

2023 Lenten Soup & Speakers Series

Sponsored by Saint John the Baptist Parish
Social Justice & Ministry Committee

5:30 Serving **6:00 Speaker and Q & A** **Usually finished by 7:00**

The Lenten Soup & Speaker Series returns this year! Please join us **on Wednesday evenings** for some wonderful soup (and bread and desserts!), good community-building conversations, and a great line-up of short presentations that will help us better understand environmental issues and learn what we should—and maybe what we *shouldn't!*—do in our daily lives to care for God's creation. ***Bring your neighbors along!***



March 8: Dr. Corrie Grosse *System Change for Climate Justice*

A CSB+SJU Environmental Studies professor, Dr. Grosse specializes in the intersection of energy, climate justice and grassroots activism. She will give us some background on what climate justice is, and some solutions and actions that we can take to promote justice.

March 15: Joe Perske *Stearns County Commissioner*

Joe will make the broader topic of climate justice more local. A 1979 SJU grad, he also serves as VP of the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Commission.

He will talk about clean water advocacy and the preservation of natural areas, and will provide ample time for questions.



March 22: Emma Rodeghier, Mariko Hermerding and Sean Fisher *Lessons from Egypt: Maintaining Joy in the Climate Justice Movement.*

We'll hear from students who went to Egypt in November for the UN climate conference. How hopeful can we be about stemming global temperature rise? How can marginalized communities be involved? They will share about their experiences, research, and lessons for us all.



March 29: Betsy Ruckman and Sam Rengo *Climate Justice and Indigenous & Marginalized Communities*

Betsy and Sam, who also went to the UN conference in Egypt, will share what they have learned about the intersections between scientific and indigenous knowledge and how that relates to climate justice.

