekend Masses are Celebrated at:

5 pm Saturday and 7:45 am Sunday in the Church

9 am and 11 am Sunday in the Gym

Family Masses Today at 9 am and 11 am

Faith Formation classes will resume Oct. 2

Looking Ahead...

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning 8 am Mass

is celebrated in the church with **Fr. DeBruycker**

- **Sunday, October 2: Fr. James Cassidy** will preside and speak in the gym on the expanding work of *Arm in Arm in Africa* and a special collection will be taken to support the efforts of AIAA, one of SJA's sustaining partners.
Religious Ed Classes Begin, children in grades 1 - 6 go to their classes, then meet their parents in the church for **Family Mass at 9:45 and 11:45 am**. Family Mass President: **Fr. DeBruycker**.
- **Sunday, October 9: Phyllis Hill**, staff organizer with ISIAAH, will speak. President: **Fr. DeBruycker**
- **Sunday, October 16: Steve Clemens** will speak on *Faith and Nonviolence: A Challenge to Discipleship*. President: **Fr. Cassidy**. Please join us after the 11:00 mass in the Parish Center for a discussion with Steve and our SJA WAMM Peacemakers.

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

Scripture Readings:

Sun, Sept. 25: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-5; Matthew 21-28-32

Mon, Sept. 26: Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:6-50

Tues, Sept. 27: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

Wed, Sept. 28: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

Thu, Sept. 29: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; John 1:47-51

Fri, Sept. 30: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

Sat, Oct. 1: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24

Catholic Tutor Corps: After masses this weekend, please visit the Catholic Tutor Corps table and find out more about volunteering with kids in metro area Catholic grade schools. You can make such a big difference - no experience necessary; training provided. Thank you!



Mobile Loaves & Fishes volunteers will be on site with t-shirts and caps for sale, \$15 each while supplies last. This is an effort to raise funds for our mobile food ministry. Thank you!

Photo Directories are available for pickup today outside the **church** after each mass – free for those who participated (are pictured in the directory) and \$5 for those who are not pictured.

Pastoral Ministries:

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

Did You Know?...Our nation is in need of a fundamental shift in how it values and recognizes caregivers especially in view of the rapidly escalating number of older adults, many of whom live with chronic illness and disabilities. There are 39 million older adults in the U.S. today. By 2030...the projected number of older Americans is expected to reach 72 million.

Mental Health/Mental Illness Ministry pursuing wellness of mind, body and spirit meets the 2nd Monday of every month. Monday, October 10, Diedrich Weiss will give a presentation about his struggle with bipolar and how his music helped him heal plus what he has done in the community for mental health. Light meal at 5:45 pm, announcements and speaker at 6:30 pm. Free and open to all. Certificate of Attendance available. FFI contact Roseann at the Parish Center or Mary at claudemaryparadis@comcast.net.



Mental Health Resource Center Recommended Reading: *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. Please visit the MH Resource Library in the Parish Center.

SJA BeFriender Ministry involves parishioners who are trained to be compassionate and supportive listeners to those going through challenging life transitions. If we can be of assistance to you, contact Roseann at the Parish Center or Carolyn at 651.485.2868.



SJA/TRUST Grief Support Groups will begin again on Thursdays Sept. 29 - Dec. 8 (no group on Thanksgiving). The Fall/Winter Sessions will be held at Walker Methodist Health Center, 3737 Bryant Ave. S., Mpls. Refreshments 6:15 pm, speaker 6:30 pm and small support groups 7 - 8 pm. Preregistration not required. FFI contact Roseann at the Parish Center or Norine at 952.925.2437.

Finding Peace at Home: Threats of or violence against a partners' family, pets or friends are not OK. For confidential resources and support call Marlene at 763.755.3265.

A Fall Healing Service will be celebrated in the SJA church with our Prayer Partners on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7 pm.

A Book of Prayer is located in our gym vestibule. If you have a family member or friend who is ill, or who has recently died, please write their names in our Book of Prayer before mass so we may include them in prayers during our Sunday morning masses.

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

Janet Brown, Harold Burkhardt, Courtney, Dayna Cell, Lee Culver, Dorothy, Roger Dick, Beth Dooley, Fern, Carol Fernholz, Alexis Fitzgibbons, Josh Friedrichs, Carol Fourre, James Gardner, Erin Govrik, Rory Gnos, Kevin Graham, Jenny Haige, Pat Harding, Jean H., Kris Hansen, Margaret Hanson, Jim & Pat Hinton, Jenny, Karen J., Jean Jachman, A. Jesinoski, Garrett Jones, Jim Kidd, Alicia Kidwell, Sharon Kierski, Lou Kirscht, Dan Kleber, Leslie Knoblauch, Kristen, Carol Krush, Rebecca Langason, Bill Lindberg, Kelly Lynn, Emily M, Mike & Laura, Elise Matthisen, Mackenzie McMullan, Dirk Miller, Mark Miller, Jennifer Cramer Miller, Mary Morrison, Gene Muelken, Mustafa, John N, Barbara Nelson, Pat Nelson, Nick, Monica Nilsson, Sr. Dolores Oakes, John P., Olivia P., William P., Dan Pottilla, Lori Otteson, Marilyn Pampuch, Spencer Pihl, Roseann Rogers, Jerry Rau, Bev Robertson, Don Roufs, Gary S., Meghan S., Dana Sell, Leon Shambroom, Stan Skadron, Sam Slagerman, Darlene Sommers, Suntina Spehar, Pat Stevens, Malary Strehlow, Irene Taddiken, Matthew Tennant, Mary Eve Thomas, Gregory Thomas, Dan Undis, Floyd Ward, Sara W., Pat Walsh, Jim Watry, George Wertin

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, please call Nancy Becker at 612.823.8205 ext. 223.

