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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that deepens our personal relationship with Jesus Christ by worshipping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.

Administrator: Rev. Robert Franco

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Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Danny O'Brien

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.

(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)

Sunday..... 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

No Weekday Masses Until Further Notice

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

For updates check St. Julie's Website

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

In the Church

PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1 - 8: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Grade 8: 6:00 p.m. Sunday

(Check PSR website for Grade 8 dates)

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of Adults and Children)

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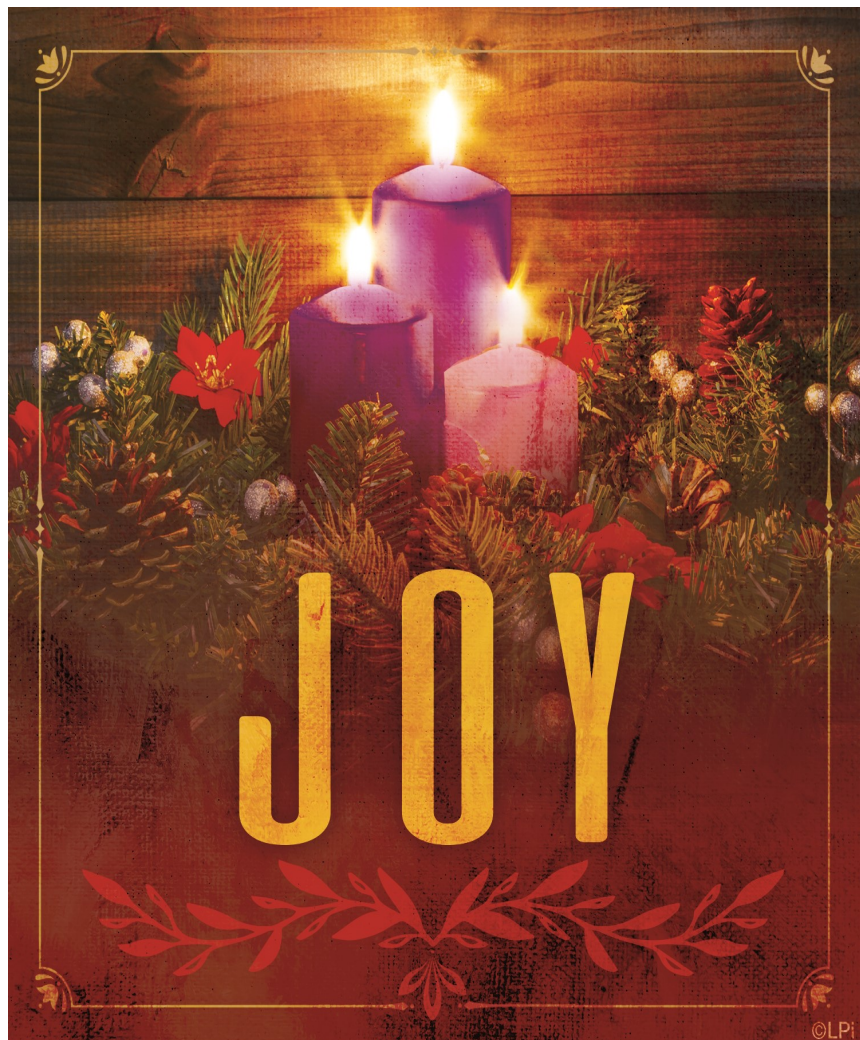
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MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months
in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are welcome to call the office
or register on line.



From the desk of Fr. Bob...

Dear Parishioners,

An interesting thing happened at my other job (pastor of St. Peter Parish) this week. For the first time since I have been pastor (13 years) we had to close the school for two days. Around 80 children were out with an illness last Monday. There were also a total of seven teachers and staff members who were out with illness that day. As a result, the school was closed on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week while the maintenance crew deep cleaned and sanitized the school and other public areas. It also allowed students and faculty heal.

