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December 15, 2024

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.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

IN JOY,
WE WAIT



Pastor: Rev. Robert Franco

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Isidore Munishi

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Mr. Del Sherman

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca, Retired

PSR Principal: Kelly Reed

Music Director: Mary Pokrywka

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

(This Mass is Live Streamed & Recorded)

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

5:30 p.m. Evening Mass on

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Holydays.....Consult the Bulletin

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

For updates check St. Julie's Website

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays.....3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

In the Church

**PSR - PARISH SCHOOL OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

Grades 1 - 7: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Grade 8: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Sunday

(check PSR website for information)

**OCIA & OCIC (Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults and Children)**

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months
in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Dear Parishioners,

On Saturday, December 7, the St. Julie Parish hosted the annual craft show. Perhaps due to favorable weather, we had over 900 visitors to the show during that seven-hour event. The food was good. The atmosphere was great. Among other things, St. Julie had a number of tables that raised money for the St. Julie-St. Peter Ukrainian Welcome Circle. Those crafts were also displayed after the Masses last weekend in the back of church. Since the bulletin was due earlier than normal, I do not have a final count. However, praise God for the funds we were able to raise to support our Ukrainian family.

I want to thank Joe and Valerie Kotarsky who oversaw the craft show. I also want to acknowledge Jill Papesh, who coordinated our Confirmation candidates and other youth, who assisted in setting up, tearing down and everything in between for the Craft Show. Thank you for all the planning and hard work they invested in making this event a smashing success. God bless you!

I want to make one final call for *Lessons and Carols* at St. Julie Parish this Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. This time of scripture reading and Advent/Christmas carols is a wonderful way to embrace the real meaning of the season. All are welcome!

Just a reminder: the second collection this weekend will be for the Retirement for Religious Fund. These funds will benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame as well as many other religious communities in the United States. Envelopes are in your packets and are at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

One of the weaknesses of our culture is that state of marriage. Last week, I received some heartening news. Two engaged couples set dates for marriage at St. Peter Parish. (At this time, the calendar for marriages is open at St. Julie Parish! Unless it's Lent-we have your date!) I am grateful for our young adults who are responding to the Lord's call and seeking marriage in the Church. And I am also continuing to bless couples who were married outside the church and are seeking the sacrament of marriage. Fundamental to the passing on of the faith are Catholic families. Let us pray that the vocation to marriage be renewed in our time. May the Lord inspire our young people to embrace marriage as a vocation by which they follow Christ and raise their children in the Church.

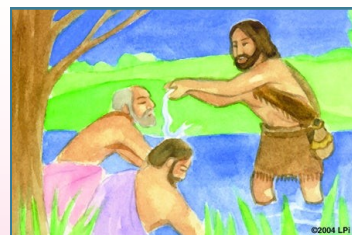
This is *Gaudete Sunday*, "*Gaudete*" meaning rejoice. The reason for our rejoicing is that Advent is more than half over. In ten days, we will be celebrating Christmas, the birth of our Savior. Our Mass readings contain the words *joy*, *rejoice*, or *rejoicing* around eight times. And why? St. Paul simply states: "*The Lord is near.*" As we journey through these last days of Advent, amid the busyness of preparing for Christmas, may we not forget to rejoice. We are Christians. The source of joy is already in our midst. Christ is among us.

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We would have had a good Advent if we could witness the joy of the Lord:

- ♦ In the parking lot as we leave church today, and on the roads where so many people are in a rush during this time of the year
- ♦ In our homes by how we seek to serve each other and not take each other for granted, especially as we enter a time when we will be with each other and our extended family more intentionally
- ♦ At our workplaces, where some of our fellow employees may struggle to get through the holiday season
- ♦ And in our church, especially when someone sits in the place we are accustomed to sit during the upcoming holidays! ***Rejoice in the Lord...for He is near!***

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the

Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Masses

Solemnity of Mary

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 31, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Dec. 14	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Kay Galik (Richard & Elaine Galik)
Dec. 15	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Harry McLaughlin & Bill Kordick 11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners
Dec. 16	Monday	5:30 p.m. Phyllis Harstine (Bob Brooks)
Dec. 18	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
Dec. 20	Friday	5:30 p.m. Carl Kessler & Agnes Sedlak (Marian Kessler)
Dec. 21	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Kenneth Guerra (Rich & Elaine Galik)
Dec. 22	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Snyder & Walters Families (Suzanne Snyder) 11:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiant Parishioners

The Week Ahead

Sun. Lessons & Carols, 5:00 p.m.,
St. Julie's Church

Wed. Rosary, 1:00, Church
Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Thu. Crockpot Drive Thru, 5:30-6:15

Sat. Men's Fellowship Breakfast,
St. Julie's

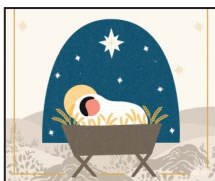
Sun. No PSR

Retirement Fund for Religious

Support those who have given a lifetime. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service—praying, teaching, and caring for those in need—usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious.



Men's Breakfast - Please join us for the St. Julie & St. Peter Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, December 21 @ 8:20 a.m. Breakfast will be served at St. Julie's in the Church. Open to men of any parish in the Diocese. Come and enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast followed by a short video and discussion. We will end promptly at 9:45 a.m. So we have an idea of how much food to prepare please RSVP by email sjspbreakfast@gmail.com by December 16.



