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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.

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.

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the desk of Fr. George...

Greetings Parishioners and friends of St. Julie's,

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus' words should strike the chords of conversion within us. As the scribes and Pharisees press Jesus for a response as to whether the woman caught in adultery should be stoned, He says: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." As he continued to write upon the ground, they all went away until Jesus was alone with the woman. Then Jesus said: "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one sir." Then Jesus said: "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

Once again, we may find ourselves to be any of the persons within the Gospel. Do we 'press' the law upon others? Are our sins public or hidden? Can we forgive or do we hold 'it' against others and cast stones of abuse, gossip, or malicious intent? We can be a people well practiced in criticizing and condemning. Jesus challenges us to the much harder work of healing and transforming evil into good and to bring into the light the things of God that remain unseen in the darkness of fear and ignorance.

Jesus asks both the woman's accusers and the woman herself to move beyond their standards and expectations, to go deeper than the rules and law, to see beyond what is readily apparent. He challenges them - and us - to look beyond our disappointments in our mutual failures and lift one another up when we stumble; he asks us to look within our own hearts to confront the sins and evil that are part of every life and find within ourselves the compassion and love of God that leads to true and lasting joy, healing and life.

Living in the grace of Christ Jesus is our calling. It requires our effort to lay down the armor of hatred and the spears of hurt. During this final week of Lent prior to Holy Week, take additional time to pray. Invite the spirit of God to calm your being, lessen your fears and open your hearts to the compassion of Jesus.

On a personal note...

On Sunday - March 20th I did not feel well. I thought I had a severe cold, so I did not distribute communion, and took extra precautions before, during and after Mass - even wearing a mask while celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with PSR students. That afternoon I tested positive for Covid. I isolated the entire week and tested negative on Saturday, March 26th and negative again on Monday, March 28th. Thank you for your prayers and understanding. Your well-being at St. Julie's has always been a primary concern and will always remain so. Use sanitizer, cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing. Having been down the 'Covid road,' it is a place I do not want to revisit even though it was a quick and mild journey!

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Parish News and Updates

- Remember, **Next Sunday is Palm Sunday**. Plan to arrive early to Mass to participate in the blessing of palms.
- **Stations of the Cross** are prayed on Mondays after the 8:30am Mass and on Fridays at 7:00pm.
- **Pastoral Council** did not meet this week. The next meeting is April 25th.

Looking ahead thru the remainder of Lent...

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, April 9th: 3:30 - 4:30

Monday, April 11th: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: April 9/10 5:00, 9:00, & 11:00

Holy Thursday: April 14th 8:00pm

Good Friday: April 15th
Stations of the Cross - Noon
Passion Service - 3:00

Holy Saturday: April 16th
Easter Egg Hunt - 11:00am
Food Blessing - 1:00pm
Great Easter Vigil - 8:30pm
Easter Sunday: April 17th
9:00 & 11:00



Easter Basket Blessing

Bring your basket full of foods to the church on Holy Saturday at

1:00 p.m. Some baskets may be laden with food while others may contain an assortment of symbolic food items such as Paska bread, butter, salt, horseradish, colored eggs, kielbasa, bacon, cheese, wine, cakes, and other food items. Children can also bring their baskets for a blessing.



Religious Education

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

April 2 Saturday	5:00 p.m. Harry Sivec (Teresa Sivec)
April 3 Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Frank Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)
April 4 Monday	8:30 a.m. Anna & Stanley Zablotney (Mary Zablotney)
April 5 Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Jim Frameli (Tony Frameli)
April 6 Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Ed Jarema (K of C Council 7970)
April 7 Thursday	No Mass
April 8 Friday	8:30 a.m. Rita Vrtachnik (Bob & Mary Ann Jirousek)
April 9 Saturday	5:00 p.m. Rachael Juskiewicz (Marian Juskiewicz)
April 10 Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners 11:00 a.m. Bob Bellomo (Joanne Bellomo)

The Week Ahead

- Sun.** PSR
- Mon.** Stations after Morning Mass
- Tues.** Choir Rehearsal
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church
Butter Braid Pick Up, 5:30-7:30
- Fri.** Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm
- Sat.** Confessions, 3:30-4:30
- Sun.** Palm Sunday
PSR

Coming Events

April 11

Confessions, 7-8:30pm

April 12

L.E.A.F., 7:00

April 14

Holy Thursday, Mass 8:00pm

Weekend for Men

A come and see weekend at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries where men can experience life at the seminary. April 8-10, Call 440-943-7631 or visit at CLEpriesthood.org to register.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 10 at St. Peter gym sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 7970.