This year's flu seems to be a particularly virulent strain. The CDC encourages everyone to get the regular flu shot in addition to the re-engineered Covid-19. My reading indicates that, though a flu shot may not prevent a person from getting the flu, it will greatly lessen the chance of a person being hospitalized with severe flu like symptoms. I know that people have a variety of opinions regarding flu shots and vaccinations. For what it's worth, I am a believer. However, please know that, vaccinated or not, you are most welcome at St. Julie Parish. I would ask that if you do have symptoms of illness, please stay at home until you are well.

Fr. Isidore will be celebrating his first Mass at St. Julie's today at 9:00 AM. I am sure that you will welcome him with open arms. He also wrote in the St. Peter Parish bulletin a reflection in which he gave an inspiring appeal for us to participate in this Sunday's (December 11) Joint Advent Penance Service. Fr. Isidore wrote:

In the coming days and weeks, the sacrament of reconciliation will be availed to all the faithful of Saint Peter, St. Julie Billiard and to our students in our St. Peter school. In the sacrament of penance, we experience God's passionate love for us. As the Season of Advent is a time when we invite and encourage everyone to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, I would like to share a few thoughts on this sacrament with you as we prepare for Christmas.

The monk Thomas Merton said: "God is mercy, in mercy". St. Bernard is recorded as having said: "The measure of God's mercy is without measure". The Sacrament of Penance therefore is a new beginning for us - a starting over, a beginning anew - and so it is truly a sacrament of hope. Every sacrament in one way or another is a meeting with Christ the risen Lord. What is key in the Sacrament of reconciliation is that it is a meeting with the loving and forgiving God.

St. Teresa of Calcutta emphasizes that "I must go to confession with love because I have an opportunity to make my soul clean, to become pure." "Confession is Jesus and I, and nobody else. Remember this for life." "Don't waste time on what happened before.

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If something is hurting you inside, preoccupying you, get it out, make a good confession." "It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, destroys." "It is only to confession can we go as sinners with sin and come out as sinners without sin." Let us take advantage of the gift being offered to us and we shall enjoy more deeply the true peace of Christmas.

The service is at St. Peter Parish and begins at 7:00 p.m. All are more than welcome!

Finally, this is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. In speaking of the transformative power of the Lord, our first reading tells us that *Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy*. In seeking to be part of the ransomed of the Lord, let us strive to be faithful to Christ Jesus in all things. And one virtue that will be helpful in living out that faithfulness is referred to in our second reading: *patience*! In four short verses, St. James used the word *patient* or *patience* three times! In our run up to the holidays, let us remember: *God is patient*. He will give us the grace to grow in this virtue so needed in our world.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco, Administrator



**Weekday Evening
Masses (Monday,
Wednesday, & Friday)
at St. Julie Billiard**

In an effort to
promote the weekday
celebration of the
Eucharist, Mass will be

celebrated on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
evenings at 5:30 p.m. at St. Julie Billiard
Church, 5500 Lear Nagel Road in N. Ridgeville.

Visit with our LORD on your way home
from work or join in the celebration after a
busy day at home. This new Weekday Mass
Schedule will begin on Monday, January 2, 2023.

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

Sunday: Grades 1-7, 9:30-10:45 a.m.; Grade 8, 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 10	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Helen Konopka (Teresa Sivec)
Dec. 11	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Jan Perry (Patty Lyden)
			(No weekday Masses)
Dec. 17	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Rachel Juskiewicz (Marian Juskiewicz)
Dec. 18	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 a.m.	Carmen Casement (Patricia Casement)

The Week Ahead

- Sun.** K of C Mass, 9:00
Communal Penance Service,
St. Peter's, 7:00 p.m.
- Tues.** L.E.A.F.
- Wed.** PrimeTimers Christmas
Luncheon, 11:30
Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church
- Sun.** Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's
Confessions, 3:30-4:30

Coming Events

- Dec. 19** - Confession, 6:30-8:00
Dec. 24 - Masses: 5:00 & 10:00
Dec. 25 - Masses: 9:00 & 11:00

Gifts for Baby Jesus for Birthright of Lorain County

Check the bulletin next weekend for the flyer of items Birthright needs. Birthright uses these new items to help assemble Layettes for babies whose mom has come to Birthright for encouragement in her pregnancy. They'll distribute over 200 Layettes over the year, and everyday needs. — You can

also purchase items for Birthright through Amazon for delivery directly to Birthright. You must Email a request to Birthright for the "LINK" to their wish list. Be sure to tell them you were referred by St. Julie's Respect Life Group. Email your request for the link: birthrightloraincounty@gmail.com

Please return your gifts by the weekend of December 24/25.