Gifts for Baby Jesus

In support of Birthright of Lorain County

please see the Flyer in the bulletin for gift suggestions. Bring to church Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. You can also use linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty for the Amazon wish list, donate button, and learning more information about everything Birthright does.



the health of, and caregivers of:

Daniel DeLaat, Paul Kovacs, Roy Ramsey, Olivia Lohfeld, Lisa Ramsey, daughter of Tony Frameli, Barbara Dodge, sister of Bernice Cusick, Louise Alexander, Stephan Duroske, nephew of Ted Laponi, Nicole Jirousek, Mae Preiss, mother of Sandra Zanick, Marian Kessler, Christian Hoffman, nephew of Pat, Dolores Rivera, Bob Jirousek, Barb Vrtachnik, Terry Flanagan, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, JoAnne Bellomo, Regula family and for Fr. Ned Weist, Fr. George, Fr. Gonser; for our men & women in uniform; our firefighters, police, doctors & nurses; for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.



Dear Lord,

Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them. Allow them to encounter Your love, through us.
Amen.



Parish Stewardship


Dec. 8:	\$8447
Faith Direct: ()	\$
School Subsidy:	\$45
Capital Improvement:	\$438
Net Offertory:	\$8930
In Person Mass Attendance:	440

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 14, 5:00 Rec	Dec. 15, 9:00	11:00
S-Suzanne Snyder	S-Beth Paoloni	S-Kathleen McWeeny
L-Terry Flanagan	L-Ken Allen	L-Amy Shealy
EM-Bob Leither	EM-Tom Lamoda	EM-Jim Carter
EM-Suzanne Snyder	EM- Elaine Payne	EM-Joanne Carter
C-Deacon John	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Joe Kotarsky
C-Ted Lapponi	C-Beth Paoloni	C-Kathleen McWeeny
U-Keith Klimkowicz	U-Dave Rodriguez	U-Sue Dybowski
U-Agnes Klimkowicz	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Elaine Payne
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS-Ashley McDowell
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS-Duncan McDowell
		AS-Melody Shealy

Sat, Dec. 21, 5:00 Rec	Dec. 22, 9:00	11:00
S-Beth Paoloni	S- Not Filled	S-Mike Yarosh
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Jessica Angelo	L-Cindy Naprestek
EM-Greg Dubecky	EM-Mark LaLonde	EM-Kristine Krejsa
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM- Tom Lamoda	EM-Mike Yarosh
C-Deacon John	C-Elaine Payne	C-Jim Livingston
C-Agnes Klimkowicz	C-Deacon Del	C-Larry Rozman
U- Not Filled	U-Dave Rodriguez	U- Not Filled
U- Not Filled	U- Not Filled	U-Elaine Payne
AS-Ryan Papesch	AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled

Tue, Dec. 24, 5:00 Rec	10:00	
S-Beth Paoloni	S- Not Filled	
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Amy Shealy	
EM- Not Filled	EM-Elaine Payne	
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM- Not Filled	
C-Denise Pastula	C- Not Filled	
C- Not Filled	C- Not Filled	
U-Elaine Payne	U- Not Filled	
U- Not Filled	U- Not Filled	
AS- Not Filled	AS-Melody Shealy	
AS- Not Filled	AS-Anthony Shealy	

Tue, Dec. 25, 9:00 am	11:00 am	
S-Kathleen McWeeny	S- Not Filled	
L-Mark LaLonde	L-Cindy Naprestek	
EM- Tom Lamoda	EM- Not Filled	
EM- Kathleen McWeeny	EM- Not Filled	
C-Elaine Payne	C- Not Filled	
C- Not Filled	C- Not Filled	
U- Not Filled	U-Elaine Payne	
U-Jim Gaffney	U- Not Filled	
AS-Bob Gazer	AS- Not Filled	
AS- Not Filled	AS- Not Filled	

S- Sacristan C- Chalice
L- Lector U- Usher
EM- Eucharistic Minister AS- Altar Server

Thank you to the Bogner Family Funeral Home for the beautiful 2025 Calendars in the vestibule. Please take one home for you and your family.

News & Events

Ukraine Welcome Circle Updates

On Thanksgiving, we received this message of gratitude from the Bryiovskyis and wanted to share with our communities.

"Hello and thank you. And I want to thank you for everything you have done and are doing for us, our family is warm, prosperous and safe. We have you who care about us so much and love us. Thank you for everything to you and your team, we love you."

Also, please note that tickets sales for the quilt and the painting a are complete and we will pick the winner this week. Winners will be contacted by phone to arrange delivery. We will also post the names of the winners in next week's bulletin. Good Luck!



Advent/Christmas Program

This Sunday, December 15, is our wonderful Advent/Christmas program: Lessons and Carols. This program will feature music led by our choir as well as scripture readings that follow the salvation story culminating in the Birth of Jesus. It is an opportunity to help prepare our hearts for His coming. The program will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16



Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

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

Please Print.

1. _____

2. _____

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Name of Donor _____

Envelope # _____

Donation \$ _____

If you've donated for flowers on Faith Direct and would like a loved one remembered, check here: ☐

Return to the rectory by Noon on Tuesday, December 17



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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.



Items Currently Needed

Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6, or 7)
Burp Cloths or Cloth Diapers
Outfits (Boy/Girl 3-18 Month)
Formula
Onesies (3-18 Month)
Receiving Blankets
Baby Wash/Shampoo
Hooded Towels/Wash Clothes
Baby Sleep Sacks 0-6 months
Fleece Baby Blankets

Additional items needed can be found on the
Amazon link

linker.ee/birthrightloraincounty

Christmas Carols

Presented by
St. Julie's Choir
Readings about the
Birth of Jesus
Join us for

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 15
5:00 p.m. at the Church



Refreshments to follow

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