

Saint Julie Billiard

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Gonser

Permanent Deacons

Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca

In Residence

Rev. Thomas Kowatch

St. John Medical Center, Chaplain

Religious Education

Ceil Morrison, NTV Youth Minister

Nancy Kubiak, Adult Education

Kelly Reed, PSR Principal

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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LITURGY

Masses at Church,

5500 Lear Nagle Road

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday–Friday

8:30 a.m. at the Chapel

Holydays: Consult the Bulletin.

Confessions: Saturdays

3:00–4:00 p.m. at the Chapel

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome. Please register after Mass in the sacristy, or call the office for an appointment.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiard is a welcoming Catholic stewardship based community that strives to proclaim God's goodness in our friendly and caring outreach to those seeking a spiritual home.

Our faith community is centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Sent forth nourished by the Word of God and our sacramental encounters with the Lord Jesus, we endeavor to live the Gospel each day.

As a compassionate Christian people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we minister to each other and the greater world community through prayer and action.

First Sunday of *Advent*



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St. Julie Billiard Parish

From the Desk of Father Gonser

After consulting with Bishop Lennon and the Personnel Board, I have been granted retirement status from the Diocese of Cleveland effective July 1, 2012. This decision has not come easy. I have prayed and consulted with priests and laity over the past year. According to Canon Law, a priest may retire with no further obligation at the age of 75. My status will be senior priest-retired. I intend to live in the area so I can continue to assist area parishes at Sunday Masses. I will be celebrating 50 years as a priest on May 19, 2012, and I will have served as pastor of St. Julie Billiard Parish for 34 years. This will be a big change for me as well as for all my dear parishioners and friends. There will be a new pastor assigned after my retirement. In the months ahead I ask for your prayers and support as I slowly transition from a full-time pastor to retirement. I will keep all of you informed as to my place of residence and the procedures that will take place early next year that will involve parishioners and staff to discern qualifications for the next pastor. I have confidence our parish will continue to grow in membership and will be vibrant and faith-filled.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"
Mk 13:33, 37

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Bobby Hepner (Family)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Mildred Dominak (Jim & Rita Ptacek)
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Alfred Barnes (Martha Linden)
Tuesday		No Mass
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Francine Cassidy (Family)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Health of Ron Matuszak (Family)
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Poor Souls
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Charles Smick, Sr. (Family)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiard Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Lois Straslicka (Mary Madix Family)



Wedding Banns
I & II Lawrence Zigmund & Beverly Waldecker
St. Peter's St. Julie's

December 8 — Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses will both be held in the Church.

Christmas and New Years

Masses will be celebrated on Sunday, December 25 and January 1 as usual at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Special Christmas music will be at 4:30 p.m. prior to the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 24. Mass at 10:00 p.m. will start at 9:30 p.m. with special Christmas music.

First Sunday in Advent

The Week Ahead

November 27

- Sun.**
No PSR
NTV Church Outdoor Decorating, 11:30
- Mon.**
Scrapbooking & Crafts, 5:00 p.m.
RCIA
- Tues.**
Family Choir
- Wed.**
Divorce Care, 7:00 p.m.
Rediscovering Catholicism, 7:00 p.m.
Rosary, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs.**
K of C 3rd Degree
Sunday Choir
- Fri.**
Avila Holy Hour, 8:00 a.m., Chapel
Eucharistic Devotion, 9-4:30, Chapel
- Sat.**
Men's Scripture, 9:00 a.m., Chapel
Cursillo Christmas Party, 6:00 HFR
Miracle on 34th Street, 6:00, Church
- Sun.**
PSR Mass
Christmas Play Practice, 11:30
NTV, 11:30
- Sun. to Sun.**
Interfaith Hospitality Network

Coming Events

December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 10

Women's Breakfast, St. Peter's
Breakfast with St. Nick
PrimeTimers Christmas Party
K of C Christmas Party

December 11

New Parishioner Breakfast
Advent Retreat for Families

December 14

DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays
Communal Penance Service, St. Peter's

December 16

Confirmation Retreat

December 17

Men's Breakfast, St. Peter's

December 18

NTV Shop-N-Wrap
Children's Christmas Play

December 28

Singing Angels

December 29

Crockpot Dinner

Religious Education

PSR - Parish School of Religion, K-8 (Sundays, Sept.-May, 9:00 a.m.)

November 27-NO PSR-Thanksgiving Break

December 4 -PSR Mass

-Christmas Play Practice, 11:30 a.m.

December 16 -Confirmation Retreat, 7:00-11:00 p.m.

NTV - New Teen Vision, High School Religious Education

Spiritual Formation, Social Activities and Service Opportunities

November 27-Decorating the Church for Christmas (Outdoors) at 11:30 a.m.

December 2 -Old Town Hall Play, "Seussical the Musical", 327-1978 for reservations

December 4 -NTV Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

December 9 -Baking cookies for Breakfast with St. Nicholas, 7:00 p.m.