The Respect Life and the Rosary Groups, Thank You!



the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." God bless you for donating to the Retirement for Religious Fund.

Religious Give Thanks

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in



the health of, and caregivers of:
Fr. George, Marcia Hanzal, John Murphy, Sharon Kaloczi, Joe Dominak, Mae Preiss, Mary Ann Zitello, Zoe Engle (granddaughter of Tony Fameli), Eugene Stellato (father of Lou Stellato), Paula J. Lyons (sister of Dennis Jufko), Kristin Cassidy (daughter of Jim & Peg Nolan), Lola Cook, Marian Kessler, Mary Lee, Susan Mahoney, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, JoAnne Bellomo, Carol Straub, and the Regula family; for our men & women in uniform; our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & religious life.

Men's Breakfast

Our December breakfast is on the 17th from 8:20 to 9:45 am at **St. Julie's** in the **Church**. Please join us and become closer to Jesus.

So that we have an idea of how much food to buy please try to RSVP by December 12th to Mike Jessup at sjspbreakfast@gmail.com to attend. If you have special dietary needs please let us know. Remember this month's breakfast is at St Julie 's, and please bring a friend.

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. It's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. The smallest things we do can change someone's life. Learn ten tips on how to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother: respectlife.org/support-her.

PrimeTimers Christmas Luncheon

The Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 14, at 11:30 at Mahle's Restaurant, 24945 Detroit Road in Westlake. Price is \$18 per person for your choice of Eggplant Parmesan, Open-faced Roast Beef Sandwich, Chicken Marsala, or Salmon and includes soft beverage, bread & butter, entree, tax & gratuity. Make your reservation with Sue Dybowski by next **Sunday, December 11**, at sadybowski2@gmail.com or by calling 419-350-1164.

Parish Stewardship

Dec. 4	\$5614
Online Giving:.....	\$410
School Subsidy:.....	\$145
Capital Improvement:.....	\$365
Net Offertory:	\$6534
Online Mass including 11 livestream:.....	49
In Person Mass Attendance:.....	436

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
Dec. 10 Rec	5:00 p.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Donnie Schiffbauer	Deacon John	Eileen TM McBriarty
Dec. 11	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	Ken Allen	John Burghard	Donnie TM Schiffbauer
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Yarosh	Barb Arguello	Joe Kotarsky	Mike TM Yarosh
Dec. 17 Rec	5:00 p.m.	Chris Vacca	Terry Flanagan	Deacon John	Beth TM Paoloni
Dec. 18	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	Amy Shealy	Gretchen Bulan	John TM Burghard
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Yarosh	Mark LaLonde	Ceil Morrison	Gene TM Morrison

Craft Show Update

The 2022 St. Julie Craft

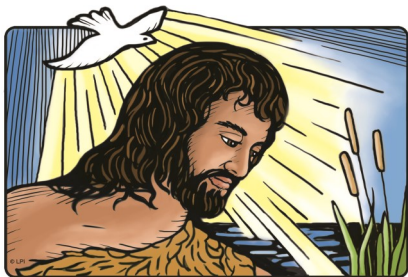
Show was a great success. We had almost 50 crafters and vendors in our show this year, and they made for a fun weekend shopping adventure. We are grateful to the 750 people who came to spend some holiday fun with us and enjoy a yummy lunch in our Christmas Café.



Thank you to our loyal volunteers and workers who made this day possible. The kitchen staff was superb, the vendors and crafters were amazing once again, and the adult and student helpers did St. Julie's proud. Numerous people attending the Craft Show exclaimed of the friendliness and helpfulness of our volunteers. They were especially proud of our young teen volunteers who gave service with a smile all day.

