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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 worshiping together, reaching out to others and building up the Kingdom of God.

January 2, 2022

PASTOR: Rev. George A. Vrabel

Deacons: Rev. Mr. John Rivera

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.

Weekday Masses at the Church

Monday-Friday.....8:30 a.m.

(Excluding Thursdays)

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 K - 8: 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

RCIA & RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults and Children)

BAPTISMS

Call or email the office.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months
in advance

NEW PARISHIONERS

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



THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." • Mt 2:6b*

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From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's,

As a new year has dawned upon us, we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season on this Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. Tradition tells us that the three wise men were named Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Epiphany is a word meaning manifestation. It is the manifestation of the divinity of Christ to the world as symbolized in these astrologers. Epiphany is also an invitation for us to continue to recognize Christ present and to make him known to the world in which we live today.

Through the telling of the beautiful narrative of the astrologers arriving in Bethlehem, Matthew has affirmed that all peoples are meant to hear and respond to the saving presence of God. Epiphany has often been referred to as the '*Christmas of the Gentiles*' because it is a proclamation to all peoples, not just the people of Israel. We have traveled a great distance since the baby in a manger. Let us continue to proclaim the good news that Christ is born!

It is my hope that the New Year will bring you much happiness, health, and blessings of God's love. Thank you for your support and presence as we move forward into 2022. Happy New Year Everyone!

Fr. George

Parish News and Updates:

⇒ The Letters of St. Paul - Part II Winter 2022

A video series with Fr. Raymond Collins
Presented by Fr. George
Seven sessions (60-75 minutes each) 7:00pm
in the church

Dates: Monday 1/10; Monday 1/17; Wednesday 1/26;
Monday 1/31; Wednesday 2/9; Monday 2/14;
Monday 2/21

Cost: \$10.00 for new participants (includes a study guide plus a binder)

The NRSV Catholic Bible is highly encouraged for optimal engagement

An NRSV Bible is available for the additional cost of \$12

For New or Old registrations, Call the rectory so that adequate materials can be prepared.

⇒ BOOK STUDY CLUB DATES COMING SOON!

⇒ A new St. Julie Billiard sign for the main entrance on Lear Nagle Road is currently being fabricated. The weather will determine installation since masonry work is required. L3 Sign & Image was contracted in early November for this project. Cost \$15,272.50.

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love.

May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta



THE EPIPHANY OF THE

Lord

Religious Education

PSR-Parish School of Religion, Pre K - 8th grades, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan. 1	Saturday	9:00 a.m. Deceased Priests & Deacons of the Cleve. Diocese 5:00 p.m. Doris Matuszak (Jean Rasmussen)
Jan. 2	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Dolores Snyder (Suzanne Snyder)
Jan. 3	Monday	No Mass
Jan. 4	Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Clementina Kessler (Louise Alexander)
Jan. 5	Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Carmen Gonzalez (Jim & Helen Goldyn)
Jan. 6	Thursday	No Mass
Jan. 7	Friday	8:30 a.m. Fred & Marie Schneider (Jim & Joanne Carter)
Jan. 8	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Carmen Casement (Jack & Kathy McFadden)
Jan. 9	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Elaine Klepek (PrimeTimers) 11:00 p.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

The Week Ahead

Sun.	NO PSR
Tues.	Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church
Thurs.	K of C Council Mtg, Church
Sat./Sun.	Right to Life Signature Ads

Coming Events

January 10

Letters of St. Paul

January 17

Letters of St. Paul

January 25

2nd Grade Reconciliation

Please Help in Welcoming Refugee Families to the Area

Do you have used furniture in good condition you just don't use? Are you moving or downsizing and need to unload some unneeded pieces? We'll come pick it up and you can help a refugee family start a new life in the process. Catholic Charities helps place many families who have not much more than an empty apartment. If you have Queen & Full sized mattresses, tables & chairs, end tables or other furniture you would be willing to donate, please visit <https://onehopeneo.com/homeless-refugee/>

A set of keys were found after the Donuts with Santa. If they are yours please call the office, 440-327-1978.



the health of, and caregivers of: Mary Polchek, Gary McChesney, Joe Bujnak, Craig Lovell, son-in-law of June Kearney, Ed & Marian Matuszak, Agnes Valenta, Bill Cusick, Ken DeLuca, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Melissa Snyder, Barb Vrtachnik, Jean Rasmussen, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, Marian Juskiewicz, JoAnne Bellomo, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for our men & women in uniform; for our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.