Time: 8:00am-Noon at St. Peter Gym. Adults \$9.00, Kids \$6.00 (Ages 3-12), Kids: Under 2 Free and Family \$25.00 (Family of 4). **ALL YOU CAN EAT.** The goal is to give both Seminarians, one from St. Peter's and one from St. Julie's, \$500 each towards their education.



the health of, and caregivers of: Marian Kessler, Leeson Family, Wilson Family, Tony Frameli, Bob & Mary Jirousek, Cindy Olsieski, Fred Curylo, Debbie Lamoda, Dennis Jufko, Lola Cook, Mary Polchek, Maggie Kearney (great granddaughter of June Kearney), Ed & Marian Matuszak, Agnes Valenta, Terry Flanagan, Carol Polak, Barb Vrtachnik, Jean Rasmussen, Ken DeLuca, Kathleen Sobczak, Dolores Rivera, Marian Juskiewicz, JoAnne Bellomo, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, and Carol Straub; for the repose of the soul of Sondra Jirousek wife of Don; for our men & women in uniform; for our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, and for the people of Ukraine.

Theology on the Rocks West

For adults 40 & over. Monday, April 11, check-in 6:45pm.

Program starts at 7:00pm. New Location is LA CENTRE, 25777 Detroit Road. Speaker: Fr. Chris Trenta, Asst. Professor of Liturgical-Sacramental Theology, St. Mary's Seminary. Cost is \$15 which includes light appetizers. There is a cash bar. RSVP at www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west



Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday

April 16, 11:00 a.m.

Children 10 and under are invited to participate. Please bring a basket.

Parish Stewardship

March 27.....	\$2707
Online Giving:.....	\$ 720
School Subsidy:.....	\$ 40
Capital Improvement:.....	\$ 135
Net Offertory:.....	\$3602
Online Mass including 7 livestream:.....	56
In Person Mass Attendance:.....	317
Ukraine Collection:.....	\$2196

Email or call the office for your Contribution Statement

Minister Schedule

Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	
April 2 rec	5:00 p.m.	Chris Vacca	Jessica Angelo	Deacon John	Ted TM Lapponi
April 3	9:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Donnie Schiff-bauer	Tom Lamoda	TM
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	Jim Cassidy	Gene Morrison	Suzanne TM Snyder
April 8	7:00 p.m.	Stations with St. Francis	Sharon DeBevec		
April 9 rec	5:00 p.m.	Suzanne Snyder	1-Mark LaLonde 2-Sharon DeBevec	Deacon John	Agnes TM Klimko-wicz
April 10	9:00 a.m.	John Burghard	1-Jessica Angelo 2-Kristine Krejsa	Ed Knoblauch	John TM Burghard
	11:00 a.m.	Suzanne Snyder	1-Jim Cassidy 2-Cindy Naprestek	Donnie Schiff-bauer	Suzanne TM Snyder

Married and Engaged Couples - Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love: The Church's teaching against the use of artificial contraception is often difficult for couples to understand and follow. A Natural Family Planning (NFP) class is an excellent tool to help married and engaged couples get the practical help they need to understand and live out this teaching of the Church. NFP is natural, safe, and effective for achieving or postponing pregnancy. Many couples find that NFP helps them build a deeper and closer relationship to each other and to God since they are experiencing marriage as God intended. Classes are available in-person and also on-line - both live and self-paced. For information on upcoming classes or to learn more about NFP, call Tim and Mary Ellen Jakubisin at (440) 779-5793 or visit ccli.org.

"Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development." (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel #213)



Sanctuary Decorations

Remember loved ones, living & deceased, by donating toward the decorations that adorn our altar. Names will be printed in the Easter bulletin.