Thanks, also, to those who helped set up for the show and those who came in later to help clean up before Mass started. A special thanks to Joe and Val Kotarsky who coordinate the show with a group of dedicated volunteers. Lastly, thank you to our loyal Housekeeping staff and our PSR teachers for putting up with our clutter and mess during the Craft Show.

The Craft Show Committee



"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you,

among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." - Mt 11:10-11

Gifts for Baby Jesus in Support of Birthright of Lorain County

In our continuing support of Birthright of Lorain County, St. Julie's Respect Life and Rosary groups will sponsor our annual "Gifts for Baby Jesus" at all Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Birthright uses these items to make up layette sets that are given to mothers to take their babies home from the hospital. These mothers have decided to give their babies the greatest gift of all, Life! We like these items to be new.

Gifts may be brought to the altar during the offertory on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

Requested items include:

Diapers (size 4-6)

Wipes / Ointment

Outfits (Boy/Girl 3-18 mo.)

Sleepers -Winter (BIG 3-18 mo.)

Onsies (3-18 mo.)

Receiving Blankets

Baby Wash/Shampoo

Bottles (4 - 8 oz)

Fleece Baby Blankets

*Hooded Towels /Wash
Cloths*



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Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

Names of loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

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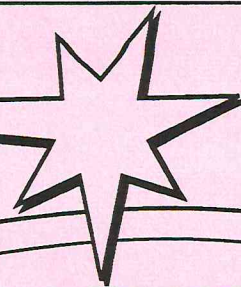
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Thoughtful Moments

God knows us

"A God who draws near out of love walks with his people ... We could never have imagined that the same Lord would become one of us and walk with us, be present with us, present in His Church, present in the Eucharist, present in His Word, present in the poor ... And this is closeness: the shepherd close to his flock, close to his sheep, whom he knows, one by one." Pope Francis



Jesus is Peace and Joy

It is possible to feel peaceful despite the stress of current turbulent times. It's also possible to be joyful, even amidst great sorrow. Jesus is the peace and joy we long for. The saints were able to find peace and joy in trials because they knew Christ.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of who should I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).



Add a Catholic tradition to your Christmas celebration

Family traditions make our Christmas celebrations unique and special to our families. Consider adding a new tradition this year:

Carols by candlelight.

To symbolize Jesus bringing light to the darkness, gather around candlelight and sing your favorite Christmas hymns. Choose classics such as "Silent Night," "Away in a Manger," "Angels, We Have Heard on High." Let the words tell the story of Jesus' birth.

Midnight Mass. This liturgy features the classic Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke, and is the most elaborate celebration of Christmas. Many families bring children to this first Mass of Christmas. Hint: pack a blanket so little ones can lie down in the pew.

Bless the nativity scene. Leave your manger empty of the main figures when

you set it up. On Christmas Eve, ceremoniously add the angels, shepherds, Mary, and Joseph. As a surprise, add Baby Jesus before the children wake up on Christmas

morning. Place the three kings across the room so they can "journey" until Epiphany.

Celebrate the Festival of Lessons and Carols. This

service consists of nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great

Commission. Each lesson is followed by a

song and a prayer. If the Festival of Lessons and Carols isn't offered in your area, consider performing your own:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/advent/festival-of-lessons-and-carols>.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics light traditional Advent wreaths?

The elements of the Advent wreath remind us of the eternal nature of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life through Christ. The evergreens symbolize eternal life. The circle signifies God's unending love. Laurel



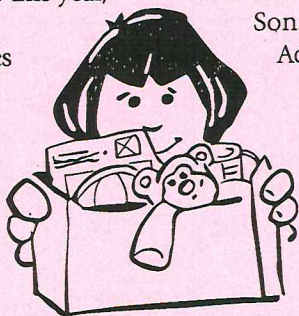
stands for Christ's victory over sin and evil. Cedar is strength and healing. Ivy stands for faithfulness to God. The holly's thorny leaves and red berries stand for Christ's Passion, recalling the Crown of Thorns and the precious blood Jesus shed to save our souls

Add peace and joy to your Christmas

To bring more peace and joy to your Christmas this year, take the first Christmas as your model.

