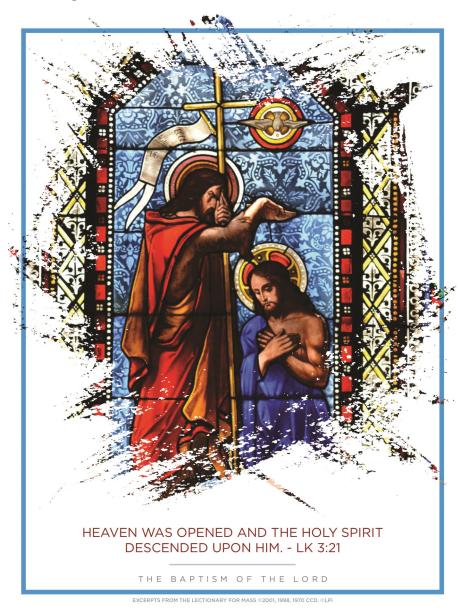


#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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 9, 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

Monday-Friday......8:30 a.m. (Excluding Thursdays)

(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.

#### From the Desk of Father George

Greetings Parishioners and Friends of St. Julie's,

As the church celebrates The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Christmas Season 2021 comes to an official end. It always seemed strange to me that Jesus' baptism would conclude a time marked with mangers, shepherds, angels, and kings. But how appropriate! For it is after this moment of the dove descending upon Jesus and the voice proclaiming him as the beloved son, that we enter ordinary time to hear the gospel accounts of His public ministry.

Christ did not come to remain as a baby forever. He came that we might have life and have it in abundance. Without the man Jesus, salvation would not have been ours. Jesus had to grow so as to suffer and die for our sins. As we join the journey of familiar stories and parables ahead, let us not forget the highs of these past few weeks. Our celebrating and echoing shouts of joy can afford us hope when we remember 'why' he came into the world.

While Covid blasted our homes and churches, and another year seemed swallowed by the pandemic, I hope that your Christmas Season was still one of joy and blessing. Thank you for your generosity and continued financial and prayerful support of St. Julie's... and off we go into the 1st Week of Ordinary Time on Monday morning.

#### Fr. George

Regarding the current spike in Covid: Those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immunecompromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons are not obliged to attend Mass.

#### Parish News and Updates:

The Letters of St. Paul - Part II Winter 2022 - RESUMES ON MONDAY

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 COMI NG SOON! Copies of The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity are needed. If you have a copy distributed at Christmas or Easter a couple of years ago, and no longer want it, please drop it off at the church or rectory.



"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 3:16bc

#### Gifts for Baby Jesus

Our gifts have been delivered to Birthright. We delivered loads of diapers, wipes, toiletries, sleepers, outfits, blankets, hand-made items, etc, etc.

Thank You to all who donated these necessary items to stock the shelves. Our continued support of Birthright and the moms who have chose to give their baby the gift of life is very important. God Bless all.



#### Men's Fellowship Breakfast The January 15th breakfast has been cancelled. We still hope to have our breakfast in February.

#### Religious Education

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

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Jan. 8	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Carmen Casement (Jack & Kathy McFadden)
Jan. 9	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Elaine Klepek (PrimeTimers)
		11:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
Jan. 10	Monday	8:30 a.m.	Health of Jimmy Waters (Jim & Amy Gaffney)
Jan. 11	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Pat Gazer (Bob Gazer)
Jan. 12	Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Elaine Klerak (Charles & Eileen McBriarty)
Jan. 13	Thursday	No	Mass
Jan. 14	Friday	8:30 a.m.	Freddie & Mike B. (Jim & Joanne Carter)
Jan. 15	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Roger, Norm, & John (Louise Alexander)
Jan. 16	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	St. Julie Billiart Parishioners
		11:00 p.m.	Frank Jr. & Jim Valenta (Agnes Valenta)

#### The Week Ahead

Sat./Sun.

Right to Life Signature Ads

Sun.

PSR Mon.

Letters of St. Paul, 7:00

Tues.

Choir Rehearsal

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

Rosary, 1:00 p.m., Church

Sat.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, (CANCELLED)

#### Coming Events

January 17

Letters of St. Paul

January 25

2nd Grade Reconciliation

February 6
PSR Mass

#### L.E.A.F.

Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families and loved ones of the incarcerated. All are welcome. Spanish/bilingual assistance is available, if pre-arranged. Meetings are held at St. Julie's Church in N. Ridgeville on the second Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. The next one is **Tuesday**, **January 11**<sup>th</sup>. For more information text or call Ted Lapponi (440) 315-6527.

When mailing donations, please use the Office Administration Address:

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Thank you.

