



The SEE Committee

Left to Right: Diane Soukup, Ted Laponi, Judy Cummings, Patty Spiegelberg, Jody Babbitts, Victor Smole, Peg Nolan, Jim Nolan

Absent: Fred Awad, Joe Dominak, Nancy Dominak, Alice Hogue

our **Future** is SO BRIGHT!

Yes, our future IS so bright—and why not? Our flock continues to multiply, and the energy and love we all have for our little church in the woods is evident. You can see it light up the faces of our adults, teens, and kids alike.

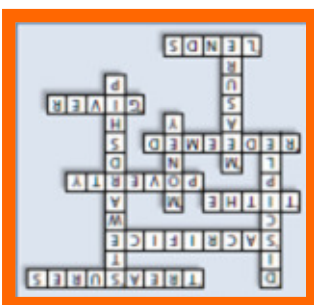
In future editions of *The Juliette*, we will highlight a few of our over sixty different ministries. In this issue, we would like to highlight our newest formation: The SEE Committee. Have you ever wondered where to go with a great idea for the church? Have you looked for a way to give back? Announcing the formation of our new advisory and action group called SEE, which stands for Stewardship, Evangelization, and Education. It is composed of loving men and women from the heart of our church, and that most certainly includes you.

Meetings are typically held at the church at 7:00 p.m., on the second and fourth Mondays of every month (except December), and everyone is welcome. Bring your issues, your solutions, and your God-given gifts. We will work with you to help our parish ministries grow and flourish. If you are searching, perhaps for mature disciples of Christ to work with or just talk to, "Come and SEE"; if you have a group that needs support or direction, "Come and SEE"; if you need a venue to sow the good news, "Come and SEE."

SEE has also resumed the production of St. Julie's newsletter, *The Juliette*. Its goal is to provide fun for kids and adults while "delivering the goods" to God's great people, **YOU!** The SEE Committee is also currently endeavoring to build interest in our 60+ ministries centered at SJB by reworking our "Ministry Guide." We will also be highlighting several ministries using our multimedia outlets. We hope you enjoy reading *The Juliette*, and as always, please join us in prayer, in discussion, and in action.

~~ The SEE Committee

If you would like to save paper and receive a full-color copy of *The Juliette*, simply send us an e-mail at: stjbc@windstream.net with the word "SEE" in the subject area.



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The fragrance always remains on the hand that gives the rose.

~~ Ghandi

Stewardship is not humanity's way of raising money, but rather God's way of raising people into the likeness of His Son.

~~ Doug Carter

How paramount the future is to the present when one is surrounded by children.

~~ Charles Darwin

Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege.

~~ John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Father Gonser Reflects on Thirty-Two Years

It is my privilege to welcome all of our parishioners to this summer issue of *The Juliette*. The SEE Committee (Stewardship/Evangelization/Education) is very excited to promote this issue and the future newsletters, which will highlight some of the great ministries that are making a difference in the lives of many people, not only in our parish but in North Ridgeville and beyond.

This month we celebrate our parish's thirty-second anniversary on August 15th with a 10:30 outdoor Mass in the circle in front of the church. St. Julie Billiart began humbly with 200 families and 13 solid acres of trees and marshland. Over these 32 years, we have grown to over 625 families, and thanks to our parish volunteers and Garden Angels, we have nurtured a park-like setting of gardens encircling our very beautiful and family-friendly church and building. It is our mission as a faith community to welcome to our church all who are searching for a spiritual home where they can be both nourished spiritually and be able to develop their gifts in service to others. I personally extend a warm welcome to all who have been searching for a faith community. You will experience from the very first moment that you enter our church grounds a sense of peace, belonging and hospitality.



We have many, many ministries and programs for all ages and interests. To conserve space in this column, I invite you to check out our parish website...www.stjuliebilliart.org. As you read through this newsletter and the website, consider yourself one of the family and join us soon to see all the wonderful ways you can share your faith and draw closer to a deep relationship with our Lord.

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“Founding Father’s” First Feelings for his Fledgling Flock!
 ~ August 15, 1978

“A very big ‘thank you’ to all the men and women and their families who made possible the very beautiful opening Masses on the Feast of the Assumption. For fear of missing your names, let me just say that I appreciate your enthusiasm and prayerful support.

The needs of our parish are certainly very big and perhaps, at first glance, rather overwhelming. But with the help of our Lord and with everybody working together one day at a time, we can develop a real Christian community of faith, worship and service.”

~~ Father Gonsler



WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO INTERVIEW SOME OF OUR CHARTER MEMBERS ABOUT THEIR YEARS HERE AT ST. JULIE’S. HERE’S WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY...

“It is fun to remember the events that made up the beginnings of our young parish. The first was when dear Betty Lutz knocked on my door, in a tissy fit that we were going to have to build another church! Next was attending mass at St. Lear North. I’ll never forget the big green frog on the gym wall where our mass was being held. Eventually, Betty Lutz became a cornerstone of the SJB church community, and numerous opportunities presented themselves to become involved in St. Julie’s.



~~ Cindy Naprestek

It seems that over the years, St. Julie’s has expanded to become more and more the center of my life. When my husband speaks of moving south for the cold winter months, St. Julie’s keeps me grounded to where we are. Our home is here, in the St. Julie Church Community.”

~~ Jody Babbitts

“Our friends at St. Julie Billiard have become our extended family through the fellowship before and after mass, as well as at the many



great ministries we have been involved with over the years. It does my heart good to see the growth of our children and their friends here at St. Julie Billiard. It is wonderful to sit back and see the impact that this parish community has had on their becoming fine Christian adults.”