Sweep the inn. Jesus chose lowly circumstances for his birth to encourage freedom from worldly goods. Donate or sell what you don't truly need so you can free up attention and affection for what really matters. Then limit the number and value of new gifts.

Select shepherds. Although the people watching the sheep in the fields that night weren't the most popular nor the most prosperous



in town, God chose them to spend time with his newborn Son. Children benefit from healthy, loving company.

Accept and extend only those holiday invitations that will provide precious, loving time together.

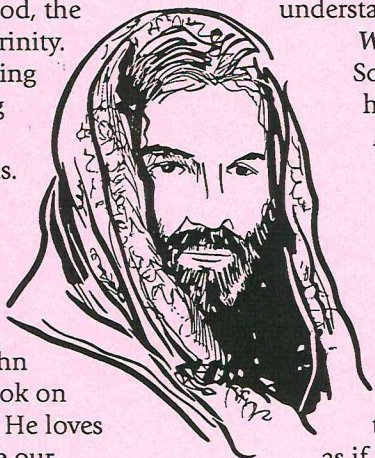
Ponder in your heart. When her remarkable Son was born, "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19) so she could savor the joy of every awesome moment. Don't forget to savor time with your own remarkable family so that you can ponder each wonderful moment in your own heart.

Scripture LESSON

John 1:1-18, Who is Jesus?

This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus: the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity. By coming to Earth, living among us and teaching us, He taught us about God and His love for us. It is now possible to share in God's divine life through Jesus's life, death and Resurrection.

In this Gospel, St. John explained that Jesus took on our humanity because He loves us and wanted to share our experience. He chose to live as we live. He experienced what we experience. Remembering that, we can also know



with confidence that Jesus understands us.

What can a parent do? Sooner or later, we each have to make a choice. Many who saw Jesus rejected Him, not recognizing Him as the Messiah. Help children to make a deliberate choice to recognize Jesus as their own personal Savior. Teach them to ask, "Do I live my life as if I'm a child of God?" Tell them what it means to live as a child of God and to follow Jesus. Jesus is our Lord and brother.

Parent TALK

"If Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birthday, how come He doesn't get gifts?" asked my daughter, Kara. "The Wise Men gave him gifts," I explained.



"But He didn't get them on His birthday," said Tessa. "Everyone else gets presents that day except Him!"

I wanted to encourage my children's generosity, so we came up with an idea. That night, each of us wrote short letters, saying, "Dear Jesus, I will give my love to You this Christmas by..." and we described specific acts of charity to be done during the Advent season. When we finished, we put the cards in a shoebox, gift-wrapped it with a nametag for Jesus, and put it under the tree. Then we did what we promised.

On Christmas morning, we opened Jesus' gift first, and revealed the charitable acts we performed in His name. The girls were pleased with their birthday gifts to the Babe.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 3 – St. Francis Xavier (1552). St. Francis Xavier was born to a Spanish noble family. He taught in Paris where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola and joined the new Society of Jesus. In 1541, he was sent as a missionary to India and Japan, where he tirelessly served the poor with joy.

Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (1854). This feast day commemorates that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. Attending Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate.

Dec. 11 – Pope St. Damasus I (384). Born in early 4th century Rome, St. Damasus served as a deacon before being elected pope. He defended the faith from widespread heresies and authorized St. Jerome to translate the Vulgate.

Dec. 30 – The Holy Family (1st century). Today, we celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – three people who lived for God. By their love and support of one another the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.



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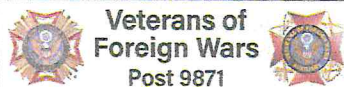
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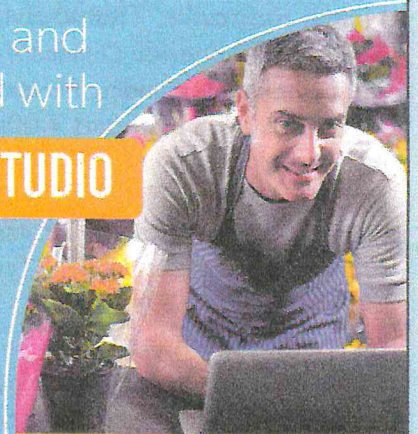
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