

SAINT JULIE BILLIART

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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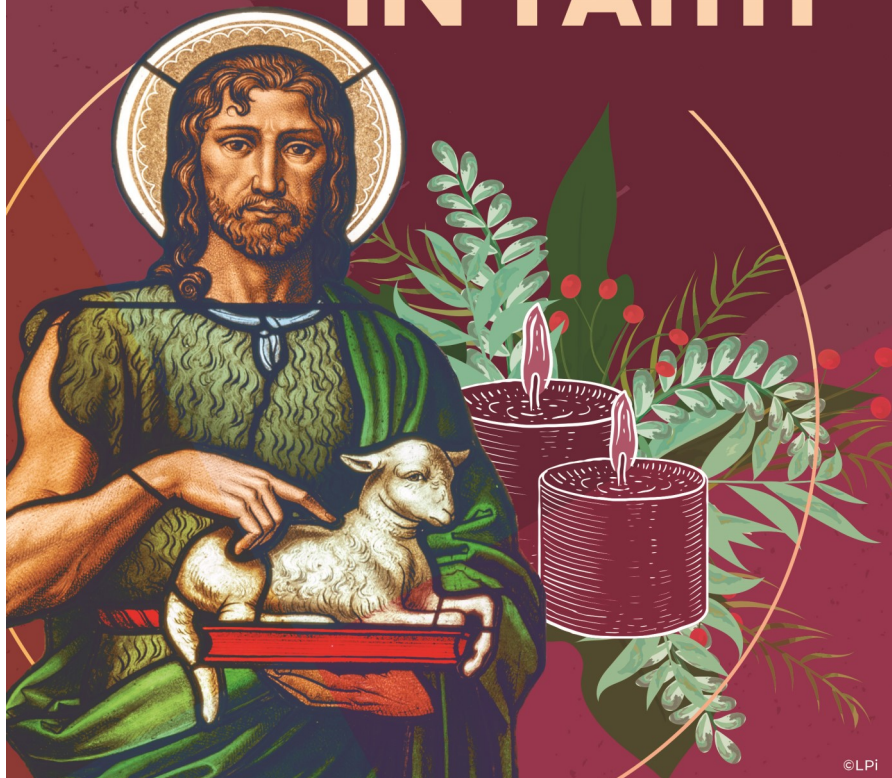
December 8, 2024

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**HOLD ON
IN FAITH**



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,

During the second and third weeks of Advent, the Church sets before us the person of John the Baptist. Chosen by God to prepare the way of the Lord (Luke 3:4) and point out the Lamb of God (John 1:32), John the Baptist played a unique role in preparing the world for the coming of Christ. Perhaps we may wonder, "What does that have to do with us now? Jesus Christ has already come!" **For sure Jesus Christ has come. And thank God, He is going to come again!**

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews puts it this way: *Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.* (Hebrews 9: 27-28)

John the Baptist's middle name could be *prepare*. If we die before the Lord returns, we will have our personal judgement. Are we preparing for that? If we are on earth when Christ returns, are we eagerly waiting for Him? Or would the return of the Lord get in the way of our plans? If so, we need to change our plans and pray that we grow in eagerness to welcome the Lord! *Lord, free us from our spiritual indifference and sluggishness!*

This Sunday afternoon the annual joint St. Peter -St. Julie Advent Penance Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter Parish. I strongly encourage you to participate and make a good confession as part of preparing for the coming of the Lord and to celebrate his birth on Christmas. As usual, we will have a number of priests eager to dispense mercy through this wonderful sacrament.

This Monday, December 9, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will be celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Mary (moved from December 8). Masses at St. Julie are at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. St. Peter Parish Masses are at 8:15 a.m. (with the St. Peter School in attendance) and 7:00 p.m. (with St. Peter PSR in attendance).

The St. Julie choirs will be putting on a special musical concert called *Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Julie Parish. Scripture passages and choir pieces will highlight the coming of Jesus Christ. I encourage all to come and be inspired and prepared for the coming of the Lord and to celebrate his upcoming birth.

Sr. Sean will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend in preparation for the annual Retirement for Religious Appeal. There will be a second collection, and it will take place on the weekend of December 14-15. One can also give through Faith Direct online giving.

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And speaking of giving: here are some yearend giving opportunities:

Angel Scholarship Fund: You can redirect your state tax dollars to scholarship money for St. Peter School and other Catholic and private elementary and high schools.