Parish Life:

Choir! If you are interested in joining our SJA choir and making a joyful noise with other singers and music makers, come this Thursday, Sept. 29 to our rehearsal in the church. We begin at 7 pm. You are welcome to join us!



Blessing of the Animals! Mark your calendars and prepare your furry and feathered friends for a very special blessing honoring the feast of St. Francis. It will all take place in our gym next Sunday, Oct. 2 at 3 pm. All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir!

Readers Workshop: There will be a special training session for all those who wish to be readers at the gym masses Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 pm in the church. If you are already a regular reader you may want to join us for a little brush up. Contact Anna at the Parish Center.

Singles 50+ Second Sunday Supper will be held Sunday, Oct. 9 in Hospitality Hall. 5 pm-Social Hour, 6 pm-Bratwurst Supper, 7 pm Celebrate Oktoberfest listening to music played by concertina player Art Ohotto accompanied by a drummer. Cost is \$10. Come alone or bring a friend! FFI call Karen at 952.884.5165. For reservations-call 952.995.1119-Reservations Requested Not Required.

Shared Ministry (Volunteer) Registrations: Thank you for your generous registrations last Sunday! Our community is richly blessed with your gifts and talents and we look forward to beginning this year in mutual partnership with passion and renewed energy! Please continue to return your registration forms to the Parish Center by mail, drop boxes in the church and gym vestibules or in the mass collection plate. If you prefer to register to volunteer on-line, there are links at www.stjoan.com. Some of you asked about ministries that are administered directly by community agencies, such as the **Allina Hospice** Volunteer program. Fr. Jim Cassidy and the Allina Hospice Staff seek compassionate and caring listeners interested in a meaningful experience. Free hospice training provided. FFI call Allina, 612.262.7108.

Our Former Pastor, George Wertin, has undergone serious back surgery and asks for your prayers. If you care to write a note, George has a CaringBridge site: [georgewertin](http://georgewertin.com). Thank you.

We are pleased to announce a new member to our SJA staff, **Julie McConaha**, as Adult Formation Administrator. This part-time position will help plan and deliver educational activities to adult parishioners. Contact Julie at jmcconaha@stjoan.com.

Summary of contributions for the week and fiscal year. Includes plate, envelopes and estimated Sustaining Member payments.

Sept. 12 - Sept. 18: Actual \$35,412 Budget \$37,400
Prior Year Actual \$31,741

YTD (July 1 - Sept. 18): Actual \$377,080 Budget \$389,400
Prior Year Actual \$364,144

Peace & Justice News:

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

The House We Live In: This Monday, Sept. 26, at 7pm in the Parish Center, please join our ISAIAH core team for a film and discussion that explores how our institutions shape and create our experience of race and racism. We are working to create racial equity in our state and its systems, including education, health care, transportation and employment. Please join us!

Peace Actions and Events Coming Up!

- **Host a Delegate from Iraq:** The Iraq American Reconciliation Project seeks parishioners willing to host members of a delegation of Iraqi medical professionals visiting the Twin Cities this fall. FFI, please contact Kathy at 952.545.9981.
- **Veterans for Peace** will host the screening of a short documentary made by local students that chronicles last year's trip to the demonstration to close the School of the Americas. Join us for this inspiring program on Sept. 27 at 7 pm at Sabathani Community Center at 38th St. and 3rd Ave. FFI on this year's trip to the SOA with VFP, contact Julie Madden at the Parish Center.
- **Courage for Peace in Afghanistan:** Beloved peacemaker and Nobel nominee Kathy Kelly will be in town to present at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Minnetonka on Sept. 29 and at Macalester Plymouth United Church in St. Paul on Oct. 3, both at 7 pm.

We Welcome Visitors: On Saturday, Oct. 1, we have invited staff, elders and other parishioners of the Church of Gichitwaa Kateri to the 5 pm mass, to share special readings and prayer with us and celebrate our ongoing relationship. Thanks to the SJA parishioners who help maintain and grow our connections with the church and with Native American Ministry.

Free, Full Lives for the Children of Burma: Representatives from Partners Relief and Development will present in Hospitality Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 7 pm. They will share their work on behalf of the children of Burma's Karen State, who suffer from the effects of war and continued oppression.

ISAIAH Orientation: On Sunday, Oct. 9, our guest speaker is ISAIAH staff organizer Phyllis Hill, a very inspiring young woman who is deeply committed to living out the values of her faith in the public arena. Following the 11:00 mass, join us in the Parish Center Upper Room for an introduction to the work of ISAIAH, a collaborative of more than 90 metro area faith communities, including SJA.