### PRAY FOR ...

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 Juszkiewicz, JoAnne Bellomo, Irene Kollin, Regula Family, Sondra Jirousek, Carol Straub; for the repose of the soul of Jim Mutchler, husband of Helen; for our men & women in uniform; for our police, firefighters, doctors & nurses; and for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

## LOSE SOMETHING?

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



# Parish Stewardship Dec. 26: \$15,710 Online Giving: \$115 School Subsidy: \$39 Capital Improvement: \$105 Net Offertory: \$15,969 Special Donation: \$1500 Online Mass including: 97 In Person Mass Attendance: 403 Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Parish Stewardship	
Jan. 2:	\$3977
Online Giving:	
School Subsidy:	
Capital Improvement:	\$133
Net Offertory:	\$5145
Special Donation:	\$2000
Online Mass including 18 livestream:	
In Person Mass Attendance:	230
Thank you for sharing your bless	sings.

Minister Schedule								
Date	Time	Sacristan	Lector	Eucharistic Minister				
Jan. 8	5:00	Beth	Kristine	Deacon	Greg TM			
rec	p.m.	Paoloni	Krejsa	John	Dubecky			
Jan. 9	9:00	Suzanne	Ken	Tom	Don TM			
	a.m.	Snyder	Allen	Lamoda	Schiffbauer			
	11:00	Mike	Gloria	Joe	Mike TM			
	a.m.	Yarosh	Hearns	Kotarsky	Yarosh			
Jan. 15	5:00	Suzanne	Sharon	Deacon	Jim TM			
rec	p.m.	Snyder	DeBevec	John	Nolan			
Jan. 16	9:00	John	Jessica	Jim	John TM			
	a.m.	Burghard	Angelo	Livingston	Burghard			
	11:00	Suzanne	Barb	Joanne	Jim TM			
	a.m.	Snyder	Arguello	Carter	Carter			

Theology • on • the • Rocks • West
For adults 40 & over
Monday, January 10 – 7:00pm
NEW LOCATION: LACENTRE
Speaker: Fr. Adam Zajac,
Pastor at St. Mark's & St. Mel's

Our topic this month is The Sacraments &



Mysticism- the mystical action of Christ in the sacraments and how we experience Him. It's been awhile since many of us have gone through preparation to receive one of the sacraments and we'd be hard pressed to explain them to anyone else. Fr. Zajac is going

to help us understand how we experience Christ through the sacraments. We are now meeting at **LaCentre** (next to Houlihan's) 25777 Detroit Rd. in Westlake- right off of the Columbia Rd. Exit off I90. Cost is \$15 per person- includes light appetizer - Cash bar. Pay online or at the door- Be sure to RSVP either way. **Register in advance at:** 

www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

#### Charismatic Mass

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Charismatic Mass on Friday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Peter Parish, 35777 Center Ridge Rd. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 and the liturgy will start at 7:30. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer, and there will also be a social after mass. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend! This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



#### Make us Holy

Loving Father,
you sent the gift of the Spirit
upon your beloved Son
on the banks of the Jordan
long ago.
And upon each of us,
the Spirit called upon the waters,
making them holy.
Strengthen us in that same Spirit,
make us holy, set us apart,
that we answer your call.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

January 9, 2022 In You I Am Well Pleased

Today's readings: Isaiah 42, 1–4 or Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 3, 9–10 or Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25, 27–28, 29–20; Acts 10:34–38 or Titus 2:11–14, 3:4–7; Luke 3:15–16, 21–22. John the Baptist pointed away from himself and toward Jesus. He spoke God's Word to the people and baptized those who came to him, but he knew that he was not the messiah, the one who will baptize "with the holy Spirit and fire." And then one day, Jesus came to him to be baptized.

The heavens opened and the Spirit came down in the form of a dove. "You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Holy Spirit descended bodily, making

Jesus ready for his public ministry. What joy John must have felt to see the fulfillment of God's promises to him and to the people of Israel! It was the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, in which he preached the kingdom of God but also revealed it in everything that he did.

On the day of our baptism, we receive the same Holy Spirit that descended on Jesus two thousand years ago. It is the beginning of our own vocation to reveal the kingdom of God in our words and our actions: to be like Jesus. How is God calling you today? You are God's beloved child, in whom God is well pleased. How will you carry the joy of that revelation into your life beyond the Christmas season?



#### THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

#### January 10—March 1

**Ordinary Time** 

The word *ordinary* can feel like a synonym for "boring," but Ordinary Time is far from it. This season takes its name from the ordinal numbers (first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and so on) that are used to count the Sundays and the weeks that follow them. While the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter have a certain importance in the liturgical year, that does not diminish Ordinary Time. Consider that as the priest prepares the paschal candle at the Easter Vigil, he states, "All time belongs to him." How might you use this season to grow closer to God?