Suggested Donation \$20

Deadline is Monday, April 11

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Easter Food Basket Blessing Holy Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

The Easter Basket Blessing is a way to share our faith and various traditions in the celebration of Easter and the breaking of our Lenten observations

The Service consists of

Readings identifying the significance of the food blessing tradition

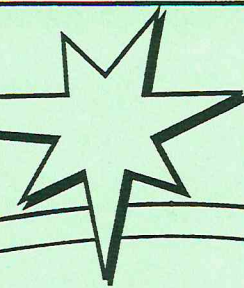


Shared stories of many cultures and the significance of the foods that are in our baskets

Prayers for the various foods and products that are brought to the altar for blessing

Blessing for all who are present, especially our children

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Thoughtful Moments

Lay a foundation

Don't hesitate to talk to children about topics that may seem beyond youngsters' understanding right now. The Holy Trinity or the Real Presence might go over their heads at this moment, but will become clearer in time. Others will remain mysteries as they do for us. Look at it as sowing seeds for later harvest.

Prayer works

The Israelites were so sinful that God was ready to destroy the entire nation. But Moses prayed for them, and God relented. Prayer can make a difference.

A parenting win

Say, "I love you," until they're sick of hearing it ... and then say it again. Praise them in public like God did, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

"... When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing ... And your Father who sees in secret will repay you" (Matthew 6:3-4).



Take back Sunday

In the Third Commandment, God instructed us to keep holy the Lord's Day – Sunday. This is a challenge in today's busy world but God commands this for our good. We need a day of rest to grow in holiness and thrive in God's care. Try these tips to "take back" your Sundays in the midst of a busy family life:

Highlight the Mass.

It's vital for our souls that we reconnect with God and receive His grace. That's why attending Sunday Mass is at the heart of what we do as Catholics. Communion with Jesus is critical for our holiness. Instill a Mass habit in children early.

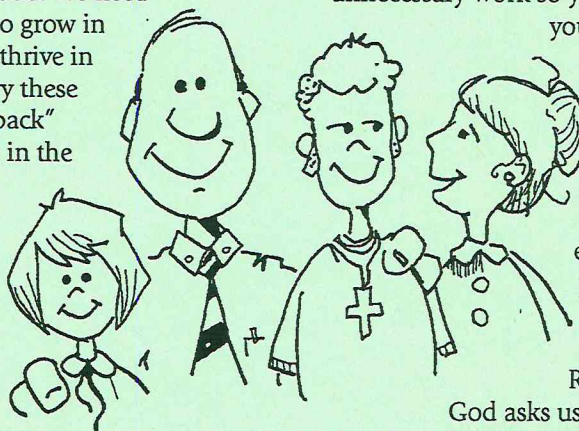
Have a slow, easy day, especially if

your weeks are busy. Slow down the pace of your Sunday and focus on your family.

Enjoy a day of rest. Avoid unnecessary work so you can center your day around God and family. Finish homework before Sunday. Cook on Saturday or eat leftovers on paperware so that cooking is unnecessary. Remember that

God asks us to avoid work that doesn't recharge us.

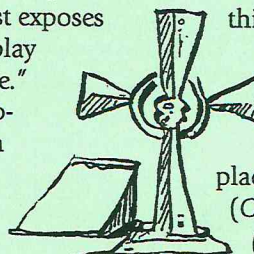
Share love. Allow Mass to remind all to be patient, use kind words, forgive annoyances, show love. Consider adopting a Sunday habit of putting money in the poor box at church, visiting a lonely neighbor, or preparing a box for a food or clothing drive.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics practice Adoration?

Adoration is a time-honored, powerful devotion in which the priest exposes a consecrated host in a display holder called a "monstrance." The adorer is literally eye-to-eye with Christ, in the form of the Blessed Sacrament, who gazes on us with love (Mark 10:21).

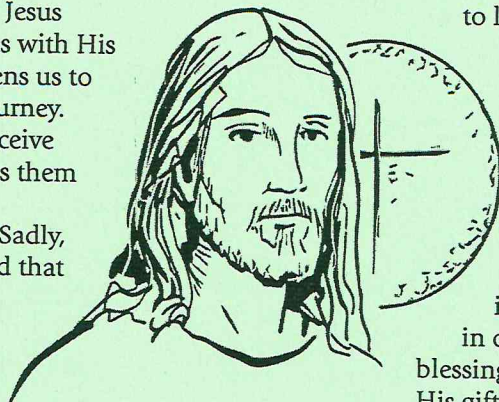


Since one is adoring God, this action fulfills the First Commandment. It's pleasing to Him and beneficial for our souls. For these reasons, Adoration has a unique place among Catholic devotions (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1378).