St. Julie Educational Endowment: This endowment assists in the support of all the educational activities of St. Julie Parish.

See the office for more information on each of these opportunities to support God's work.

Finally, let us pray these words from today's second reading for each other.

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

In Christ,
Fr. Bob Franco

St. Peter & St. Julie Advent Penance Service at St. Peter's Church, Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m.

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. 7	Saturday	5:00 p.m. Charles Smick, Sr. (Chuck Smick)
Dec. 8	Sunday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Church 11:00 a.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
Dec. 9	Monday	9:00 a.m. St. Julie Billiart Parishioners 7:00 p.m. Linda LaLonde (LaLonde Family)
Dec. 11	Wednesday	5:30 p.m. All Souls
Dec. 13	Friday	5:30 a.m. Dennis Payne (Elaine Payne)
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 Billiart Parishioners

The Week Ahead

- Sun.** PSR Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Advent Penance Service,
3:00 p.m., St. Peter's Church
Confirmation Mtg., 5:30-8:30pm
- Mon.** **Immaculate Conception**
Masses: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- Wed.** Rosary, 1:00, Church
Adoration, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- Sun.** Lessons & Carols, 5:00 p.m.,
St. Julie's Church

Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give generously. Envelopes are in your packet or on the table in the

vestibule. Faith Direct has a place to donate also.

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, Donald Skrovan, brother of Elaine Payne, 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.



Advent Week 2

Dear Lord,
Open our eyes to the people
You have specifically placed in our
path so that we can speak healing
and comfort to them.
Help us to prepare for the coming
of Your kingdom, together. Amen.

Parish Stewardship

Nov. 24:	\$4645
Faith Direct: (11-1 to 11-15)	\$2495
School Subsidy:	\$90
Capital Improvement:	\$693
Net Offertory:	\$7923
In Person Mass Attendance:	371

Thank you for sharing your blessings.



Parish Stewardship

Dec. 1:	\$4175
Faith Direct: ()	\$
School Subsidy:	\$150
Capital Improvement:	\$95
Net Offertory:	\$4420
In Person Mass Attendance:	

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 7, 5:00 <u>Rec</u>	Dec. 8, 9:00	11:00
S-Beth Paoloni	S-John Burghard	S- <u>Not Filled</u>
L-Jane Herbcha	L-Linda Vasiloff	L-Barb Arguello
EM-Ceil Morrison	EM-John Burghard	EM-Bob Leither
EM-Beth Paoloni	EM-Ray Sharron	EM-Chris Snyder
C-Deacon John	C-Robert Ricksecker	C-Jim Livingston
C-Ted Lapponi	C-Kathleen McWeeny	C-Elaine Payne
U-Nick Guerrieri	U-Jim Gaffney	U-Dave Rodriguez
U-Sue Dybowski	U-Hung Le	U- <u>Not Filled</u>
AS-Dawson Davis	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS-Ryan Papesch
AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>	AS- <u>Not Filled</u>

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

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

Women in Friendship

We will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Galilee Room at St. Peter for the last meeting of 2024. In 2025, we will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month beginning January 14. Questions may be directed to Barbara at 440-458-6197.



The Immaculate Conception
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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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 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!

Triplets Saved! 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Final Results:

Praise God! The results of the recently completed 2024 Fall Campaign are truly awe-inspiring! First, 703 cities around the world held Fall campaigns making this the largest Campaign ever! Three more abortion workers were converted and quit the abortion industry! Two more abortion facilities closed! Finally, and most important, 331 babies' lives were spared from abortion including triplets in Colombia! The cumulative results since 40 Days for Life started in 2007 are: 25,250 babies spared from abortion; 266 workers converted; 157 abortion facilities closed; and over 1 million people have participated! You can hear about all these exciting results and more by watching the 40 Days for Life "What Now?" webcast at 40daysforlife.com/en/the-what-now-webcast. Thank you and God bless you for your prayers for His littlest children!

Advent/Christmas Program



Save the Date, December 15, for a 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.

Heavenly Father, your Word is a source of strength, guidance, and joy. May I hear your voice speaking to me today, even from the most unexpected places.



Remember Loved Ones at Christmas (Living or Deceased)

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

Please Print.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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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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

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

linktr.ee/birthrightloraincounty