"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

- Mt 2:6



Parish Stewardship

Dec. 19:	\$4951
Online Giving:	\$255
School Subsidy:	\$115
Capital Improvement:	\$200
Net Offertory:	\$5521
Special Donation:	\$1000
Online Mass including 17 livestream:	58
In Person Mass Attendance:	327
Thank you for sharing your blessings.	

Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	
Jan. 1 <i>rec</i>	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Jim Livingston	Leslie Rozman	Larry <i>TM</i> Rozman
Jan. 1 <i>rec</i>	5:00 p.m.	Chris Vacca	Sharon DeBevec	Deacon John	Ted <i>TM</i> Lapponi
Jan. 2 <i>rec</i>	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	Linda Vasiloff	Laura Knoblauch	Nick <i>TM</i> Modock
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Jim Cassidy	Chris Snyder	Joe <i>TM</i> Kotarsky
Jan. 8 <i>rec</i>	5:00 p.m.	Beth Paoloni	Kristine Krejsa	Deacon John	Greg <i>TM</i> Dubecky
Jan. 9	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Ken Allen	Tom Lamoda	Don <i>TM</i> Schiffbauer
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Yarosh	Gloria Hearns	Joe Kotarsky	Mike <i>TM</i> Yarosh

Right to Life Ad Campaign: Next weekend after all Masses, we will be collecting sponsor names and donations at the back of the church for the annual Lorain County Right to Life Ad and Billboard Campaign. These ads will appear during the month of January in local newspapers, in online advertising, on social media, and on billboards throughout Lorain County. January 22nd marks the tragic 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. The purpose of the ads and billboards is to educate about abortion, to publicize that many people in the County care about the men, women and children victimized by abortion, and ultimately to save the lives of those in danger from abortion. A \$5 minimum donation is requested to help pay for the Campaign. Please add your name and donation to those in our County who support the gift of life! You can also donate by mail or online. See the flyer in the bulletin or go to: LorainCountyRightToLife.org/AdCampaign.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and

did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Be Our Light

Father,
you reveal yourself throughout the ages,
showing us the light of your love.
You said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.
When you sent your Son to reveal
yourself most fully,

you gave a star as a sign.
Be our light.
Fill us with your light
that we might light the way to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 2, 2022
Overjoyed

Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." The Magi had gone to the palace because their way of seeking wisdom—following the natural signs of the world—told them a king had been born. A king whose importance was so great that his birth was told in the stars. But the king was not in the palace. This birth, so significant as to be marked by a star, was hidden away in Bethlehem, a small town.

The Magi were not Jewish. They did not know about the promise of God that was now being fulfilled. But God gave them a light to follow. The new thing that God was doing—fulfilling the promises of old to bring salvation to the ends of the earth—included them.

Scripture tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the Magi were overjoyed to see it. Inside the home, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, so overcome were they with joy at what God was doing and at the gift of being allowed to share in it.

Then the Magi went home by another route. This is, of course, practical, in that they were avoiding Herod. But they went home a different way because they were themselves different. They were changed by their joy. What light has God given you to follow? When have you been filled with joy? How did it change you?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, January 3

A Great Light

“The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” Jesus reveals himself as the light when he preaches the kingdom of God and heals those who come to him. One purpose of the healing Jesus performed was to return to the community those who were separated from society because of illness or disability. As Jesus heals, his identity shines forth as clearly as it did in the star of Bethlehem. With each healing, he also enters into the vocation of the messiah. *Today’s readings: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

Tuesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. As a young widow and mother of five, she converted to Catholicism. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s, and began the first Catholic girls’ school in the United States. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:33–44.*

Wednesday, January 5

Perfect Love

“Perfect love drives out fear.” John certainly knew that the world was a broken place when he wrote his first letter. He had witnessed the crowds turning on Jesus and the early persecutions, in addition to the daily worries and anxieties all human beings experience. John knew that there were many dangers in the world. He does not say that perfect love causes fear not to arise. He says perfect love drives it away. This is not about a feeling but about whether we choose to let fear overwhelm us, or whether we choose a different path. Do not be afraid, God says. How can you choose love today? *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