Help children treasure the gift of Holy Communion

When we receive Holy Communion, Jesus comes into our hearts and nourishes us with His grace, heals our wounds, and strengthens us to fight temptation. He is food for our journey. Teaching children how to reverently receive Holy Communion is a gift that benefits them forever.

Remind them who Communion is. Sadly, many Catholics today don't understand that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Explain to children that Jesus is truly present (CCC #1374). He's there every Mass



to listen to them, help them, and love them.

Refresh Communion manners. Show children how to receive Communion reverently, whether by mouth or by hand. Teach them to walk back to the pew, hands folded, kneel in prayer as they consume the Host, and offer prayers of thanksgiving.

Stay after Mass. As long as the Host is in our bodies, we are a tabernacle. Stay in church until the priest gives the final blessing. Encourage children to thank Jesus for His gifts before leaving for home.

Scripture LESSON

John 20:19-31, From doubt to faith

Poor Thomas. A faithful friend and energetic evangelist and yet he will always be known as the doubter.

Through Thomas, however, we learn that doubts and questions are not enemies of our faith. Often they lead to a greater understanding of God's truth.

Even though Thomas was with Jesus for three years and witnessed amazing miracles first hand, he still needed more help to accept the Resurrection. Far from scolding him or being disappointed in his lack of faith, Jesus invited Thomas to do what was

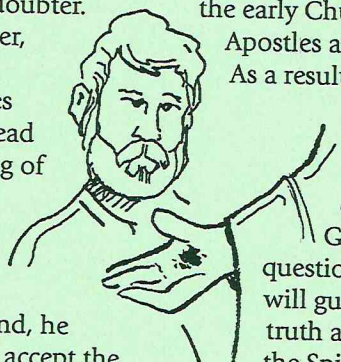
necessary to become convinced.

Notice, too, that Thomas didn't leave the early Church, nor were the other Apostles angry at his lack of faith.

As a result, he was able to find the answers he needed in the Church.

What can a parent do? Tell children that

God isn't upset by our questions or doubts. In fact, he will guide our search for the truth and Jesus promised that the Spirit would help those who seek it (John 16:13). God knows that people who probe their doubts and fears often reach the truth.



Feasts & Celebrations

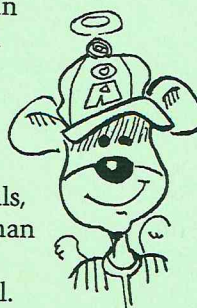
April 10 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. The Sunday before Easter is called Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion because it recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. It marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus of Kraków (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent king of Poland, Boleslaus II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslaus murdered the

saint.

April 27 - St. Zita (1278). Born in Monsagrati, Italy, St. Zita became the servant of the wealthy Fatinelli family. Famous for her miracles in helping the sick, the poor, and the imprisoned, she is the patroness of domestic workers.

April 30 - Pope St. Pius V (1572). Born to a poor family in Italy, Antonio Ghislieri became a Dominican, taught theology, and became Pope Pius V. He established seminaries and hospitals, and published the Roman Catechism, Roman Breviary, and the Missal.

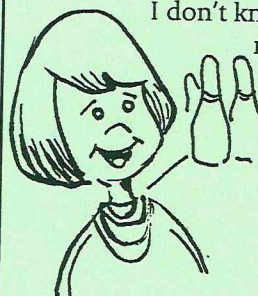


Parent TALK

My daughter recently celebrated her twelfth birthday. She hasn't had a party since the pandemic began so she asked to go bowling with her friends, but she didn't want presents. She said, "I have enough stuff; I just want to be with my friends." She wrote on the invitations, "Your presence is my present. Instead, please bring contributions for the Knights of Columbus soup kitchen," her favorite charity.

Ten girls spent the afternoon giggling, bowling, and eating birthday cupcakes. At the end, we found that the guests brought so many cans of food, we could barely cram them into my car. When Kara opened her birthday cards, many of them held checks. Her friends donated close to \$400 in Kara's honor.