#### January 18-25

Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity spans an octave, or eight-day observance, a time frame that lends significance to the week. It is a great sorrow to be separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ, unable to join around the Eucharistic table together to "do this in memory of me." We wait in hope in a special way during this week for the day when all divisions among Christians will cease.

#### January 25

#### Conversion of St. Paul

This feast commemorates the day when Saul, an observant young Jewish man who opposed the early Christians and even participated in the stoning death of St. Stephen, had an encounter with the risen Jesus. Saul, also known as Paul, left behind his former life to become an apostle to the gentiles. To preach the Gospel, you might offer forgiveness and mercy to someone who is not sorry, serve a meal at a soup kitchen with a joyful heart, or drop off a box of diapers at a place that serves mothers and children. Today's readings: Acts 22: 3-6 or Acts 9:1-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15-18.

#### January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

Known as the angelic doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican priest whose writings are essential to the way we understand what we believe. He was a great theologian and philosopher, engaging with the intellectual currents of his day as well as those of ancient philosophy. St. Thomas described the beatific vision, unending happiness and union with God, as the goal of human life. Today's readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mark 4:26-34.

#### January 31

St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco was an Italian priest who worked to improve the lives of young people who lived in poverty. He went into the world to encounter the young people who had traveled to the city to try to find a better life but were living in abject poverty and unsafe conditions. He began many initiatives and organizations to assist children and was the founder of a religious congregation. Today's readings: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30, 16:5–13; Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; Mark 5:1–20.

#### February 2

#### The Presentation of the Lord

This feast, forty days after Christmas, is traditionally a time to bring candles to church to be blessed. In Luke's account of the Gospel, we hear Simeon proclaim Jesus "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." The Gospel according to John is also a source of the imagery of light associated with Jesus. Anna and Simeon watched and waited for the light throughout their lives. At times, it can be difficult to wait for what we most hope for. Watching and waiting for the light, we can unite ourselves with the waiting of Anna and Simeon. What desires of your heart are you still waiting to have fulfilled? You might decorate a tealight holder and light the candle to remind you to wait in hope. Today's readings: Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2: 22-40.



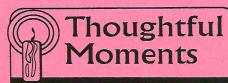


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#### The rhythm of our faith

To help us learn about God and his family, the Church crafted the liturgical year. By observing the seasons of our faith, we follow the rhythm that God has created for us. "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:4).

#### As God forgives

When we pray the "Our Father," we say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." True forgiveness is hard but God wants us to forgive the way He forgives us. We can't obtain true forgiveness unless we give it.

#### Celebrate parenthood

Parents deserve lots of praise but don't often get it. Someday your children may look back and appreciate you.
While they are young, remember that every kiss, hug and smile you get is a celebration of how important you are every day, all year long.

#### Share what you love about our Catholic Faith

As parents, we want our children to be Catholic because we know

the Church provides the surest way to a strong and loving relationship with God. To help children find Catholic joy, share what you love about our Catholic Faith.

"My grandmother prayed the Rosary every day of her life," said Lisa.
"When I was old enough, she gave me one and taught me how to pray it.
The prayers remind me of everything we

believe as Catholics. The Rosary has helped me through many tough times in my life and I pray it often with my own children."

"We moved a lot when I was young,"

said Art. "Moving was hard but no matter where we lived, the Mass

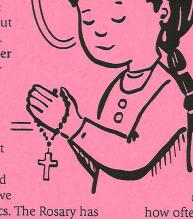
felt like home. Jesus was always there waiting for me. Now I love taking my children to Mass because I want it to be their home, too."

"I don't know what I would do without

Confession," said Brooke. "It's not easy admitting the things I do wrong. I'm embarrassed that I

commit the same sins repeatedly. Still, no matter

how often I go, it is such a thrill to hear the words of absolution and know that Jesus really does forgive me. Now, we take our children and celebrate God's mercy together."



## Why Do Catholics Do That

## What do we believe about Heaven?

We don't really know what Heaven looks like. "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," (1 Corinthians 2:9). Heaven is the fulfillment of our

deepest desire of
union with God. We
know that God has
prepared a place for
us in His home. All
who enter must be
in His friendship.

Nothing should keep us from our place in the house of our Lord.

## Modest dress for today's Catholic kids

Current fashions - even if immodest - often feel right to young people because they see them accepted by their friends and favorite celebrities. Current styles can be too tight or too revealing to be appropriate for followers of Jesus. When children wear such styles, people may be distracted from their personalities, their accomplishments, and their faith. Instead, try these tips to help children dress modestly and fashionably, too.

Layers can make it work. Does your child love low-cut styles or bottoms that show underwear? Try pairing a tank top under one with a plunging neckline or a wear a pair of running shorts under sagging bottoms.