Justice, Peace and Outreach at SJA: One great hour on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center! Join staff member Julie Madden for an overview of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how we live out those principles in our ministries here at SJA.

The Bottom Line: Contributions last week were \$1,988 below budget and \$3,671 above the prior year. YTD contributions were \$12,320 below budget and \$12,936 above the prior year. Last weekend we celebrated 'Shared Ministry Sunday'. We deeply appreciate all who volunteer their time and talent for the furtherance of our community. With you, we continue to live out the central message of the gospel - which is love.

-Erwin Templin, Parish Director

Faith Formation

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

Staff Positions Available at St. Joan of Arc:

- **Youth Ministry:** Cathy Doyle-Burris will be leaving her position as Director of Youth Ministry for the parish. We thank Cathy for her dedicated service to the SJA youth and wish her well in her new path. If you or someone you know has the skill set, energy and interest necessary to fill the position, please contact Mary Ann Kelly-Wright at the Parish Center for further information.
- **Nursery:** We are searching for someone to provide leadership and coordination for the Nursery program at the parish. Anyone interested in this staff position, especially if you have early childhood education and care experience, should contact Mary Ann at the Parish Center.

Christmas Musical information and registrations are available online at www.stjoan.com. Character calls (4th grade and older) Sept. 28, 6:30 - 8 or Oct. 1, 10 - 11:30 am. FFI please contact Cristine at cpatlan@stjoan.com.

Nursery: FFI contact Mary Ann Kelly-Wright, at 612.823.8205 ext. 241, or mkelly@stjoan.com.

Our Nursery, located in the lower level of the Parish Center, is open Sundays for children from birth - age 4. Volunteers from within the parish care for the little ones while their parents worship at our liturgies. Drop-ins are welcome! Please join us.



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

Pre-school/Kindergarten Open House will be **today** between masses in Hospitality Hall. Come meet staff and volunteers and learn about the year ahead.

Teachers/Aides Needed: Enthusiastic people needed as teachers and aides for 9 and 11 am. Flexible scheduling. Training and materials provided. Please contact Cristine at the Parish Center.

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

Orientation Today Between Masses: Registered students and parents are invited to find the classroom and pick up a schedule of class dates.

Sunday, October 2: Classes begin at 8:45 and 10:45 am for all registered students.

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

Dead End Hayride for grades 7-9, Wednesday, Oct. 19; get on the bus at 6 pm. Cost: \$15. Registration forms online at stjoan.com under youth ministry. Register/pay by Oct. 16. Adult leadership is needed – call Cathy at the Parish Center.

MEA Getaway at Castaway – High School Retreat! (Grades 9 –12) Oct. 20 - 23. Cost: \$200; \$100 deposit to SJA required, can work off the balance. Register by Oct. 16. FFI/registration at stjoan.com under Ministries then Youth Ministry. Space is limited, so sign up now! FFI contact Cathy DB.



MICAH Service Learning starts on Oct. 2. Check out the options and sign up online. Go to stjoan.com, Youth Ministry, and click into the Micah link.

Confirmation 2011: The last large group meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 2 at 7 pm. The Confirmation Service will be Sunday, Nov. 13, the Cathedral of St. Paul, 2 pm.

Life Long Learning: Resources for

Thriving in the 21st Century. FFI contact Julie McConaha at 612.823.8205 ext 226 or jmccconhaha@stjoan.com. Scholarships are available for some courses.

Eco-Spirits: Try to limit your number of trips to the store. You will be less tempted to buy excess food and items you don't really need, and you will use what you already have on hand.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7 pm. An RCIA team led by Fr. Jim DeBruycker will guide, support and instruct those who want to become members of our Catholic community. FFI call Fr. Jim at 612.823.8205 ext. 224. **Sponsors Needed:** If you are interested in walking with an RCIA candidate through the process of discerning and discovering the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Center. Your spiritual journey will be enriched.

The Enneagram is a map of self discovery and spiritual transformation through nine different paths of discovery. A ten week seminar, led by parishioner Karin Grosscup, will be offered at SJA on Mondays, Sept. 26 - Nov. 28, 7 - 9 pm in the Parish Center. Fee \$100. Register through the Parish Center. FFI call Karin at 612.825.4069.

Messages from Love: Learning to Listen to Your Heart with Lisa Venable, M.A. 8 week course to heal stuck patterns, fear and negative thoughts by listening to your authentic, loving heart. Includes comprehensive workbook and meditation practices. Every other Wednesday 7 - 9 pm in the church starting Oct. 12. Free introductory evening, Wednesday, Sept 28 at 7 pm in the church. See SJA website for details and pre-registration. Cost: \$185.



SAGES Present a Legacy Workshop - Writing Your Legacy Letter: Sharing Wisdom and Values: The same workshop will be offered twice on Wednesday, Oct. 12 in Hospitality Hall, 1:30 - 4 pm led by Mark Scannell and 6:30 - 9 pm led by Marie Thielen. You will leave with the beginnings of a legacy letter that you can share with significant others. Free-will offering. Please register through the Parish Center.