December 10-Breakfast with St. Nicholas

December 18-Shop-N-Wrap



the health of, and caregivers of John Juskiewicz, Norma Hurst (mother of Ed Hurst), Pat Tinics, Ed Lis, Bill Senyitko, Helen Petrosky, Dick Sullinger, Winnie Schenosky, Margaret Masley, Ruth Kowatch (mother of Fr. Thom), Patty Hager (cousin of Lisa Gilles), Sara Bacon (daughter of Dan & Gloria Hearn), Louis Albrigo, Adelaine Daw (mother of Bill Daw), Mady Kostiha; for our Holy Father, bishops, priests, seminarians, and postulants; for true and lasting peace in the Middle East; for the safeguard of military personnel and their families overseas and at home; for our political leaders that they will be guided by the promise of peace, justice and charity.

Ready the Way

A Family Advent Mission

On Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, we will host Greg Wasinski who is one of the most dynamic and sincere inspirational speakers of faith today. Families with children are encouraged to attend. Children in grades K-5 will have a Christmas movie and 6 & up will attend the Mission. Please bring one dozen cookies to share.

Family Perspective

Advent reminds us to be watchful and alert for the Lord in our life now and to be ready for His promised return. Prayer is necessary to do this. Weekly Mass keeps families centered in the Lord and ready for anything. The new Mass prayers which begin today will naturally help us be more attentive. Carry this attentiveness into family meals and daily prayers. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

DivorceCare:

Surviving the Holiday Events

St. Julie's is sponsoring a seminar, Surviving the Holidays. It is a warm, encouraging and helpful event, featuring video instruction and a group discussion. It will help you deal with the intense pain of separation and divorce during the holiday season. December 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m. For questions call the office or e-mail, Nancy-stjbc@windstream.net.



Youth Choir

We are looking for voices to join our Youth Choir. It is a great way for children and young adults to join in the stewardship movement in our parish. Please note, children do not need to be attending PSR to join the Youth Choir (i.e., children attending St. Peter School and others are also welcome to join!) Instrumentalists are also welcome - instrumentalists should be able to read music, beginners are okay! For questions or to join, please contact Tracy Beckett at 440-281-1126.

Breakfast with Santa Clause



Saturday, December 10, 10:00-Noon at St. Julie's. Everyone must have a ticket; \$7 per child or adult. Sign up by December 7. See the bulletin insert for details.

The Advent Wreath Blessing

Listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah: (Read Is 9: 1-2, 5-6)

Lord our God, We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



This week my prayers were for: my grandpa; grandpa, grandma, nanny, papa Joe; grandpa, dad, mom, Lombardy (dog); cousin Dave in hospital, grandma Elaine; Will & Linda Gartman; cousin Dave in hospital, grandma Elaine.

This is how I used my time and talent for others: helped dad with laundry; I went to my great grandmas birthday party; help dad; I helped clean up after my fun lunch.

Parish Stewardship

Nov. 20: Envelopes used: 225 (out of 686 mailed)	\$4490
Average per Envelope	\$20
Children's	\$51
School Subsidy	\$135
Capital Improvement	\$815
Net Offertory	\$5491
Mass Attendance	686

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Nov. 26, 5:00

(L1) Vickie Fisher
(L2) Peg Nolan
(EM)
Joe/Nancy* Dominak
Judy Murphy
Jack Whipkey
(Sacristan*)

Sun, Nov. 27, 9:00

Cindy Naprestek
Peter Gilles
Michele Hardin
Brenda Klein
Mary Kay Polomsky
Linda Forthofer*

10:30

Mark LaLonde
Jen Wasil
Tom Lamoda
Brian/Joanne
Robejsek
Cathy Sliter
Debiyo Lamb*

Sat, Dec. 3, 5:00

(L1) Terry Flanagan
(L2) Linda Vasiloff
(EM) Ed Hurst
Ted Lapponi
Beth Paoloni*

Sun, Dec. 4, 9:00

PSR
PSR
Jim/June Carter
Diane DeMelo*
Laura Eland

10:30

Jim Cassidy
Barb Arguello
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Joe Dominak
Annamarie Pabian
John Palazzo
Pat Liccardi*

Calendars

2012 Calendars are available at the church doors courtesy of the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

Search for the Christ Child Fields United Methodist Church

December 3/4, 5:30-8:00 p.m. This is a live in-door presentation of the First Christmas story. Admission is free. Donations of non-parishable food items and cash offerings brought to the manger will be distributed to N. Ridgeville Community Care.

Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner

There will be a FREE Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, December 4 at 1:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall on Moore Road in Avon. Call Linda, 440-934-1778 for tickets.

Christmas Craft Bazaar

St. Peter's will hold their 31st annual PTU Christmas Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 3 from 9:00-4:00 p.m. The show will be in the gym and admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children and seniors.

Family Promise of Lorain County Interfaith Hospitality Network

Family Promise of Lorain County opened its doors in May of 2008. Through its Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) it has comprehensive emergency shelter services for homeless families. Family Promise accepts mothers, fathers, legal guardians, and couples with physical custody of at least one child under the age of 18. Shelter and meals are provided through 14 host congregations along with additional supporting congregations providing supplies and volunteers. IHN is not a faith based program-rather it mobilizes volunteers in a concentrated effort to help their neighbor in need and has trained over 600 volunteers to date. A Day Center is maintained in downtown Elyria where families receive support services. Children are bused to their school in order to give them stability. In 2010 the IHN provided over 3,500 nights of shelter and 9,150 meals to 23 families. 22 families exited the program with an average length of stay of just 50 days. 82% of families exited to housing.

St. Julie's week to host families starts December 4.