I don't know which pleased me more, Kara's generosity in thinking of others on her birthday, or the generous kids she has chosen as friends.



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Week 5 Update

Praise God for amazing results! We know of 318 babies saved from abortion through your prayers since the Spring Campaign began on March 2nd! Keep praying -- God is hearing and answering our prayers!

As we pray for an end to abortion, we also need to pray for those who have experienced abortion. "Misty" tells her story:

I was raised with Christian morals and values, always knowing abortion was wrong and would never be a choice for me, until in 1996 I found myself unmarried and pregnant at the age of 19. My boyfriend at the time told me it was not time for a baby and we would not have it. After a few weeks of hoping he would change his mind, I knew what I had to do. I don't remember feeling anything as I called the numbers in the phone book asking questions and making appointments. I just went through the motions up until the day I had an abortion in April of 1996.

At the clinic, I was never told of the affects it would have on me emotionally, spiritually or physically. I was never given the opportunity to see an ultrasound or hear my son's heartbeat. What I was told was that I was nearly 18 weeks along and I needed to go ahead and "do this." I don't remember much of being at the clinic that day. I was told "It will all be over soon and you will be fine to go on with your life!" On the outside that is exactly what I did, going into instant denial and pushing it so far down I thought it was just a nightmare, not reality. Yet inside I would never be the same because along with my baby, a part of me died that day.

For 12 years after my abortion, I felt so unworthy. I felt that any time 'the "A" word' was mentioned everyone in the room knew what I had done. But God in His infinite wisdom, gentleness and grace led me to someone that I could trust. I honestly didn't think there were other people right there in my own church, normal people that had also had an abortion and healed from it. My new friend would help lead me on my healing journey through an abortion recovery Bible study. Toward the end of the study, I accepted God's forgiveness once and for all and realized that the blood He shed on the cross covered ALL sins including my abortion; finally, I was truly set free. (from SilentNoMoreAwareness.org)

If you know someone hurting after abortion, let them know they can find healing and hope through Project Rachel (216-334-2966) or Bethesda The House of Mercy (1-800-482-4100), or they can visit hopeafterabortion.com.

Every Thursday during 40 Days for Life, join with fellow St. Julie Billiart parishioners to pray at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility, 25350 Rockside Rd. in Bedford Heights from 12noon to 1pm. Parking is across the street from Planned Parenthood at Cannon Beverage. To caravan, meet at the St. Julie large parking lot at 11:15am. Our prayerful presence can be a sign of hope for a woman arriving for an abortion, and also a sign of God's loving mercy to a woman as she leaves after an abortion. Please come pray if you can.

If you can't make it to Planned Parenthood, you can pray with fellow parishioners in the church, also on Thursday from 12noon to 1pm.

Another opportunity for prayer is to join with the Rosary Group to pray the Rosary each Wednesday at 1pm in the church.

Questions about 40 Days for Life, call Susan and John DeLaat, 440-327-2398.



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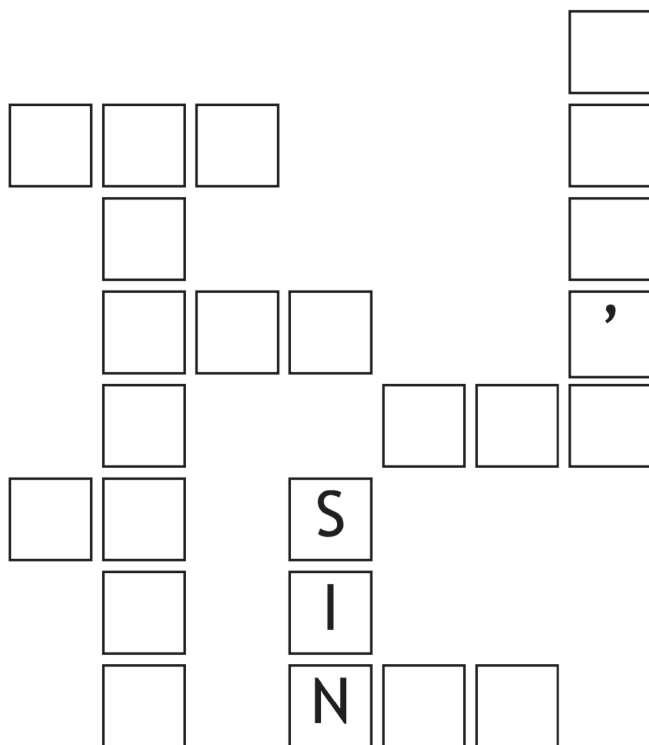
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PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You may go now, but don't sin anymore.