Thursday, January 6

Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Proclaiming the Scripture from Isaiah, Jesus describes the messiah and the era he has come to inaugurate. As Christ’s hands and feet in the world, we too must live this fulfillment. What might it mean to proclaim glad tidings to the poor? How can you proclaim liberty to captives? Where can you heal brokenness? The heartbreak that you feel over conditions is your call to live in the kingdom of God. *Today’s readings: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14, 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22.*

Friday, January 7

Carrying the Light

Some people keep their Christmas tree or manger until the traditional date of Epiphany, which was yesterday. There is also a tradition of keeping some decorations until the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, or Candlemas, which is celebrated February 2. It can be beautiful to carry the joy of Christmas into Ordinary Time by leaving up a few decorations, possibly some lights to symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the World. *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

Saturday, January 8

Joy Made Complete

Human beings are prone to conflict. In today’s Gospel, we hear the disciples of John the Baptist perceiving rivalry between John and Jesus. As a prophet, John knows that God’s project is healing all such divisions. He knows that he was called to prepare the way for the messiah, and now that the messiah is come, he feels nothing but joy. Where in your life has unnecessary conflict and rivalry stolen your joy? How can you be a peacemaker in those situations? John’s joy comes in seeing with God’s eyes. Can you look at a difficult situation with new eyes? *Today’s readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a, 9b; John 3:22–30.*



Alternate Ways to Participate in the Lorain County Right to Life Bring America Back to Life Ad Campaign

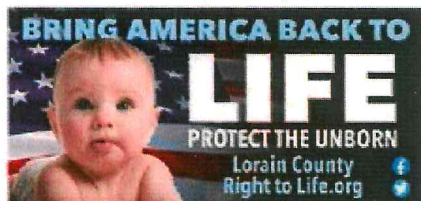
Questions? Call the Ad Campaign Chairman Dan Kaighin at 440-988-8985

By Mail – Cut out and return the following with your donation by January 10, 2022:

AD AND BILLBOARD SPONSOR FORM	
I, the undersigned, do agree that my name is to be included in the Lorain County Right to Life Website Ad on or about January 22, 2022 which indicates my support of the Pro-life cause. My donation (\$5 minimum) will help defray the cost of the print and online ads and will help in providing funds for the rental of billboards in the Lorain County area. These will have the Pro-Life message on display during the month of January. Please make checks payable to LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE. Return this form and all contributions by January 7, 2022 to Lorain County Right to Life, P. O. Box 207, Elyria, OH 44036.	
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Online – Go to LorainCountyRightToLife.org/AdCampaign. Deadline is January 10, 2022

First page – Choose your donation amount



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How much would you like to give?

Name(s) to appear in the Ad

Church or Organization Name (optional)

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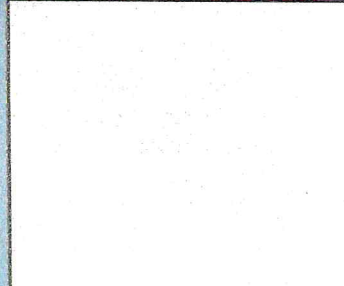
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PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise men
child
born

king
star
worship

Mary
gifts
dream

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MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.



DRAW

Draw a picture of stars and planets shining in the night sky.

PUZZLE

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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MISSION

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.

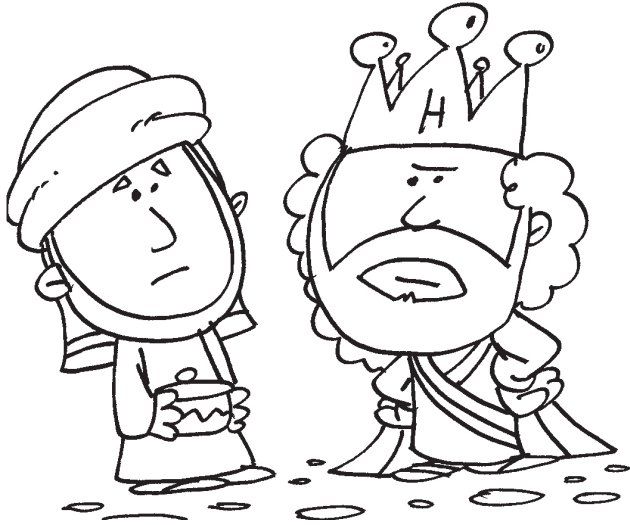
GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."



PRAYER

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.



DRAW

Draw an angel telling the Three Wise Men not to tell Herod where Jesus was.