Color me funky. One way to make modesty fun is to take note of what the season's hottest colors are, and then find modest clothing in those colors.

Test the light. Transparent fabric is designed to reveal rather than conceal the body. If you place a layer of fabric over a newspaper and can see the

lines of letters through it, the fabric is too sheer.

#### Luke 4:21-30, God's surprising ways

In this Gospel, Jesus returned to Nazareth, His hometown, soon after

starting His public ministry. Everyone had heard about the miracles and signs He had worked. They even invited Him to teach in their

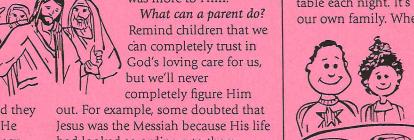
synagogue. Imagine how delighted they were when Jesus announced that He was the Messiah of Isaiah's prophecy.

Still, some were doubtful. How could this carpenter's son possibly be the Messiah, the long-awaited Savior promised in the Old Testament? Jesus' listeners thought they had Him figured out. They had gotten so used to

thinking of Him as being "one of them," they couldn't believe there

was more to Him.

had looked so ordinary to them. Everyone expected the Messiah to conquer Israel's enemies, but Jesus conquered the more powerful enemies of sin, evil and death by His Resurrection. In fact, God's ways are not our ways, and He knows best.





Jan. 2 - Epiphany of Our Lord. Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation." When they honored the infant Jesus, the three wise men bore witness to the fulfillment of God's promise of a savior.

Jan. 3 - The Holy Name of Jesus. In January we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. "... at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 24 - St. Francis de Sales (1622). As bishop of Geneva, St. Francis bolstered the faith of others by his writings and works. For the laity, St.

Francis wrote Introduction to the Devout Life, which is as applicable today as it was in his day.

Jan. 27 - St. Angela Merici (1540). Orphaned at ten-years-old, St. Angela turned to God for strength. At twenty, she became a Franciscan tertiary and taught young girls the Faith. In

1535 at Brescia, Italy, she and 12 other women founded the Company of St. Ursula. or the Ursulines.



My husband and I grew up eating dinner with our families around the table each night. It's how we had raised our own family. When the pandemic



hit, however, everything changed.

We were all spending way too much time on our devices - the children receiving

online instruction and my husband and I busy with Zoom conferences. Meals were sandwiches in front of screens. It got to be too much. To keep us all from spending day and night on our devices, we decided to make family dinners a requirement. Dinner started at 6:00pm, and began with a prayer. It was expected that everyone would help with clean-up.

At first, it took some adjusting, but regular dinners became a great way to reconnect. We realized this habit has helped us grow closer as a family. Even though schedules have returned to normal, we still try to make family dinners a priority.

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

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#### Online - Go to LorainCountyRightToLife.org/AdCampaign. Deadline is January 10, 2022

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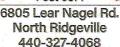
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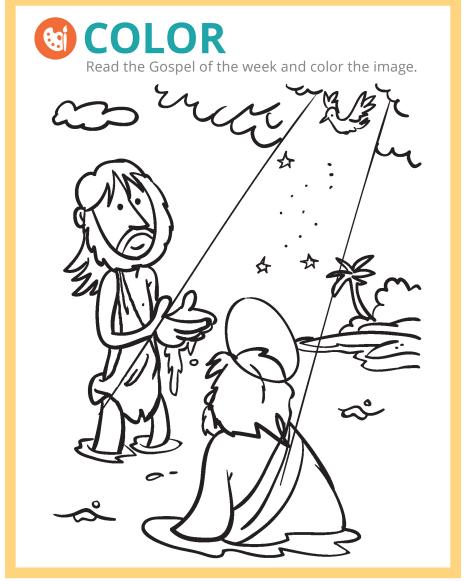
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Find out what makes God happy. As a family, read John 15:9-12.









## GOSPEL

Your Dad says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm pleased with you."



God, I want to make you and my parents happy.



Draw a picture of God telling you, "Good job!"





Circle the picture that is the **same** as the **first** one. Then color in all the pictures.

























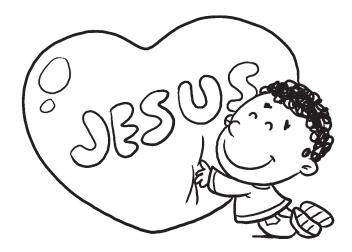


I will talk to God when I first wake up each morning.









## GOSPEL

When you were baptized, a priest sprinkled holy water over your head. He said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." God said, "This is my child in whom I am well pleased." Tell God you are glad you are his child. Tell him you will obey his laws. Tell him that you love him with your whole heart, soul, body, and mind.



Holy Spirit, I want to be a good child of God.



Draw Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist in the River Jordan.