“For us, St. Julie’s is where we start off our week with our spiritual family. Even on the hottest summer day or coldest, snowiest winter day, you walk into smiles and warmth... the kind that warms the soul. For 32 years we have witnessed what our programs and stewardship can accomplish. We are also blessed to have our family worshipping with us at St. Julie’s, and they too have become very involved in the parish.



~~ Bill and Andrea Daw

Watching all the little ones run up with their offertory gifts is also very heartwarming, for they truly are the future of St. Julie’s. Where else can you come to celebrate with God and then get a yummy doughnut?!! Thanks

be to God for what we share together here at St. Julie Billiard.”

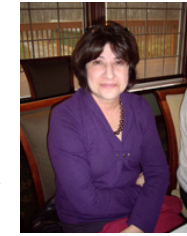
~~ Ron and Dottie Marks

“On the day we were born into this world of ours, we knew love only as being what we had for our toys, our family and friends; then in 1980, we met our Christian family full of love, caring, and concern for us at St. Julie Billiard. That altered both of our lives forever.”

They say “home is where the heart is,” and our hearts are always at home with the Lord at St. Julie’s; it was our church home by choice and not by design. From “playing” security guard through the night (watching over the buildings of our then future new home), to integrating our children into our loving community, to attending the outdoor masses, and then eventually to our “final” mass at SJB... this is our home!

~~ Gene and Berni Barto

Present...
 Through Nancy's Eyes



If Catholics Are Willing to Share Their Favorite Restaurants, Why Do They Hesitate to Share Their Faith?

When we have a fantastic dinner somewhere, we tell everyone we know for the next several days where we ate, what we ate, and how amazing the experience was. Why, then, when it comes to our spiritual nourishment—food for our soul, if you will—do we find it so difficult to reach out to others with that same “you’ve got to try this restaurant” enthusiasm? Right now, our parish is in the process of planning and implementing a very ambitious directive: to bring about in all Catholics such an excitement for their faith, in living their faith in Jesus, that they freely share it with others. We want to foster an experience of conversion and renewal in the heart of every believer, leading to a more active living of Catholic life. These statements sound impressive, but in practical terms, how does our parish community intend to carry out the idea of, “Go and Make Disciples?”

First, we need to minister to our members who are inactive or alienated for some reason. We need to demonstrate pastoral care in welcoming our fellow Catholics who feel unwelcome due to hurts, misunderstandings, divorce, sexual orientation and feelings of mistrust. Second, we need to hear the Good News at deeper levels. Programs such as DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids, retreats, fall mission, RCIA, bible study groups and days of reflection, are just a sampling of what we already have in place, and there are many more in the works. Third and most important, we need to foster a deeper appreciation for the Eucharist. This fall we have an amazing opportunity to share a book entitled, 7 Secrets of the Eucharist by Vinnie Flynn. There will be discussion groups and a full day retreat with the author.

In closing, I believe that God our Father is truly presiding over the friendliest and most spirit-filled church in the area. Spread the Word! Oh! Just in case you’re wondering...my favorite restaurant is Pier W! God bless!

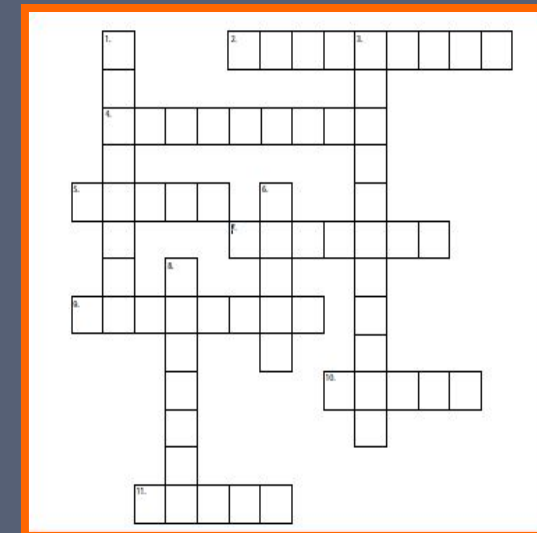
Kids’ Corner – for the young of age...and HEART!

DOWN:

1. One who follows Jesus.
3. Act of wisely using God’s blessings to us.
6. Medium of exchange.
8. Luke 6:38 promises, “with the _____ you use it will be measured back to you.”

ACROSS:

2. In Matthew 6:20, Jesus tells us to store up _____ in heaven.
4. To give up something valuable or important.
5. To give 10% of your money or income.
7. 2 Corinthians 8:9 reminds us that we have become rich through Jesus’ _____.
9. Jesus _____ us when He bought us back from the devil.
10. According to 2 Corinthians 9:7, God loves a cheerful _____.
11. Whoever is generous to the poor _____ to the Lord (Proverbs 19:17).



Out of the Mouths of Babes!

We asked a few of our littlest angels why they liked coming to church here at St. Julie’s. You’ve got to love their honesty!

“I like going to receive Communion and going to Church School (PSR).”

~~ Joshua Heney, 9

“Donuts!”

~~ Matthew Heney, 3

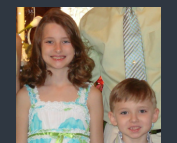


“I’ve been here since I was little. I like everything about it.”

~~ Julia Beckett, 11

“I love Jesus and I like seeing people that I know.”

~~ Andrew Beckett, 6



“I like to hear about Jesus. They were after Jesus and He let them got Him. When He died on the cross, He did that to help the peoples go to heaven... there are three peoples that help us. The Father, the Son... and His Holy Spirit... AMEN!

~~ Emma Yanasak, 5

~~ Sophia Yanasak, 3