MISSION

Name one thing you have done wrong. Jesus can forgive you for your mistakes. Try to forgive other people, too.

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

When we do something wrong, God does not want to punish us. God just wants us to stop, learn from our mistake, and make better choices next time. Try to remember that the next time you catch a friend sinning. Instead of tattling, talk to your friend, and gently help your friend do what is right.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to be kind to my friends when they make mistakes. Help me remember that sometimes I make bad choices, too.

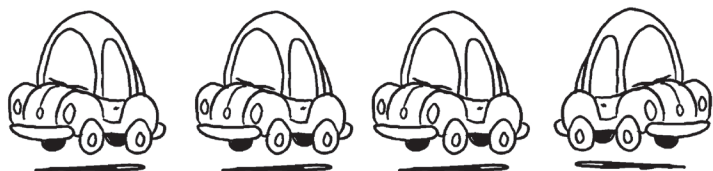


DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus right next to you, helping you after you have done something wrong.

PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way.
Then color in all the pictures.



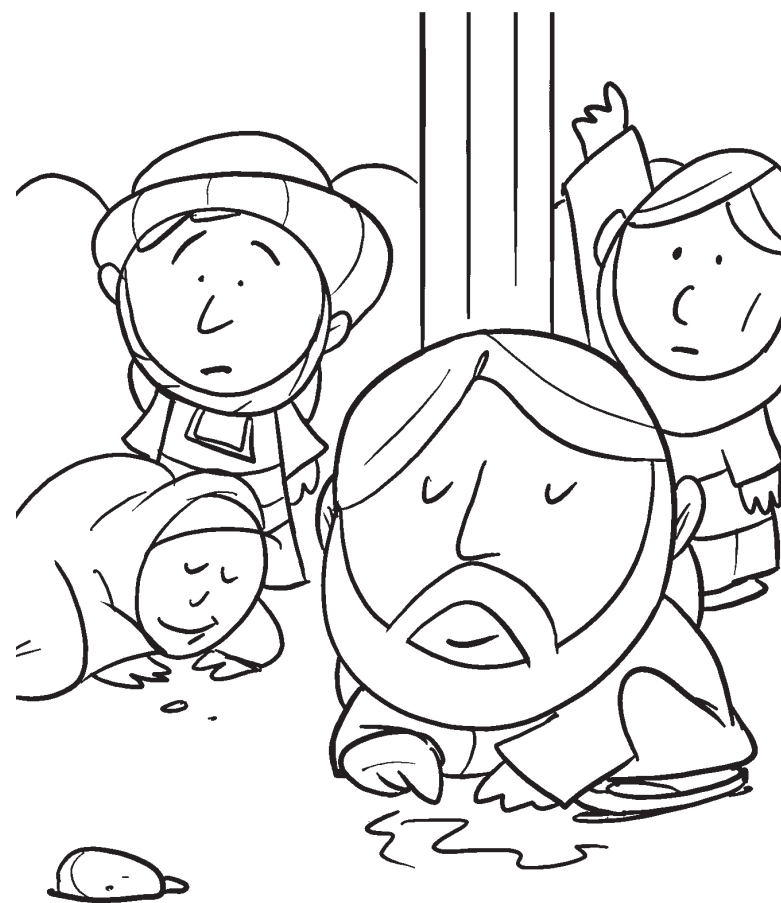
MISSION

When I get angry with others, I will pray first;
then I will talk to them.

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COLOR

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GOSPEL

In Bible days, people who did wrong were stoned to death. Jesus changed that. He said, "If you have never done anything wrong, throw the first stone." Everyone makes mistakes. A rock can hurt people, animals, cars, and houses. When you say bad things about someone, you are throwing a rock at them. The rock might come back and hurt you, too. If you can not say something nice about someone, pray for them.

PRAYER

Lord, help me pray for others rather than judge them.

DRAW

Draw people building a house with rocks rather than throwing them at each other.